



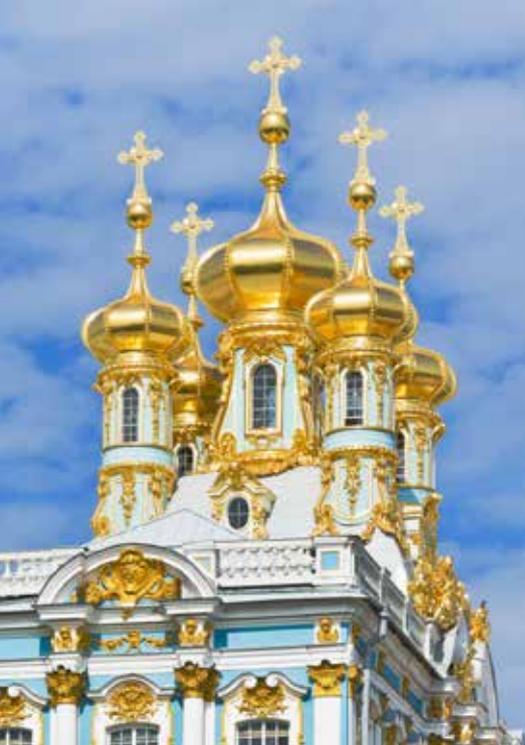
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Small Group Tours & Tailor-Made Travel

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Cox & Kings: expanding horizons since 1758

Dear traveller,

I'm sure you'll agree that nothing stirs the soul, broadens the mind or brings people together quite like travel. There is pleasure in the anticipation, too, knowing that awaiting you is an escape to somewhere extraordinary.

In that spirit, I hope you will find ample inspiration within this latest edition of the Cox & Kings Worldwide brochure – a comprehensive collection of our globe-spanning group tours and tailor-made journeys, covering departures through to the end of 2023. Our group tours feature enthralling experiences, expert guidance and small group sizes as standard, while private travel with Cox & Kings promises a holiday that is truly bespoke. However you travel with us, you benefit from our global network of experts and round-the-clock support.

I'm pleased to say that the avenues of adventure open to you have never been so numerous, courtesy of our expanded range of journeys. The US is brand new to the Cox & Kings collection, with a host of holiday options celebrating its vast landscapes, scenic highways and cultural meccas. There are now more itineraries for Africa and Canada from which to choose, as well as our new range of Spotlight holidays – single-centre tours that shine a light on lesser-known areas of a destination.

Many of you like to travel solo with us, and we're keen to make the experience even more rewarding. That is why we're offering the first three solo bookers on many of our group tours the opportunity to travel free of single supplements.

All that is to say: you can look forward to seeing more of the world, more easily – and we can't wait to help you do so.

Wishing you safe and happy travels,



Geoffrey Kent

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Founder, Co-Chairman & CEO
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Why entrust your holiday to Cox & Kings?

- Our extraordinary heritage – founded in 1758
- As part of the Abercrombie & Kent family, we are a global brand with a global network
- We partner with Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy to support local grassroots projects around the globe
- Strict health and hygiene guidelines
- ABTA bonded, ATOL protected & CAA approved trust account
- 24/7 emergency support
- Comprehensive options for travel insurance

What we offer

- Genuinely small group tours
- Dedicated group tours for solo travellers
- Private groups
- Private tailor-made travel
- Expert-led Arts & Culture tours
- Luxury train journeys
- River cruises



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“Cox & Kings is one of my first 'go-to' tour operators. I have travelled with them several times and never been disappointed with any aspect. Small group sizes, easy relaxed travelling without feeling herded. Space to take time out to relax or explore independently if desired. It ticks all my boxes...”

– Maureen Francis, Trust Pilot review 

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The Cox & Kings Experience

This brochure provides a glimpse of the authentic, globe-spanning travel experiences that we offer. It showcases the highlights of some of our most captivating destinations and features a selection of our escorted small group tours alongside suggested tailor-made itineraries and private touring.

In essence, this is just a sample of what we offer, and remember that our friendly team of travel specialists is on hand to help you plan your perfect trip – anything is possible.

Your adventure, your way

We offer equal expertise at organising escorted group tours and private tailor-made travel. All of the tours in this brochure can be taken privately on a date that suits you, or they can be tailored to meet your exact requirements.

Destination highlights

As well as a selection of our tours, we have included a brief insider's guide to each destination. Informed by our regional experts, we've highlighted a selection of unmissable sights, from iconic landmarks to lesser-known treasures.

Recommended experiences

As you browse, look out for our recommended experiences in each region. From stargazing in Chile's Atacama Desert to joining a Japanese tea ceremony in Kyoto, these handpicked activities will provide cultural immersion and unforgettable memories.

Suggested itineraries

Throughout the brochure you'll notice some 'suggested itineraries'. These can be used as a starting point for curating your own tailor-made adventure; with the help of a dedicated travel consultant, these can be tailored to suit your particular interests, time scale and budget.

Signature Experiences

Each tour includes a number of exceptional experiences, revealing hidden wonders and cultural secrets. We specialise in taking travellers, in comfort, to places off-the-beaten-path and outside the realms of many other operators.

24-hour emergency support

While you are away, you will have 24-hour phone numbers for both our local representatives and our UK emergency phone.

Full holiday protection

We are members of AITO and ABTA, our air holidays are fully ATOL protected and operate a CAA-approved trust account. We follow the advice of the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office regarding destination safety.

Discover more online

This brochure is just a starting point for how we can help with your next adventure. The destinations and tours featured here are merely a snapshot of what's available. Browse our full portfolio at CoxandKings.co.uk

For our latest news, special offers and travel inspiration we invite you to subscribe to our regular e-newsletter and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.





You're in safe hands

As the world's longest established travel company, Cox & Kings is unsurpassed at delivering small-group and tailor-made travel experiences – and uniquely qualified to protect your wellbeing.



Long-standing relationships with a global network of partners

Cox & Kings has developed enduring relationships with the finest local agents and suppliers, from restaurants and hotels to transportation providers. These partners know our exacting standards and have been fully vetted to make sure they comply with all local regulations regarding health and hygiene.



We're adhering to best practices for cleanliness and disinfection

As part of our commitment to your wellbeing, we follow the most up-to-date guidelines established by leading health experts, including the World Health Organization.



Travel in a small group or in your own private party

Our small groups average just 14 guests, making it much easier to maintain cleaning and hygiene procedures. On a tailor-made holiday, your group size is completely up to you, and you travel only with the people you choose.



Our tour guides help safeguard your wellbeing

The expertise of our guides extends beyond culture, history and wildlife, to your destination's health regulations as well as Cox & Kings' practices and protocols. They oversee the many procedures that go into making your journey safe, from confirming the restaurants in your itinerary are freshly cleaned before arrival to ensuring your luggage is always handled carefully between destinations.



Our protocols evolve to protect you as you travel

We closely monitor both external guidelines and local conditions to ensure that our health and safety procedures are up to date. Protocols involving vaccinations, wearing masks, testing requirements and other safety practices are clearly communicated both before and during your journey.



We provide round-the-clock support

Our global network of offices has the knowledge and reach to support you throughout your journey. We're experienced in handling emergencies and providing our guests with 24/7 support.

Cox and Kings meets or exceeds the travel industry's latest global health and safety protocols.



Safe Travels is established by the World Travel & Tourism Council



Small group tours

Designed by experts

Experience counts for a lot. Years of taking detailed research trips, speaking to local experts on the ground and, not least, getting invaluable feedback from our clients, means that we bring unsurpassed expertise to designing touring itineraries. Below are some of the elements that make our tours special.

Small group sizes

We like to keep our groups compact and manageable, with an average group size of 14 and a maximum of 18 on the majority of tours. Look out for specific details under the 'tour features' on the relevant page.

No single supplements

In addition to our Solo Travellers tours, we are offering the first three places on many of our group tours with no single supplement to pay. Please enquire for availability.

Local tour managers

We employ local tour managers for their in-depth knowledge of the places, people and culture, which in turn supports the local community.

Excellent value for money

For those seeking a premium touring experience, comparing all inclusions, our tours offer superb value for money. All sightseeing entrance fees and local taxes are included, unless stated otherwise.

High quality accommodation

We take great care in our selection of accommodation. Typically, we feature well-located, 4- and 5-star hotels.

Balanced pace

Opportunities to relax or explore independently are built into most tours. However, unlike other operators we will always include what we believe are the must-see highlights in the cost of your tour.

Tailored to you

We are delighted to organise pre- or post-tour extensions, as well as room and flight upgrades.

Private journeys

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

Flight flexibility

International flights are included as standard, with the option to choose an alternative airline (where available), add regional flights or join the tour on a land-only basis.

Tour categories

Our tours fall into one of four categories, based on the level of comfort you can expect, as described below:

Luxury: These are our most comfortable tours and will usually feature 5-star deluxe accommodation throughout.

Superior: Most Cox & Kings tours fall under this category and are based in 4- or 5-star accommodation where available, or the best alternative elsewhere.

Standard: Simpler in emphasis, these itineraries typically feature 4-star or good 3-star accommodation throughout, or the best alternative elsewhere.

Discovery: Best suited to the hardier traveller, these tours typically include some quite basic accommodation, possibly longer and rougher road journeys and, in some cases, more strenuous activities, such as trekking.



Tailor-made travel

Individually crafted

Cox & Kings has been organising tailor-made travel for generations. Our expert travel consultants are regional specialists with a wealth of first-hand travel experience. They will listen to your requirements and design an itinerary tailored to suit your needs, no matter how complex or unique they may be.

Personalised service

Throughout the planning process you will be guided by your personal travel consultant who will suggest ideas to complement your own and create the optimum itinerary to suit your interests, time and budget.

Total flexibility

Travelling by air-conditioned private car, you will have the flexibility to make stops en route, where and when you wish.

Knowledgeable private guides

An English-speaking local guide will accompany most sightseeing excursions, so you can ask as many questions as you like, based on your particular interests.

Signature Experiences

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

Wide choice of accommodation

Whether it's a sophisticated city centre hotel, a 'back-to-nature' wilderness lodge, a luxury train in India or a cruise along the Nile, we can cater to all tastes and a range of budgets.

Multi-country itineraries

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

Honeymoons & special occasions

If you are planning a honeymoon, a special anniversary holiday, or the journey of a lifetime to mark retirement, you can trust us to make the experience carefree and unforgettable.

Family adventures

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

Slow-paced travel

If you have the time, slow-paced travel can be exceptionally rewarding and can allow deeper immersion into the local culture. Our travel consultants delight in organising easier-paced, less conventional itineraries to fit in with particular interests.

Private groups

If you are a member of a club, society or simply a group of friends with a common interest, we can create an itinerary to suit the particular interests, dates and budget of the group.



Valletta, Malta

Spotlight tours in Europe & the Middle East

Cox & Kings' Spotlight tours focus on exploring the little-known locales of sometimes better-known destinations. Stepping out from the shadows on these journeys are places such as Malta, the Azores, the Veneto and Slovenia. Relatively undiscovered, they are often the best-kept secrets of our near-neighbours in Europe and the Middle East and are brimming with individual culture and beauty. Uniquely in our portfolio, on these journeys, you will be based in a single location, staying at one hotel and exploring from this fixed point.

All tours include:

- ❖ Direct flights from London (regional connections available)*
- ❖ 4- and 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Small groups – maximum of 14
- ❖ Guided excursions and entrance fees
- ❖ Local transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager or the best local guides
- ❖ Flexibility – extensions, room and flight upgrades available

*Azores tour: Flights via Lisbon or Porto

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Lake Bled, Slovenia

Spotlight on Georgia

NEW TOUR

Duration • 7 Days & 6 Nights
Category • Superior

Spotlight tour • From £1,095 (incl. flights)

Spotlight Tour

Tour overview

Georgia is by far the most visited nation of the Southern Caucasus, and it is easy to see why. It is home to a rich and ancient culture dating back beyond the founding of Christianity, while its astonishingly diverse landscapes are easily accessible from the colourful and exotic capital city, Tbilisi – where this tour is centred throughout.

This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ International flights
- ❖ UK departure and overseas airport tax
- ❖ Accommodation, itinerary & meal basis as described
- ❖ Local transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ❖ Fully escorted by an English-speaking guide throughout
- ❖ Entrance Fees

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Aperitif at Elene Akhvediani House Museum in Tbilisi
- ❖ Traditional Georgian cooking class
- ❖ Visits to three separate wineries with tastings



Tbilisi, Georgia

Day 1: Fly to Tbilisi

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Tbilisi. Transfer and stay at the **Museum Hotel Orbeliani** (or similar) for 7 nights. Welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: City tour of Tbilisi

Tbilisi is a blend of cultures where myth and history meet. Embark on a comprehensive tour of the city including Narikala Fortress, which can be accessed by cable car. Spend your afternoon at leisure. Later, enjoy an aperitif at the house museum of 20th-century artist Elene Akhvediani before your independent dinner. (B)

Day 3: Wine tasting in Kakheti

Explore Kakheti, the biggest and most important winemaking region in Georgia. It was here 8,000 years ago that grapes were first cultivated to produce wine. Visit the 9th-century Bodbe Monastery and the royal town of Signaghi. Here, enjoy a traditional Georgian cooking class followed by lunch and wine tasting. En route back to Tbilisi, stop at the Giuaani Winery. (B,L)

Day 4: Day at leisure

A free day to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Georgian capital.

Day 5: Visits to Mtskheta, Gori & Uplistsikhe

Take a short drive to Georgia's ancient capital, Mtskheta. Here you visit Jvari, a sixth-century cross-shaped monastery built on a cliff; the fortified 11th-century cathedral of Svetitskhoveli; and Iago's Winery for a wine tasting. Visit the Joseph Stalin Museum. Your final stop is Uplistsikhe, known for its rock formations and cave dwellings. Return to Tbilisi. (B)

Day 6: Explore Georgia's mountain region

Full-day excursion to Georgia's mountainous northern region. Explore the Mtiuleti and Khevi provinces, and – weather permitting – enjoy dramatic views of Mkinvartsveri. After an

independent lunch in the town of Kazbegi, take a 4x4 safari to the iconic 14th-century Gergeti Trinity Church, set atop a verdant precipice in the shadow of Mount Kazbek. Return to Tbilisi for a late dinner. (B)

Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and return to London. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call to speak with a Cox & Kings consultant or enquire online.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: GES

Low season from £1,095
 Guide price month: May

High season from £1,245
 Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £295

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates

07 May – 13 May 22	06 May – 12 May 23
11 Jun – 17 Jun 22	10 Jun – 16 May 23
★ 16 Jul – 22 Jul 22	★ 15 Jul – 21 Jul 23
★ 03 Sep – 09 Sep 22	★ 02 Sep – 08 Sep 23
24 Sep – 30 Sep 22	23 Sep – 29 Sep 23

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)



Spotlight on Malta

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Superior

Spotlight tour • From £1,395 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight
Tour**

Tour overview

Malta might be one of the smallest nations in Europe, but its strategic position at the crossroads of the Mediterranean has allowed it to cultivate a rich culture over thousands of years. This centre-based tour goes beyond the seaside resorts for which the island is most famous, exploring instead the exciting history of the capital, Valletta; the three cities of Birgu, Senglea and Bormla; as well as the historic sites of the Hagar Qim temples and Marsaxlokk village. Highlights include driving your own electric buggy through the narrow streets, and a tuk-tuk tour of Gozo island.

This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ International flights
- ❖ UK departure and overseas airport taxes
- ❖ Accommodation, itinerary & meal basis as described
- ❖ Local transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ❖ Fully escorted by an English-speaking guide throughout
- ❖ Entrance fees

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Single-centre tour with day excursions across Malta's main island and Gozo
- ❖ Day tours of Valletta and the Three Cities
- ❖ Boat tour of the Grand Harbour
- ❖ Tuk-tuk tour of Gozo
- ❖ Superior sea view rooms as standard



Marsaxlokk, Malta

Day 1: Fly to Malta

Take a morning flight from London (regional connections available) to Malta with Air Malta. Transfer to the **Waterfront Hotel** for the duration of the tour. (N)

Day 2: Tour of Valletta

Embark on a guided tour of Malta's compact capital, Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site brimming with baroque marvels, twisting streets and charming cafes. Highlights include St John's Co-Cathedral and the palatial rooms of Casa Rocca Piccola. Enjoy lunch at Rampila Restaurant, uniquely situated in the city's 16th-century bastions. (B, L)

Day 3: Day at leisure

Spend a free day enjoying the facilities of the hotel, including the outdoor pool and sun terrace. Alternatively, explore more of the area, perhaps with an excursion to the tiny third island of Comino, famous for its enticing white sands and azure waters. (B)

Day 4: Discovery of the Three Cities

Explore Birgu, Senglea and Cospicua – together known as The Three Cities of Malta – in a petite electric car called a Rolling Geek. Easy to drive, they are a fun way to navigate the narrow, cobbled streets. Next, enjoy a half-hour private harbour cruise aboard a traditional Maltese passenger boat. These colourful vessels are icons of Maltese culture. (B)

Day 5: Tuk-tuk adventure in Gozo

Cross by ferry to Gozo, Malta's second largest island, for a full-day tour by tuk-tuk. Highlights include exploration of the main town of Victoria, famous for its 16th-century citadel, and the Xwejini salt pans, whose shimmering pools are still harvested in the ancient tradition. Stop en route for lunch at Ta' Rikardu Restaurant, famous for using only local produce. Return to Malta in the late afternoon. (B, L)

Day 6: Hagar Qim, Blue Grotto & Marsaxlokk

Embark on a day tour to the 5,000-year-old temple complex of Hagar Qim and the pretty village of Marsaxlokk, famous for its brightly painted fishing boats. The day also includes a boat ride to the Blue Grotto, a series of sea caves naturally lit by breaks in the rock. (B)

Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer back to Malta airport and fly to London. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call to speak with a Cox & Kings consultant or enquire online.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: MLB

Low season from £1,395
 Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,495
 Guide price months: Jun – Sep

Single supplement from £425

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates

20 May – 26 May 22	19 May – 25 May 23
17 Jun – 23 Jun 22	16 Jun – 22 Jun 23
02 Sep – 08 Sep 22	01 Sep – 07 Sep 23
16 Sep – 22 Sep 22	15 Sep – 21 Sep 23
07 Oct – 13 Oct 22	06 Oct – 12 Oct 23





Sirmione, Lake Garda

Spotlight on Veneto

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior
Spotlight tour • From £1,695 (incl. flights)

Spotlight Tour

Although this historic region of Italy is best known for Venice, Veneto has so much more to offer. On this single-centre tour, you will visit three of Veneto's other worthy cities: Verona, Padua and Vicenza. Embark on cultural excursions and rural expeditions whilst based for the week in an 18th-century villa in Castelfranco Veneto.

Day 1: Fly to Verona

Fly to Verona and stay for 7 nights at **Hotel Alla Torre** in historic Castelfranco Veneto. (N)

Day 2: Padua & Cantina La Mincana Winery

Spend the day touring Padua, famous for its Renaissance frescos. Continue to the Cantina La Mincana Winery (or similar) for lunch and wine tasting before returning to the hotel. (B, L)

Day 3: Isola della Scala & Lake Garda

Transfer to Isola della Scala for a course in risotto. Continue with a boat trip on beautiful Lake Garda and a guided tour of Sirmione. (B, L)

Day 4: Day at leisure

The day is yours to spend how you wish. Perhaps relax at the hotel or take an optional excursion to Venice by train. (B)

Day 5: Verona & Vicenza

Enjoy a full-day tour of two of Veneto's two most beautiful cities. Take in highlights such as Juliet's House, Verona Arena and Piazza delle Erbe in Verona; and Teatro Olimpico and the Villa Rotonda in Vicenza. (B)

Day 6: Prosecco hills & Villa Emo

Take a tour of the rolling Prosecco hills followed by wine tasting and lunch. In the afternoon, visit the sumptuous Palladian Villa Emo. (B, L)

Day 7: Bassano del Grappa & Asolo

Visit Bassano del Grappa in the Alpine foothills. Tour the city and visit one of the celebrated grappa distilleries. Continue to the walled city of Asolo for a tour. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London (B)

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

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: **WVG**

Low season from £1,695
 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,795
 Guide price months: Jun – Sep

Single supplement from £285

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates

★ 07 May – 14 May 22 ★ 24 Sep – 01 Oct 22 08 Jul – 15 Jul 23
 18 Jun – 25 Jun 22 08 Oct – 15 Oct 22 ★ 26 Aug – 02 Sep 23
 ★ 09 Jul – 16 Jul 22 ★ 06 May – 13 May 23 23 Sep – 30 Sep 23
 27 Aug – 03 Sep 22 17 Jun – 24 Jun 23 21 Oct – 28 Oct 23

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)



Basilica of St Francis, Assisi

Spotlight on Umbria

NEW TOUR

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Superior
Spotlight tour • From £1,595 (incl. flights)

Spotlight Tour

Umbria is often overlooked by tourists who favour its better-known neighbour, Tuscany. Yet this rural region is no less interesting nor scenic to explore, with its sweeping hills, deep valleys and characterful, historical settlements. This new Spotlight tour is based in the Umbrian capital of Perugia, with day tours to the very best the region has to offer, both historically and culturally.

Day 1: Transfer from Rome to Perugia

Fly to Rome and transfer to Perugia staying 6 nights at **Hotel San Gallo Palace**. (N)

Day 2: Perugia

Enjoy a morning walking tour of Perugia, the capital of Umbria. Highlights include the ancient walls and Rocca Paolina. After lunch, visit Casa del Cioccolato and sample some of Italy's finest chocolate. (B)

Day 3: Full-day tour of Assisi

Embark on a full-day tour of Assisi, including the 13th-century Basilica di San Francesco, built to house the body of Italy's patron saint, Francis of Assisi. Return to Perugia late afternoon. (B)

Day 4: Day at leisure

Today, you are free to enjoy Umbria's charming capital at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Trasimeno Lake & cookery class

Transfer to beautiful Trasimeno Lake for a lesson in Italian cuisine and traditional cooking. Your class is followed by a three-course lunch with wine. In the afternoon, stop in Castiglione del Lago before returning to the hotel. (B, L)

Day 6: Bevagna, Spello & Montefalco

Visit three of Umbria's most historic towns: Bevagna, famous for its medieval workshops; Spello, with its medieval walls built atop Roman foundations; and Montefalco, known as 'the balcony of Umbria' for its stunning views. (B)

Day 7: Fly to London (B)

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

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: **UMB**

Low season from £1,595
 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,795
 Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £235

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates

★ 14 May – 20 May 22 15 Oct – 21 Oct 22 ★ 16 Sep – 12 Sep 23
 11 Jun – 17 Jun 22 ★ 13 May – 19 May 23 14 Oct – 20 Oct 23
 03 Sep – 10 Sep 22 10 Jun – 16 Jun 23
 ★ 17 Sep – 13 Sep 22 02 Sep – 9 Sep 23

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

Spotlight on Slovenia

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Superior

Spotlight tour • From £1,495 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight
Tour**

Tour overview

Sandwiched between the Alps and the Adriatic, Slovenia is often referred to as 'Europe in miniature'. This small nation is home to vast mountains, stunning lakes, historic cities, coastal towns, deep forest and rich farmland. In this tour, centred on the capital, you've the opportunity to explore Ljubljana itself; Lake Bled and its island church; Piran, famous for its Venetian architecture; and the Postojna cave complex. You also have many chances to sample Slovenia's wonderful local produce.

This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ International flights
- ❖ UK departure and overseas airport taxes
- ❖ Accommodation, itinerary & meal basis as described
- ❖ Local transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ❖ Fully escorted by an English-speaking guide throughout
- ❖ Entrance fees

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Single-centre tour based in Ljubljana
- ❖ Day tours including Lake Bled and Piran
- ❖ Urban beekeeping tour with TV host Mojca Mavec
- ❖ Private tour of the Postojna cave complex
- ❖ Gourmet farewell dinner in JB Restaurant



Ljubljana

Day 1: Fly to Ljubljana

Morning flight from London (regional connections available) to Ljubljana with easyJet. Transfer to the **Best Western Hotel Slon** for the duration of the tour. (N)

Day 2: Tour of Old Town & Ljubljana Castle

Enjoy a morning tour of the Slovenian capital. Begin with the masterworks of architect Jože Plečnik, whose impact upon the city's aesthetic character was significant. Next, stroll around the Central Market with your guide, sampling tasty seasonal produce. The tour finishes with a funicular ride to the castle. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Explore Slovenia's famous lakes

Embark on a full-day excursion to Slovenia's two most famous lakes. At Bohinj, there is time for a boat ride and cable car ride to the summit of Mt. Vogel for lunch. The afternoon is spent at Lake Bled. (B, L)

Day 4: Day at leisure

Spend a free day enjoying Ljubljana, or explore further afield, perhaps with an excursion to the wine region of Goriška Brda or the famous Lipica Stud Farm, Europe's oldest. (B)

Day 5: Urban beekeeping tour & rooftop drinks

Slovenia has produced some of the world's most celebrated honey since prehistoric times. Today the capital is home to 4,500 hives. Take a tour and learn about the history of apiculture, before heading to the rooftops to see some of the hives and enjoy a drink. (B)

Day 6: Postojna Cave, Predjama Castle & Piran tour

Spend a full day in the west of Slovenia, including a tour of the magical Postojna Cave complex. Continue to Piran to explore the pretty old quarters of this Venetian port town. Return to Ljubljana early evening for a farewell

dinner at the award-winning JB Restaurant. (B,D)

Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer back to Ljubljana airport and fly to London (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call to speak with a Cox & Kings consultant or enquire online.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: BSJ

Low season from £1,495
 Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,595
 Guide price months: May – Jul & Sep

Single supplement from £495

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates

★ 08 May – 14 May 22	★ 07 May – 13 May 23
05 Jun – 11 Jun 22	04 Jun – 10 Jun 23
03 Jul – 09 Jul 22	02 Jul – 08 Jul 23
04 Sep – 10 Sep 22	03 Sep – 09 Sep 23
★ 25 Sep – 01 Oct 22	★ 24 Sep – 30 Sep 23

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)





Bay of La Concha, San Sebastian, Spain

Spotlight on the Basque Country

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Superior
Spotlight tour • From £1,495 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight
Tour**

The northern region of Basque differs from the rest of Spain in almost every regard, from the soaring peaks of the Pyrenees and the rugged Atlantic coastline to the ancient Basque language and traditional cuisine. Based in Bilbao, this tour guides visitors through an often-overlooked corner of the Iberian Peninsula.

Day 1: Fly to Bilbao

Take a morning flight from London to Bilbao. Transfer to the **Aránzazu Abando Hotel** for the duration of the tour. (N)

Day 2: Half-day tour of Bilbao & pintxos tour

Enjoy a half-day walking tour of historic Bilbao, with a private visit to the renowned Guggenheim Museum. This afternoon, sample traditional pintxos. (B)

Day 3: City tour of San Sebastian

Embark on a full-day excursion to the coastal city of San Sebastian. Highlights include the historic funicular railway to the charming amusement park dating back to 1912 and Playa de la Concha. (B)

Day 4: Full-day tour of rural Basque

Spend a full day touring rural Basque, along the rugged coast and mountainous inland. Stop in small villages and sample cheese still made in the traditional way before stopping at the Biosphere Reserve of Urdaibai. (B)

Day 5: Day at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in Bilbao, exploring the city at your own pace. (B)

Day 6: Discover Burgos

Today, explore ancient Burgos. Founded in 884 AD, the city is famous for the Gothic, UNESCO-listed Cathedral of Saint Mary. Return to Bilbao early evening. (B)

Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

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

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: EPX

Low season from £1,495
 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,545
 Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £295

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Departure dates

★ 23 Apr – 29 Apr 22	★ 08 Oct – 14 Oct 22	16 Sep – 22 Sep 23
21 May – 27 May 22	★ 22 Apr – 28 Apr 23	★ 07 Oct – 13 Oct 23
03 Sep – 09 Sep 22	20 May – 26 May 23	
17 Sep – 23 Sep 22	02 Sep – 08 Sep 23	

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)



São Miguel, Azores

Spotlight on the Azores

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Superior
Spotlight tour • From £1,595 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight
Tour**

The Portuguese island chain of the Azores is famed for its fascinating history as well as its verdant, volcanic landscape. This journey, focused on the main island of São Miguel, takes in geothermal lakes, volcanic craters, tea plantations and the pretty capital of Ponta Delgada – your base for the duration.

Day 1: Fly to the Azores

This morning, fly from London to Ponta Delgada via Lisbon or Porto. Transfer to the **Azoris Royal Garden** for the duration of the tour. (N)

Day 2: Morning tour of Ponta Delgada

Take a walking tour of Ponta Delgada, the Azores' capital, famous for its distinct volcanic-stone architecture. Your afternoon is free for enjoying this charming city at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Full-day tour of São Miguel

Spend a full day exploring the lush landscape of the island, taking in geothermal lakes and the pretty town of Furnas. Stop en route at one of Europe's only tea plantations. (B)

Day 4: 4x4 safari to Sete Cidades

Travel west of São Miguel to enjoy the volcanic landscape of Sete Cidades. Continue to Ponta da Ferraria for magnificent views of coastal cliffs and the Atlantic Ocean. (B)

Day 5: Whale watching safari

The Azores is one of the best places on Earth to observe cetacean species including orca. Your day includes an informative talk about marine life and conservation followed by a safari. (B)

Day 6: Day at leisure

Spend today how you wish. Perhaps unwind by the pool or explore one of the smaller Azorean islands such as Terceira – a short flight away. (B)

Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

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

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: AZS

Low season from £1,595
 Guide price month: May

High season from £1,795
 Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £525

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Departure dates

07 May – 13 May 22	01 Oct – 07 Oct 22	09 Sep – 15 Sep 23
11 Jun – 17 Jun 22	06 May – 12 May 23	30 Sep – 06 Oct 23
02 Jul – 08 Jul 22	10 Jun – 16 Jun 23	
10 Sep – 16 Sep 22	01 Jul – 07 Jul 23	

Spotlight on Athens & Evia

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Luxury

Spotlight tour • From £1,395 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight
Tour**

Tour overview

Evia is Greece's second largest island after Crete, but remains largely off the tourist map – despite being just a stone's throw from Athens. It is home to uncrowded beaches, historic towns and charming wineries. This new centre-based tour reveals the best of the unspoilt island, as well as giving you a day to explore Athens and its ancient wonders. Throughout your journey, enjoy unique experiences, such as a Greek coffee masterclass. The tour also features ample downtime to spend in luxury at your five-star beachfront hotel.

This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ International flights
- ❖ UK departure and overseas airport taxes
- ❖ Accommodation, itinerary & meal basis as described
- ❖ Local transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ❖ Fully escorted by an English-speaking guide throughout
- ❖ Entrance fees

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Single-centre tour based on the picturesque island of Evia
- ❖ Day tours to explore Evia & Athens
- ❖ Greek coffee masterclass
- ❖ Sailing trip with lunch
- ❖ Half board accommodation in a 5-star hotel
- ❖ Sea-view rooms as standard



The Parthenon, Athens

Day 1: Fly to Athens

Take a morning flight from London (regional connections available) to Athens with Aegean Air. Transfer to **Negroponte Resort** for the duration of the tour. Welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Tour of Chalkida

Enjoy a morning guided walking tour of Chalkida, the main town on the island, including the historic old town, the 19th-century Red House and the Town Hall. Spend some free time amidst the charming cafes and restaurants of the waterfront before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

Day 3: Sailing in the Strait of Evia

After transferring to the port, board a sailing boat for a day of cruising on the Strait of Evia – a fantastic way to explore the narrow channel joining Evia to mainland Greece. There is time to stop at one of the quiet coves for swimming. Snacks and drinks are served on board. (B, D)

Day 4: Day at leisure

Spend a free day enjoying the facilities of the Negroponte Resort or discovering more of the area, perhaps by visiting the Archaeological Museum of Eretria or the mainland's Amphiaraion Archaeological Site. Evia is also famous for hiking due to its rugged, mountainous interior; guides for day hiking can be arranged locally. (B, D)

Day 5: Wine tour, tasting & lunch

Evia is among the nation's various winegrowing regions, and today is your chance to sample some of the celebrated local produce. During your visit to a nearby winery, taste three wines before helping to prepare traditional meze dishes for your lunch. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Athens

During a full-day excursion to the Greek capital – one of the world's most historic cities – visit the Parthenon and Museum, Panathenaic Stadium and the temple of Athena Nike. Afterwards,

enjoy a short class in preparing the perfect Greek coffee at a local coffee shop, followed by time at leisure. Return to Evia early evening. (B, D)

Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer back to Athens airport and fly to London. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: GRU

Low season from £1,395
 Guide price month: May

High season from £1,545
 Guide price months: Jun – Sep

Single supplement from £195

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Departure dates

★ 07 May – 13 May 22	20 May – 26 May 23
★ 11 Jun – 17 Jun 22	27 May – 02 Jun 23
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★ 24 Sep – 30 Sep 22	09 Sep – 15 Sep 23
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Pamukkale, Turkey

Spotlight on Aegean Turkey

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior
Spotlight tour • From £1,295 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight
Tour**

The Aegean region of Turkey is an intriguing blend of Greek and Turkish history, where ancient civilisations rose and fell across millennia. What we are left with is a treasure trove of archaeological sites including Ephesus, Hierapolis and Didyma. For this week-long, single-centre tour, you will stay in the beautiful village of Sirince.

Day 1: Fly to Izmir

This morning fly from London to Izmir. Transfer to the Nisanyan Evleri – your hotel for the duration of the tour. (N)

Day 2: Tour of Ephesus

Spend a full day touring Ephesus. Walk the streets of the ancient city, taking in ruins of the Temple of Artemis and the fabled Library of Celsus. Virtual reality glasses bring the site to life. (B, D)

Day 3: Wine tasting at the Yedi Bilgeler Winery

Drive to the nearby town of Selcuk for a wine tasting at Yedi Bilgeler, one of the first such wineries in Turkey. Sample three wines and learn about the history of viticulture in the region. (B)

Day 4: Aphrodesias, Hierapolis & Pamukkale tour

Enjoy a full-day excursion to Aphrodesias, Hierapolis and Pamukkale – one of the world's most striking natural phenomena. Round off the day back at Hierapolis, with a glass of wine to toast the sunset. (B)

Day 5: Day at leisure

Spend your day at leisure, exploring the village of Sirince. (B)

Day 6: Priene, Miletus & Didyma tour

Embark on a full-day tour of the ancient Greek town of Priene. Next, visit Miletus, once one of the largest cities in Anatolia. In the afternoon, head to Didyma's ruined temples, built to honour Apollo and Artemis. (B)

Day 7: Turkish bath experience

Indulge in a pampering experience at a Turkish bathhouse, including a soothing soap massage and invigorating body scrub. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to Izmir and fly to London. (B)

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

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: TEG

Low season from £1,295 High season from £1,445
 Guide price months: May, Oct Guide price month: Sep
 Single supplement from £495

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Departure dates

07 May – 14 May 22	08 Oct – 15 Oct 22	23 Sep – 30 Sep 23
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Koutoubia mosque, Marrakech, Morocco

Spotlight on Morocco

NEW TOUR

Duration • 6 days & 5 nights
Category • Superior
Spotlight tour • From £995 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight
Tour**

Marvel at Marrakech's palaces, spices and souks before venturing to some of Morocco's rural beauty spots. Sample local food and culture whilst admiring desert-scapes and the soaring Atlas Mountains.

Day 1: Fly to Marrakech

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Marrakech with British Airways. Stay at Riad dar Sara (or similar) for 6 nights. Tonight you will have a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Marrakech

Tour Marrakech visiting the 16th-century Saadian Tombs, El Badi Palace and two smaller palaces: Bahia Palace and Dar Si Said, home to the Museum of Moroccan Arts. Browse the city's souks and Djemaa el Fna square as it comes alive with street performers. (B)

Day 3: Atlas Mountains

Gain insight into Berber culture with a visit to the Atlas Mountain villages of Asni and Imlil. Over mint tea, learn from a local family about their history and culture. Afterwards, drive to Kasbah Toubkal for lunch overlooking mountains and villages. Return to Marrakech. (B, L)

Day 4: Marrakech

At leisure. Optional excursion to see the Yves Saint Laurent Museum, and Majorelle gardens with a private guide for £125 per person. (B)

Day 5: Agafay Desert

Visit the Agafay Desert and have lunch in a secluded camp. Later, return to Marrakech. (B, L)

Day 6: Fly to London

Fly from Marrakech to London with British Airways. (B)

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

Extensions: Extend your stay for 2 nights in the beautiful seaside town of Essaouira at the Heure Bleue Palais for £475 per person.

Visits & entrance fees: The visit order on Day 2 may vary. Entrance for Saadian Tombs, El Badi Palace, Bahia Palace and Dar Si Said is included. Entrance fees for all other monuments are payable locally.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: SOM

Low season from £995 High season from £1,195
 Guide price months: Feb, Jun Guide price months: Mar, May, Sep
 Single supplement from £235

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Departure dates

04 Feb – 09 Feb 22	02 Sep – 07 Sep 22	05 May – 10 May 23
04 Mar – 09 Mar 22	23 Sep – 28 Sep 22	02 Jun – 07 Jun 23
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The US and Canada offer a dazzling array of experiences, landscapes and cultures to explore. From the icy glaciers of Alaska to the Pacific climate of Hawaii, contrasts abound, and many regions make for excellent destinations all year round. Discover the rich culture of the Deep South, take a scenic rail ride through the Rocky Mountains, gaze across iconic red canyons or go in search of British Columbia's grizzly bears. In addition to the scenery and wildlife, there are great cities to visit, not least cosmopolitan Vancouver, glamorous Los Angeles, glitzy Las Vegas and historic Quebec City.

Both countries have extensive road networks, making car one of the best modes of exploration – one that grants you additional freedom, flexibility and access to dramatic scenery. Take a road trip along the rugged coasts of Pacific California or Atlantic Canada; drive through the heart of mountainous Western Canada; or travel around New England during autumn to admire the flame-coloured foliage. As you go, take your taste buds on tour with you; the wide range of climates and historical influences across North America has resulted in an eclectic menu of regional specialities, be it the creole flavours of the Deep South, the French cuisine of Quebec or the lauded lobsters of Atlantic Canada. Join one of our small-group tours, or let our team of specialists design the perfect self-drive itinerary in Canada or the US.

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Discover USA

One of the world's largest countries, the US comprises 50 states, each with its own culture, cuisine and influences. This is the land of the spectacular Grand Canyon, the sizzling tastes and sounds of the Deep South and numerous national parks whose splendour and scale defy belief.

Discover the colonial charm of New England, go in search of glaciers and bears in Alaska, experience the Pacific paradise of Hawaii or visit the glitzy cities along California's golden coast. There are so many sights to see on and off the beaten track that one visit is rarely enough.



Zion National Park, Utah

National parks

There are 63 national parks within the US – legally protected areas dedicated to conserving the environment for the enjoyment of future generations. Each has been selected for its natural beauty, unique geological features and diverse ecosystems. Spread throughout the country, these parks can be explored independently or with a private guide. You may wish to combine them into one itinerary, or add them as extensions to an existing itinerary. They provide irresistibly photogenic scenery, endless opportunities for embracing the great outdoors and accommodation with the ultimate view – though the best-placed properties have limited availability. See the towering sandstone cliffs and canyons of Zion or Bryce, admire the large sequoia trees and waterfalls of Yosemite, look for wildlife and geothermal wonders in Yellowstone, or go hiking in the wilds of Denali, Alaska.

Driving in the USA

Arguably the greatest way to explore the US is by car, thanks to the country's extensive network of byways and highways. Driving allows travellers to move around at their own pace via the wide and easily navigable roads, and we offer a range of vehicles for your comfort. Spend time meeting the residents of charming lesser-travelled towns, immerse yourself in the local culture and stop at beauty spots to take in the fresh air. There are plenty of renowned routes whisking you through jaw-dropping scenery, not least California's Pacific Coast Highway, where you can follow the coastline and enjoy lots of interesting stops as you go. Then there is America's most famous road, Route 66. Established in 1926, it crosses eight states, three time zones and through the heart of the country. Although it is no longer possible to drive the full length, it is still possible to traverse sections of this iconic route.



Bixby Bridge, Pacific Coast Highway



Adirondack mountains, New York



Boston skyline



Cape Cod



Stowe, Vermont

New England

Situated in the northeast of the country and famously the landing site of the Pilgrims, New England is a region comprising six American states. It is known for its quaint villages, lush forests, rugged coastline and rich history. The most popular time to travel here is during the autumn, when the forests are ablaze with deep golden, amber and red hues. However, this is a rewarding destination year-round, where visitors can enjoy white sand beaches, expansive lakes, soaring mountains, delicious seafood and landmark lighthouses. Explore the 'home of witchcraft' at Salem, hike through the scenic Acadia National Park, take a whale-watching cruise, see the magnificent mansions in Newport or catch fresh lobster.

Boston

Museums • Burial grounds • Historical architecture

Boston is the gateway to New England and its largest city, boasting a cosmopolitan culture and a fascinating heritage. The key historical sites are all linked via a four-kilometre Freedom Trail, which tells the story of the American Revolution and the Civil War. The city is also home to famous basketball and baseball sports teams.

Cape Cod

Coastal sightseeing • Pretty beaches • Quaint fishing villages

Known for its quintessentially New English towns, pristine beaches and connection to the Kennedys, Cape Cod provides a laid-back setting in which to relax and enjoy the coast. Visit galleries, go boutique shopping, hike picturesque trails or try one of the high quality eateries found here.

Vermont

Scenic hiking • Sprawling green forests • Maple syrup

Vermont is surely one of the prettiest states in the US. Here, small attractive towns and cosy country inns shelter amidst verdant forests and areas of outstanding natural beauty. Vermont is renowned for its maple syrup and autumn foliage, with the Green Mountains in particular providing a great spot for hiking.

A suggested itinerary...

New England Explorer

15 days & 13 nights

Self-drive • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Discover the delights of leafy New England on this self-drive tour. Travelling at your own pace, wind along coastal roads to picturesque villages, historic towns and natural beauty spots.

Day 1: Fly to Boston

Upon arrival, transfer to the Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Boston

Explore the city at leisure equipped with a day pass for the hop-on hop-off bus. (N)

Day 3: Portland

Collect your hire car and drive to Portland. Stop en route at the historic coastal city

of Salem. Overnight at **The Press Hotel, Autograph Collection.** (N)

Day 4: Bar Harbor

Visit the pretty Cape Elizabeth Lighthouse. Drive along Maine's rugged coast and stay 2 nights at **Bar Harbor Grand Hotel.** (N)

Day 5: Bar Harbor

Explore Acadia National Park and its breathtaking Atlantic coastline. (N)

Days 6-7: Bretton Woods

Travel to Bretton Woods and visit the White Mountains National Park. Stay 2 nights at **White Mountain Hotel & Resort.** (N)

Day 8: Stockbridge

Drive through Vermont and overnight at **The Barrington.** (N)

Day 9: Essex

Visit the Norman Rockwell Museum, then continue through the Connecticut River Valley to Essex. Overnight at **Copper Beech Inn.** (N)

Day 10: Newport

Drive to Newport and overnight at **The Viking.** (N)

Day 11: Martha's Vineyard

Discover Newport's handsome mansions and take a self-guided tour of The Breakers, a 19th-century Italian-Renaissance-styled *palazzo*. From Cape Cod, take the ferry to Martha's Vineyard. Stay 2 nights at **Lamberts Cove Inn.** (N)

Day 12: Martha's Vineyard

Spend the day at leisure. (N)

Day 13: Boston

Travel north to Boston. Overnight at **Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor.** (N)

Days 14-15: Fly to the UK

Drive to the airport for your overnight flight home. (N)

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The Deep South

The Deep South is defined by its riveting history, influential culture, and melting-pot cuisine. Stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to west of the Mississippi, this region encompasses the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky and Louisiana. This is where you can learn about Alabama's part in the civil rights movement, take a steam paddler down the Mississippi, sample authentic mud pie and fried chicken, and discover the home of country music in Nashville. This is the home, too, of New Orleans' vibrant live-music scene, and Kentucky's southern charms and Wild West history. Exciting, diverse and distinctive, the Deep South guarantees visitors an unforgettable journey.



Historical French Quarter, Charleston, South Carolina



Downtown, Nashville Tennessee

Nashville

Country Music Hall of Fame • 19th-century Belle Meade Plantation • Historic RCA Studio B

The capital of Tennessee was named after Francis Nash, a general of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War in 1779. Today, it is famous for being the home of country music with two of the most popular attractions being the Country Music Hall of Fame and the revered Grand Ole Opry. Learn about the greats from the genre's inception to the modern day and sample the city's lively music scene. Alternatively, visit the original Jack Daniel's distillery or take a tour of a plantation for a poignant insight into the region's history.

Memphis

Elvis's former mansion • Blues music on Beale Street • Tasty slow-cooked barbeque food

One of the more historic and culturally significant cities of the Deep South, Memphis had a prominent role in the American civil rights movement and is home to the National Civil Rights Museum. Most people associate Elvis Presley with the city and a visit to Graceland – the mansion where the legendary singer lived and died – is a must. Many other famous musicians got their start in Memphis. Wander Beale Street to experience some blues music yourself, or sample the barbecue food for which this area has become internationally renowned.



Beale Street, Memphis



Downtown French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana

New Orleans

Jazz cruise on a steamboat • Colonial-era architecture • Sample Creole and Cajun cuisine

New Orleans is a blend of various cultures, traditions and nationalities from its past. The oldest part of the city, the French Quarter, dates back to 1718 and is brimming with colonial-era architecture, while the handsome mansions of the Garden District were created for wealthy Americans in the 19th century. We recommend soaking up the vibrant music on Frenchmen Street in the 'birthplace of jazz', enjoying an evening steamboat cruise, learning to cook Creole and Cajun food, and taking an airboat tour on the wetlands in search of alligators.

California

Known as 'The Golden State' due to the 19th-century gold rush, California offers a celebrated coastline, sun-kissed beaches, dazzling cities and jaw-dropping parklands. Entry is usually via San Francisco or Los Angeles, with the coastal drive along the Pacific a particularly popular route. In the north, you'll find towering redwood forests to explore, while golden sands and a relaxed lifestyle typify the south. Go hiking in the breathtaking Yosemite National Park, sample world-class wines in Sonoma and Napa Valley, cycle across the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, and see the imprints of Hollywood greats along Los Angeles' Walk of Fame.



Yosemite National Park



Rodeo Drive, Los Angeles



Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco



Rodeo Highway 1, Big Sur

Los Angeles

Hollywood glamour • Great hiking trails • Vibrant food scene

Considered the entertainment capital of the world, Los Angeles has a 120-kilometre-long coastline, running from the quiet enclave of Malibu to trendy Venice with its offbeat street performers. To the west, the coastal city of Santa Monica provides a more relaxed ambience.

San Francisco

World-class museums • Impressive Golden Gate Bridge • Notorious jail on Alcatraz

Situated in Northern California, the 'City by the Bay' offers many sights such as the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, the historic Fisherman's Wharf, and the former federal jail on Alcatraz Island. The wineries found in Napa and Sonoma can easily be visited on a day trip.

Pacific Coast

Stunning scenic drive • Pristine golden beaches • Quaint coastal towns

The Pacific Coast is full of charming seaside towns, sandy beaches and beautiful scenery with opportunities for visiting great restaurants, art galleries and chic boutiques. We recommend taking the 45-kilometre stretch of Highway 1 between Monterey, Carmel and Big Sur.

A suggested itinerary...

Classic California

16 days & 14 nights

Self-drive • From £3,495 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Experience the highlights of California on this suggested self-drive tour. Sample wine in the Napa Valley, drive along the Pacific coast and through Death Valley, spend time in iconic cities and admire the natural beauty of Yosemite National Park.

Day 1: Fly to San Diego

On arrival, pick up your hire car and drive to the Hotel del Coronado for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: San Diego

Day at leisure. (N)

Days 3-4: Palm Springs

Drive to Palm Springs. Stay 2 nights at Hilton Palm Springs. Following day at leisure. (N)

Day 5: Los Angeles

Drive to Los Angeles and stay 2 nights at

Westin Bonaventure. (N)

Day 6: Los Angeles

We recommend exploring some of the city's most famous landmarks. (N)

Day 7: Las Vegas

Return your hire car at the airport and fly to Las Vegas. On arrival, collect your new car and drive to MGM Grand Resort for a 2-night stay. (N)

Day 8: The Grand Canyon

Today, we recommend driving to the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon – with entrance to the Grand Canyon Skywalk included. (N)

Day 9: Death Valley & Mammoth Lakes

Travel through Death Valley and finish the day at Mammoth Lakes with an overnight stay at Sierra Nevada Resort & Spa. (N)

Day 10: Yosemite

Drive to Yosemite National Park for a full day exploring this famously beautiful valley. Overnight at Tenaya Lodge. (N)

Day 11: Monterey

Travel to Monterey. Spend the rest of the day here or, this afternoon, cruise along the scenic 17-Mile Drive to the quaint town

of Carmel. Stay at Portola Hotel & Spa at Monterey Bay for 1 night. (N)

Day 12: San Francisco

Book an optional whale watching cruise around Monterey Bay and then drop off your car in San Francisco this afternoon. Spend 3 nights at Riu Plaza Fisherman's Wharf. (N)

Day 13: San Francisco

Explore the 'Golden City' using the provided hop-on, hop-off pass, with entrance included to the fascinating island of Alcatraz. (N)

Day 14: Napa Valley

Take a full-day shared tour of the celebrated Napa Valley wine region. (N)

Days 15-16: Fly to the UK

Transfer to the airport and fly home, arriving the next morning. (N)

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The South West

The geographic region of the South West covers Arizona, New Mexico and parts of California, Colorado, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah. Two of its largest cities are Las Vegas and Phoenix, both of which provide the most common entry points for visitors from the UK. The South West is home to more than five national parks, exceptional wildlife and one of the largest geological formations on Earth. Hike up mighty mountains, look down on enchanting desert scenes, join an authentic cowboy experience, and learn about the traditions of one of the many indigenous tribes that call this land home. The sprawling landscapes, the big skies, the impressive rock formations and the deep history entice many to come and visit this part of the country.



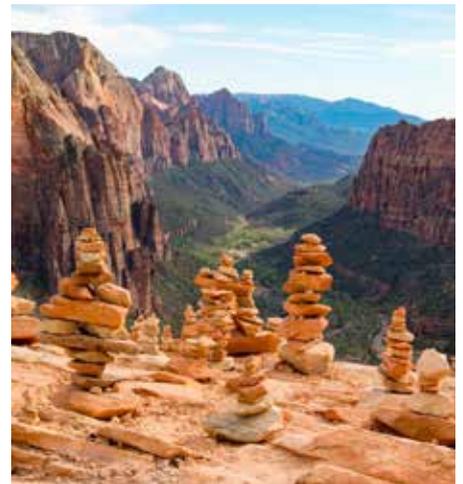
Horseshoe Bend, Arizona



Monument Valley, Arizona and Utah



The Grand Canyon Skywalk, Arizona



Zion National Park, Utah

Monument Valley

Setting for many Hollywood films • Fascinating Navajo history • Striking sandstone formations

Located on the border of Arizona and Utah, Monument Valley is famous for its monolithic, otherworldly sandstone formations. Thanks to these striking Mars-red buttes and dramatic desert panoramas, it has served as the setting for many a Hollywood blockbuster. The valley is also a Navajo Tribal Park, and has been the home of Navajo families for generations. Most of the major monuments can be seen along a 27-kilometre dirt road. However, to explore further, you will need to hire a Navajo guide.

Las Vegas

Famous evening entertainment • Large & elaborate hotels • World-class shows

Las Vegas is world-renowned for its casinos, fine dining and neon-lit entertainment. Visitors can select from a wide range of hotels, some of which are very unusual, and it is worth staying in the city for a few nights. In the evening, a variety of dazzling shows delight audiences here, including performances by Cirque du Soleil, famous illusionists and celebrated singers-in-residence. There are frequent direct flights from the UK to Las Vegas with a duration of under 11 hours.

The Grand Canyon

Many different ways to see & experience • One of the world's most spectacular canyons

Stretching 446 kilometres from end to end and reaching a maximum depth of almost two kilometres, the Grand Canyon is a colossal natural phenomenon that must be seen to be believed. There are three main rims to the canyon – the South, North and West – with the South Rim the most popular access point, and where you can drive on a forty-kilometre stretch of road that runs along the canyon edge. At the West Rim, visitors can experience the Grand Canyon Skywalk.

Zion National Park

Rainbow-colored rock layers • Variety of wildlife & plants • Range of hikes

Just a two-hour drive from Las Vegas lies Zion National Park, known for its steep, jagged cliffs, emerald pools and arid landscapes. There are many rewarding hikes that can be taken by the more adventurous traveller, either independently or with a guide. The park is within a deep valley whose elevated vantage points provide gorgeous views across the canyon. Rock formations seem to change colour as the sun rises and falls, glowing different shades of orange and red.



The Las Vegas strip



Mendenhall Glacier, Juneau, Alaska

Alaska

Witness calving glaciers • See Denali, the highest mountain peak in North America

Alaska is the largest state in the US and, at 1,480,000 sq km, is approximately six times the size of the UK. Often referred to as 'the last frontier', it encompasses epic frozen landscapes stretching as far as the eye can see. This sparsely populated area boasts towering mountains, vast national parks, calving glaciers and superb wildlife. Anchorage, the largest settlement in Alaska, is the gateway to the state and both the first port of call for visitors arriving by air as well as a common disembarkation point for cruises. The most popular time to visit Alaska is between May and August.

Hawaii

Volcano viewing • Snorkelling in crystal clear waters • Relaxed island atmosphere

Hawaii is home to golden sandy shores, fascinating Polynesian culture, untamed tropical rainforests and one of the world's most active volcanoes. Each of its six major islands has something different to offer, from the glitzy beaches and luxury resorts of Waikiki on Oahu, to the lush wilderness of Molokai, where no building is higher than the tallest coconut tree. Activities include snorkelling in the tropical waters, rising above the rugged landscapes and turquoise waters in a helicopter, visiting an active volcano, learning the hula or simply relaxing on one of the countless beautiful beaches.



Diamond Head and Waikiki beach, Oahu, Hawaii

A suggested itinerary...

Hawaiian Explorer

12 days & 10 nights

From £5,195 (incl. flights)

Category • Standard

This private journey to the Hawaiian islands of Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, Lanai and Molokai takes you far beyond sparkling beaches and pineapple plantations. Discover ancient Polynesian culture, visit the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbour, see one of the world's most active volcanoes at Volcanoes National Park and venture to the summit of Haleakala Mountain to watch the sunrise over Maui.

Day 1: Fly to Waikiki

On arrival at Honolulu airport, transfer to the Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: To Ka'anapali

Transfer to the airport and fly to Maui. Stay 3 nights at Aston Kaanapali Shores. (N)

Day 3: Haleakala

Early this morning, travel to Haleakala National Park and hike up to the summit of Haleakala Mountain. (N)

Day 4: Lanai

Join a half-day sailing excursion to nearby



Sunrise at Haleakala, Maui, Hawaii

Lanai island. (L)

Day 5: To Kohala Coast

Fly to Hawaii island. Stay at the Kohala Suites By Hilton Grand Vacations for 3 nights. (N)

Day 6: Kohala Coast

Join a full-day tour of Hawaii, venturing into the lush tropical rainforests and the extraordinary Volcanoes National Park. (N)

Day 7: Kohala Coast

Your day is at leisure. (N)

Day 8: To Waikiki

Fly to Oahu. Stay at Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa for 3 nights. (N)

Day 9: Waikiki

Spend a day at leisure. (N)

Day 10: Pearl Harbour

This morning, tour Pearl Harbour and the USS Arizona Memorial. (N)

Days 11-12: Fly home

Transfer to the airport to fly home. You will arrive the following day after an overnight flight. (N) (N)

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Journey through the American Deep South

NEW TOUR

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights
Category • Superior

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

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible –flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – maximum 20 people
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicle
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ Daily breakfast & 1 dinner
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at hotels



Avenue of Oaks, Boone Hall Plantation, Charleston

Delve into the fascinating history, sounds and flavours of America's Deep South on this comprehensive group tour. Explore charming cities, taste distinctive regional cuisine, learn about the region's turbulent past, tour a world-renowned whiskey distillery, and discover the music that brings this part of the country alive.

Day 3: Savannah & Charleston

Begin the day with a walking tour around the historic district of Savannah to explore its old-world appeal and visit a historic home. Continue to Charleston, one of the oldest cities in the US and renowned for its southern charm. The city boomed through the slave and cotton trade up to 1861, when nearby Fort Sumter's bombardment triggered the American Civil War. Take a tour of Charleston, including a horse-drawn carriage ride, learning about its intriguing history. Overnight at **SpringHill Suites by Marriott Charleston Riverview** (or similar). (B)

Day 4: Asheville

Visit the Boone Hall Plantation, where the stately 'Avenue of Oaks' leads to the Colonial Revival plantation house which contains a number of historical slave cabins. This afternoon, head inland to North Carolina towards Asheville, gateway to the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Overnight at **Hampton Inn & Suites Asheville Biltmore Area** (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Chattanooga & the Smoky Mountains

Travel to Biltmore Estate for wine tasting. Later, drive west to Chattanooga and journey through the Smoky Mountains area with a stop at a Cherokee Nation reservation where there will be free time to explore the visitor center and have lunch (at own expense). Stay tonight at **Kinley Hotel**. (B)

Day 6: Lynchburg & Nashville

Make a brief stop at the Trail of Tears memorial site. Then head northwest to Lynchburg for an introduction to the art of distilling Tennessean whiskey at the world-famous Jack Daniel's distillery. Continue north to Nashville, the capital of Tennessee and the heartland of country music – a position which has earned it the

Weather

Atlanta

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	10	13	18	23	27	30	31	31	28	23	18	12
B	0	1	6	10	14	19	21	20	17	11	6	2
C	120	118	140	108	102	95	128	86	87	76	88	112

New Orleans

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	16	18	22	26	29	32	33	33	31	27	22	18
B	6	8	12	16	19	23	24	24	22	16	12	8
C	128	134	125	127	122	142	174	163	147	73	106	128

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Take a horse-drawn carriage ride through the historic streets of Charleston**
- ❖ **Tour the Graceland Mansion, former home of Elvis Presley**
- ❖ **Discover the rich history at a Cherokee reservation in the Smoky Mountains**
- ❖ **Experience live jazz during a farewell dinner cruise on the Mississippi River**

Day 1: Fly to Atlanta

Fly directly from London (regional connections available) to Atlanta with British Airways. On arrival, transfer to **JW Marriott Atlanta Buckhead** for a 1-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Atlanta & Savannah

This morning, tour Atlanta city, with visits to the National Historical Park and Krog Street Market. The highlight of your tour is a stop at Martin Luther King Jr's former home and burial place. This afternoon, travel to the charming seaport of Savannah, known for its architecture and restored historic district. Stay overnight at **DoubleTree Savannah Historic District** (or similar). (B)



French Quarter, New Orleans

epithet of 'America's Music City'. An orientation tour is given upon arrival. Visit Studio B and the Country Music Hall of Fame. This evening, there is an optional visit to either the Grand Ole Opry or Ryman Auditorium for a country music concert (at own expense). Overnight at **Gaylord Opryland Resort**. (B)

Day 7: Memphis

Depart this morning to Memphis, known for the Mississippi Delta blues and the cotton trade. Take a tour of the city, including visits to the iconic Beale Street - whose clubs and restaurants provide a melting pot of music genres - and the Civil Rights Museum, where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Later, visit Graceland, the opulent mansion of the 'King of Rock and Roll', Elvis Presley. Overnight at **The Guest House at Graceland** located close to the mansion. (B)

Day 8: Natchez

Travel south into the Mississippi Delta and stop at the birthplace of blues music, Clarksdale. It is here at the crossroads of highways 61 and 49 that Robert Johnson supposedly sold his soul to the devil for his amazing guitar talent. Visit the Clarksdale Delta Blues Museum, then follow Route 61 - the 'Blues Highway' - and finish at Natchez, a bustling port during the heyday of the cotton trade. Overnight at **Natchez Grand Hotel**. (B)

Day 9: New Orleans

Today, visit Oak Alley Plantation and Laura Plantation, which provide a powerful testimony of the Antebellum South's past. At Oak Valley Plantation, there are exhibits shining a light on slavery, the Civil War and the significance of sugarcane cultivation. Laura Plantation differs in that it was run by several generations of women, making it very unique. Arrive in New Orleans late this afternoon and stay at **The**

Troubadour Hotel New Orleans for 2 nights. This property is centrally located and near to the French Quarter. (B)

Day 10: New Orleans

Take a tour of 'The Big Easy', exploring the city's highlights including its oldest neighbourhood, the French Quarter, founded by the French in 1718 but also reflective of the art and architecture of the Spanish era. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner on a jazz cruise on a steamboat. (B, D)

Days 11-12: Fly to the UK

Transfer to the airport and fly overnight to London, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre-tour extensions are available in Atlanta and post-tour extensions are available in New Orleans. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel specialist for further details.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tour standards: Superior tour departures are based in mainly 4-star accommodation. Prices are based on the standard room category. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: USD

Group tour

Low season from £3,995

Guide price months: Aug, Nov

High season from £4,395

Guide price months: Apr - May

Single supplement from £895

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £285 return

Club World from £1,645 return

Regional air connections

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

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

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10 Apr 22	21 Apr 22	14 Aug 22	25 Aug 22	09 Apr 23	20 Apr 23	13 Aug 23	24 Aug 23
15 May 22	26 May 22	11 Sep 22	22 Sep 22	14 May 23	25 May 23	10 Sep 23	21 Sep 23
12 Jun 22	23 Jun 22	09 Oct 22	20 Oct 22	11 Jun 23	22 Jun 23	08 Oct 23	19 Oct 23
10 Jul 22	21 Jul 22	13 Nov 22	24 Nov 22	09 Jul 23	20 Jul 23	12 Nov 23	23 Nov 23

California's Golden Coast

NEW TOUR

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

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

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – maximum 20 people
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicle
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ Daily breakfast
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet the group & guide
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Golden Gate Bridge and city skyline, San Francisco

Weather

San Francisco

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A	13	16	16	17	18	19	20	20	22	21	17	14
B	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	13	13	12	10	7
C	125	91	89	40	7	4	1	2	7	35	90	97

Los Angeles

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	20	21	21	22	24	26	29	30	29	26	22	20
B	8	9	10	11	13	15	17	18	17	15	11	8
C	80	79	67	29	5	1	1	4	9	9	51	53

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Featuring an iconic coastline, California has so much more to offer with Cosmopolitan cities, wineries, and coastal redwood forests. Enjoy seeing the major sights in both San Francisco and Los Angeles and along the way go wine tasting in Napa Valley, take a cruise in search of whales and discover coastal cities.

San Francisco's most famous landmarks. Spend a full day touring the city, with visits to Union Square, Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, Lombard Street, Golden Gate Park and North Beach (Little Italy). Take in a panoramic view of the city and the bay from Twin Peaks (weather and time permitting). (B)

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Go in search of marine life with a whale-watching cruise from Monterey**
- ❖ **Visit two premium wineries within California's popular wine regions**
- ❖ **Wander through towering redwood forest to discover the tallest trees on this earth**
- ❖ **Travel along the scenic 17-Mile Drive with its rugged coastline**

Day 1: Fly to San Francisco

Fly directly from London (regional connections available) to San Francisco. On arrival, transfer to Intercontinental Mark Hopkins (or similar), a beloved landmark and historic property, for a 3-night stay. (N)

Day 2: San Francisco

Today is dedicated to visiting some of San

Day 3: Sausalito, Muir Woods & San Francisco

This morning, visit the island of Alcatraz, variously used as a Civil War fort, a military jail and one of the most notorious federal prisons in US history. Afterwards, travel to the quaint town of Sausalito for lunch (at own expense) and then on to Muir Woods; this National Monument forest is full of towering old-growth redwoods that are unique to this area, and – quenched by marine fog – forms an ecosystem of interesting flora and fauna. Late this afternoon, return to San Francisco to stay overnight. (B)

Day 4: Napa & Sonoma Valleys

Today, your tour takes you to the world-renowned wine regions of the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. Sample local vino in two of the best wineries in the area, with the opportunity to try some high-quality olive oil as well. Overnight at **DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country** (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Carmel & Monterey

En route to the Pacific coast, stop at Carmel for a visit to the faithfully restored 18th-century Roman Catholic mission church, before continuing to Monterey. A short orientation



The Lone Cypress, 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach, California

tour will be given upon arrival, then the rest of your day is free. Perhaps explore the city's attractions, which include Cannery Row and Old Fisherman's Wharf, or browse at the many charming shops and galleries found here. Stay overnight at **Casa Munras Garden Hotel & Spa**. (B)

Day 6: 17-Mile Drive & San Luis Obispo

Take a shared cruise in search of the rich marine life found in the waters of the Monterey Peninsula, including bottlenose dolphins and various species of whale. Then take the scenic 17-Mile Drive, which meanders along an idyllic stretch of Pacific coastline full of dramatic cliffs, pristine beaches and cypress forests. Overnight at **Courtyard by Marriott San Luis Obispo**. (B)

Day 7: Santa Barbara & Los Angeles

Journey south, stopping at the city of Solvang, known for its Danish heritage and architecture. Continue to Santa Barbara for a tour of the 18th-century Mission Santa Barbara, one of the city's prettiest landmarks. Later in the day, drive to Los Angeles and stay 3 nights at **Sheraton Grand Los Angeles**. This elegant property is set in the heart of downtown and is home to acclaimed Restaurants. (B)

Day 8: Los Angeles

Spend today exploring the 'City of Angels' with a full-day tour. Visit Downtown, Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and Venice Beach. (B)

Day 9: Los Angeles

Day at leisure to enjoy exploring the city further. (B)

Days 10-11: Fly to the UK

Transfer to the airport and fly overnight to London, arriving the following day (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a self-drive basis on a date that suits you. For a quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options, or to tailor this itinerary to your exact requirements, Please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: USC

Group tour

Low season from £3,295
Guide price months: Apr, Oct, Nov

High season from £3,795
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

Single supplement from £995

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £265 return
Club World from £1,875 return

Regional air connections

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Canyons & Parks of the American South West

NEW TOUR

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Standard

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

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Antelope Canyon, Arizona

Discover vast red-rock canyons, desert landscapes and fascinating Navajo history on this tour of America's South West. As you visit several of the region's celebrated national parks, spectacular landscapes unfold before you. Admire towering hoodoos, rushing rivers and the iconic Grand Canyon – whose scale must be seen to be believed.

Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel. (B, D)

Day 3: Horseshoe Bend & Lake Powell

This morning, enjoy a walk along the rim of Bryce Canyon, then travel to Lake Powell. En route, you will stop for panoramic views of an astonishing man-made lake, as well as Horseshoe Bend – one of the most photographed sites in the South West – where the green waters of the Colorado River have forged a horseshoe shape through the Navajo Sandstone. Overnight at **Lake Powell Resorts & Marinas.** (B)

Day 4: Antelope Canyon & Monument Valley

Visit Antelope Canyon: a labyrinth of tall, winding rock walls forming one of the most spectacular slot canyons in the world. Your tour continues to Monument Valley, where a 4x4 experience allows you to view the valley's famous sandstone buttes – some of which reach heights of 300m. Overnight at **Kayenta Monument Valley Inn.** (B, D)

Day 5: Canyon de Chelly & Petrified Forest

Transfer to Canyon de Chelly, famed for its multihued sandstone walls – a tapestry of crimson, ambers and oranges. Take a leisurely horse ride* inside the canyon with a Navajo guide, the relaxed pace allowing you to soak up your surroundings. Enjoy a local taco lunch before travelling to the Petrified Forest, known for its large deposits of petrified vegetation. Overnight at **La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Holbrook Petrified Forest.** (B, L)

Day 6: Sedona

Your first stop today is the Meteor Crater Natural Landmark, where you learn about the history and geology of the meteorite which plunged into this corner of Arizonan

Weather Las Vegas

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A	14	18	21	25	31	38	41	39	35	28	20	14
B	2	5	7	11	16	21	25	24	19	13	7	2
C	10	10	9	4	5	2	9	11	9	5	11	7

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SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Explore Canyon de Chelly on a gentle horse ride with a Navajo guide**
- ❖ **Take an open-air 4x4 ride over the red rock's of Sedona**
- ❖ **Visit one of the best-preserved meteorite impact sites in the world**
- ❖ **Enjoy the Grand Canyon at sunrise with a walk within the Rim**

Day 1: Fly to Las Vegas

Fly directly from London (regional connections available) to Las Vegas with British Airways. On arrival, transfer to **Treasure Island Hotel & Casino** for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Zion & Bryce Canyon National Parks

Depart for Zion National Park, stopping at Zion Lodge for lunch (at own expense). Continue to Bryce Canyon for a moderate hike on the Navajo Loop. As you walk between the narrow walls of colourful limestone, you're met by views of sprawling, evergreen Douglas firs. See the park's most famous hoodoo, Thor's Hammer. Overnight at





Grand Canyon at sunrise

desert some 50,000 years ago. This afternoon, explore the red rocks of Sedona during an off-road adventure in a custom-built 4x4. You are rewarded with dramatic landscapes, twisting paths and rugged trails. Admire the extraordinary views of Arizona's scenic terrain and see the Cow Pies, distinctive rocks that have played a part in many westerns. Overnight at **Element Sedona**. (B)

Day 7: Grand Canyon

Your morning is at leisure, giving you time to relax, go for a hike or join an optional excursion (at own expense). This afternoon, head to the Grand Canyon, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. If time permits, see this impressive sight as the sun starts to set. Stay overnight at **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**. (B)

Day 8: Williams, Seligman & Kingman

Begin the day by seeing the Grand Canyon at sunrise with the opportunity to walk within the Canyon's Rim. before travelling to Williams, Arizona. From here, explore many historic buildings, and shops brimming with Route 66 memorabilia. Stop at Seligman, replete with retro neon signs, classic cars and nostalgic landmarks. Finish the day in Kingman, where you overnight at **Best Western Plus King's Inn & Suites**. (B)

Day 9: Las Vegas

Drive to Las Vegas and visit The Mob Museum, where hundreds of artefacts and immersive exhibits provide insight into the history and impact of organised crime in the US. Overnight at **Treasure Island**. (B)

Days 10-11: Fly to the UK

Transfer to the airport and fly overnight to London, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Las Vegas and to other parts of the US for further exploration. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel specialist for further details.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tour standards: Standard tour departures are based in 3- & 4-star accommodation. Prices are based on the standard room

category. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Please note: A moderate level of fitness is required for this tour as walking is required on several days.

* No previous riding experience is necessary and an alternative activity may be available. Modern protective equipment may not be available.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a self-drive basis on a date that suits you. For a quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options, or to tailor this itinerary to your exact requirements, please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: USS

Group tour

Low season from £2,995
Guide price months: Oct – Nov

High season from £3,595
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £795

British Airways flight upgrades

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Club World from £1,995 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)
25 Apr 22	05 May 22
16 May 22	26 May 22
13 Jun 22	23 Jun 22
11 Jul 22	21 Jul 22

Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)
22 Aug 22	01 Sep 22
19 Sep 22	29 Sep 22
03 Oct 22	13 Oct 22
07 Nov 22	17 Nov 22

Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)
24 Apr 23	04 May 23
15 May 23	25 May 23
12 Jun 23	22 Jun 23
10 Jul 23	20 Jul 23

Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)
21 Aug 23	31 Aug 23
18 Sep 23	28 Sep 23
02 Oct 23	12 Oct 23
06 Nov 23	16 Nov 23

Discover Canada

Renowned for its spectacular wilderness, abundant wildlife, cosmopolitan cities and diverse cultures, Canada stretches across six time zones and is the world's second largest country.

In a destination so large, the landscape varies from the breathtaking mountain panoramas of the Canadian Rockies to the ice-covered wilderness around Churchill, and the vineyards, farmland and maple forests to the east. Culture and history is also rich throughout Canada, including historic French settlements in Quebec and indigenous communities throughout the country. In the east, there are the Maritime provinces offering fresh seafood, stunning vistas, wild coasts and fascinating traditions.



Pod of orca, Vancouver Island

British Columbia

Vibrant Vancouver • Bear watching • Scenic wildlife cruises

Framed by the Pacific Ocean and the Canadian Rocky Mountains, there is no place quite like British Columbia on Canada's west coast. The diverse landscapes include lush rainforests, towering mountain peaks, glistening glacial lakes, rugged coastlines, vibrant cities, rolling vineyards and flat prairies. Victoria on Vancouver Island is the provincial capital, but the cosmopolitan city of Vancouver is larger and more frequently visited. Whale watch from Vancouver Island, seek out grizzly bears in the Great Bear Rainforest, relax in the year-round mountain retreat of Whistler, sail a portion of the Inside Passage, sample local wines in the Okanagan Valley or stay in a wilderness lodge.

Alberta

Scenic national parks • The Rocky Mountains
• Magical turquoise lakes

Alberta lies in the heart of Western Canada and is home to many of the characteristic images of the country. Famous for the Canadian Rocky Mountains that border the province to the west, Alberta's landscapes stretch far beyond the mountains, with the rugged, dinosaur-fossil-strewn badlands to the east, vibrant cities and more than 300 provincial parks. Highlights of the province include visiting the national parks of Banff and Jasper; the world's largest dark sky preserve; joining a glacier tour on Athabasca Glacier; seeing the turquoise water of Lake Louise; and donning a Stetson and boots for Canada's biggest rodeo: Calgary Stampede.



Lake Louise



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Rocky Mountaineer

Since its inception in 1990, the award-winning *Rocky Mountaineer* train has carried more than two million guests and is one of the world's most spectacular rail experiences. Operating from spring to early autumn, the train travels by daylight through the diverse landscapes of the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada, past tumbling waterfalls, glacier-capped mountains and an array of wildlife.

Choose from several routes, including the classic two-day journey between Vancouver and the Canadian Rocky Mountain towns of Jasper, Banff or Lake Louise. While on board, enjoy impeccable service, delectable cuisine and complimentary beverages. Sit back and admire the breathtaking views and listen to captivating stories from the dedicated hosts.

Bear watching

On the west coast, the Great Bear Rainforest is home to fearsome grizzly bears and the lesser-known Kermode bears, or spirit bears. Grizzly bears can be found throughout the western provinces with black bears regularly seen in Vancouver Island and Whistler. There are a variety of ways that you might see bears with encounters ranging from spotting a foraging grizzly on the shoreline from a remote bear lodge, to encountering a 'bear jam' as traffic slows to watch a wandering black bear, or finding the elusive spirit bear with an aboriginal guide. Canada offers a range of lodges offering bear-watching excursions, many of them in remote locations with access to pristine wilderness areas. The lodges often have resident naturalists who lead trips to view the bears and know the animals and their habitat well. Peak bear viewing is generally between mid-August and late October.



Grizzly bear

A suggested itinerary...

Western Canadian Highlights

10 days & 8 nights
from £3,745 (incl. flights)
Category • Standard

This private tour provides a scenic introduction to Western Canada. Journey by rail aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer*, watching the varying landscapes of British Columbia and Alberta from the comfort of its luxurious carriages. Pass raging rivers, rugged mountains, deep canyons and vast glaciers. In addition to admiring the scenery, explore the alpine towns of Jasper and Banff.

Days 1-2: Fly to Vancouver

Arrive in Vancouver and transfer to the *Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre* for 2 nights. Your days are at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Rocky Mountaineer to Kamloops

Board the *Rocky Mountaineer* train and travel to the towering heights of the Coast Mountains, then past the thundering water of



Athabasca Glacier, Jasper

Hell's Gate in Fraser Canyon. Transfer to your hotel in Kamloops for 1 night. (B, L)

Day 4: Rocky Mountaineer to Jasper

Board the train and travel alongside the South Thompson River to the expansive glaciers of the Albrede icefields. Arrive in Jasper and stay 2 nights at *Sawridge Inn*. (B, L)

Day 5: Jasper

Day at leisure. (N)

Day 6: Lake Louise

Today, join a shared excursion driving along

the Icefields Parkway. Stop at Athabasca Glacier for a trip out onto the ice. Further highlights include Crowfoot Glacier and the lakes of Peyto and Bow. Arrive in Lake Louise and stay overnight at *Lake Louise Inn*. (L)

Days 7-8: Banff

Drive to Banff via the scenic Bow Valley and stay at *Banff Caribou Lodge* for 2 nights. The next day, enjoy a tour of Banff, with highlights including the hoodoo rock formations, Bow Valley viewpoint, and a gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain. (N)

Days 9 & 10: Fly home

Spend the morning at leisure, then join a scheduled coach to Calgary, where you will be dropped at the airport for your flight home. Arrive the following day after an overnight flight. (N) (N)

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Montreal

Quebec

Attractive national parks • Cobble streets to explore • French cuisine & culture

Quebec encompasses a vast and diverse territory extending nearly 2,000km from the US border to the Arctic Ocean. The province has a strong French influence that dates back to its formation in 1763, notable today in the region's language, cuisine, architecture and politics. With swathes of forest, tundra, lakes, rivers, mountains and coastline, there is much for the adventurous to explore. However, for most, the first places to visit are the cities of Montreal and Quebec City. With a unique culinary tradition, Quebec is justly celebrated for its many *terroir* products: craft beers and wines, ice ciders, Charlevoix lamb, cheeses and maple products.

Ontario

Rugged natural beauty • Impressive Niagara Falls • Abundant wildlife

Canada's second largest province, Ontario reaches from the icy shores of Hudson Bay in the north, right down to the USA's Great Lakes, and has something remarkable to offer every visitor. The province provides an exciting mixture of vibrant cities, coastal scenery, national parks and beautiful waterways. Witness the power of Niagara Falls, search for moose and beavers in Algonquin Provincial Park and drive along the rugged coast of Georgian Bay. Visit the many sights of the Canadian capital, Ottawa, and cruise through the tranquil waters of the Thousand Islands archipelago. There are four international airports, although most will use Toronto or Ottawa as the gateway.



Niagara Falls

A suggested itinerary...

Eastern Canada Highlights

16 days & 14 nights

Self-drive • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Experience the best of eastern Canada with a self-drive journey through Ontario and Quebec. Highlights include the main attractions at Niagara Falls and explorations of the picturesque European-influenced cities of Montreal and Quebec City.

Days 1-2: Fly to Toronto

Collect your hire car and proceed to the Hilton Toronto for 2 nights. Spend your next day at leisure and visit the CN Tower, the tallest free-standing structure in the western hemisphere. (N)

Day 3: Niagara Falls

Travel to Niagara Falls and enjoy the use of an Adventure Pass to experience

this spectacular natural wonder and its surrounds. Stay at the Hilton Fallsview Hotel for 1 night. (N)

Day 4: Algonquin Park

Drive north to Algonquin Provincial Park and stay at the Killarney Lodge for 2 nights. (D)

Day 5: Algonquin Park

Spend the day hiking, observing wildlife and canoeing amidst the park's sprawling pine forests and crystalline waters. (B, L, D)

Days 6 & 7: Ottawa

Depart for Ottawa, the nation's capital, and stay at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier for 2 nights. Many of the city's attractions are within sight of Parliament Hill. Spend time at the locks of Rideau Canal, a short distance from downtown and visit the Canadian Museum of History. (B)

Day 8: Mont Tremblant

Head to the jewel of the Laurentians, Mont Tremblant, and stay at the Fairmont Tremblant for 1 night. (N)

Days 9-10: Quebec City

Travel to the handsome city of Quebec and stay at the Hotel Manoir Victoria for 2 nights.

Take a walking tour on your second day. (N)

Days 11-12: Montreal

Drive to cultural capital Montreal and stay at Le Saint-Sulpice for 2 nights. Your following day is at leisure. (N)

Day 13: Kingston

Travel south to Kingston, stopping en route for an hour-long cruise around the Thousand Islands. Stay at the Delta Hotels Kingston Waterfront for 1 night. (N)

Day 14: Toronto

Continue to cosmopolitan Toronto, where you stay at the Hilton Toronto for 1 night. (B)

Days 15 & 16: Fly home

Return your hire car to the airport today and fly home. Arrive the following day after an overnight flight. (B) (N)

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Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia

Atlantic Canada

Fascinating culture • Scenic drives • Delicious seafood

Located on the east coast, sparsely populated Atlantic Canada encompasses the provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. This maritime region is well known for its delectable seafood, remote beaches, whale watching, quaint villages, lighthouses and drifting icebergs. Each province has its own charm and culture, with the coastal landscapes and small towns best explored on a self-drive itinerary at a leisurely pace. The deep, whale-plied waters off Newfoundland are the final resting place of the *Titanic*, while Prince Edward Island provided the rustic setting for the classic children's book *Anne of Green Gables*. Closer to Europe than any other part of North America, this region of Canada can be reached by aeroplane in less than six hours from the UK.

Polar bears in Manitoba

Viewing polar bears has become a key attraction for visitors to Canada, and Churchill – a town on Hudson Bay in northern Manitoba – is a hot spot for sightings of these impressive creatures, as well as beluga whales, Arctic foxes and the multi-hued phenomenon of the northern lights (aurora borealis). There are various ways to enjoy the wildlife of Churchill, from simple hotel stays with day trips out onto the tundra, to group excursions to wilderness lodges that require an additional flight from Churchill. Churchill can be reached from Winnipeg by a two-hour flight or the Winnipeg-to-Churchill train completes the journey of 1,700 km in 2 days. The warmer months between July and September are the best time to see much of the wildlife, including polar bears; however, the colder months of October and November provide polar bear sightings against a backdrop of snow and ice.



Polar bears, Churchill, Manitoba

A suggested itinerary...

Atlantic Canada Explorer

15 days & 13 nights

Self-drive • From £2,145 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Tour Canada's scenic Atlantic provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. This leisurely itinerary reveals the individual charms of each region, including opportunities to explore national parks, search for wildlife, stroll around coastal towns and discover historic sites.

Day 1: Fly to Halifax

Collect your hire car and stay 2 nights at The Lord Nelson Hotel. (N)

Day 2: Halifax

Today is at leisure to explore Halifax, a city that combines both modern and heritage buildings, and has one of the world's largest natural harbours. (N)

Day 3: Peggy's Cove & Lunenburg

Drive to Lunenburg, visiting the charming and compact coastal village of Peggy's Cove en route. Upon arrival in Lunenburg, check in to the **Boscawen Inn** for 1 night. (B)

Day 4: Annapolis Royal

Cross the peninsula to the quaint seaside town of Annapolis Royal. Stay 2 nights at **Hillsdale House Hotel**. (B)

Day 5: Bay of Fundy

Drive to Brier Island for a shared whale-watching cruise in the waters of the Bay of Fundy. (B)

Day 6: Wolfville

Drive to the little town of Wolfville and stay 1 night at the **Tattingstone Inn**. (B)

Day 7: Charlottetown

Travel over the Confederation Bridge to Charlottetown on Prince Edward Island. Stay 3 nights at **The Great George**. (B)

Days 8-9: Charlottetown

Spend 2 days at leisure. We recommend visiting Province House National Historic Site, where the meetings were held that led to the formation of Canada in 1867. (B)

Day 10: Baddeck

Take the ferry crossing to Caribou, then drive to Cape Breton Island, renowned for its spectacular highlands. Stay at the **Inverary Resort** for 3 nights. (N)

Days 11-12: Baddeck

Spend 2 days at leisure. We recommend visiting Cape Breton Highlands National Park, a beautiful park with more than 20 walking trails. (N)

Day 13: Halifax

Return to Halifax, travelling along the scenic Bras d'Or Lakes drive. Stay overnight at **The Lord Nelson Hotel**. (N)

Days 14 & 15: Fly home

Return your hire car to the airport today and fly home. Arrive the following day after an overnight flight. (B) (N)

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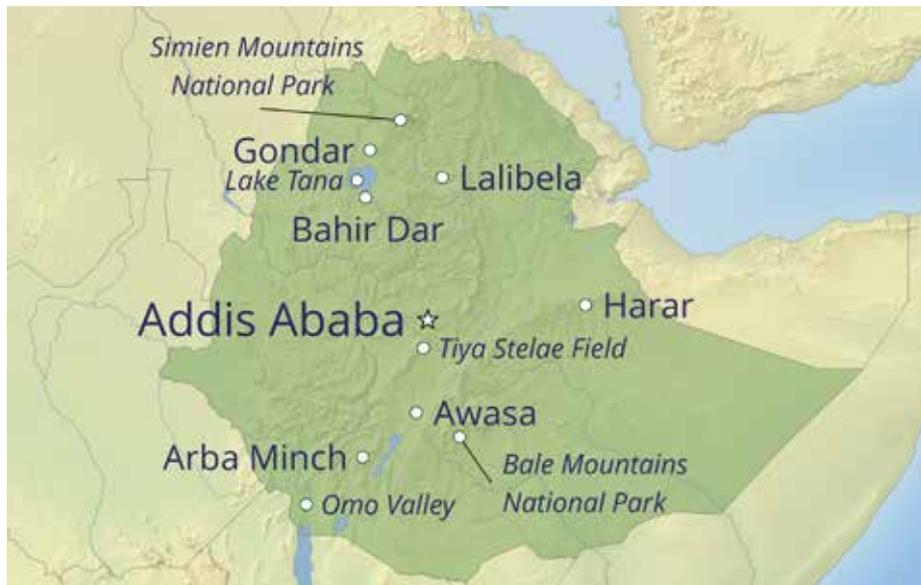
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Discover Ethiopia

The only country on the continent to have never been colonised and rich in Orthodox Christian heritage, Ethiopia is an enthralling destination. It equals Morocco for the highest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites of any African country – nine in total – and it is best known for its northern attractions, including the rock-hewn medieval churches of Lalibela and the famed Simien Mountains. There are at least 74 different tribes within Ethiopia, each with a distinct language, music and dance form. Further exemplifying the country's uniqueness, Ethiopians follow the Julian Calendar, have their own way of telling the time, and an unconventional naming system.



Mercato, Addis Ababa

Addis Ababa

Vibrant capital • Wide range of museums • Authentic Ethiopian cuisine

Meaning 'New Flower', Addis Ababa was founded by Emperor Menelik II in 1887, who selected the site because of its location within the Entoto Hills. It lies in the central highlands, rising to an altitude of 3,000m in parts, making it the third highest capital in the world.

Addis Ababa is a pleasant and vibrant city, with wide avenues of jacaranda trees, interesting museums and one of the largest open-air markets in Africa. It is brimming with impressive monuments to historical architecture, which intersperse stretches of modest, sun-bleached shacks.

The southern & Sodd regions

Unique cultural experiences • Secluded UNESCO World Heritage Sites • The Omo Valley

South-west of Addis Ababa lies Adadi Mariam, commissioned by King Lalibela circa the 12th century and less frequented than the other rock-hewn churches further north. A little further south is the Tiya Stelae Field, a UNESCO World Heritage Site among the most important of the roughly 160 archaeological sites discovered so far in the Sodd region. The Omo River weaves south all the way to the Kenyan border and its valley is home to a diverse array of ancient tribal cultures, the most well-known of which are the Mursi, Karo, Benna and Hamer tribes. This area is best explored by 4x4 with an expert driver-guide.



Adadi Mariam procession

Experiences in Ethiopia



Experience the holy festival of Timkat

Ethiopia's most celebrated festival is Timkat (Epiphany), commemorating Jesus's baptism. Each January, priests lead a procession of the Tabot – a replica of the Ark of the Covenant – around local towns, preceded by people drumming and singing. The Tabot is then placed in a white tent overnight while pilgrims and priests pray and sing until morning.



Visit Lucy, humanity's ancestor

Some of the best-preserved ancient hominid remains have been discovered in Ethiopia. The most famous is Lucy, named after the Beatles' song "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds", which was on regular rotation at her excavation. In Ethiopia, this three-million-year-old skeleton is called Dinkinesh, meaning 'Marvellous One'. Visit Lucy at the National Museum of Ethiopia.



Hike the Simien Mountains

With endemic wildlife, few tourists and UNESCO status, the Simien Mountains make for a worthy destination. Here you can admire Ethiopia's native fauna, including the walia ibex, gelada monkey and Ethiopian wolf. We recommend spending a few nights in this wilderness to fully appreciate the natural beauty of Ethiopia's highlands.



Gelada monkeys, Simien Mountains National Park

National parks of Ethiopia

Encounter gelada monkeys • Endemic wildlife
• Stunning mountain scenery

Most of Ethiopia is more than 1,500 metres above sea level and some areas are as high as 4,500 metres. For this reason, it is often referred to as 'the roof of Africa'. Ethiopia has two highland national parks. The wild alpine scenery of the Bale Massif National Park in the south-east is the favoured habitat of Ethiopian wolves and is the best place in Ethiopia to spot endemic birds, including a variety of raptors. In the north, the Simien Mountains National Park, with its spectacular jagged peaks, often features in itineraries to provide an interesting contrast to the monuments of the north. As well as mountains, the park is known for its endemic walia ibex (mountain goats) and gelada monkeys.

The historical north

Explore Lalibela's rock-hewn churches • Boat the Blue Nile • Visit Ethiopia's 'Camelot', Gondar

The historical northern circuit is Ethiopia's most visited region, and encompasses Lalibela, Gondar and Bahir Dar – all of which can be easily combined into an expert-led tour. The most famous site on the route is Lalibela, the 'new Jerusalem', whose 11 rock-hewn churches were built in the 12th century by King Lalibela – with the help of angels, so the story goes. Bahir Dar, Amharic for 'beside the sea', is an attractive town; Lake Tana creates a tranquil backdrop for palm- and jacaranda-fringed avenues dotted with restaurants, shops and fascinating architecture. In Gondar, there are a dozen castles built by various emperors over 236 years, making it Ethiopia's very own imperial city.



Church of St George, Lalibela

Ethiopian Odyssey

Duration • 12 days & 9 nights
Category • Discovery

Small-group tour • From £3,345 (incl. flights)
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- ❖ Festival departures including Timkat



Fasiladas' Castle, Gondar

With its unusual Orthodox Christian heritage and table-topping number of UNESCO sites, Ethiopia stands out from the crowd. This journey through the country's historical and natural highlights, from rock-hewn churches to monkey-strewn mountains, reveals the influences that have shaped it into the enthralling destination of today.

Day 3: Adadi Mariam • Tiya stelae field

In the morning, visit Adadi Mariam, a striking, subterranean rock-hewn church less visited than those in Lalibela. Continue to the Tiya stelae field, a UNESCO World Heritage Site home to 160 archaeological sites. Overnight at the **Golden Tulip** hotel (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Lalibela

Fly to the town of Lalibela this morning, arriving in time for lunch at Ben Abeba restaurant. Then begin your tour of Lalibela's rock-hewn, UNESCO-listed churches with a visit to the first group of six. The churches in this cluster lie in rock cradles, one behind the other. Bet Medhane Alem, the largest, resembles a Greek temple. In its corner are three symbolic graves representing the Biblical patriarchs of Jacob, Isaac and Abraham. Overnight at **Mezena Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 5: Lalibela

This morning, hike with mules up to the mountaintop monastery of Asheton Maryam (weather permitting). After lunch, you will visit the south-eastern cluster of Lalibela's 11 rock-carved churches – smaller but more finely carved than those of the north. In the afternoon, experience Ethiopian hospitality during a traditional coffee ceremony. Overnight at **Mezena Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 6: Bahir Dar

Fly to the town of Bahir Dar, which means 'Beside the Sea' in the Amharic language – so named for its position on the southern shore of shimmering Lake Tana. Spend your afternoon at leisure, perhaps exploring the peaceful jacaranda-fringed avenues, dotted with shops, restaurants and attractive architecture. Overnight at **Kuriftu Resort Bahir Dar** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 7: Blue Nile • Lake Tana

In the morning, drive from Bahir Dar to the Blue Nile Falls, with sightseeing opportunities en route. The picturesque falls are known locally as Tissiati, which means 'The Smoking Water'. This afternoon, take a relaxing boat trip, visiting two of the Lake Tana region's prettiest monasteries, Ura Kidane Mihret and Azua Maryam. Overnight at **Kuriftu Resort Bahir Dar** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 8: Gondar

Today, drive to Ethiopia's very own castle-filled 'Camelot', the medieval city of Gondar. Visit Fasiladas' Bath, in which pilgrims still take a ceremonial plunge during the annual Timkat (Epiphany) celebrations. Overnight at **Mayleko Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Weather

Addis Ababa

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	22	23	23	23	23	22	20	20	20	21	21	21
B	5	7	9	9	9	9	10	9	9	7	5	4
C	23	47	74	97	93	127	274	281	176	43	13	11

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Tour the National Museum of Ethiopia, home to the 3-million-year-old bones of Lucy**
- ❖ **Visit lesser-known Adadi Mariam, Ethiopia's southernmost rock-hewn church**
- ❖ **Experience the Blue Nile Falls and Lake Tana from the water**
- ❖ **Enjoy private access to a viewing point on the UNESCO-listed Simien Mountains**

Day 1: Fly to Addis Ababa

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Addis Ababa. (N)

Day 2: Addis Ababa

This afternoon, take a tour of the world's third highest capital, with visits to the National Museum of Ethiopia, Ethnographic Museum and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Enjoy a pre-dinner welcome drink and stay overnight at the **Golden Tulip** hotel (or similar). (L, D)



Simien Mountains National Park

Day 9: Simien Mountains National Park

Set off on a scenic morning drive to Simien Mountains National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site whose rugged precipices and alpine valleys shelter all manner of interesting wildlife. This afternoon, drive to the Sankaber campsite for a hiking excursion up to the vertiginous Jinbar Falls. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for gelada monkeys as you go. Overnight at **Simien Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 10: Simien Mountains National Park

After a three-hour drive, arrive at the Chennek campsite for an exhilarating excursion in this biodiversity hot spot. You have the opportunity to explore on foot, admire phenomenal vistas and spot local fauna such as the endangered walia ibex, before settling down for a picnic lunch. Overnight at **Simien Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Days 11-12: Addis Ababa • Fly to the UK

Return to Gondar for a flight to Addis Ababa. There is time enough to visit bustling Mercato, Africa's largest open-air market, before catching your return flight home. Enjoy day-use of a room at the **Golden Tulip** hotel (or similar). (B, L, D)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Festival departures:

*13 Jan departure will allow guests to experience Timkat in Bahir Dar on 18 & 19 Jan.

†18 Sep departure allows guests to experience Christian holiday Meskel in the Ethiopian Orthodox churches.

Discovery tour: This type of tour is best suited to the hardier traveller, as it will typically include some quite basic accommodation, possibly longer and rougher road journeys and, in some cases, more strenuous activities,

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Tour code: ETO

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Low season from £3,345
Guide price months: Oct – Nov

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Guide price months: Jan – Aug

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Guide price months: Jan – Aug

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Regional air connections

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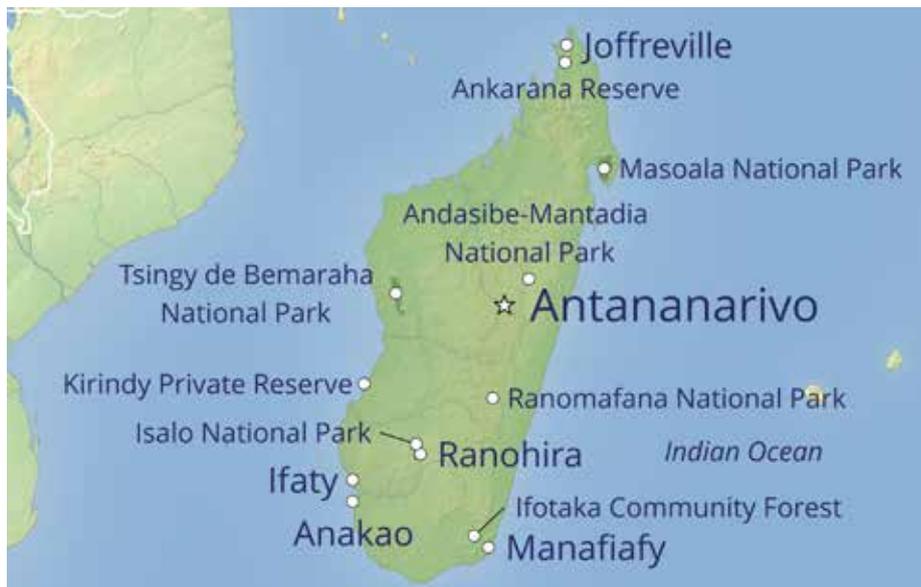
Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
*13 Jan 22	24 Jan 22	†18 Sep 22	02 Oct 22	*13 Jan 23	24 Jan 23
04 Feb 22	15 Feb 22	07 Oct 22	18 Oct 22	03 Feb 23	14 Feb 23
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Discover Madagascar

Geographically isolated some 70 million years ago, Madagascar is a lost world of fauna and flora dating back to the era of the dinosaur. Earth's fourth largest island is home to 18 tribal cultures, five contrasting regions and hundreds of endemic species.

As you explore from desert to spiny rainforest to palm-fringed beach, you can expect to spot some of Madagascar's 100 species of lemur and 120 endemic bird species, as well as the likes of the technicoloured panther chameleon and the silky sifaka. In fact, everywhere you look in this naturalist's wonderland, there is something at which to marvel.



Antananarivo

Antananarivo

Colourful capital city • Sacred Ambohimanga Palace

Forget any negative preconceptions about capital cities on mainland Africa. Antananarivo (known locally as Tana) offers a bustling blend of Afro-Asian culture and a friendly atmosphere that makes the city a must on any itinerary. The Rova (royal fort) sits atop the highest point, while below, jumbles of houses cover the steep slopes and mazes of narrow alleys and stairs crisscross the town.

For an insight into Malagasy life past and present, visit the Ambohimanga Palace, the burial site of former kings and queens, as well as the lively markets and craft stores. You can also enjoy a fun, informal lesson in traditional Malagasy cooking at the Tana Kitchen.

Andasibe-Mantadia National Park

Home to indri lemurs • Untouched primary rainforest in Mantadia National Park

A scenic drive east from Antananarivo, the Andasibe-Mantadia National Park is split into two separate forested reserves: Analamazoatra and Mantadia. Analamazoatra is a small rainforest where the star attractions are the 11 lemur species, the best known being the indri. There are more than 100 bird species and many reptiles, amphibians and butterflies. Mantadia's primary rainforest is magical. Walking in the area can be strenuous and, due to the forest's size, spotting lemurs is not guaranteed. However, this forest offers excellent bird and reptile viewing, and serenity not always found in its smaller sister reserve.



Indri lemurs, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park

Isalo National Park

Deep canyons & magical waterfalls •
Elephant's foot bloom in September & October

One of Madagascar's prettiest parks, Isalo encompasses a huge sandstone massif interspersed with canyons, tapia forest, waterfalls and natural springs. Wildlife densities may be lower than in other parks, but both ring-tailed and red-fronted lemurs are often seen. There are 80 bird species (50 endemic) and more than 500 plant species – including elephant's foot, whose austral-spring bloom creates a sea of yellow. The dry climate ensures suitable conditions for walking year round, and trails cater for all abilities.



Ring-tailed lemurs, Isalo National Park



Fossa

Ranomafana National Park

Beautiful montane rainforest • Home to rare golden bamboo & greater bamboo lemurs

Established in 1991, Ranomafana has quickly become a popular destination for wildlife viewing on foot. Steep slopes and elevations ranging between 600 and 1,400m allow for different forest types, from lowland to cloud. There are 12 lemur species in total here, the best known being the golden, greater and lesser eastern bamboo lemurs. Ranomafana is also noted for its 118 bird species, of which 36 are endemic. Among them are Henst's goshawks, rufous-headed ground-rollers, velvet asities and the crested ibis.

Ifotaka Community Forest

Lemur spotting in rare gallery & spiny forest • Fascinating Antandroy tribal culture

The Ifotaka Community Forest is a reserve managed by the local Antandroy people. Wildlife activities range from spotting ring-tailed lemurs and Verreaux's sifakas in the deciduous gallery forests, to searching for white-footed sportive and mouse lemurs by night in the unique spiny forest. Cultural activities, focused on the Antandroy tribe, are exceptional. Spend a morning at the buzzing and authentic local market, or take a walk with an Antandroy guide into the sacred forests to find huge, individually decorated tombs.



Traditional Antandroy tribal tomb



Madame Berthe's lemur

Kirindy Private Reserve

Best place to see fossas • Home to Madame Berthe's mouse lemurs

Kirindy's dry deciduous forest is home to some extraordinary wildlife, not least the elusive fossa, a nocturnal feline that is the only natural hunter of Madagascar's lemurs. The best time to find them is at night during their mating season (October to December). Madame Berthe's lemurs are one of eight lemur species that can be found in the park and are the smallest primates in the world. Giant jumping rats – kangaroo-like rodents – are another rarity. Kirindy is best visited between October and January when rain-quenched vegetation draws animals out of hibernation.

Madagascar Wildlife Adventure

Duration • 16 days & 13 nights
Category • Discovery

Small-group tour • From £3,495 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,795 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 3-star accommodation
- ❖ Small group size – average 9 people (max 16)
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 13 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Chameleon, Ranomafana

Much of Madagascar's exotic flora and fauna is found nowhere else on Earth. This tour offers an opportunity to discover the island's extraordinary wildlife, natural history, stunning scenery, idyllic beaches and fascinating culture, which is based on a mix of Christianity and ancient spiritual beliefs. Your itinerary is well paced, allowing for a wildlife focus in Andasibe, Ranomafana and Isalo National Parks.

Weather

Antananarivo

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	26	26	25	25	23	20	20	20	23	25	26	26
B	16	16	16	15	12	10	10	10	11	13	15	16
C	279	260	201	61	27	14	19	20	15	69	171	310

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	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	32	32	32	30	28	27	26	28	28	29	30	31
B	23	23	22	20	17	15	14	15	16	19	20	22
C	108	99	40	17	15	12	5	4	7	12	22	104

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Walk in Mantadia's primary rainforest**
- ❖ **Traditional sunset music performance in Isalo National Park**
- ❖ **Special 'chef's dinner' in Antananarivo**
- ❖ **Admire the iconic baobab trees**

Day 1: Fly to Antananarivo via Addis Ababa

Take an overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Antananarivo, via Addis Ababa. (N)

Day 2: Andasibe • Analamazaotra Reserve

Arrive early this afternoon and transfer to your hotel. After welcome drinks and dinner, take a night walk to Analamazaotra Reserve. Here you may spot nocturnal species, including mouse, greater dwarf and eastern woolly lemurs. Overnight at **Andasibe Hotel** (or similar). (D)

Day 3: Andasibe • Vakona Private Reserve • Analamazaotra Reserve

Enjoy a morning walk in Andasibe, returning

to the lodge for lunch. Visit Lemur Island in Vakona Private Reserve, an island sanctuary for lemurs, ahead of an afternoon walk in Andasibe. After dinner, embark on a night walk to the Analamazaotra Reserve. Overnight at **Andasibe Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Mantadia National Park (or Mitsinjo forest)

Spend the day walking through the primary forest of Mantadia National Park. This lush setting is home to the black-and-white ruffed lemur, the diademed sifaka, Parson's chameleon and a wide variety of frogs. Alternatively, for a less strenuous option, walk in Mitsinjo Reserve and plant an endemic tree as part of the area's reforestation project. Overnight at **Andasibe Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 5: Antananarivo

Drive back to Antananarivo for an afternoon city tour, including the hills of the royal palaces and the botanical and zoological garden of Tsimbazaza. Enjoy a special chef's dinner in the evening. Overnight at **Le Royal Palissandre** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 6: Antsahabe • Antsirabe

Drive to Antsahabe, a village typical of the Merina tribe. After lunch, continue to the spa town of Antsirabe for an afternoon tour. Antsirabe is a centre of the gem trade and home to hundreds of *pousse pousse* (rickshaws), a legacy of Chinese labour imported to work on the railways. Overnight at **Couleur Cafe Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 7: Ambositra • Ranomafana

Continue south to Ambositra, known as Madagascar's handcraft and wood-carving capital. Following a typical Malagasy lunch accompanied by folklore entertainment, continue to Ranomafana. In the evening, walk in search of nocturnal species. Overnight at **Hotel Thermal** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 8: Ranomafana

During your morning walk in Ranomafana National Park, see if you can spot the three resident species of bamboo lemur: the grey, the golden and the greater. Endemic birding in the park is also excellent. This afternoon, visit Tanala village. Overnight at **Hotel Thermal** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ranomafana

Enjoy a morning walk in the national park, before an afternoon visit to the Ranomafana Arboretum, home to hundreds of rare tree species. This evening, search for nocturnal species during an evening walk. Overnight at **Hotel Thermal** (or similar). (B, L, D)



Diademed sifaka, Mantadia National Park

Day 10: Fianarantsoa • Ambalavao • Ranohira

This morning, drive via Fianarantsoa, the Betsileo tribe's capital, to the vineyard of Lazan'ny Betsileo. Continue to Ambalavao. Visit the Antemoro paper factory and the Anja Reserve, where ring-tailed lemurs are often spotted. Continue to Ranohira and stay 3 nights at **Relais de la Reine** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Days 11 & 12: Isalo National Park

Spend the next 2 days exploring the spectacular sandstone landscapes of Isalo National Park. Seek out flora and fauna including ring-tailed lemurs, Malagasy hoopoes, Verraux's sifakas and the elephant's foot plant, and enjoy a traditional music performance as the sun sets. Stay at **Relais de la Reine** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 13: Zombitse-Vohibasia National Park • Ifaty

Continue towards the west coast. Stop en route at Zombitse-Vohibasia National Park. It may be possible to spot Appert's tetrakas, one of the most endangered endemic birds on the island. The region is known for its large baobab trees and traditional family tombs, central to Malagasy culture. Transfer to Ifaty, a quiet coastal fishing village boasting a long beach, for your evening farewell dinner. Overnight at **Les Dunes d'Ifaty** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 14: Fly to Antananarivo

Spend your morning at leisure. Late this afternoon, fly from Toliara to Antananarivo. Overnight at **Palissandre Hotel & Spa** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Days 15-16: Fly to the UK via Addis Ababa

After a morning at leisure, take an afternoon flight to the UK via Addis Ababa, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Group tour manager: This tour is fully escorted by a local tour manager from arrival in Antananarivo to Day 13 in Toliara.

Discovery tour: This tour is best suited to the hardier traveller as it includes non-luxury

accommodation, long and rough road journeys and more strenuous activities, such as trekking. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: MWA

Group tour

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

High season from £3,695
Guide price months: Sep – Oct

Single supplement from £575

Private travel

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

High season from £4,895
Guide price months: Sep – Oct

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **18 Jun 22, 31 May 23**

Ethiopian Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,495 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

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30 Apr 22	15 May 22	01 Oct 22	16 Oct 22	31 May 23	15 Jun 23	10 Nov 23	25 Nov 23
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03 Sep 22	18 Sep 22	31 Mar 23	15 Apr 23	06 Oct 23	21 Oct 23		

Discover South Africa

The extraordinary natural beauty and cultural diversity of South Africa often surprises visitors. The Cape Provinces in particular offer rich cultural delights with their combination of Cape Malay cuisine and world-class vintages from the vineyards of the Winelands.

Wildlife abounds, with superb opportunities for both land- and water-based whale watching, along with self-drive or guided 'Big Five' safaris. For dramatic scenery and diamond rush history, the Northern Cape should not be missed, or head up the less-travelled west coast to Paternoster and the Cedarberg mountains to explore ancient Bushmen rock art.



Cape Town, South Africa

Cape Town

One of Africa's most liveable cities • Ascend Table Mountain for the view • Visit Robben Island, Nelson Mandela's former prison

Cosmopolitan, relaxed and with a comfortable Mediterranean climate, Cape Town is sandwiched between Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean, giving it one of the world's most recognised city locations. It offers a captivating mix of modern living and old-world charm. Take a guided walking tour to discover the city's street food, antique shops, art galleries and heritage buildings. Join a boat trip to UNESCO-listed Robben Island, home to Nelson Mandela during his time as a political prisoner. Wander around the vibrant Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Other excursions available to our guests delve deeper into South Africa's political past and engage with the local communities.

The Cape Winelands

World-renowned wine estates • Epicurean delights • Picturesque mountain scenery

Affluent Constantia Valley, now within Cape Town's suburbs, is South Africa's oldest wine-making area, but a little further afield you will find the undulating valleys and towering mountains of the Cape Winelands. Popular destinations within this viticultural epicentre include the university town of Stellenbosch, the French Huguenot village of Franschhoek and the Cape Dutch estates of Paarl. Here, you can sample celebrated local wines, have lunch at a vineyard or arrange to picnic beside one of the pretty streams and lakes. For a whistle-stop tour of several wineries, choose a scenic cycle ride or board the hop-on, hop-off Franschhoek Wine Tram.



Dutch homestead, Cape Winelands



Humpback whales, Garden Route

The Garden Route

Excellent marine wildlife • Quaint towns and local culture • Experience the wild beauty of Tsitsikamma National Park

No visit to South Africa is complete without experiencing the Cape flora and fauna of the famous Garden Route. Travelling east to west or vice versa, visitors can explore by car or guided tour. The area is known for its small owner-run guesthouses and unique farms. Visit Oudtshoorn where you can tour the dramatic Cango Cave, or continue further east to the small seaside town of Knysna which overlooks a picturesque lagoon. Plettenberg Bay offers long stretches of hidden beaches and, close by, the quaint hamlet of Stormsriver at the feet of the Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma mountains. For wildlife viewing, there are a number of reserves dotted along the journey, but a logical extension to the Garden Route is the Eastern Cape – a short drive from Port Elizabeth.



Zulu tribesman

KwaZulu-Natal

Sub-tropical coastline • Rich cultural heritage • UNESCO World Heritage Sites and historic battlefields

Forming much of South Africa's sub-tropical east coast, KwaZulu-Natal features unspoilt Indian Ocean beaches, underrated wildlife areas, magnificent mountain scenery and the rich cultural traditions of the Zulu people. Known as the 'Garden Province', it is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites – the iSimangaliso Wetland Park and the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park – and numerous Anglo-Boer and Anglo-Zulu battlefields. Both Eswatini (Swaziland) and Lesotho are easily combined with KwaZulu-Natal, offering their own spectacular landscapes and traditional ways of life.



Eastern Cape farmlands

The Eastern Cape

Excellent malaria-free wildlife reserves • Community conservation enterprises • Wild coastline

An ideal place to begin or end a Garden Route itinerary, the Eastern Cape has some excellent private wildlife reserves and a striking coastline where great white sharks and southern right whales may be seen. The region's vast plains, reduced to marginal land during the time of the settler farmers, has now been rehabilitated to support a huge variety of wildlife, and Addo Elephant Park has the most concentrated elephant population in Africa. Just an hour's drive from Port Elizabeth and malaria-free, the private reserves in this region are ideal for family travel. Activities range from safari drives, bush walks and alfresco dining to river cruises, canoeing and beach strolls. Accommodation options range from basic chalets to luxury lodges and tented safari suites.



Lioness and cub, Kruger National Park

The North

Renowned for wildlife • Exceptional bird watching • Sleep-out experiences in the bush

In South Africa's north lies the nation's flagship wildlife area: Kruger National Park, one of the largest reserves on the continent. Home to hundreds of mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian and plant species, its unfenced boundaries border some of Africa's finest private wildlife reserves, including Sabi Sands, Timbavati and Manyeleti. Alternatively, the less-visited Waterberg occupies 1,500 sq km north of Johannesburg and comprises craggy mountains, sweeping grasslands and spectacular rock formations. Then there is the 750-sq-km, malaria-free Madikwe Game Reserve, which borders Botswana and is one of the best places to spot African wild dogs.

Experiences in South Africa



Summitting Table Mountain | Cape Town

A visit to Cape Town is incomplete without experiencing the many vantage points of Table Mountain. This iconic flat-topped landmark forms a dramatic backdrop to the city. Hike the trails or take a relaxing cable-car ride to the top (weather permitting) for panoramic views over the rooftops to the Atlantic beyond.



Whale watching from the wild coast | Garden Route

Depending on the season, those journeying along the famous Garden Route may be lucky enough to spot all of southern Africa's 'Marine Big Five'. Take to the water to view whales, sharks, dolphins, seals and penguins, or stop by Hermanus – renowned as a whale watching hot spot – and meet the famous 'whale crier'.



Safaris in support of conservation | Eastern Cape & the north

South Africa offers nature enthusiasts a trove of protected wildlife habitats for safari expeditions, especially in the north and southeast. Track animals into the bush alongside an expert ranger, lend a hand to non-profit conservation organisations, and round off your safari with a sundowner – the perfect pairing for romantic savanna views.

Highlights of South Africa

NEW TOUR

Duration • 14 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £3,755 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,995 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicle
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 10 dinners
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Safari experiences included, as well as wine tasting



Cape Winelands, Franschhoek

This escorted group tour blends a selection of South Africa's quintessential experiences into a well-paced itinerary for lovers of wildlife, walks, wine and sensational scenery. Go on safari, ascend Table Mountain, tour Wineland vineyards and more.

wildebeests and an assortment of antelope species also roam these lands. Overnight at **Kariega River Lodge** or similar. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tsitsikamma & Knysna

After an early morning wildlife drive, head to the Tsitsikamma National Park. Here you can take a scenic walk and cross the suspension bridge that spans the gorge at the Storms River mouth. Then continue west to the coastal town of Knysna. Overnight at **Knysna Hollow**. (B, D)

Days 6 & 7: Knysna

Cruise across a stunning lagoon to the Knysna Heads aboard the John Benn, a classic boat named after a legendary harbour pilot. Then enjoy a leisurely stroll through the Featherbed Nature Reserve. Spend the following day at leisure, relaxing or joining an optional excursion. Overnight at **Knysna Hollow** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 8: Oudtshoorn

Drive to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'ostrich capital of the world'. Take a guided tour of the Cango Caves, one of Africa's most spectacular natural rock formations. Its vast network of tunnels and chambers, which extends for over 4 km, is adorned with delicate stalagmites and stalactites. Then enjoy lunch and an informative excursion to a working ostrich farm, where you will come face to face with the world's largest birds. Overnight at **Swartberg Country Manor** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 9: Cape Winelands

Head out on an optional early morning meerkat adventure, meeting rescued meerkats accompanied by an expert guide. Then continue along the scenic Route 62. Stop at the quirky town of Barrydale for lunch (payable locally). Stay 2 nights in the Winelands at the **Devon Valley Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Wildlife viewing in a private safari reserve handpicked by Cox & Kings**
- ❖ **Experience the famous Knysna lagoon by historic boat**
- ❖ **Enjoy the picturesque route 62 – a real gem of the Greater Karoo**
- ❖ **Tour world-class vineyards on a private wine-tasting 'safari'**

Weather Cape Town

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	25	25	24	22	19	17	17	17	18	20	22	24
B	15	15	14	12	10	8	8	8	9	10	12	14
C	32	31	43	82	136	189	164	163	96	61	40	43

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Day 1: Fly to Port Elizabeth via

Johannesburg

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Port Elizabeth via Johannesburg. (N)

Day 2: Port Elizabeth

Arrive in Port Elizabeth and stay overnight at **The Beach Hotel** (or similar). (D)

Day 3: Kariega Game Reserve (or similar)

Transfer to the Kariega Game Reserve. After lunch, join a late-afternoon safari drive within the reserve, rounded off with sundowners. Overnight at **Kariega River Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Kariega Game Reserve (or similar)

Board specialist safari vehicles for morning and late-afternoon safari drives in a 'Big Five' wildlife reserve. Cheetahs, giraffes, zebras,



Wildlife drive, Kariega Game Reserve

Day 10: Cape Winelands

Spend a full day touring the Cape Winelands. Drive through mountain ranges, vineyards and Cape Dutch homesteads between the golden triangle of Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl. Then join a 4x4 wine-tasting safari at Warwick Wine Estate, sampling 'Big Five' grape varieties. Overnight at **Devon Valley Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 11: Cape Winelands & Cape Town

Take a guided morning walk around Stellenbosch, including a visit to the village museum, which charts the history of the region. Transfer to Cape Town for an afternoon at leisure, followed by dinner at a local home in the Bo-Kaap neighbourhood, tasting authentic Cape Malay cuisine. Stay 2 nights at **The Cape Milner** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 12: Cape Town

Spend the day at leisure or join an optional full-day tour of the Cape Peninsula. The excursion includes a drive along the Atlantic seaboard past fishing villages and the seaside suburbs of Camps Bay and Hout Bay. It continues to Cape Point, before returning via the penguin colony at Boulders Beach, and Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. Enjoy a farewell dinner at Gold Restaurant this evening, accompanied by an interactive drumming experience. (B, D)

Days 13-14: Cape Town • Fly to the UK

Begin your final morning in spectacular fashion: ascending to the top of Table Mountain via cable car (weather permitting; excursion may take place on Day 11). Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home, or extend your journey – perhaps with a visit to Victoria Falls or a beach stay in Mauritius.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

March–April departures may allow guests to experience the famous harvest season in the Cape Winelands.

Tour standards: Superior tour departures are based in 4- and 5-star accommodation. Prices are

based on the standard room / cabin category.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: HZA

Group tour

Low season from £3,755
Guide price months: Apr – Oct

High season from £4,235
Guide price months: Oct, Nov and Dec

Single supplement from £650

Private travel

Low season from £5,995
Guide price months: Apr – Oct

High season from £6,225
Guide price months: Oct, Nov and Dec

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **21 Apr 22, 06 Oct 22, 23 Mar 23, 12 Oct 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £495 return
Club World from £2,395 return

Regional air connections

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Departure dates for 2022-23

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Ultimate Tour: South Africa's Rainbow Nation

NEW TOUR

Duration • 19 days & 16 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £5,495 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Transfers as specified
- ❖ 16 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 10 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Special guest speakers
- ❖ Safari activities on land



Zulu woman in traditional dress

South Africa's evocative blend of culture, history, wildlife and spectacular scenery never fails to captivate. This journey takes you on an in-depth, immersive tour of the 'Rainbow Nation'. Guests can look forward to unparalleled wildlife viewing; insightful visits to local communities and important historical sites; and ample time to enjoy South Africa's stunning beaches and world-class wine.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Experience the cultures and cuisines of historic cities and townships
- ❖ Enjoy direct access to Kruger, one of Africa's best-known national parks
- ❖ Take an insightful guided tour of various Anglo-Zulu battlefields
- ❖ Travel the coastal Garden Route through towns including Knysna and Oudtshoorn, ending at Cape Town

Weather

Kruger National Park

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	34	33	32	30	28	26	26	28	30	30	32	33
B	22	21	20	17	12	8	9	11	14	17	19	21
C	81	62	38	30	10	6	7	9	13	42	57	82

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Day 1: Fly to Johannesburg

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Johannesburg. (N)

Day 2: Johannesburg

After arrival, you are introduced to the city of Pretoria with a guided tour, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Transfer to your hotel for the rest of the day at leisure. Later, attend your welcome dinner. Overnight at **Radisson Red Rosebank** (or similar). (L, D)

Day 3: Johannesburg

The life of South Africa's most famous politician takes centre stage today. Led by an expert guide, discover places that shaped Nelson

Mandela's life on a tour through Alexandra township, Liliesleaf Farm and Soweto. The rest of your day is at leisure. Overnight at **Radisson Red Rosebank** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 4: Hazyview

Transfer to the town of Hazyview, a popular gateway for Kruger National Park. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at **Perry's Bridge Hollow** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Days 5 & 6 : Kruger National Park

Spend the next two days enjoying a variety of morning and afternoon safari activities in the world-famous Kruger National Park. As you seek out the 'Big Five', learn about their natural habitats as well as the conservation efforts protecting them. Overnight at **Perry's Bridge Hollow** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 7: Swaziland

Transfer overland to Swaziland, clearing border formalities en route, and arrive at Ezulwini Valley ('Place of Heaven'). Its attractions include restaurants, hot springs, craft markets, art galleries, riding stables, a nature reserve, a golf course and a cultural village. The rest of your day is at leisure. Overnight at **Mantenga Lodge** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 8: Mkuze, ZuluLand

Continue through Swaziland, stopping en-route at the Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary and a traditional village. After completing border formalities, cross into South Africa, where you enjoy a safari drive in the uMkhuze Game Reserve, and a South African barbecue (*braai*) with Zulu entertainment. Overnight at **Ghost Mountain Inn**. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Mkuze, ZuluLand

Meet your guide for an early morning safari drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park, one of South Africa's oldest reserves. Enjoy lunch at your hotel ahead of a special cultural experience, which includes a visit to a local homestead. Overnight at **Ghost Mountain Inn**. (B, L, D)

Day 10: KwaZulu-Natal's historic battlefields

Enjoy a cruise on Lake Jozini before travelling to KwaZulu-Natal's famous battlefields, which you will begin exploring tomorrow. Overnight at **Rorke's Drift Hotel**. (B, L, D)

Day 11: KwaZulu-Natal's historic battlefields

Spend the day with a specialist battlefield guide as you visit the staging grounds of two important Anglo-Zulu battles. Overnight at **Rorke's Drift Hotel**. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Port Elizabeth via Durban

Transfer to King Shaka Airport in Durban for your indirect flight to Port Elizabeth via O. R.



Leopard, Kruger National Park

Tambo Airport, then check in to your hotel. The city of Port Elizabeth boasts gorgeous beaches, interesting museums and memorials, award-winning wildlife destinations, and a convivial atmosphere. Overnight at **The Beach Hotel**. (B)

Day 13: Tsitsikamma & Knysna

En route to Knysna, visit Tsitsikamma National Park – famed for its rugged, coastal beauty – and dine locally. Then continue along the Garden Route, home to rare fynbos flowers, ancient forests, art communes, golf courses, shopping centres, mountain hideaways and beautiful beaches. After arriving in Knysna, the rest of your day is at leisure. Overnight at **Knysna Hollow Country Estate**. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Knysna

Today, dine as you explore the Knysna Lagoon aboard the *John Benn*, a double-decker floating restaurant offering daily cruises to the Knysna Heads. Overnight at **Knysna Hollow Country Estate**. (B, L)

Day 15: Oudtshoorn

Transfer overland to Oudtshoorn, known as the ‘ostrich capital of the world’. En route, visit the stalactite-filled Cango Caves for an hour-long tour, followed by a delectable lunch. Round off your day’s activities with a visit to one of Oudtshoorn’s many ostrich farms. Overnight at **Queen’s Hotel**. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Cape Town

Continue overland towards Cape Town via the famous Route 62, passing through farming towns such as Calitzdorp, Ladismith, Amalienstein, Zoar and the fruit- and wine-producing towns of Barrydale, Montagu and Ashton. Arrive in historic Cape Town this afternoon. Overnight at **Cape Milner**. (B)

Day 17: Cape Town

Embark on a full-day guided tour of the ‘Mother City’, including visits to Table Mountain (weather permitting) and lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit the historic Constantia wine-producing region for a cellar tour and wine tasting. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Overnight at **Cape Milner**. (B, L)

Day 18: Cape Town

Venture to the coastal outskirts of Cape Town during a day tour of the Cape Peninsula, which includes a visit to Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. See the eminently photogenic penguins of Boulders Beach and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Return to the hotel this afternoon and enjoy a final farewell dinner. Overnight at **Cape Milner**. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Cape Town

Spend your last day at leisure. You may wish to visit Robben Island, Mandela’s former prison turned UNESCO-listed museum; or perhaps enjoy a stroll on one of the many tempting beaches. Later, transfer to Cape Town International Airport for your return flight. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Some road journeys can last 4-6 hours. As such, we ensure there are sufficient rest stops for our guests.

Internal flight schedules may change. We monitor flight timetables and adjust plans accordingly to provide our guests with suitable options.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: ZRW

Group tour

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

High season from £5,650
Guide price months: Mar, Apr, Nov

Single supplement from £595

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **22 Apr 22, 23 Sep 22, 17 Mar 23, 25 Aug 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £495 return
Club World from £2,395 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
16 Mar 22	03 Apr 22	12 Oct 22	30 Oct 22	14 Apr 23	02 May 23	06 Oct 23	24 Oct 23
25 Mar 22	12 Apr 22	21 Oct 22	08 Nov 22	21 Apr 23	09 May 23	20 Oct 23	07 Nov 23
15 Apr 22	03 May 22	18 Nov 22	06 Dec 22	28 Jul 23	15 Aug 23	10 Nov 23	28 Nov 23
22 Apr 22	10 May 22	25 Nov 22	13 Dec 22	25 Aug 23	12 Sep 23	24 Nov 23	12 Dec 23
01 Sep 22	20 Sep 22	10 Mar 23	29 Mar 23	01 Sep 23	19 Sep 23		
23 Sep 22	11 Oct 22	17 Mar 23	04 Apr 23	22 Sep 23	10 Oct 23		

Discover Zimbabwe & Botswana

Zimbabwe's history, culture and wildlife, not to mention the magnificent Victoria Falls, make it a showstopper of a destination. In the west lies Hwange National Park, home to the largest concentration of elephants in Africa. Lake Kariba, the world's biggest human-made lake, offers great fishing and birding. History enthusiasts can also marvel at Zimbabwe's medieval-era ruins such as the legendary city of Great Zimbabwe.

Neighbouring Botswana boasts a high diversity of ecosystems, the most notable being the UNESCO-listed Okavango Delta. About 40 per cent of the country's land comprises national parks and private reserves, and – as most are unfenced – wildlife roams freely, making Botswana one of Africa's premier safari destinations.



Victoria Falls

The Victoria Falls

Walk the Falls • Thrilling activities from land, water and air • Historic hotels

Victoria Falls forms the largest falling sheet of water in the world. Every minute, up to half a million tonnes of the Zambezi River tumbles down into the deep gorges beneath. Locally known as *Mosi-oo-Tunya*, meaning 'The Smoke That Thunders', the falls form part of the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe, with the Zimbabwean side generally providing better views from its network of rainforest trails. For those seeking a different vantage point, Victoria Falls offers unique viewing experiences, from sunset cruises to exhilarating light-aircraft flyovers. Victoria Falls' historic on-site town is a must, thanks to its vibrant community and friendly service.

Hwange National Park

Large elephant population • See the 'Big Five' • Authentic safari camps

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's largest wildlife reserve, containing vast tracts of Kalahari *savanna* where teak and mopane woodlands are interspersed with salt pans and grassy plains. Wildlife here is prolific and population densities rank among the highest in Africa. There are more than 100 mammal species, including up to 30,000 elephants and the endangered African wild dog – the Painted Dog Conservation Project here has a visitor centre and trail system that are well worth a visit. Birding in Hwange is also excellent, with the wet season (December to March) providing excellent opportunities to see some of the 400 recorded species.



Herd of elephants, Hwange National Park



San rock art, Matobo Hills National Park

Matobo Hills National Park

San rock art • Historic colonial-era sites • Track black & white rhinos on foot

Matobo is home to huge granite *kopjes* (hills), interspersed with grassy plains and wooded thickets. It has Africa's highest concentration of leopards and the highest concentration of Verreaux's eagles of any park in the world. White and black rhinos can be tracked here on foot – a rarity in a national park. The ancient San people have left a legacy of more than 50,000 rock paintings, with discoveries still being found. Matobo was also the site of the Ndebele rebellion against the British in 1896. Colonialist Cecil John Rhodes was buried within the park, and his grave can be visited.



Mokoro safari

The Okavango Delta

Mokoro canoe safaris • Gain a bird's eye view from the air • Authentic tented bush camps

The UNESCO-listed Okavango Delta is the largest inland delta in the world. From May to October, its floodwaters are a magnet for animals, promising unrivalled wildlife viewing. The area is packed with Africa's finest fauna, including large populations of otherwise-rare animals such as crocodiles, sitatungas, elephants, red lechwe, African wild dogs, buffaloes and wattled cranes. The delta is a particularly good place to spot some of Botswana's more than 570 bird species. Day and night safari drives, bush walks, seasonal *mokoro* canoe rides, fishing and birdwatching are just some of the activities available.



Boating safari, Chobe National Park

Chobe National Park

View elephants from the water • Remarkable boating safaris • Impressive sunsets

Within easy reach of Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park – known as the 'Land of the Giants' – is celebrated for its huge elephant population, which concentrates on the Chobe riverfront in the dry season (May to October). The park is also well known for its large lion prides, especially in the Savute area, as well as great herds of buffalo and prolific birdlife. Perfect for a slower adventure, Chobe National Park offers unusual wildlife experiences such as boat safaris where guests can sip on a cool sundowner while spotting animals from the water.



Lion, Moremi Game Reserve

Moremi Game Reserve

Botswana's prime big-cat location • Top safari camps • Limited visitors

Moremi Game Reserve lies in the heart of the Okavango Delta, encompassing almost 5,000 sq km of wilderness. Unfenced and surrounded by private concessions, it has been designated a protected area since 1962. Moremi has a good variety of habitats, from riverine and mopane forests to open savannas and shallow flooded lagoons. Wildlife viewing in the reserve is exceptional, especially on Chief's Island, where a large density of big cats – especially lions and leopards – can often be found. Moremi is home to some of Botswana's premier safari camps, elevating visitors' experiences in one of Africa's best-regarded reserves.

Experiences



Tour the Victoria Falls | Zimbabwe

See the magnificent falls accompanied by a knowledgeable local guide. Walk along well-marked paths to many different viewing points for some wonderful vistas and photo opportunities. You can also learn about the local customs and traditions of nearby communities.

The Elephant Express | Zimbabwe

Experience the one-of-a-kind Elephant Express, a rail journey to the gate of Hwange National Park on which guests can view wildlife from a unique vantage point. Accommodating up to 22 passengers, the carriage has a safari design with open sides, an engine at the front and back and specially trained drivers.

Cultural interactions | Zimbabwe

In rural Zimbabwe, visitors have the chance to interact with and learn from local communities. Gain insight into the daily lives of villagers and see how they work with the land to sustain their livelihoods. Less visited than other sites, these countryside communities provide an experience of authentic Africa.

Chobe River cruises | Botswana

Experience the wildlife paradise of Botswana's Chobe River aboard a custom boat. Enjoy sundowners while searching for some of the abundant wildlife here, including elephants, buffaloes, giraffes and hippos.

Mokoro canoe cruises | Botswana

One of the best ways to get close to the wildlife of the Okavango Delta is by *mokoro*. These canoes, traditionally made by digging out the trunk of a large, straight tree, are propelled by a long pole, rather like punting. Availability for this activity is seasonal.

Authentic bush camps | Botswana

Stay in one of Botswana's pioneering tented camps for an authentic safari experience. Under a night sky brimming with stars, be lulled to sleep in the African bush by the calls, chirps and chattering of distant wildlife.

Highlights of Zimbabwe & Botswana

NEW TOUR

Duration • 11 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £5,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £7,995 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Scenic internal flights as specified
- ❖ Transfers as specified
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Special guest speakers
- ❖ Safari activities on land & by water



Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Discover the main attractions of Zimbabwe and neighbouring Botswana – two exceptional destinations that make the perfect pairing. This tour revels in their respective cultures and natural wonders. Experience the cacophony and spectacle of Victoria Falls; embark on safaris from land, air and water; visit a remote village for insights into rural life; and much more.

from a special guest speaker, who shares tales of celebrated explorer David Livingstone. Overnight at **Ilala Lodge** (or similar). (D)

Day 3: Victoria Falls

Visit a remote village for the chance to watch daily rural life unfold. Enjoy an authentic African lunch at local institute, Dusty Road, before returning to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. In the evening, dine aboard the *Malachite* on a Zambezi River cruise, featuring a brief history talk complemented by a sundown cocktail. Overnight at **Ilala Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Victoria Falls

This morning, take a private guided tour of Victoria Falls. As well as a chance to see this natural wonder of the world up close, you will gain insight into the falls' creation and geology, the surrounding rainforest eco-system, the daring exploits of colonial explorers, and local legends about 'The Smoke that Thunders'. Visit the Elephant Walk shopping centre and art village for a special behind-the-scenes visit to Ndau Studio, where you will meet its local artists and craftsmen. This design house specialises in the creation of leather accessories as well as sterling-silver and bead jewellery. Lunch at the lauded Lookout Café and spend the rest of your day at leisure. Overnight at **Ilala Lodge** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 5: Chobe National Park, Botswana

Cross the border and spend your afternoon at leisure, before driving into Chobe National Park on a classic safari drive. Chobe was Botswana's first national park, and is celebrated for the diversity of its wildlife. Overnight at **Chobe Safari Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Weather

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A	32	32	31	30	28	25	26	29	32	34	34	33
B	20	19	19	16	11	8	7	10	15	19	20	20
C	113	104	62	26	4	1	0	0	4	17	49	86

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Find out all about Victoria Falls and its connection to pioneer David Livingstone from an expert**
- ❖ **Visit townships alongside experienced local guides and go behind the scenes at Ndau art studio**
- ❖ **Stay in handpicked safari lodges and tented camps set in the best wildlife-viewing locations**
- ❖ **View the UNESCO-listed Okavango Delta from the air, including its sprawling forests and palm-fringed islands**

Day 1: Fly to Victoria Falls via Johannesburg

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe via Johannesburg, South Africa. (N)

Day 2: Victoria Falls

After time to freshen up, join your fellow travellers this evening for a pre-dinner talk



Okavango Delta, Botswana

Days 6 & 7: Chobe National Park

Alongside your fellow travellers, spend the next 2 days taking advantage of the myriad activities on offer at Chobe. Take to the water and view elephants drinking from the banks, enjoy classic safari drives or simply relax at your lodge enjoying the sounds of the African bush. Spend 2 nights at at **Chobe Safari Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 8: Okavango Delta

A short flight this morning delivers you onto the banks of Botswana's mighty Okavango Delta. With its expansive floodplains, lush forests and prolific game, this is the jewel in the crown for many visitors. Arrive in the afternoon for a thrilling water safari experience. Overnight at **Mopiri** or **Mogotlho**. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Okavango Delta

You've another full day of wonderful wildlife watching ahead of you. Should water levels permit (typically late June to late September), cruise along the delta waters by *mokoro*, a traditional dug-out canoe that offers a different vantage point for witnessing life along the river. Overnight at **Mopiri** or **Mogotlho**. (B, L, D)

Days 10-11: Fly to the UK via Johannesburg

After a final safari drive this morning, travel to Maun for a transfer to Johannesburg. Here you catch your departure flight, landing in the UK early the next morning. Alternatively, extend your stay with an adventure in the Kalahari Desert or a city break in Cape Town. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* Between the months of July and September, the Okavango Delta floods. This increased water level provides some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities and allows for safari by *mokoro* canoe. Departures marked with an * are always extremely popular.

Small flights internally will have restricted luggage allowances of 20kg only, in soft-sided bags.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: HZB

Group tour

Low season from £5,995
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £6,395
Guide price months: Jul, Aug and Sep

Single supplement from £450

Private travel

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

High season from £8,250
Guide price months: Jul, Aug and Sep

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **31 May 22, 06 Oct 22, 23 Apr 23, 02 Aug 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £575 return
Club World from £2,395 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
08 Apr 22	18 Apr 22	*15 Sep 22	25 Sep 22	10 May 23	20 May 23	*07 Sep 23	17 Sep 23
12 May 22	22 May 22	06 Oct 22	16 Oct 22	15 Jun 23	25 Jun 23	19 Sep 23	29 Sep 23
31 May 22	10 Jun 22	20 Oct 22	30 Oct 22	*21 Jul 23	31 Jul 23	28 Sep 23	08 Oct 23
*07 Jul 22	17 Jul 22	01 Apr 23	11 Apr 23	*02 Aug 23	12 Aug 23	13 Oct 23	23 Oct 23
*03 Aug 22	13 Aug 22	23 Apr 23	03 May 23	*17 Aug 23	27 Aug 23		

Zimbabwe: Land of Discovery

NEW TOUR

Duration • 12 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £5,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £6,995 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers as listed
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet the group
- ❖ Guided sightseeing
- ❖ Access to national parks & concessions



Rock paintings, Matobo National Park

Explore the magnificent wildlife, compelling history, intriguing culture and natural beauty of Zimbabwe on this journey of discovery. Your tour includes a stay at the spectacular Victoria Falls; day and night safaris at exemplary national parks; as well as visits to local communities to learn about daily life, traditions and crafts.

Pioneers Lodge (or similar). (D)

Day 3: Victoria Falls

This morning, visit a village approximately 20km from Victoria Falls town where you can witness daily life unfold. This is a chance for a rewarding cultural exchange as well as an insight into rural Zimbabwean living. Dine at a traditional local restaurant before returning to your hotel. Later, a sundowner cruise on the Zambezi provides the cherry on top. Overnight at the **Pioneers Lodge** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 4: Victoria Falls

Embark on a private guided tour of Victoria Falls – whose local name aptly translates to 'The Smoke that Thunders'. Whilst regaling you with interesting facts and figures, your guide will ensure you have plenty of opportunities to photograph this iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the Elephant's Walk shopping centre and art village for a special behind-the-scenes visit of the Ndau Studio, meeting its local artists and craftsmen. Later this afternoon, stop by the famous Victoria Falls Hotel for afternoon tea on the Stanley Terrace with a view of the Victoria Falls Bridge. Nibble on savouries and cakes with your favourite tea. Return to the hotel with your evening at leisure. Overnight at the **Pioneers Lodge** (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Hwange National Park

A four-hour drive delivers you deep inside a private concession in Hwange National Park's northern reaches. This region is renowned for wildlife viewing opportunities, as you will discover with days of thrilling safaris ahead of you. Overnight at **Nehimba Lodge**

Weather

Victoria Falls

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	31	30	31	30	28	26	26	29	33	34	33	31
B	20	19	18	16	11	8	7	10	15	19	20	20
C	171	140	76	20	3	0	0	0	1	20	64	163

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Experience vibrant communities around Victoria Falls, including a behind-the-scenes visit to a local art studio**
- ❖ **Visit the Victoria Falls Hotel for an old-school indulgence of afternoon tea with views of Victoria Falls Bridge**
- ❖ **Enjoy special sundowners inside a private concession within Hwange National Park**
- ❖ **See ancient San bushmen rock paintings and the famous tomb of Cecil Rhodes**

Day 1: Fly to Zimbabwe via Johannesburg

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe via Johannesburg. (N)

Day 2: Victoria Falls

Arrive and proceed to your hotel for a fresher up, before your special welcome by a guest speaker ahead of your dinner. Overnight at the



Herd of elephants, Hwange National Park

(or similar). On selected departures, guests stay at **Camelthorn Lodge** and experience the magical Elephant Express train. (B, L, D)

Days 6 & 7: Hwange National Park

Spend the next two days enjoying exclusive, tailor-made wildlife viewing. All the diversity of Hwange's fauna and flora is within easy reach, and no two days are the same. Embark on day and night safari drives – the latter a chance to spot the nocturnal inhabitants of Zimbabwe's wilds – as well as immersive walking safaris. Spend 2 nights at **Nehimba Lodge** (or similar). On selected departures, guests stay at **Camelthorn Lodge** and experience the magical Elephant Express train. (B, L, D)

Days 8-10: Matobo National Park

Transfer by road to the Matopos Hills, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and your home for the next three days. Activities available range from safari drives and on-foot rhino treks to village tours and hikes to the rock paintings of the San bushmen. You also have the chance to visit the tomb of Cecil Rhodes, located at a spot he called the 'View of the World'. Stay at **Amalinda Lodge** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Days 11-12: Fly to the UK via Johannesburg

After transferring to Bulawayo, depart on a scheduled flight to Johannesburg, where you are met and assisted to your return flight to the UK. Alternatively, extend your stay with a visit to neighbouring Botswana or a city break in Cape Town. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* On Day 5 of departures marked with *, guests will stay at **Camelthorn Lodge** or **Bomani Tented Lodge** where they can ride the Elephant Express train into Hwange National Park.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: ZLA

Group tour

Low season from £5,895
Guide price months: Mar, Apr and Sep

High season from £6,150
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

Single supplement from £795

Private travel

Low season from £6,995
Guide price months: Mar, Apr and Sep

High season from £7,150
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **31 Mar 22, 12 May 22, 16 Jun 22, 31 Mar 23, 05 May 23, 09 Jun 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £575 return
Club World from £2,395 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

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21 Apr 22	02 May 22	*18 Aug 22	29 Aug 22	*05 May 23	16 May 23	*11 Aug 23	22 Aug 23
*12 May 22	23 May 22	01 Sep 22	12 Sep 22	*19 May 23	30 May 23	*01 Sep 23	12 Sep 23
02 Jun 22	13 Jun 22	15 Sep 22	26 Sep 22	*09 Jun 23	20 Jun 23	*22 Sep 23	03 Oct 23
16 Jun 22	27 Jun 22	31 Mar 23	11 Apr 23	*30 Jun 23	11 Jul 23		

Discover Tanzania, Kenya & Uganda

Tanzania's vibrant landscapes are a photographer's dream, from snow-capped Kilimanjaro to exotic Zanzibar, via the plains of the Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater. Visitors can witness dramatic wildlife spectacles such as the annual Great Migration. Neighbouring Kenya is home to wide-open spaces, impressive mountain ranges, deep lakes and golden beaches. Here, too, are the fascinating pastoralist cultures of the Maasai and Samburu. This is the birthplace of safari, and the country's 23 national parks offer exceptional wildlife viewing. To the north lies biodiversity haven Uganda, home to chimpanzees, some 1,000 species of bird and over half of the world's mountain gorilla population.



Ngorongoro Crater

The Northern Safari Circuit

The northern circuit of world-class safari parks • The great wildebeest migration • The UNESCO-listed Ngorongoro Crater

The national parks of Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti form the Northern Safari Circuit, one of Africa's most impressive wildlife areas. Tarangire particularly comes to life in the dry season, when its central river becomes a magnet to large animals, including elephants. Lake Manyara contains a beautiful soda lake and an exceptional variety of wildlife, including elusive tree-climbing lions. The vast Ngorongoro Crater is home to one of the world's greatest concentrations of wildlife and presents dramatic views from its vertiginous rim. The Serengeti is known for its expansive savanna, perennially excellent wildlife and the great wildebeest migration.

Laikipia Plateau

Rugged, untamed landscapes • Authentic cultural interactions • Impressive conservation enterprises

Laikipia is a beautiful region that stretches from the foothills of Mount Kenya to the shoreline of Lake Baringo. The area covers a wide range of landscapes and has become a sanctuary for elephants, lions, leopards, buffaloes and a wealth of plains wildlife. The safari lodges in Laikipia are among the most opulent in Kenya, and the involvement of local Samburu and Maasai communities allows visitors a rare opportunity to meet local people. The large conservancy of Lewa and Ol Pejeta is excellent for those interested in wildlife conservation and learning about the vital work the communities do to protect their environment.



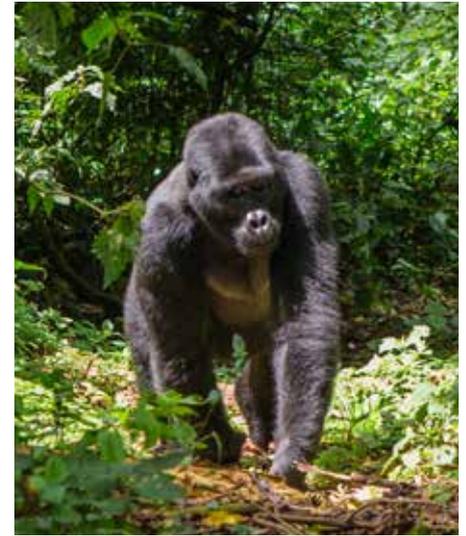
Cheetahs, Laikipia Plateau



Lions, Masai Mara



Chimpanzees, Queen Elizabeth National Park



Mountain gorilla, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest Park

Masai Mara National Reserve

Wildebeest migration • Authentic open savannas a la *The Lion King* • As seen in *Out of Africa*

The Masai Mara is Kenya's most celebrated reserve, made famous by the film *Out of Africa* and featured in the BBC's *Big Cat Diaries*. All of the 'Big Five' can be found here, as well as hyenas, cheetahs, jackals, bat-eared foxes and distinctive Masai giraffes. Hippos and crocodiles are present in large numbers in the Mara and Talek rivers and a wide range of antelopes abound, including Thomson's gazelle, topi and eland. The Mara ecosystem itself is growing as new wildlife conservancies emerge on the edge of the reserve, offering further protection to the animals on their well-trodden migration routes. These conservancies also provide the opportunity to escape the crowds, take night safari drives and go on guided walks in areas where most tourists cannot go.

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Boat cruise on Kazinga Channel • Spot tree-climbing lions • See chimpanzees on guided walks

Queen Elizabeth National Park is a diverse ecosystem that includes sprawling savanna, large volcanic craters, humid forests, sparkling lakes and fertile wetlands. It is an ideal habitat for classic safari wildlife, home to 10 primate species and over 600 species of bird. Against the backdrop of the jagged Rwenzori mountains, the Kazinga Channel is a highlight of any visit, its banks lined with hippos, Nile crocodiles, buffaloes, waterbucks, Uganda kobs and elephants. In the far eastern corner of the park is the rich, tropical Kyambura Gorge, where visitors can go trekking for chimpanzees and take guided nature walks to spot black-and-white colobus monkeys, giant forest hogs and red-tailed monkeys. Ishasha, in the south-western part of the park, is known for its tree-climbing lions.

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Trek to see mountain gorillas • Local philanthropic enterprises • Pygmy village visits

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in south Uganda is home to around 900 of Earth's remaining mountain gorillas. With 120 species of mammal and 350 bird species, this habitat is one of the oldest, most biologically diverse forests in the world. Encountering wild mountain gorillas is one of the most extraordinary wildlife experiences possible. A guided gorilla trek can take anything from 30 minutes to eight hours, and – once you have found one of the 12 habituated gorilla groups here – you have an hour in their company. In addition to mountain gorillas, the forest is alive with an astonishing variety of bird species, including 23 Albertine Rift endemics, and diverse mammal species including black-and-white colobus monkeys, baboons and chimpanzees, as well as elephants and antelope.

Experiences in Tanzania, Kenya & Uganda



Ngorongoro safaris | Tanzania
Embark on a safari across the expansive floor of the Ngorongoro Crater, a volcanic caldera and UNESCO World Heritage Site that serves as a habitat to tens of thousands of large animals, including buffaloes, black rhinos, wildebeest, lions and spotted hyenas.



Meet the locals | Kenya
Experience the cultures and traditions of Kenya's indigenous tribes with visits to remote, authentic villages. Meet the Maasai of the south and the Sumburu of the north – who have preserved their traditions, pastoralist lifestyles and vibrant handicrafts for millennia.



Witness gorillas in the mist | Uganda
Spend a magical hour in the company of Uganda's mighty mountain gorillas. A dozen habituated groups reside deep in the dense forests of Bwindi National Park, one of the last refuges of this endangered primate. With the guidance of experts, visitors can safely trek to see them first-hand.

Highlights of Tanzania

NEW TOUR

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £3,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,250 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation in incredible locations
- ❖ International & domestic flights
- ❖ Small group size – average 6 people (max 12)
- ❖ A minimum of 7 game drives
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- ❖ Use of 4x4 pop-up roof safari vehicles with window seats for all passengers
- ❖ Guaranteed departure with minimum 2 passengers
- ❖ Experienced local tour managers
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Tree-climbing lion, Lake Manyara

Explore Tanzania's 'Northern Circuit' on this rewarding tour of the country's renowned wildlife reserves. Visit the Serengeti, the Great Rift Valley and the Ngorongoro Crater, staying in excellent safari lodges throughout.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Visit the Ngorongoro Crater for a picnic surrounded by wildlife**
- ❖ **Search for rare tree-climbing lions at Lake Manyara**
- ❖ **Spend 3 nights in Serengeti National Park's central & western areas**

Weather Arusha

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	29	30	29	26	24	23	23	24	26	28	28	28
B	15	15	16	17	16	14	13	13	14	15	16	16
C	63	64	144	339	169	39	21	16	16	38	126	91

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Days 1: Fly to Arusha via Addis Ababa

Take an evening flight from London (regional connections available) to Arusha. (N)

Day 2: Arusha

Arrive at Kilimanjaro Airport and transfer to the Arusha Serena Resort for an overnight stay. (D)

Day 3: Lake Manyara National Park

Transfer to Lake Manyara for an afternoon safari drive. The park is famous for its elusive tree-climbing lions and migratory flamingos. Overnight at Lake Manyara Serena Lodge. (B, L, D)

Days 4 & 5: Ngorongoro Crater

Explore the volcanic Ngorongoro Crater, home to a profusion of wildlife including rare black rhinos, lions, elephants and hyenas. Stay 2 nights at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge. (B, L, D)

Days 6-8: Serengeti National Park

Go on safari in the Serengeti, visiting hippo-filled pools, forests frequented by leopards, kopjes coveted by lions, and riverine habitats. Stay 2 nights at Serengeti Serena Lodge and 1 night at Kirawira Serena Camp. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Fly to Arusha

After a final safari drive, transfer this afternoon to the Grumeti Airstrip for a flight to Arusha. Overnight at the Arusha Serena Resort. (B, L)

Days 10-11: Fly to the UK via Addis Ababa

Transfer to the airport for your return flight via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Alternatively, extend your journey with a visit to exotic Zanzibar. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* **Wildebeest migration:** Departure dates marked with an asterisk are those offering the best chance of seeing the wildebeest migration. Wildlife movements vary and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: HTZ

Low season from £3,895
 Guide price month: May

High season from £4,995
 Guide price months: Jan – Feb

Single supplement from £150

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates

*21 Jan – 31 Jan 22	*20 Jan – 30 Jan 23
*18 Feb – 28 Feb 22	*17 Feb – 27 Feb 23
*04 Mar – 14 Mar 22	*17 Mar – 27 Mar 23
*18 Mar – 28 Mar 22	*26 May – 05 Jun 23
★ 27 May – 06 Jun 22	★ 09 Jun – 19 Jun 23
10 Jun – 20 Jun 22	23 Jun – 03 Jul 23
24 Jun – 04 Jul 22	★ 21 Jul – 31 Jul 23
★ 22 Jul – 01 Aug 22	04 Aug – 14 Aug 23
05 Aug – 15 Aug 22	18 Aug – 28 Aug 23
19 Aug – 29 Aug 22	15 Sep – 25 Sep 23
16 Sep – 26 Sep 22	29 Sep – 09 Oct 23
14 Oct – 24 Oct 22	13 Oct – 23 Oct 23
28 Oct – 07 Nov 22	27 Oct – 06 Nov 23
25 Nov – 05 Dec 22	24 Nov – 04 Dec 23
09 Dec – 19 Dec 22	08 Dec – 18 Dec 23

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

Highlights of Kenya

NEW TOUR

Duration • 10 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,350 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in adapted land cruisers
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 6 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Entrance fees to national parks, conservancies & safari reserves
- ❖ Boat trip on Lake Naivasha (optional extra)



Cheetahs, Masai Mara

Kenya promises world-class safaris, dramatic scenery and diverse cultures. This escorted tour provides the perfect pace for exploring both acclaimed and lesser-known national parks, lakes and private concessions.

Signature Experiences

- ❖ **Wildlife viewing in private reserves handpicked by Cox & Kings**
- ❖ **Sip specialist Kenyan tea while learning about conservationist Joy Adamson**
- ❖ **Visit local communities whilst staying near the wildlife-rich Masai Mara**

activities include walking safaris and a hot-air balloon ride. Stay throughout at the **Mara Leisure Camp** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Days 9-10: Depart from Nairobi

Visit Nairobi's Giraffe Centre, before flying home via Jomo Kenyatta airport (day-room facilities available). Alternatively, extend your journey at one of Kenya's fine beaches. (B, L)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: HKA

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

High season from £3,650
 Guide price months: July, Aug and Sep

Single supplement from £150

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates

14 Jan – 23 Jan 22	13 Jan – 22 Jan 23
11 Feb – 20 Feb 22	10 Feb – 19 Feb 23
25 Feb – 06 Mar 22	24 Feb – 05 Mar 23
11 Mar – 20 Mar 22	10 Mar – 19 Mar 23
★ 20 May – 29 May 22	★ 19 May – 28 May 23
03 Jun – 12 Jun 22	02 Jun – 11 Jun 23
★ 17 Jun – 26 Jun 22	★ 16 Jun – 25 Jun 23
15 Jul – 24 Jul 22	*14 Jul – 23 Jul 23
*29 Jul – 07 Aug 22	*28 Jul – 06 Aug 23
*12 Aug – 21 Aug 22	*11 Aug – 20 Aug 23
*09 Sep – 18 Sep 22	*08 Sep – 17 Sep 23
07 Oct – 16 Oct 22	06 Oct – 15 Oct 23
21 Oct – 30 Oct 22	20 Oct – 29 Oct 23
18 Nov – 27 Nov 22	17 Nov – 26 Nov 23
02 Dec – 11 Dec 22	01 Dec – 10 Dec 23

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates** (limited availability)

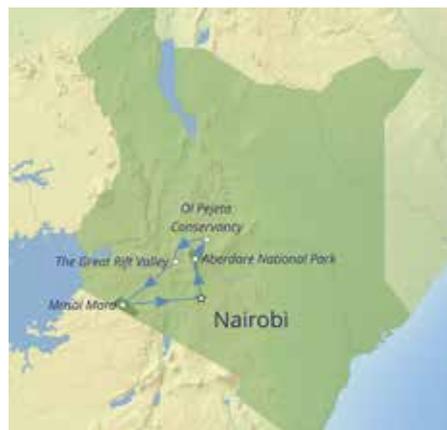
Weather Nairobi

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	25	26	26	24	23	22	21	21	24	25	23	24
B	12	12	13	14	13	11	10	10	11	12	13	13
C	57	49	93	244	186	42	22	27	29	67	151	99

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Day 1: Fly to Nairobi

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Nairobi. Transfer to the **Tamarind Tree Hotel** (or similar) for the night.

Day 2: Aberdare National Park

Drive to Aberdare, arriving for lunch at the Ark restaurant followed by leisure time. Overnight at **Treetops Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Days 3 & 4: Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Spend 2 days on safari in pristine Ol Pejeta. Optional activities include a visit to the Chimpanzee Sanctuary. Stay at **Sweetwaters Serena Camp** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 5: Great Rift Valley

Drive to Naivasha in the Great Rift Valley for an inspiring talk about conservationist Joy Adamson, to sample special Kenyan teas and to visit the museum. Overnight at **Naivasha Great Rift Valley Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Days 6-8: Masai Mara

Transfer to the Masai Mara for 3 days of safari thrills. Admire prolific wildlife and sweeping views alongside expert rangers. Optional

Ultimate Tour: In the Footsteps of the Great Migration

NEW TOUR

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £5,250 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £6,350 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in adapted land cruisers
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 10 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Entrance fees to national parks, conservancies & wildlife reserves
- ❖ Boat trip on Lake Naivasha, visits to authentic villages & access to Olduvai Gorge



Elephants, Amboseli National Park

Tanzania and Kenya share hosting duties for one of nature's greatest spectacles: the annual wildebeest migration. This group tour offers the chance to follow the millions of migrating wildebeests, zebras and antelopes as they move from the Serengeti to the Masai Mara. Enjoy authentic cultural experiences and immersive wildlife viewing in some of Africa's greatest national parks.

backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro. Overnight at **OI Tukai Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 3: Amboseli National Park

Spend a full day in Amboseli embarking on thrilling morning and afternoon safari drives that showcase the park's diversity of wildlife. Look out for bush elephant, cape buffalo, spotted hyena, lion, cheetah and more. Overnight at **OI Tukai Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Moshi, West Kilimanjaro

This morning, depart Amboseli and drive approximately 2 hours to the Tarakea border, crossing into Tanzania. Moshi is one of Tanzania's most vibrant townships, and your visit reveals authentic village life. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at **Kambi ya Tembo** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 5: Ngorongoro highlands

Spend your morning within the West Kilimanjaro conservancy, visiting a Maasai village. Then, drive for 2 hours to Arusha for lunch, before proceeding for 3 hours to the Ngorongoro highlands – arriving for leisure time and dinner. Overnight at **Ngorongoro Farmhouse** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater

Today, you visit one of Africa's most dramatic wildlife destinations: the UNESCO-listed Ngorongoro Crater. Descend to the crater floor in search of the 'Big Five', the forested walls providing a photogenic backdrop. Travel through the Lerai Forest looking for leopard and onto the plains where wildebeests and zebras graze whilst cheetahs and lions lie in watch. Old elephants may pass your vehicle as distant rhinos wander and hippos wade. A picnic lunch maximises your time in the crater. Return to your lodge late afternoon. Overnight at **Ngorongoro Farmhouse** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 7: Serengeti National Park

Descend from the Ngorongoro Crater onto the vast plains of the Serengeti, famous for hosting the annual Great Wildebeest Migration from October to July, as well as numerous species year-round. The concentration of predators in the Serengeti is high, with large prides of lion, numerous hyena clans, and regular sightings of both cheetah and leopard. Elephants, buffaloes, giraffes and antelopes can be found grazing, as can lesser-known species such as aardwolves, mongooses, caracals, servals, and hyraxes. Overnight at **Kati Kati Camp** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 8: Serengeti National Park

Spend your day exploring the extensive plains of the Serengeti in search of the 'Big Five'. If you would like to maximise your time on safari,

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Admire the wildlife of celebrated national parks including Amboseli, Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti and the Masai Mara**
- ❖ **Enjoy the chance to witness the Great Migration (timing dependent – please see date guide for more information)**
- ❖ **Visit the community of Moshi in the Kilimanjaro foothills for an authentic cultural experience**
- ❖ **Activities away from the safari vehicle include walks, gorge visits and boat trips**

Day 1: Fly to Nairobi

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Nairobi. Overnight at the **Sheraton Four Points** (or similar).

Day 2: Amboseli National Park

Transfer from Nairobi to Amboseli National Park by custom safari vehicle. Arrive for lunch followed by wildlife watching activities, when you may spot elephants silhouetted against the

Weather Nairobi

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	25	26	26	24	23	22	21	21	24	25	23	24
B	12	12	13	14	13	11	10	10	11	12	13	13
C	57	49	93	244	186	42	22	27	29	67	151	99

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Wildebeest migration

take a picnic lunch with you into the park, dining in the vast savanna before returning to your lodge later in the day. Overnight at **Kati Kati Camp** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 9: Fly to the Masai Mara

Transfer to the airstrip for a short scheduled flight to Tarime, then transfer to Migori for your flight to the world-famous Masai Mara National Park. Arrive in the afternoon and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure, with the option of a safari drive. Overnight at **Mara Leisure Camp** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 10: Masai Mara

Spend a full day in the Masai Mara on morning and afternoon safari drives, with the option of a hot-air balloon ride at extra cost. The renowned Masai Mara reserve and its adjunct concessions are home to prolific wildlife, including the 'Big Five'. Travel between August and September and you may also witness the dramatic, heart-in-your-mouth river crossings of the Great Migration. Overnight at **Mara Leisure Camp** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 11: Lake Naivasha, Great Rift Valley

Transfer from the Masai Mara to Lake Naivasha, arriving in this wildlife-rich area of the Great Rift Valley for an afternoon at leisure. Optional activities include walks and community visits. Overnight at **Lake Naivasha Country Club**. (B, L, D)

Days 12-13: Lake Naivasha • Fly to the UK

Take a morning boat ride on the shimmering freshwater lake of Naivasha. Then, enjoy a presentation on conservation pioneer Joy Adamson, sample speciality teas and visit the local museum. This afternoon, transfer to Jomo Kenyatta airport for your outbound flight. Alternatively, extend your journey with extra time to unwind on the coast. (B, L)

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

However, the exact timing of the migration varies, and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wildebeest migration: This tour follows the approximate route of the Great Migration.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: UGM

Group tour

Low season from £5,250
Guide price month: Jun

High season from £5,950
Guide price months: Jul, Aug

Single supplement from £795

Private travel

Low season from £6,350
Guide price month: Jun

High season from £6,995
Guide price months: Jul, Aug

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **24 Jun 22, 05 Aug 22, 09 Jun 23, 04 Aug 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £325 return
Club World from £1,895 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
07 Jan 22	19 Jan 22	08 Jul 22	20 Jul 22	06 Jan 23	18 Jan 23	07 Jul 23	19 Jul 23
04 Feb 22	16 Feb 22	22 Jul 22	03 Aug 22	03 Feb 23	15 Feb 23	21 Jul 23	02 Aug 23
04 Mar 22	16 Mar 22	05 Aug 22	17 Aug 22	03 Mar 23	15 Mar 23	04 Aug 23	16 Aug 23
10 Jun 22	22 Jun 22	02 Sep 22	14 Sep 22	09 Jun 23	21 Jun 23	01 Sep 23	13 Sep 23
24 Jun 22	06 Jul 22	07 Oct 22	19 Oct 22	23 Jun 23	05 Jul 23	06 Oct 23	18 Oct 23

Primates of Uganda

NEW TOUR

Duration • 12 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £5,650 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £7,350 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – maximum 8 people
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in adapted land cruisers
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Entrance fees to national parks, conservancies & wildlife reserves
- ❖ Chimpanzee & gorilla trekking permits



Chimpanzees, Kibale

Uganda is a wildlife wonderland, home to the likes of hippos, hyenas, tree-climbing lions, countless rare birds and – most famously – mountain gorillas. This tour of Uganda's national parks puts our primate cousins front and centre, with guided gorilla trekking and chimpanzee walks, on top of unforgettable safari experiences on land and water.

is home to the waterfall of its namesake, where the Nile crashes spectacularly through a narrow gorge. Your second day features morning and evening safari drives, as well as a Nile river cruise to the falls and past wildlife such as crocodile, hippo and elephant. Spend 2 nights at **Paraa Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Weather Kampala

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	29	29	28	28	27	27	26	27	27	28	28	28
B	16	16	17	17	17	16	15	16	16	16	16	16
C	67	75	141	194	172	83	64	86	94	129	163	101

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

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C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Encounter the endangered mountain gorillas of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**
- ❖ **Experience a chimpanzee trek at the lesser-visited Kibale National Park**
- ❖ **Spot wildlife on a Nile cruise to the dramatic Murchison Falls**
- ❖ **Admire the animal life of biodiverse Queen Elizabeth National Park by boat**

Day 1: Fly to Entebbe via Addis Ababa

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Entebbe via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Day 2: Entebbe

Transfer to **Best Western Hotel** (or similar) for the night. (N)

Days 3 & 4: Murchison Falls National Park

Drive south to Murchison Falls, Uganda's largest national park. This haven for wildlife

Days 5 & 6: Kibale

Take a short flight to Kasese airstrip and transfer to Kibale National Park. This enchanting place has one of the most varied tracts of tropical forest in Uganda, home to prolific birdlife and butterflies, forest elephants, bushbuck, Harvey's red duiker, giant forest hog, African civet and a sizeable population of chimpanzee – the star attraction. On your second day, a guided trek will lead you to some of the 5,000 or so chimpanzees living in Kibale. Spend an unforgettable hour watching them play, groom, eat and climb. Stay for 2 nights at **Ndali Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Days 7 & 8: Queen Elizabeth National Park

Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park for 2 days of adventure in one of Uganda's most popular conservancies. Within its 1,978 sq km, savanna, fertile forest and wetland offer refuge to a variety of species including tree-climbing lion, Ugandan kob, gazelles, elephants, monkeys, hippos, chimpanzees and buffaloes. Your second day here features morning and evening safari drives, and an afternoon cruise on the Kazinga Channel. Stay for 2 nights at **Mweya Safari Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 9: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

After a morning safari, drive to UNESCO-listed



Family of mountain gorillas, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Bwindi National Park, with stops en route at local towns. Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is aptly named: 'bwindi' means darkness, and this densely tangled, green wilderness is deeply shaded and rises steeply – from over 1,000 metres to almost 3,000. Overnight at **Mahogany Springs** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 10: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Today is the day. After an early breakfast, head to the Uganda Wildlife Authority Park headquarters where you will meet fellow trackers and your guide, who will lead you into the forest in search of the mountain gorilla. These large primates are extremely rare, with only approximately 1,000 remaining. It can take 6 hours or longer to find a gorilla group – all at relatively high altitude. Although sightings cannot be guaranteed, the success rate is over 95 per cent. You have the chance to get within metres of a habituated gorilla family, enjoying their company for an hour. Overnight at **Mahogany Springs** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Days 11-12: Fly to the UK via Entebbe

This morning, return to Entebbe via a flight from Kihhi airstrip. You will be met and transferred to **Best Western Hotel**, yours for day use, ahead of your departure flight. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Gorilla trekking: Tracking gorilla can involve a lengthy and strenuous hike. Guests must be in good health to take this journey.

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: UGP

Group tour

Low season from £5,650
Guide price month: Aug

High season from £5,750
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £795

Private travel

Low season from £7,350
Guide price month: Aug

High season from £7,550
Guide price month: Jun

British Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,175 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
10 Jun 22	21 Jun 22	26 Sep 22	06 Oct 22	14 Jul 23	25 Jul 23
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16 Aug 22	27 Aug 22	09 Jun 23	20 Jun 22	08 Sep 23	19 Sep 23



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Discover Peru

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

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



Machu Picchu

Machu Picchu, Cuzco & the Sacred Valley

Impressive Inca ruins • Colonial architecture

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

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

Lake Titicaca

Striking altiplano scenery • Floating islands

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



Uros islands, Lake Titicaca



Santa Catalina convent, Arequipa

Arequipa & Colca Canyon

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

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

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



Plaza Mayor, Lima



New Aqua Nera Amazon boat

Peruvian Amazon

Diverse wildlife • Rainforest lodges • Superior & luxury cruises

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

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

Lima & the Coast

Excellent museums • Mysterious Nazca Lines

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

Experiences in Peru

Luxury trains

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

Local markets & communities

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

Inti Raymi festival

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

Off-the-beaten-track Peru

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

A suggested itinerary...

Classic Peru

11 days & 9 nights

Standard from £2,095 (incl. flights)

Superior from £2,295 (incl. flights)

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

Days 1-2: Fly to Lima

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

Day 3: Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley

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

Day 4: Sacred Valley / Ollantaytambo

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

Day 5: Machu Picchu

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

Day 6: Cuzco

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

Day 7: Cuzco

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

Days 8-9: Puno

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

Days 10-11: Fly home

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

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Train to Machu Picchu

Duration • 16 days & 14 nights
Category • Superior & Luxury

Small-group tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,595 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 16 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
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- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 14 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Inti Raymi† & Easter departures



Belmond Andean Explorer

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

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Stay overnight at Machu Picchu
- ❖ Visit the oldest private colonial mansion in Lima
- ❖ Spot majestic condors in Colca Canyon
- ❖ Scenic train journey across the altiplano and overnight aboard the luxury *Belmond Andean Explorer*

Weather Cuzco

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	17	17	17	18	18	18	17	18	18	19	19	18
B	4	4	4	3	0	-2	-2	-1	1	3	3	4
C	153	136	120	46	8	2	4	8	23	40	68	116

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Days 1-2: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima with BA and stay for 2 nights at the **Casa Andina Premium Miraflores / Belmond Miraflores Park***. Take a morning city tour, including Casa Aliaga, the oldest colonial mansion in Lima, and the architectural masterpiece of San Francisco monastery. (N) (B)

Day 3: Fly to Arequipa

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

Day 4: Arequipa

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

Day 5: Colca Canyon

Drive into the Andes towards Colca Canyon (approx 4 hours, partly on unpaved roads, with

stops en route). The scenery is breathtaking, with the terraces of the Colca Valley and herds of llamas scattered around. Overnight at **Belmond Las Casitas**. (B, L)

Days 6-7: Lake Titicaca

Early morning excursion to Condor's Cross, to see magnificent condors flying over the canyon. Visit the town of Maca, famed for its pre-Columbian textiles, and continue by road to Puno and Lake Titicaca (approx 6 hours). Stay 2 nights at the **GHL Hotel Lago Titicaca** on the shore of the lake and take a full-day tour of the floating Uros reed islands and Taquile Island. (B, L)

Day 8: Luxury train to Cuzco

Take the stylish *Belmond Andean Explorer* train to Cuzco. Relax over lunch or with a pisco sour in the observation car as you pass through gentle rolling Andean plains where vicuñas and alpacas may be seen. Dinner and overnight on board (bunk bed cabin). Upgrade to a twin-bedded cabin from £110 per person. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Chinchero • Sacred Valley

Disembark the train and travel by road to the indigenous village of Chinchero to see its Inca terraces and a traditional weaving demonstration. Continue to the Sacred Valley and stay 2 nights at **Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley / Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba***. (B, L)

Day 10: Sacred Valley

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

Day 11: Machu Picchu

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

Day 12: Cuzco

Morning at leisure or further explore Machu Picchu (purchase ticket at time of booking). Return to Cuzco by rail and transfer to the **Casa Andina Premium Cuzco / Belmond Hotel Monasterio* or Palacio del Inca, a Luxury Collection Hotel*** for 3 nights. (B)

Days 13-14: Cuzco

Half-day tour of the Inca capital including the San Blas district, the cathedral and the extraordinary Temple of the Sun at Koricancha. Day 14 is at leisure, or take an optional excursion to the Pre-Columbian Art Museum, Awanaqancha llama farm or the ruins of Sacsayhuaman. (B)



Machu Picchu

Days 15-16: Fly to London via Lima

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Peruvian Rainforest
4 days & 2 nights from £395

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

Days 15-16: Fly to Puerto Maldonado

Fly to Puerto Maldonado and transfer by motorised canoe to the **Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion** for 2 nights (individual bungalow). Upgrade to **Reserva Amazonica** (Superior river-view bungalow) from £195 per person. Take shared guided walks and boat trips and explore the Inkaterra hanging bridges that allow you to observe the incredible rainforest from the treetops. (B, L, D)

Days 17-18: Fly to Lima and on to London with British Airways (B) (N)

Tour + Nazca & Paracas
4 days & 2 nights from £695

Travel south of Lima to Paracas (3.5 hours) and stay for 2 nights at **La Hacienda Bahia** on the bay, or upgrade to **Hotel Paracas**, a **Luxury Collection Resort** from £95. Take a 90-minute overflight from Pisco to see the mysterious drawings of the Nazca Lines, left by pre-Inca civilisations and a cruise to the Ballestas Islands, home to an incredible concentration of sea birds including Peruvian boobies.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

† Inti Raymi festival

The 15 June 2022 departure coincides with the Inti Raymi festival and has a modified itinerary.

It includes a stay at the **Sonesta Hotel** in Cuzco and a full day of ceremonial celebrations in honour of the Sun god. (See page 69)

***Tour standards:** Superior tour departures are based in 4- and 5-star accommodation. Luxury tour departures feature upgraded accommodation as indicated by the asterisks and a special six-course tasting 'Flavours of the Andes' dinner at **Sumaq Machu Picchu**. Please visit our website for details of the hotels included.

Itinerary: The order of the itinerary allows gradual adjustment to the altitude, while taking in the major sights of Peru. There are some

early morning starts and long drives. Currently all departures will fly to Peru via Madrid.

Optional upgrades: On day 11, upgrade to **Belmond Sanctuary Lodge** from £295, subject to availability. On day 12 of the superior departure it is possible to upgrade to the **Belmond Hotel Monasterio/Palacio del Inca**, a **Luxury Collection Hotel** from £145.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Superior group tour

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

High season from £3,095
Guide price months: Apr – Sep

Single supplement from £895

Luxury group tour

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

High season from £3,695
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £1,395

Superior private tour

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

High season from £3,695
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement on request

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 02 Jan)

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus prices on request
Club World from £1,895 return

Regional air connections

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

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Superior group tour departure dates for 2022-23

Tour code: TMP

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)
30 Mar 22	14 Apr 22
13 Apr 22	28 Apr 22
04 May 22	19 May 22
18 May 22	02 Jun 22
25 May 22	09 Jun 22

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)
†15 Jun 22	30 Jun 22
29 Jun 22	14 Jul 22
27 Jul 22	11 Aug 22
10 Aug 22	25 Aug 22
31 Aug 22	15 Sep 22

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)
14 Sep 22	29 Sep 22
21 Sep 22	06 Oct 22
28 Sep 22	13 Oct 22
12 Oct 22	27 Oct 22
26 Oct 22	10 Nov 22

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)
09 Nov 22	24 Nov 22
29 Mar 23	13 Apr 23
12 Apr 23	27 Apr 23
03 May 23	18 May 23
17 May 23	01 Jun 23

Luxury group tour departure dates for 2022-23

Tour code: TML

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)
11 May 22	26 May 22
08 Jun 22	23 Jun 22

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)
06 Jul 22	21 Jul 22
07 Sep 22	22 Sep 22

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)
05 Oct 22	20 Oct 22
10 May 23	25 May 23

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)
07 Jun 23	22 Jun 23
05 Jul 23	20 Jul 23

Treasures of Peru

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Standard

Solo group tour • From £2,595 (incl. flights)

Solo Travellers

This solo group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Portering at airports



Pisac market

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

Day 4: Sacred Valley

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

Day 5: Machu Picchu

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

Day 6: Cuzco

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

Day 7: Cuzco

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

Day 8: Lake Titicaca

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

Day 9: Lake Titicaca

Visit the floating Uros reed islands and Taquile Island on a full-day tour with a home-cooked lunch prepared by a local family. In the

Weather

Lima

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	26	27	26	25	22	20	19	18	19	20	22	24
B	18	19	18	17	15	14	13	13	13	13	14	16
C	1	1	0	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	1	2

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima with British Airways. Transfer to **José Antonio Hotel** for a 2-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Lima

This morning explore the colonial and modern highlights of Lima, including the Huaca Pucllana, a pre-Columbian site, and the historic masterpiece of San Francisco monastery. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley

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



Uros reed islands, Lake Titicaca

evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a traditional restaurant. (B, L, D)

Days 10-11: Fly to London via Lima

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Peruvian Amazon + tour

4 days & 3 nights from £795

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

Day 1: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima with British Airways and overnight at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Airport Hotel. (N)

Days 2-3: Fly to The Amazon

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

Day 4: Fly to Lima

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Itinerary: The order of the itinerary is designed to allow gradual adjustment to the

altitude while taking in the key sights of Peru. Currently all departures will fly to Peru via Madrid.

***Optional rail journey:** On day 8 it is possible to travel to Puno aboard the stylish *Titicaca* train. The journey takes just over 10 hours and does not include stops at archaeological sites. A three-course lunch and afternoon tea are served on board. The supplement to take the train is from £115.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: PSG

Group tour

From £2,595
Guide price months: Apr – mid Oct

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus prices on request
Club World from £1,995 return

Regional air connections

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

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)
27 Apr 22	07 May 22	05 Oct 22	15 Oct 22	06 Sep 23	16 Sep 23
01 Jun 22	11 Jun 22	26 Apr 23	06 May 23	04 Oct 23	14 Oct 23
07 Sep 22	17 Sep 22	31 May 23	10 Jun 23		

Discover Ecuador & the Galapagos

Ecuador offers wonderful variety for the traveller, from Andean highlands with beautiful colonial cities, snow-capped volcanoes, historic haciendas and colourful, authentic markets to tropical Amazon rainforest, cloud forests rich in flora and fauna, and long stretches of Pacific coast frequented by humpback whales. Less than 1,000km west of the mainland lie the Galapagos Islands, whose natural wonders once inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. These remote volcanic outcrops consist of 13 major and 12 minor islands inhabited by unique species of animals, plants and marine life.



Middle of the World monument, Quito



Plate-billed toucan, Mindo Cloud Forest

Quito

Colonial heritage • Middle of the World

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



Quilotoa crater lake, Cotopaxi National Park

Amazon & Cloud Forests

Amazonian communities • Exotic flora & fauna

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

Avenue of the Volcanoes

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

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

Experiences in Ecuador

Otavalo market

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

Cuenca's colonial heritage

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

Traditional hacienda stay

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

Mashpi sustainable luxury

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

The Galapagos Islands

Unique & rare species • Close encounters with wildlife • Year-round destination

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

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



Blue-footed boobies, Galapagos Islands



Endemic

Small boats & catamarans

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



Isabella II

Medium-sized & large cruisers

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



Giant tortoise, Galapagos Islands

Galapagos by land

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

A suggested itinerary...

Classic Ecuador

12 days & 9 nights
from £4,295 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

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

Day 1: Fly to Quito via Amsterdam (N)
Days 2-3: Quito
Morning arrival and transfer to your hotel for a 2-night stay. Take a city tour. (B)

Day 4: Cotopaxi • Riobamba

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

Day 5: Ingapirca • Cuenca

Drive to Alausi. Ride the switchback train along the Devil's Nose (subject to operation) or visit a local Andean community. Continue by road via Ingapirca to Cuenca. Stay 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Cuenca

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

Day 7: Cajas • Guayaquil

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

Days 8-10: Fly to the Galapagos

Fly to the Galapagos Islands for a 3-night cruise. (B, L, D)

Days 11-12: Fly home via Guayaquil and Amsterdam (B) (N)

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

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Discover Chile

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



Valparaíso

Santiago & Surrounds

Eclectic culture • Colourful Valparaíso • World-renowned wines

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

The fertile valleys around Santiago are home to celebrated wineries, country traditions and exclusive winery estates. The bohemian former port of Valparaíso is within easy reach along the coast. Colourful houses and the cable-drawn funicular elevators, running along its steep hills, are reminders of its glorious past.

The Atacama Desert

Altiplanic lagoons, salt lakes & geysers • Adobe villages

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



Atacama Desert



Torres del Paine

Torres del Paine

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

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



Moai statues, Easter Island



Osorno Volcano and Puerto Varas

Chilean Lake District

Snow-capped volcanoes, lakes & forests • Mapuche culture

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

Easter Island

Giant stone statues • Polynesian culture

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

Experiences in Chile

Boat ride on Lake Grey, Patagonia

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

Stargazing in northern Chile

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

Scenic self-drive trips

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

Winelands experience

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

A suggested itinerary...

Essence of Chile

14 days & 11 nights

Superior from £4,295 (incl. flights)

*Luxury from £5,195 (incl. flights)

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

Days 1-3: Fly to Santiago

Fly direct to Santiago for 2 nights at Plaza San Francisco / Casa Bueras* with time to explore

the city. (B)

Days 4-6: Fly to Calama • Atacama

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

Days 7-8: Fly to Santiago • Winelands

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

Day 9: Fly to Punta Arenas • Puerto Natales

Fly to Punta Arenas via Santiago and transfer to Puerto Natales. Overnight at Hotel *Costaustralis*. Luxury itinerary travels directly to Torres del Paine*. (B)

Days 10-11: Torres del Paine

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

Days 12-14: Fly to Santiago

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

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Splendours of Chile

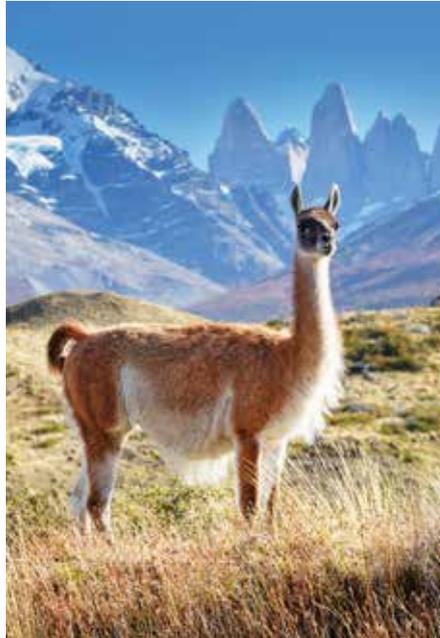
Duration • 15 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

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

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This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 16 people (max 20)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts & 3 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports
- ❖ Christmas departure



Guanaco, Torres del Paine

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

in South America, for views across the city and the Andes beyond. Afternoon drive into the countryside to the Undurraga vineyard for a tour and wine tasting. (B)

Day 4: Fly to Calama • San Pedro de Atacama

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

Days 5-6: Atacama Desert

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

Days 7-8: Fly to Lake District via Santiago

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

Day 9: Fly to Punta Arenas • Puerto Natales

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

Day 10: Torres del Paine

Drive across the wilds of Patagonia to Torres del Paine National Park. Full-day tour taking in the dramatic scenery of granite peaks, emerald lakes, waterfalls and ancient lenga forests. There is also the opportunity to meet the local rangers and learn about their work in the park. Stay at **Hotel Lago Grey** for 2 nights (upgrade to a superior room with views of the glacier from £45 per person). (B, L)

Day 11: Torres del Paine

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

Day 12: Punta Arenas

Drive to Punta Arenas, visiting a traditional Patagonian estancia en route. Discover how people live in this remote region and enjoy a typical *quincho* barbecue. Afternoon short tour of Punta Arenas, situated on the Magellan Strait, and overnight stay at **Cabo de Hornos Hotel**. (B, L)

Weather

San Pedro de Atacama

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	21	20	20	19	17	16	16	17	18	20	21	21
B	10	10	9	6	3	1	0	2	4	6	8	9
C	38	27	18	5	1	1	1	1	4	3	8	17

Punta Arenas

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	15	14	12	9	6	4	4	5	7	10	12	14
B	6	6	5	3	1	0	-1	0	1	3	4	6
C	38	32	44	45	45	36	35	36	30	26	31	35

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

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

Days 1-2: Fly to Santiago via São Paulo

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Santiago, via São Paulo, with LATAM Airlines. Morning arrival and transfer to the **Hotel Plaza San Francisco** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 3: Santiago

Morning tour of Santiago, including the cathedral, the historic main square, the central market and Sky Costanera, the tallest building



Atacama Desert

Day 13: Fly to Santiago

Fly to Santiago for a final night at the **Hotel Plaza San Francisco**. (B)

Days 14-15: Fly to London via São Paulo

Morning at leisure or optional tour of the Pre-Columbian Museum before your overnight flight to London, via São Paulo, with LATAM Airlines, arriving the next day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Easter Island

6 days & 4 nights from £1,095

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

Days 14-16: Fly to Easter Island

Fly to Easter Island and stay 3 nights at the **Taha Tai Hotel** or similar, overlooking the ocean. Your stay is inclusive of one and a half day excursions including various moai platforms, the quarry at Rano Raraku and Anakena beach, the site of the island's first settlement, Rano Kao Volcano and the ceremonial village of Orongo. (B)

Day 17: Fly to Santiago

Fly to Santiago and overnight at the **Hotel Plaza San Francisco**. (B)

Days 18-19: Fly to London via São Paulo, with LATAM Airlines. (B) (N)

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

Tour + Australis Cruise & Buenos Aires

8 days & 6 nights from £2,095

Discover the extraordinary beauty of Patagonia aboard the *Stella* or *Ventus Australis*. Travel across great seas to Ushuaia in Argentina and explore the sparkling glaciers, dramatic scenery and wildlife of the southernmost part of the world, including Cape Horn. Finish with two nights in Buenos Aires.

Winelands / Valparaiso extensions: It is also possible to relax for a few nights after the main tour at a winery hotel or in Valparaiso.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Optional British Airways flights: It is possible to add an extra night at **Hotel Plaza San Francisco** at the end of the tour and fly to and from Santiago direct with British Airways. Please enquire for supplements.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: SOC

Group tour

High season from £3,595
Guide price months: Jan – Feb, Oct – Dec

Single supplement from £895

Private tour

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

High season from £4,095
Guide price months: Jan – Mar, Oct & Nov

Single supplement on request

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (21 Dec – 6 Jan)

LATAM Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,795 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Fri)
16 Jan 22	30 Jan 22	06 Nov 22	20 Nov 22	26 Feb 23	12 Mar 23	15 Dec 23	29 Dec 23
06 Feb 22	20 Feb 22	16 Dec 22	30 Dec 22	15 Oct 23	29 Oct 23		
27 Feb 22	13 Mar 22	22 Jan 23	05 Feb 23	05 Nov 23	19 Nov 23		
16 Oct 22	30 Oct 22	05 Feb 23	19 Feb 23	19 Nov 23	03 Dec 23		

Discover Argentina

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



La Boca, Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires

Grand avenues & opulent architecture •
Bustling cultural life & history

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

Iguazú Falls

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

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



Iguazú Falls



Punta Tombo penguin colony



Lake District, Bariloche

Experiences in Argentina

Andean lakes crossing

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

Mendoza wine country escapes

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

Visit an estancia

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

Wildlife viewing at Iberá wetlands

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

Patagonia

Great wilderness • Awe-inspiring glaciers

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



Quebrada de las Conchas, Salta region

The Lake District

Forest-clad mountains & lakes • Boat trips

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

Salta & the North-West

Picturesque colonial towns • Striking scenery

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

A suggested itinerary...

Classic Argentina

14 days & 11 nights

Superior from £2,595 (incl. flights)

*Boutique from £2,995 (incl. flights)

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

Days 1-4: Fly to Buenos Aires

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

Plate to Colonia in Uruguay. (B)

Days 5-6: Fly to Iguazú

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

Days 7-8: Fly to El Calafate via Buenos Aires

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

Days 9-11: Fly to Mendoza

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

Days 12-14: Fly home

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

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

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Patagonia: Untouched Wilderness

Duration • 16 days & 13 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £3,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,195 (incl. flights)

**Group
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This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
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- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 13 breakfasts & 1 lunch
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees*
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Perito Moreno Glacier

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

Day 5: Bariloche

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

Day 6: Puerto Varas

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

Day 7: Fly to Punta Arenas • Puerto Natales

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

Day 8: Torres del Paine

Full-day tour of Torres del Paine National Park. This remote area encompasses mountains, glaciers and lakes, and is a habitat for guanacos, condors and native flightless rheas. Visit Salto Grande waterfall, Lake Nordenskjöld, Lake Pehoe and Lake Grey. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Lago Grey** (upgrade to a superior room with glacier view from £45 per person). (B, L)

Day 9: Torres del Paine

Morning walk in the national park, close to Lake Sarmiento and the Amarga lagoon for another view of the Paine massif. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 10: El Calafate

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

Day 11: Perito Moreno

Full-day tour of the stunning Perito Moreno

Weather Ushuaia

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	12	12	11	8	5	3	3	4	7	9	10	12
B	4	4	2	1	-1	-3	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3
C	44	49	56	54	49	49	38	44	40	36	38	45

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Scenic Andean lake crossing
- ❖ Face-to-face with Perito Moreno Glacier
- ❖ Stay inside the park at Torres del Paine
- ❖ Cruise along the Beagle Channel

Day 1: Fly to Buenos Aires

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

Day 2: Buenos Aires

Morning arrival. Transfer to the **Alvear Art Hotel** for 2 nights. Afternoon at leisure to explore the streets of Buenos Aires on foot. (N)

Day 3: Buenos Aires

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

Day 4: Fly to Bariloche

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



Lake District, Bariloche

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

Day 12: Fly to Ushuaia

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

Day 13: Beagle Channel • Tierra del Fuego

Morning cruise on the Beagle Channel. Afternoon visit to Tierra del Fuego National Park. (B)

Day 14: Fly to Buenos Aires

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

Days 15-16: Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Iguazú

4 days & 2 nights from £495

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

Day 15: Fly to Iguazú / Iguazu

Transfer to the airport and fly to Iguazú. Half-day tour of the Brazilian side of the falls before

transferring to the **Gran Meliá Iguazú** for a stay of 2 nights inside the park. Upgrade to a falls-view room from £105 per person. (B)

Day 16: Iguazú

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

Days 17-18: Fly to London via Rio

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* **Park fees:** Iguazú / Iguazu National Park fees are not included in the extension.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: PAT

Group tour

Low season from £3,895
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,995
Guide price months: Jan – Feb, Oct – Nov

Single supplement from £895

Private tour

Low season from £4,195
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £4,295
Guide price months: Jan – Feb, Oct – Nov

Single supplement on request

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (21 Dec – 6 Jan)

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £525 return
Club World from £2,495 return

Regional air connections

Prices on request: To/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)						
22 Jan 22	06 Feb 22	22 Oct 22	06 Nov 22	11 Feb 23	26 Feb 23	04 Nov 23	19 Nov 23
12 Feb 22	27 Feb 22	05 Nov 22	20 Nov 22	04 Mar 23	19 Mar 23		
05 Mar 22	20 Mar 22	21 Jan 23	05 Feb 23	21 Oct 23	05 Nov 23		

Wonders of the New World

Duration • 11 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,195 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 20)
- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- ❖ 8 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees*
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Iguazú Falls

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

Recoleta Cemetery where Eva Peron is buried, and La Boca district, birthplace of the tango. (B)

Day 4: Buenos Aires

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

Days 5-6: Fly to Iguazú / Iguazú

Fly to the Iguazú Falls and stay for 2 nights at the **Gran Meliá Iguazú**, with a privileged location inside the national park (upgrade to a falls-view room from £105). Tour the Brazilian side of these magnificent cataracts with time at leisure to explore the Argentinian side, including the Devil's Throat, at your own pace. Experience the falls at dawn or sunset, when the park is closed to other visitors. (B)

Day 7: Fly to Rio de Janeiro

Fly to Rio and transfer to the **Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana** (deluxe city/partial ocean view room) for 3 nights*. Upgrade to a deluxe ocean front room from £115. (B)

Day 8: Rio de Janeiro

Morning visit to Corcovado Mountain and the statue of Christ the Redeemer. In the afternoon, visit Sugar Loaf Mountain by cable car. (B)

Day 9: Rio de Janeiro

Day at leisure. Optional excursions include the Tijuca rainforest, a visit to the botanical gardens or a Brazilian food tour. (B)

Days 10-11: Fly to London

At leisure (use of a day room at your hotel from £80 per person). Evening transfer to the airport for the flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

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

Weather

Buenos Aires

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	29	28	26	22	19	15	15	17	19	22	25	28
B	20	19	17	14	10	8	7	8	10	13	15	18
C	107	102	121	96	76	62	62	67	69	111	101	92

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Fly to Buenos Aires

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

Day 2: Buenos Aires

Morning arrival. Transfer to the **Alvear Art Hotel** for 3 nights. (N)

Day 3: Buenos Aires

Half-day tour of Buenos Aires, including the

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Búzios beach

5 days & 3 nights from £475

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

Patagonia + tour

5 days & 3 nights from £845

Visit one of the most striking highlights of Patagonia for a magnificent glacier experience and discover the desolate beauty of this remote region. Fly to Buenos Aires for 1 night



Corcovado & Sugar Loaf Mountain, Rio de Janeiro

and then join the *Splendours of South America* group at El Calafate (see pages 90-91).

Santiago & Mendoza + tour
6 days & 4 nights from £945

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

Days 1-3: Fly to Santiago

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

Days 4-5: Mendoza

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

Day 6: Fly to Buenos Aires

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Combinations: To combine this tour with Santiago and Chilean Patagonia, please see our *Splendours of South America* tour on pages 90-91.

* **Park fees:** Entry fees at the Iguazú / Iguazu National Parks are not included.

† **Rio de Janeiro:** Departures between January and March 2022 will stay at the opulent **Belmond Copacabana Palace**.

The 17 February 2022 and 16 Feb 2023 departures include 3 days/2 nights in Rio due to Carnival/Champions parade. If you would like to extend your stay to include the parade, please enquire about prices.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: WNW

Group tour

Low season from £1,995
Guide price months: Apr, Sep

High season from £1,995
Guide price months: Jan – Mar, Oct – Dec

Single supplement from £495

Private tour

Low season from £2,195
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,295
Guide price months: Jan – Mar, Oct – Nov

Single supplement on request

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (Carnival & New Year)

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £495 return
Club World from £1,945 return

Regional air connections

Prices on request: To/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)
27 Jan 22	06 Feb 22	22 Sep 22	02 Oct 22	26 Jan 23	05 Feb 23	21 Sep 23	01 Oct 23
*17 Feb 22	26 Feb 22	20 Oct 22	30 Oct 22	*16 Feb 23	25 Feb 23	19 Oct 23	29 Oct 23
03 Mar 22	13 Mar 22	03 Nov 22	13 Nov 22	02 Mar 23	12 Mar 23	02 Nov 23	12 Nov 23
17 Mar 22	27 Mar 22	17 Nov 22	27 Nov 22	16 Mar 23	26 Mar 23	16 Nov 23	26 Nov 23
28 Apr 22	08 May 22	01 Dec 22	11 Dec 22	27 Apr 23	07 May 23	30 Nov 23	10 Dec 23

Discover Brazil

The largest country in South America, Brazil is an amazing blend of landscapes and cultures. Its natural wonders range from the mighty Amazon River and the world's largest rainforest to wild waterfalls, flat-topped mountains, expansive grasslands, immense dunes, unspoilt tropical beaches and an astonishing variety of flora and fauna. A number of beautiful historic towns have well-preserved colonial houses and baroque churches, while the capital, Brasilia, is a striking feat of urban design. Brazil is full of vivid colours, exotic rhythms and an incredible diversity of people, all unified by a vigorous and contagious lust for life.



Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro

Spectacular city backdrop • World-renowned beaches • Unrivalled Carnival

Stunningly beautiful and vibrant, Rio is home to legendary beaches, spectacular bays, tropical forest, samba, football, unrivalled carnival parades and lively *carriocas* (Rio's residents). The celebrated landmarks of Corcovado and Sugar Loaf Mountain provide breathtaking views over the city's magical backdrop. In the old centre, historic alleys and colonial buildings coexist with neoclassical and modern architecture, revealing intriguing stories from Rio's past. The sweeping beaches of Ipanema, Leblon and Copacabana are perfect for relaxing.



Toucans, Amazon



Jaguar, Pantanal

The Pantanal

Premier wildlife destination • Birdwatching & jaguar spotting

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

The Amazon

Rainforest sounds & sights • Jungle lodges & river cruises

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

Experiences in Brazil

Helicopter ride over Iguaçu

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

Bahian folklore show, Salvador

This stunning performance in delightful Pelourinho, the historic district of Salvador, is an unforgettable insight into Afro-Brazilian religion, music and dance. Explosive drumming, exhilarating swirling samba, sacred dances and dramatic *capoeira* (martial art-dance) often bring audiences to their feet.

Brazil beach stays

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

Remote north-east explorations

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

Discover Colombia

This beguiling country, largely untouched by mass tourism, stretches from high Andean peaks and the lush Amazon basin to Caribbean and Pacific coastlines. It offers an intriguing mix of diverse landscapes, colonial heritage and modernity. Discover exciting cultural hubs and well-preserved colonial gems, explore traces of ancient civilisations, visit a coffee plantation, search for wildlife in pristine rainforests, relax on tropical beaches or go whale watching on the Pacific coast. The Colombians are warm and most welcoming, quick to dispel any negative stereotype that may linger from their past.



Villa de Leyva

Bogotá & Surrounds

Vibrant city • Gold Museum • Colonial Villa de Leyva

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



Coffee plantations



Cartagena

Cartagena & the Caribbean

Beautiful fortified town • Characterful colonial hotels • Turquoise seas

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

Coffee Country

Fertile hillsides • Traditional villages

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

Experiences in Colombia

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

San Agustín archaeological treasures

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

Los Llanos luxury tented camp

Explore the tropical savannas of Los Llanos from the exclusive Corocora tented camp, set within a remote private reserve. Journey across the grasslands on horseback or by foot in search of capybaras, anacondas, giant anteaters, howler monkeys and a bewildering array of birds, or help local cowboys herd cattle.

Eco-chic Caribbean stays

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

Treasures of Colombia

Duration • 13 days & 10 nights
Category • Standard

Small-group tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights with Avianca*
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- ❖ 11 breakfasts & 2 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Cartagena

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

Weather Cartagena

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	31	31	31	32	32	32	32	32	32	31	31	31
B	23	23	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	24	24	23
C	8	2	6	34	102	110	97	130	140	218	129	35

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Visit the superb Gold Museum in Bogotá**
- ❖ **Stay at a colonial-style hacienda in coffee country**
- ❖ **Gain insight into the cultural and social transformation of Medellín**
- ❖ **Soak up the atmosphere of colourful Cartagena on a walking tour**

Day 1: Fly to Bogotá

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Bogotá with Avianca*. (N)

Day 2: Villa de Leyva

Early morning arrival and transfer by road to Villa de Leyva, one of Colombia's finest colonial towns. En route, stop at Tunja and Boyacá bridge, the site of the turning point

in Colombia's struggle for independence. Stay 2 nights at the **Posada de San Antonio**. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Villa de Leyva

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

Day 4: Bogotá

Transfer by road back to Bogotá, stopping at Zipaquirá en route to see the remarkable salt cathedral, built inside an old salt mine. Stay at the **Novotel Bogotá Parque 93** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Bogotá

Morning walking tour of historic La Candelaria district, see Botero's art collection and visit the Gold Museum, featuring one of the world's most complete collections of ancient gold artefacts. Afternoon at leisure or optional cable car ride to Monserrat hill for panoramic views. (B)

Day 6: Fly to Pereira

Fly to Pereira in the coffee region, declared a world heritage site by UNESCO. Visit a local coffee farm to learn about the growing and production of high quality coffee beans. Afternoon at leisure and stay for 2 nights at the **Hacienda San José**, an old colonial-style house with delightful gardens. (B)

Day 7: Coffee region

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

Day 8: Medellín

Travel by road to Medellín (journey time approximately 6-7 hours), stopping at a scenic lookout for views over the Cauca River. Stay for 2 nights at the **Hotel Poblado Plaza**. (B)

Day 9: Medellín

A full-day tour to learn about the cultural and social transformation projects of the city. Visit Cerro Nutibara hill for panoramic views, the curved sculptures by local artist Fernando Botero and the gigantic outdoor escalators. Lunch is at Via Cocina, a community project providing healthy food training for low-income local residents. (B, L)

Days 10-11: Fly to Cartagena

Transfer to the airport and fly to the beautiful Caribbean city of Cartagena. Stay at the **Hotel Santa Catalina** for 2 nights. Discover the old town on a walking tour, visit the impregnable



Cocora Valley

Spanish fort, San Felipe and the charming neighbourhood of Getsemani, and see San Pedro Claver church with its fine stained-glass windows. (B)

Days 12-13: Fly to London via Bogotá
Morning at leisure or an optional visit to the national aviary. Overnight flight to London via Bogotá with Avianca*. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + San Agustín
4 days & 2 nights from £595

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

Day 12: Fly to Pitalito via Bogotá • San Agustín

Morning flight to Bogotá and on to Pitalito. Transfer by road (approximately 1 hour) to the small town of San Agustín and stay at Akawanka Lodge for 2 nights. (B)

Day 13: San Agustín

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

Days 14-15: Fly to London via Bogotá

Return to Pitalito and fly to Bogotá to connect to an overnight flight to London with Avianca. (B) (N)

Tour + Tayrona beach stay
5 days & 3 nights from £525

Extend your journey on the rugged, unspoilt palm-fringed beaches of Tayrona National

Park or surrounds, where the lush Sierra Nevada mountains meet the turquoise Caribbean Sea.

Days 12-14: Tayrona National Park
Transfer by road (approximately 5 hours) to Tayrona for a 3-night stay in or near the national park. Days at leisure on the coast or take optional excursions. (B)

Days 15-16: Fly to London via Bogotá
Transfer to the Santa Marta airport for a flight to Bogotá and on to London with Avianca. (B) (N)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

*** Flights:** Late 2022 & 2023 departures may fly to Bogotá via Madrid with Iberia. (See day 12)

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: TCO

Group tour
From £2,395
Guide price months: Feb – Mar, Sep – Nov

Single supplement from £450

Private tour
Low season from £2,795
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £2,845
Guide price months: Jan – Mar, Sep – Nov

Single supplement on request

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (21 Dec – 06 Jan)

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **19 Mar 22, 03 Sep 22, 18 Mar 23, 02 Sep 23**

Avianca flight upgrades
Business Class from £2,195 return

Regional air connections
Prices on request: British Airways to/from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)
05 Feb 22	17 Feb 22	05 Nov 22	17 Nov 22	02 Sep 23	14 Sep 23
19 Mar 22	31 Mar 22	04 Feb 23	16 Feb 23	04 Nov 23	16 Nov 23
03 Sep 22	15 Sep 22	18 Mar 23	30 Mar 23		

Splendours of South America

Duration • 18 days & 15 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £3,795 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,195 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

- This group tour features...**
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 20)
 - ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
 - ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
 - ❖ International flights with British Airways
 - ❖ Internal flights
 - ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
 - ❖ Experienced local tour guides in each destination
 - ❖ 15 breakfasts & 1 lunch
 - ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees*
 - ❖ Porterage at airports



Perito Moreno Glacier

Explore the celebrated highlights of Brazil, Chile and Argentina, combining spectacular natural wonders with some of South America's most exciting cities. Start in the foothills of the Andes, discover the extraordinary landscapes of Patagonia and finish in style on a world-famous beach in Rio.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

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

Weather El Calafate

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	16	15	13	10	5	3	2	4	8	11	13	15
B	5	5	3	1	-2	-4	-5	-3	-2	0	3	4
C	42	40	51	50	48	47	46	44	39	36	36	42

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



- Day 1: Fly to Santiago, Chile**
Fly from London (regional connections available) to Santiago with British Airways. (N)
- Day 2: Santiago**
Arrive and transfer to the **Hotel Plaza San Francisco** for a 2-night stay. Optional afternoon visit to a nearby winery. (N)
- Day 3: Santiago**
Morning city tour including the historic centre, San Cristobal hill and the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Afternoon at leisure. (B)
- Day 4: Fly to Punta Arenas • Patagonia**
Fly to Punta Arenas for a short tour and views of the Strait of Magellan. Continue through the

vast wilderness to Puerto Natales. Overnight at **Hotel Costaustralis** (fjord-view room). (B)

Day 5: Torres del Paine
Full-day excursion to Torres del Paine National Park to see its peaks, glacier lakes and Patagonian wildlife. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Lago Grey** (upgrade to a superior room with glacier view from £45 per person). (B, L)

Day 6: Torres del Paine
Morning walk in the national park, close to Lake Sarmiento and Amarga lagoon. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursions in the park. (B)

Day 7: El Calafate, Argentina
Cross the border to El Calafate in Argentina and stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Kosten Aike**. (B)

Day 8: Perito Moreno Glacier
Full-day tour of Perito Moreno Glacier. Optional boat trip in front of the gigantic glacier wall. (B)

Day 9: Fly to Buenos Aires
Fly to Buenos Aires and transfer to the **Alvear Art Hotel** for 3 nights. (B)

Days 10-11: Buenos Aires
Half-day tour of the elegant capital city and the colourful La Boca district. Day 11 is at leisure or take optional excursion to an estancia in the Pampas or Colonia in Uruguay. (B)

Days 12-13: Fly to Iguazú / Iguazu
Fly to Iguazú Falls and stay for 2 nights at the **Gran Meliá Iguazú** inside the park (upgrade to a falls-view room from £105). Guided visit of the Brazilian side of these striking cataracts and time at leisure to explore the various walkways on the Argentinian side at your own pace. The cascades can be experienced while the park is closed to other visitors. (B)

Day 14: Fly to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Fly to Rio, set on a natural bay and surrounded by mountains. Stay at the luxury **Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana** (deluxe city/partial ocean view room) on the iconic beach for 3 nights[†]. Upgrade to a deluxe oceanfront room from £115. (B)

Days 15-16: Rio de Janeiro
Full-day city tour including Corcovado, the statue of Christ the Redeemer and a cable car ride up Sugar Loaf Mountain. Day 16 at leisure or optional excursions including a visit to the old centre of Rio or a 4x4 tour to Tijuca forest. (B)

Days 17-18: Fly to London
Overnight flight to London with British Airways. Please enquire for supplements for day room if required. Arrive in London the next day. (B) (N)



Iguaçu Falls, Brazil

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Atacama Desert + tour

5 days & 3 nights from £995

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

Days 1-2: Fly to Santiago

Fly to Santiago with British Airways. On arrival take a flight to Calama and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama for 3 nights at the Altiplanico Hotel. (N)

Days 3-4: Atacama

Full day tour of the Atacama salt flat, the Andean desert village of Toconao and the Valley of the Moon. Time at leisure to explore the town or take optional excursions. (B)

Day 5: Fly to Santiago

Fly to Santiago and transfer to the hotel to join the rest of the group. (B)

Tour + Búzios

5 days & 3 nights from £495

The beach resort of Búzios provides a relaxing stay at the end of your journey. Please refer to page 93 for further details.

Tour + Amazon

5 days & 3 nights from £895

An immense network of rivers and forest, the Amazon is home to the greatest number of living plants and animal species in the world. Fly to Manaus and stay at the Amazon Ecopark Lodge, taking local excursions including jungle

walks, alligator spotting and a boat trip to see the Meeting of the Waters.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

* **Park Fees:** Entry fees at the Iguazú and Iguazu National Parks are not included.

† **Rio de Janeiro:** Departures between January and March 2022 will stay at the sumptuous Belmond Copacabana Palace.

The 10 February 2022 & 9 February 2023 departure includes 3 days and 2 nights in Rio due to Carnival/Champion's Parade. If you would like to extend your stay to include the parade, please enquire about prices.

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

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: SPG

Group tour

Low season from £3,795
Guide price month: early Oct

High season from £3,895
Guide price months: Jan – Feb, Nov

Single supplement from £1,095

Private tour

Low season from £4,195
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £4,295
Guide price months: Jan – Mar, Oct – Nov

Single supplement on request

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (Carnival & New Year)

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £450 return
Club World from £2,295 return

Regional air connections

Prices on request: To/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)
27 Jan 22	13 Feb 22	10 Nov 22	27 Nov 22	23 Feb 23	12 Mar 23	09 Nov 23	26 Nov 23
*10 Feb 22	26 Feb 22	24 Nov 22	11 Dec 22	09 Mar 23	26 Mar 23	23 Nov 23	10 Dec 23
24 Feb 22	13 Mar 22	26 Jan 23	12 Feb 23	12 Oct 23	29 Oct 23		
13 Oct 22	30 Oct 22	*09 Feb 23	25 Feb 23	26 Oct 23	12 Nov 23		

Grand Tour of South America

Duration • 18 days & 16 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £3,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,495 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 16 people (max 20)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- ❖ 16 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees*
- ❖ Porterage at airports and stations
- ❖ Easter departures†



Ipanema beach, Rio de Janeiro

This tour focuses on South America's cultural and natural highlights, revealing the continent's diversity, and passing from high Andean scenery down to the thundering Iguazú Falls. Stop in buzzing cities along the way including Bolivia's capital of La Paz, cosmopolitan Buenos Aires in Argentina and the exotic Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **A coast-to-coast, multi-country experience**
- ❖ **Overnight stays at Machu Picchu and inside Iguazú National Park**
- ❖ **Luxury sleeper train journey across the altiplano**
- ❖ **Visit the floating islands of Lake Titicaca and stay on its shore**
- ❖ **Upmarket beach hotel in Rio de Janeiro**

Weather

Cuzco

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	17	17	17	18	18	18	17	18	18	19	19	18
B	4	4	4	3	0	-2	-2	-1	1	3	3	4
C	153	136	120	46	8	2	4	8	23	40	68	116

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Day 1: Fly to Lima, Peru

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima with British Airways. Transfer to the Casa Andina Premium Miraflores for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Lima

Morning tour of Lima, with a stop at the historic Cordano tavern for a local pisco sour. (B)

Day 3: Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley

Fly to Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Inca empire. Transfer to the Sacred Valley, via the local market in Pisac and Ollantaytambo Inca fortress. Stay at the Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley for 1 night. (B)

Day 4: Machu Picchu

Take the *Vistadome* train to Machu Picchu and explore the spectacular Inca city. Stay at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo for 1 night. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Cuzco

Morning at leisure or further explore Machu Picchu (purchase tickets at time of booking). In the afternoon, return to Cuzco by train and stay 2 nights at the Casa Andina Premium Cuzco. (B)

Day 6: Cuzco

Morning tour of Cuzco and San Blas. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursions. (B)

Day 7: Luxury train to Puno

Take the *Belmond Andean Explorer* sleeper train across the altiplano (high plain) to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Enjoy majestic vistas from the stylish lounge car, stop by the archaeological site of Raqchi and watch the sunset at La Raya (the highest point of the route). Dinner and overnight on board (bunk bed cabin). Upgrade to a twin-bedded cabin from £110. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Lake Titicaca, Bolivia

Wake up to see sunrise over Lake Titicaca. Travel by road to Huatajata in Bolivia visiting Copacabana and its shrine en route. See the cultural exhibition at the Andean Roots Eco Village, discover how reed boats are constructed and meet a spiritual Kallawayaya healer. Stay overnight at the Inca Utama on the shores of the lake and observe the southern constellations from the hotel's astronomical observatory. (B, L)

Day 9: Uros Iruitos • La Paz

Take a hydrofoil cruise to the Uros Iruitos floating reed islands and visit the Quewaya Sustainable Project. Continue overland to bustling La Paz for an afternoon tour of the city, including the Witches' Market and Moon Valley. Overnight at the Atix Hotel. (B)

Day 10: Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fly to Buenos Aires, a city of grand architecture and European influences. Transfer to the Alvear Art Hotel for 3 nights. (B)

Days 11-12: Buenos Aires

Morning city tour, including the cathedral, La Boca district and the Recoleta Cemetery. A day at leisure or take optional excursions. (B)

Days 13-14: Fly to Iguazú / Iguazu

Fly to Iguazú and stay for 2 nights at the Gran Meliá Iguazú within the park (upgrade to a falls-view room from £105). Take a half-day tour of the Brazilian side of the falls for panoramic views and time at leisure to enjoy the various nearby walkways on the Argentinian side. (B)

Day 15: Fly to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Fly to Rio, set among mountains, tropical forests and golden beaches. Transfer to the Fairmont



Machu Picchu, Peru

Rio de Janeiro Copacabana (deluxe city/partial ocean view room) for 2 nights. Upgrade to a deluxe ocean front room from £75. (B)

Day 16: Rio de Janeiro

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

Days 17-18: Fly to London

At leisure or optional excursions (day room use from £80). Evening flight to London with British Airways, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Búzios Beach

5 days & 3 nights from £475

Relax at the end of your tour in the charming beach resort of Búzios, with first-class restaurants, chic shops and numerous sandy beaches with crystal-clear waters.

Days 17-19: Búzios

Transfer to Búzios (approximately 2.5 hours) and stay for 3 or 4 nights at Vila d'Este (garden room). Upgrade to an ocean front room from £115 or to Casas Brancas from £165. At leisure or optional excursions. (B)

Days 20-21: Fly to London

Transfer to Rio de Janeiro for an overnight flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

Galapagos pre-tour: Take a pre-tour to the Galapagos Islands and discover their fascinating wildlife. The islands are best explored aboard an expedition cruiser and combined with a 2-night stay in Quito. Please enquire for details.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

* **Park fees:** Entry fees at Iguazú and Iguazu National Parks are not included.

† **Easter departures:** The 13 Apr 2022 and 29 Mar 2023 departures will spend Easter Sunday at Machu Picchu and Buenos Aires.

Itinerary: This tour includes some early morning starts and long days. The flight to Lima is currently via Madrid. Stays in Rio till the end of May 2022 are at the opulent **Belmond Copacabana Palace** hotel.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: GTA

Group tour

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

High season from £3,995
Guide price months: Apr – Oct

Single supplement from £1,195

Private tour

Low season from £4,495
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £4,595
Guide price months: Apr – Oct

Single supplement on request

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than peak season (Carnival, Easter & New Year)

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus prices on request
Club World from £1,695 return

Regional air connections

Prices on request: To/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)
*13 Apr 22	30 Apr 22	20 Jul 22	06 Aug 22	02 Nov 22	19 Nov 22	24 May 23	10 Jun 23
27 Apr 22	14 May 22	14 Sep 22	01 Oct 22	*29 Mar 23	15 Apr 23	07 Jun 23	24 Jun 23
11 May 22	28 May 22	28 Sep 22	15 Oct 22	12 Apr 23	29 Apr 23	19 Jul 23	05 Aug 23
25 May 22	11 Jun 22	05 Oct 22	22 Oct 22	26 Apr 23	13 May 23	30 Aug 23	16 Sep 23
08 Jun 22	25 Jun 22	19 Oct 22	05 Nov 22	10 May 23	27 May 23	13 Sep 23	30 Sep 23

Highlights of Mexico

Duration • 14 Days & 12 Nights
Category • Standard

Small-group tour • From £2,895
Private tour • From £3,295

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts & 5 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Festival departures†



Day of the Dead celebrations

Discover the legacy of the Aztec, Mayan and Spanish empires on this outstanding tour of Mexico's finest sites. Explore magnificent pyramids and temples, colourful colonial cities with their indigenous influences, and the natural beauty of valleys, canyons, waterfalls and tropical rainforests.

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Boat ride through the Sumidero canyon**
- ❖ **Flights to indigenous villages and Mayan sites, reducing long road journeys**
- ❖ **Witness local traditions on festival departures including Easter and the Day of the Dead**

Weather

Oaxaca

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	26	27	29	30	30	27	26	26	25	26	26	26
B	7	8	10	12	13	13	13	13	13	11	9	7
C	4	5	11	31	77	140	92	103	125	51	10	5

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Day 1: Fly to Mexico City

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Mexico City with British Airways. Transfer to the Galeria Plaza Hotel for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Mexico City

Full-day city tour, including the Zócalo (main plaza), the murals of Diego Rivera, the National Cathedral and the Anthropological Museum. (B, L)

Day 3: Teotihuacán

Morning visit to the historic Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Continue to the pyramids of Teotihuacán, dating back 2,000 years. (B, L)

Day 4: Fly to Oaxaca

Fly to Oaxaca, a beautiful colonial city, and take an afternoon tour. Stay 2 nights at the Parador San Miguel. (B)

Day 5: Monte Albán

Morning visit to the impressive ancient Zapotec capital of Monte Albán. Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to the ruins of Mitla. (B)

Days 6-7: Fly to Tuxtla Gutierrez • San Cristóbal de las Casas

Fly to Tuxtla Gutierrez, and take a boat along the Grijalva River to the Sumidero canyon. Continue to San Cristóbal de las Casas for 2 nights at the Hotel Diego de Mazariegos. The following morning, tour this colonial town and nearby indigenous villages. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Agua Azul waterfalls • Palenque

Drive from the cool highlands to the tropical lowlands and Palenque via the waterfalls of Agua Azul. Stay 1 night at the Chan Kah Resort. (B, L)

Day 9: Palenque • Campeche

Morning tour of Palenque, one of the greatest Mayan sites. Afternoon drive to Campeche via the scenic Sabuncuy coast (5 hours). Overnight at the Hotel Plaza Campeche. (B, L)

Day 10: Kabah • Uxmal • Mérida

In the morning, drive to the Palace of Masks at Kabah and then head to Uxmal for a tour of the Mayan ceremonial centre. In the afternoon continue to Mérida and stay at the Casa del Balam for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 11: Mérida

Morning walking tour of the city. (B)

Day 12: Chichén Itzá

Transfer to Chichén Itzá and tour the ancient Mayan city. Overnight at the Hacienda Chichen. (B)

Days 13-14: Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Copper Canyon + tour

5 days & 4 nights from £895

Explore northern Mexico's vast Copper Canyon, one and a half times deeper than the Grand Canyon, and its spectacular landscapes. Fly to los Mochis or Chihuahua and take the Chepe train up the Sierra Madre mountains. Stay at Hotel Posada Barrancas Mirador with views over the canyon and, depending on train schedules, combine with overnight stays at El Fuerte, Los Mochis or Creel.



Palenque

Tour + Guatemala

8 days & 6 nights from £1,295

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

Tour + Caribbean Coast

5 days & 3 nights from £545

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

Days 13-15: To Mayan Riviera

Transfer to Cancun with the rest of the group and continue south along the coast. Spend 3 nights at the **Rosa del Viento**, near Tulum. At leisure to relax or take optional excursions to the magnificent pyramids of Tulum or the coastal channels of the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve. Alternatively, upgrade to the **Ana y José Hotel & Spa** from £165 per person. (B)

Days 16-17: Fly to London

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

† Festival departures

The 13 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 tours coincide with the Semana Santa (Easter week) processions in Oaxaca, while the 28 October 2022 and 29 October 2023 departures coincide with the Day of the Dead celebrations, where families pay respect to the deceased with offerings such as flowers and food.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accessibility: Uneven terrain is covered during visits to the ruins.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: HOM

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £525

Private travel

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

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

Single supplement on request

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (21 Dec - 2 Jan)

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **4 Feb 22, 28 Oct 22, 03 Mar 23, 29 Oct 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £395 return
Club World from £1,595 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Thu)
04 Feb 22	17 Feb 22	†28 Oct 22	10 Nov 22	03 Mar 23	16 Mar 23	10 Nov 23	23 Nov 23
04 Mar 22	17 Mar 22	11 Nov 22	24 Nov 22	†05 Apr 23	18 Apr 23		
†13 Apr 22	26 Apr 22	03 Feb 23	16 Feb 23	†29 Oct 23	11 Nov 23		

Splendours of Cuba

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Discovery

Small-group tour • From £1,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ Simple & Good Standard accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with Virgin Atlantic
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports
- ❖ Extended Oriente departures*



Trinidad

Cuba is changing fast, so now is a great time to visit while its exotic and distinctive style remains. Discover faded colonial grandeur in Havana and Trinidad, delightful rolling countryside, tobacco and coffee plantations, the historical sites of the revolution and the ever-present rhythms of the son and mambo styles of music.

western province of Pinar del Rio for a stay of 2 nights. Established as a sustainable environmental and development project, Las Terrazas provides an ideal introduction to Cuba's countryside life and landscapes. Visit the local community and the partially restored 19th-century coffee estate. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Viñales

Full-day tour of the beautiful Viñales Valley, its tobacco plantations and rounded limestone hills. Visit a cigar factory and take a boat ride through the Indian Cave. (B, L)

Day 5: Peninsula de Zapata • Cienfuegos

Travel to Cienfuegos via the Peninsula de Zapata. Take a boat trip through the mangroves and drive past Playa Girón, site of the 1961 invasion. Continue to the small city of Cienfuegos, with its distinct French influence, for 1 night. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Cienfuegos • Trinidad

Morning tour of Cienfuegos, known as the 'Pearl of the South', and visit the Cienfuegos botanical gardens. Afternoon transfer to Trinidad for a 2-night stay in a *casa particular* in the heart of the old town. Dine this evening at a privately run paladar. (B, D)

Day 7: Trinidad

Morning walking tour of the town, including the Romantic Museum or Cantero Museum and a visit to Casa de la Musica. Founded in 1514, Trinidad contains well-preserved colonial buildings with hardly a trace of 20th-century architecture. In the afternoon, drive to the Valley of the Sugar Mills, dotted with ruins of large former sugar plantations and visit the Manaca Iznaga watchtower, a reminder of Cuba's slave trade and colonisation. (B, L)

Day 8: Santa Clara • Havana

Morning drive to Santa Clara, the site of the turning point in the Cuban revolution, and see Che Guevara's museum and mausoleum. After lunch, continue to Havana for 2 nights at the Iberostar Parque Central. Optional evening music performance. (B, L)

Day 9: Havana

Day at leisure to stroll along Old Havana's cobbled streets or take optional visits to the Bellas Artes Museum, Hemingway's Museum or the Revolution Museum. (B)

Days 10-11: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport. Fly to London with Virgin Atlantic, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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

Weather Trinidad

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	29	29	30	31	32	32	33	33	32	32	30	29
B	19	19	20	21	22	23	23	23	23	23	21	20
C	25	39	39	42	159	204	154	169	208	162	57	24

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Take a ride in a classic American car and stroll around old Havana**
- ❖ **Dine at a privately run paladar in Trinidad**
- ❖ **Experience rural life at Las Terrazas community**
- ❖ **Gain an insight into the revolution at Che Guevara's Museum**

Day 1: Fly to Havana

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Havana with Virgin Atlantic. Transfer to the Iberostar Parque Central / SO Paseo del Prado La Habana for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Havana

Morning walking tour of Old Havana with a stop at El Floridita, home of the daiquiri cocktail. Afternoon panoramic tour in a classic American car, visiting Revolution Square and a rum museum. (B, L)

Day 3: Las Terrazas

In the morning, drive to Las Terrazas in the



Gran Teatro, Havana

*** Oriente departures**

16 days & 14 nights from £2,495

On selected dates, the tour continues further through the interior to Santiago de Cuba and provides a rare glimpse into eastern Cuba's history, culture and mountain scenery.

Day 8: Trinidad

Day at leisure in Trinidad or take optional excursions.

Day 9: Camagüey

This morning drive to Camagüey (5-6 hours). Short tour of its winding streets built to deter pirate attacks, and stay overnight. (B)

Days 10-11: Holguin • Santiago de Cuba

Full-day journey to Santiago de Cuba for a 2-night stay, visiting Holguin and Castro's birthplace at Biran en route. Explore the island's first capital and birthplace of Afro-Cuban culture including the historical centre, El Morro fortress, and the Gran Piedra and the Sierra Maestra mountains. (B, L)

Day 12: Sancti Spiritus

Full-day journey to Sancti Spiritus for an overnight stay visiting El Cobre church, Cuba's most important shrine, and Bayamo en route. (B)

Days 13-14: Santa Clara • Havana

Take a short city tour and continue to historic Santa Clara for a visit and onto Havana for 2 nights at the SO Paseo del Prado hotel. (B)

Days 15-16: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Fly to London overnight with Virgin Atlantic. (B) (N)

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Cayo Santa Maria

7 days & 5 nights from £325

After visiting Santa Clara on day 8 or day 13, continue to a white sandy cay off Cuba's north coast. Stay for 4 nights at the all-inclusive **Meliá Cayo Santa Maria** or the first class **Meliá Buenavista** (upgrade to an ocean-view room from £85). Drive back to Havana for a final night before your flight to London with Virgin Atlantic.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation: This tour features a combination of simple, good standard and superior hotels, and *casas particulares*, which are simple, private, bed and breakfast-style accommodations that allow for an authentic insight into the Cuban way of life. Cuba combines increasing popularity with very limited good quality hotel options and the properties we use may vary from departure to departure. The specific accommodation for each departure as well as the exact order of your itinerary will be confirmed in your final travel documents.

Travel in Cuba: We recommend an extremely flexible approach to booking a holiday and travel in Cuba. The extended Oriente departures are better suited to the hardier traveller due to longer road drives.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: CUB / CUO

Group tour

Low season from £1,895
Guide price months: Jan, Nov

High season from £1,995
Guide price months: Feb – Mar

Single supplement from £475

Private tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,495
Guide price months: Jan – Mar

Single supplement on request

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (21 Dec – 06 Jan)

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **13 Mar 22, 13 Nov 22, 19 Mar 23, 12 Nov 23**

Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £595 return
Upper Class from £1,695 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

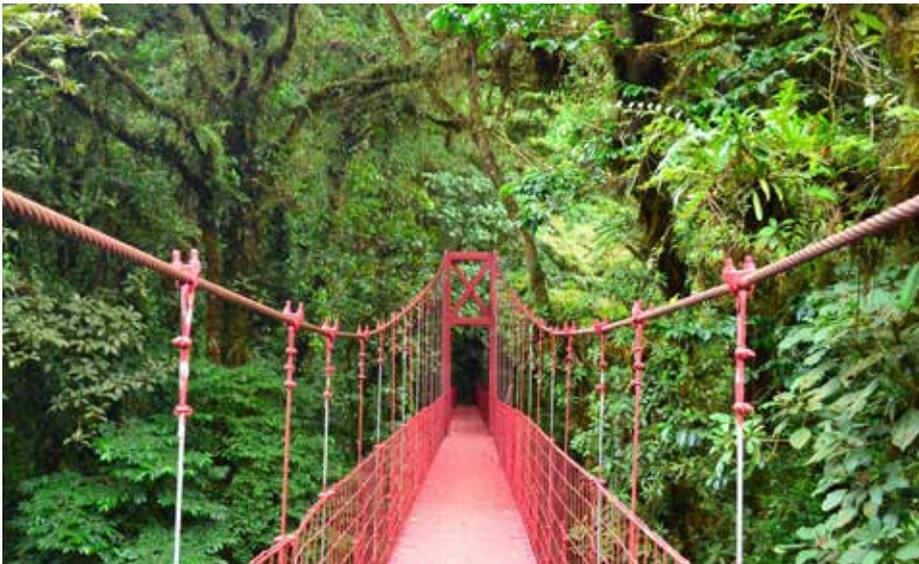
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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Wed)						
23 Jan 22	02 Feb 22	13 Mar 22	23 Mar 22	22 Jan 23	01 Feb 23	*28 Feb 23	15 Mar 23
*01 Feb 22	16 Feb 22	27 Mar 22	06 Apr 22	*31 Jan 23	15 Feb 23	05 Mar 23	15 Mar 23
27 Feb 22	09 Mar 22	*01 Nov 22	16 Nov 22	05 Feb 23	15 Feb 23	19 Mar 23	29 Mar 23
*01 Mar 22	16 Mar 22	13 Nov 22	23 Nov 22	19 Feb 23	01 Mar 23		

Discover Costa Rica

One of the most ecologically diverse places on Earth, Costa Rica is a nature-lover's paradise. Its landscapes range from smouldering volcanoes, cloud forests and coffee plantations to pristine rainforests and beautiful beaches on the Caribbean and Pacific coasts. National parks and reserves protect more than a quarter of its territory and its incredible biodiversity, including thousands of colourful butterflies and more than 800 bird species. The country's relatively small size, combined with unspoilt beaches and tropical forests, provides opportunities for self-drive exploration, memorable family holidays and a perfect balance of adventure and relaxation.



Canopy walkway, Monteverde

Monteverde & Cloud Forests

Quetzals & butterflies • Canopy walkways

Reached along unpaved roads, the mist-shrouded Monteverde cloud forest and the adjacent, but smaller, Santa Elena Reserve are home to a wealth of plant life and many species of butterflies, insects and birds, including resplendent quetzals. Hike along trails surrounded by hanging vines and flowering orchids or stroll through the treetops on canopy walkways – suspended bridges that bring you closer to the flora and fauna. Superb and quieter alternatives that attract fewer visitors than Monteverde are the 800-hectare reserve of Los Angeles cloud forest and the private reserve of El Silencio Lodge & Spa in the Central Valley.

Tortuguero & the Caribbean

Boat trips along canals • Turtle watching

Tortuguero National Park is located on the northern Caribbean coast and is accessible only by boat or plane. We recommend travelling past banana plantations and then taking a boat through the network of waterways that penetrate the dense tropical forests, linking rivers and lagoons. Simple but comfortable lodges are located along the canal banks, well situated for easy forest hikes or boat trips to spot monkeys, sloths, caimans and toucans. Green turtles lay their eggs on the beaches here between July and September, while leatherbacks can be seen from March to June. The untamed coast further south has pristine tropical beaches and an easy-going ambience.



Tortuguero canals



Squirrel monkeys, Manuel Antonio

Manuel Antonio & Surrounds

Jungle-clad beaches • Superb wildlife viewing

The small and superb Manuel Antonio National Park has lush rainforest fringed by beautiful beaches and rocky headlands. Its wildlife includes white-faced capuchins, howler and squirrel monkeys, toucans, sloths and agoutis. Hotels on the forested cliffs enjoy panoramic ocean views and easy access to the beaches and are perfect for combining exploration and relaxation. The Carara National Park, to the north, is home to crocodiles, monkeys and scarlet macaws.



Caño Negro wetlands



Tamarindo

Tamarindo & the Nicoya Peninsula

Unspoilt beaches • Nesting turtles

The Nicoya Peninsula offers some of Costa Rica's finest beaches and one of the largest remaining areas of dry forest in Central America. The somewhat developed beach town of Tamarindo retains a laid-back atmosphere and it is possible to relax here, explore the mangroves by boat or take an excursion to see nesting leatherback turtles. The southern part of Nicoya is more remote and has secluded hideaways such as Punta Islita, perched on a hillside above a private beach.

Arenal & the North

Active volcanoes • Hot springs • Caño Negro boat trip & birdlife

The impressive cone-shaped Arenal Volcano, until recently one of the region's most active, is surrounded by beautiful scenery. The majority of the hotels here are set in lush tropical gardens and provide excellent views. Attractions nearby include hot springs, canopy walkways in the treetops and boat trips along the Río Frío and the Caño Negro wetlands for superb birdwatching. To the north-west are the turquoise waters of Rio Celeste and the geothermal springs and boiling mud pools of Rincon de la Vieja National Park.

Experiences in Costa Rica

Turtle watching on the beach

Costa Rica is home to six species of turtles including leatherbacks, the largest sea turtles. During the nesting season, watch adults laying eggs and baby turtles making their way to the sea. There are sites both on the Caribbean side (Tortuguero) and the Pacific coast (Tamarindo and Ostional) offering good possibilities of a sighting.

Birdwatching

More than 850 bird species, many of which are endemic, live in Costa Rica's varied habitats. Besides the cloud forests, the Osa peninsula and Caño Negro, waterfowl also thrive in the fresh and saltwater lagoons of the Palo Verde wetlands. The Sarapiquí rainforest around La Selva Biological Station contains more than half of the country's bird species, while the small, forested farming community of San Gerardo is home to trogons, hummingbirds, and striking quetzals.

Natural hot springs

The natural thermal springs at the foot of the Arenal Volcano and Rincon de la Vieja National Park offer superb opportunities for a soak in soothing, mineral-rich natural pools of varying sizes and temperatures. The steaming hot springs are usually surrounded by lush vegetation, creating a truly idyllic place to unwind.

Remote Osa Peninsula

This magnificent peninsula is covered in dense primary rainforest, and is home to Corcovado National Park, described by National Geographic as "the most biologically intense place on Earth". Stay in a rustic luxury lodge and spot a plethora of exotic creatures including monkeys, sloths, ocelots, anteaters, toucans, scarlet macaws and more. Offshore, palm-fringed Caño Island is home to beautiful sandy beaches and excellent snorkelling opportunities.

A suggested itinerary...

Costa Rica Adventure

12 days & 10 nights

Guided from £2,395 (incl. flights)

Self-drive from £1,895 (incl. flights)

Category • Standard

Take a self-drive or guided tour to explore the small natural paradise of Costa Rica. Discover tropical beaches, misty cloud forests and a wealth of wildlife with a partner or the whole family.

Days 1-2: Fly to San José

Fly from London to San José with British Airways. Stay for 2 nights. Visit the impressive Poas or Irazú Volcano. (N) (B)

Days 3-4: Arenal

Drive to Arenal for a 2-night stay. For a bird's-eye view of the rainforest, Arenal Volcano and lake, visit the Sky Adventure Park. Relax at Tabacon's natural hot springs and pools. (B)

Days 5-6: Monteverde

Drive to Monteverde for 2 nights. Explore the cloud forest reserve; spot wildlife from hanging canopy walkways and visit butterfly and hummingbird gardens. (B)

Days 7-10: Manuel Antonio or Nicoya

Continue to Manuel Antonio for a 4-night stay. Relax on the Pacific coast, visit the

national park or take an optional boat tour in search of dolphins. Alternatively, continue to the Nicoya Peninsula and upgrade to the luxurious Punta Islita. (B)

Days 11-12: San José • Fly home

Transfer to San José for an overnight direct flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

Tailor-made travel

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Natural Splendours of Costa Rica

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Standard

Small-group tour • From £1,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,295 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 16 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Resplendent quetzal, Monteverde

Located between the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, the small country of Costa Rica is one of the most ecologically diverse places on Earth. This journey explores some of the major national parks and the astonishing variety of wildlife and contrasting habitats found here, including rainforest, cloud forest, volcanoes, lakes and canals.

to September, an option is available to observe turtles nesting on the beach. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Arenal

Return to Caño Blanco by boat and drive to Arenal, visiting La Selva Biological Station en route. Learn about the scientific and conservation work of the researchers and take a short walk in the protected rainforest surroundings. Stay 2 nights at **Arenal Paraiso**, with views of Arenal Volcano. (B, L)

Day 6: Caño Negro

Full-day tour to Caño Negro, an important wetland habitat for a range of bird species. (B, L)

Day 7: Lake Arenal • Monteverde

Shared boat across Lake Arenal, taking in the spectacular views of the lake and its surroundings. Continue to Monteverde for 2 nights at the **Fonda Vela Hotel**. Afternoon visit to the Selvatura Butterfly Garden & Walkways and explore the treetop canopy from its hanging bridges. (B)

Day 8: Monteverde

Morning tour of the Monteverde cloud forest, a habitat for rare flora and fauna, such as the colourful quetzal bird. Afternoon visit to a typical family-run farm to learn about coffee and sugar cane production. (B, L)

Day 9: Sarchí • San José

Return to San José via the town of Sarchí, home to traditional handicrafts and colourfully painted oxcarts, and final overnight. (B)

Days 10-11: Fly to London

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

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

Weather Monteverde

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	26	27	28	29	27	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
B	18	18	18	19	19	19	19	18	19	18	18	18
C	130	67	46	53	255	342	302	340	383	423	262	184

Tortuguero

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	29	30	31	32	31	30	30	29	29	29	29	29
B	23	23	24	24	24	23	24	23	23	23	22	22
C	412	257	177	251	338	431	624	463	303	400	600	619

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **View the conical Arenal Volcano from your hotel**
- ❖ **Cruise the canals of Tortuguero and cross Lake Arenal by boat**
- ❖ **Explore forest canopies from the hanging bridges at Monteverde**
- ❖ **Take a boat trip through the Caño Negro wetlands**

Days 1-2: Fly to San José

Fly from London (regional connections available) to San José with British Airways. Transfer to the **Crowne Plaza Corobici Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. In the morning, visit Poas or Irazú Volcano and see its impressive crater and surroundings. (N) (B)

Days 3-4: Tortuguero

Shared overland transfer to Caño Blanco on the Caribbean coast. Cruise through the canals and backwaters that lead to Tortuguero, looking for birdlife, monkeys, sloths and other wildlife. Stay for 2 nights at **Mawamba Lodge** and enjoy a full day of shared local excursions. From July



TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Manuel Antonio

6 days & 4 nights from £545

The smallest of Costa Rica's national parks, Manuel Antonio is also one of the most visited due to the remarkable diversity of its wildlife. Its rainforest extends right down to the beautiful beaches where it is possible to spot monkeys, sloths and armadillos.

Days 9-12: Manuel Antonio

Leave the group in Sarchí and drive to Manuel Antonio (3 hours). Stay 4 nights at the **Parador Resort & Spa** with panoramic views of the ocean, beach and jungle. Days at leisure or take optional excursions, such as rainforest



Arenal Volcano

walks and boat tours in search of dolphins. (B)
Days 13 & 14: Fly to London
 Transfer to San José airport (approx 2.5 hours) for an overnight flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

Tour + Tamarindo
 6 days & 4 nights from £495

Tamarindo is situated in Guanacaste on the Pacific coast, with an abundance of sandy beaches. Nearby Playa Grande is one of Costa Rica's most important nesting sites for endangered leatherback turtles.

Days 9-11: Tamarindo
 Drive from Monteverde to Tamarindo (approx 3-4 hours). Stay for 3 nights at the Wyndham Tamarindo with ocean views or upgrade to the beachfront Capitán Suizo from £175. At leisure or optional turtle watching (Nov-Mar) or boat trips through the mangroves. (B)

Days 12-14: San José • London
 Transfer to San José by road (4.5 hours) for a final night before your flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

Tour + Corcovado
 5 days & 3 nights from £1,295

Fly to Palmar Sur and take a boat to Casa Corcovado Lodge for 3 nights on a full board basis. Take a local shared excursion to explore Corcovado National Park and its trails, and a boat trip to Caño Island.

Tour + Panama
 5 days & 3 nights from £745

Travel along the Panama Canal, one of the extraordinary wonders of modern engineering, and see how boats transit through the locks. Explore the colonial

heritage of Panama City or go birdwatching in the tropical rainforest.

Days 9-11: Fly to Panama City
 Return to San José and fly to Panama City for 3 nights at the Best Western Plus Panama Zen Hotel. Take a half-day transit on the Panama Canal and tour colonial Panama. Add an optional visit to the Miraflores canal locks or to Soberanía National Park for some excellent birding. (B)

Days 12-13: Fly to London via Madrid / Miami
 It is possible to further extend your stay at one of the Pacific beaches near to Panama City or the Caribbean Bocas del Toro archipelago. (B)(N)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Standard tour: All the lodges are comfortable but do not always have a wide range of facilities. The tour also includes some longer drives on unpaved roads.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: NSR

Group tour

Low season from £1,895
 Guide price months: Jan, Nov

High season from £1,995
 Guide price months: Feb – Mar

Single supplement from £345

Private tour

Low season from £2,295
 Guide price month: Late Apr

High season from £2,395
 Guide price months: Jan – Mar

Single supplement on request

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (21 Dec – 06 Jan & Easter)

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £495 return
 Club World from £1,595 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)						
27 Jan 22	06 Feb 22	17 Mar 22	27 Mar 22	26 Jan 23	05 Feb 23	16 Mar 23	26 Mar 23
10 Feb 22	20 Feb 22	10 Nov 22	20 Nov 22	09 Feb 23	19 Feb 23	09 Nov 23	19 Nov 23
17 Feb 22	27 Feb 22	24 Nov 22	04 Dec 22	16 Feb 23	26 Feb 23	23 Nov 23	03 Dec 23
03 Mar 22	13 Mar 22	12 Jan 23	22 Jan 23	02 Mar 23	12 Mar 23		

Panama & Costa Rica Experience

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Standard

Solo group tour • From £3,395 (incl. flights)

Solo Travellers

This solo group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guide in each country
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 5 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Bridge of the Americas, Panama Canal

Small in size yet possessing a superb biodiversity, Costa Rica and Panama offer a wide variety of ecosystems including volcanoes, rainforest and cloud forest, lakes, lagoons and beaches. This tour visits the incredible Panama Canal and a selection of Costa Rica's most renowned national parks.

Panama and the historic colonial district. In the afternoon fly to San José for 2 nights at the **Crowne Plaza Corobici Hotel**. (B)

Day 4: San José

Morning visit to a coffee plantation on the slopes of the active Poas Volcano and, subject to volcanic activity, see its crater lake. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tortuguero

Travel by shared overland transfer to Caño Blanco on the Caribbean coast. Take a boat ride along the backwaters that lead to Tortuguero, looking for wildlife en route. Stay at **Pachira Lodge** for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Tortuguero

Full day of shared excursions exploring the tropical forest and waterways. (B, L, D)

Day 7: La Selva Biological Station • Arenal

Return to Caño Blanco by boat and drive to Arenal. En route, visit La Selva Biological Station to learn about the scientific and conservation work of the researchers and take a short walk in the protected rainforest surroundings. Stay 2 nights at **Arenal Paraiso** with views of Arenal Volcano. (B, L)

Day 8: Arenal

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

Weather

San José, Costa Rica

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	23	24	25	25	25	25	24	24	24	24	24	23
B	15	15	16	16	17	17	17	17	17	17	16	16
C	6	7	9	56	261	296	205	282	372	343	155	36

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Walking tour of stunning Manuel Antonio National Park**
- ❖ **Cruise along the Panama Canal**
- ❖ **View Arenal Volcano from your hotel**
- ❖ **Cruise the canals of Tortuguero**

Day 1: Fly to Panama City via Miami

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Panama City, via Miami, with British Airways. Transfer to the **Best Western Plus Panama Zen Hotel** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Panama Canal

Take a shared partial transit and cruise through the various locks of the Panama Canal. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a traditional restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Fly to San José

Morning city tour including the ruins of old



Poas Volcano, Costa Rica

Day 9: Monteverde

Drive along the shores of Lake Arenal, taking in the spectacular views of the lake and its surroundings. Continue through the green mountains to Monteverde and stay 2 nights at **Monteverde Country Lodge**. (B)

Day 10: Monteverde

Morning tour of the Monteverde cloud forest, a habitat for rare flora and fauna such as the colourful quetzal bird. Afternoon at leisure or take one of the optional excursions on offer, including a visit to the Santa Elena Reserve. (B)

Day 11: Manuel Antonio • Tarcoles

Drive to the central Pacific coast and visit Manuel Antonio for a walking tour of the national park, where the rainforest extends right down to the beautiful beaches. This small park is home to a surprising concentration of wildlife including sloths, iguanas, endangered squirrel monkeys and various colourful birds. Continue to Tarcoles and stay for 2 nights at the **Villa Lapas Hotel**, set on a private rainforest reserve. (B)

Day 12: Carara

Morning visit to Carara National Park, home to crocodiles, monkeys and scarlet macaws. In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant near your hotel. (B, D)

Days 13-14: Fly to London

Transfer to San José and fly to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Solo Travellers group tours: These small group tours have been specially created for single travellers. Benefits include single occupancy of double / twin rooms as standard

and at sensible prices, plus the company of like-minded travellers. View the complete collection at CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers

Standard tour: All the lodges are comfortable, but do not always have a large range of facilities. This tour also includes some long drives on unpaved roads.

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

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: CSG

Group tour

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

High season from £3,495
Guide price months: Feb – Apr

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (21 Dec – 06 Jan)

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £675 return
Club World from £1,995 return

Regional air connections

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

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)
24 Feb 22	09 Mar 22
07 Apr 22	20 Apr 22

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)
27 Oct 22	09 Nov 22
19 Jan 23	01 Feb 23

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)
23 Feb 23	08 Mar 23
06 Apr 23	19 Apr 23

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)
26 Oct 23	08 Nov 23

Splendours of Central America

Duration • 19 days & 17 nights
Category • Standard

Small-group tour • From £3,195 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,495 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guide in each country
- ❖ 17 breakfasts & 5 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Granada, Nicaragua

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

Weather

Panama City

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	30	31	31	32	31	29	30	29	29	29	28	29
B	22	22	23	24	24	23	23	23	22	23	22	22
C	32	13	11	77	263	256	272	265	265	333	311	135

Antigua, Guatemala

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	22	23	24	25	24	23	22	22	22	21	21	21
B	9	10	11	12	12	13	13	13	12	12	11	10
C	3	5	6	28	120	263	194	155	237	141	26	9

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Navigate through the locks of the Panama Canal**
- ❖ **Spot wildlife in the cloud forest and meet early pioneers at Monteverde**
- ❖ **Take a boat ride on Lake Nicaragua**
- ❖ **Explore colonial towns and fascinating Mayan ruins, including Tikal and Copán**

Day 1: Fly to Panama City via the US

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Panama City via the US. Transfer to the **Best Western Plus Panama Zen Hotel** for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Panama City

Morning city tour, including the ruins of old Panama and the historic colonial district. (B)

Day 3: Panama Canal

Take a shared partial transit and cruise through the various locks of the Panama Canal. (B, L)

Day 4: Fly to San José, Costa Rica

Fly to Costa Rica's capital and visit a coffee plantation on the slopes of the active Poás Volcano. Overnight at **Hotel Presidente**. (B, L)

Days 5-6: Monteverde

Transfer to Monteverde and stay for 2 nights at the **Monteverde Country Lodge**. Afternoon visit to the Selvatura's hummingbird garden and hanging walkways. Next day visit the Monteverde cloud forest to see its rare flora and fauna and in the evening meet up with one of the early local pioneers for a fascinating conversation. (B)

Day 7: Granada, Nicaragua

Full-day journey across the border into Nicaragua to the city of Granada, overlooking Lake Nicaragua (approx 7-8 hours). Stay 2 nights at **Dario Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 8: Granada

Morning tour of the colonial city, including the Franciscan convent. Take a boat ride through the canals formed by the small islands in the lake, which is the tenth largest lake in the world. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursions. (B)

Day 9: Fly to San Salvador • Suchitoto

Transfer to Managua and fly to San Salvador. Continue to the charming town of Suchitoto for 1 night at **Casa 1800 Suchitoto**. (B)

Day 10: Route of the Flowers

Explore the cobbled streets of Suchitoto, then transfer to the archaeological site of Joya de Ceren, known as the 'Pompeii of the Americas'. Later, explore cloud forest trails and enjoy spectacular volcano views en route to the picturesque Route of the Flowers. Overnight at **Casa 1800 Ataco**. (B, L)

Day 11: Copán, Honduras

This morning, visit the traditional artisan town of Ataco and stop at Santa Ana en route to Honduras (approximately 10 hours). Stay at the **Hotel Marina Copán** for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 12: Copán

In the morning, tour the fascinating Mayan ruins of Copán with its intricate and well-preserved sculptures. Optional afternoon tour to a bird sanctuary. (B)

Day 13: Livingston, Guatemala

Cross into Guatemala and on to the Caribbean coast, visiting the impressive carved stelae at Quirigua en route (approx 6 hours). Take a 1.5-hour boat ride along the coast to the town of Livingston, with strong Garifuna culture. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Villa Caribe**. (B)

Day 14: Flores

A morning walking tour of Livingston, before taking a boat trip along the lush gorges of the Dulce River to visit Bird Island and an indigenous community. Continue by road to the Flores area for a 2-night stay at the lakeside **Villa Maya**. (B)



Tikal, Guatemala

Day 15: Tikal

Morning tour of Tikal, one of the most spectacular Mayan ruins, located in the heart of the jungle. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Days 16-17: Fly to Guatemala City • Antigua

Early morning flight to Guatemala City and transfer to colonial Antigua for 2 nights at **Mesón de María**. Afternoon walking tour. Following day is at leisure or take optional excursions. (B)

Days 18-19: Fly to London via the US

Transfer to Guatemala City and fly to London via the US, arriving the next day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Lake Atitlán

4 days & 2 nights from £495

Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Atitlán** on the shore of the sapphire-blue lake surrounded by hills and volcanoes. Take a boat trip to indigenous Mayan villages and visit the colourful Chichicastenango Market.

Tour + Belize beach

5 days & 3 nights from £995

Fly to Belize City, via Flores and on to Ambergris Caye for 3 nights at the **Portofino Hotel** (beach cabaña), or upgrade to **Victoria House Resort**

& **Spa** from £115 per person. Relax on white sandy beaches or swim in calm, turquoise Caribbean waters.

Standard tour: This tour includes some long road journeys and is based in 3- and 4-star hotels where rooms may vary. A flexible approach is recommended for travel in Central America.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: GCA

Group tour

Low season from £3,195
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £3,295
Guide price months: Jan – Mar

Single supplement from £725

Private tour

Low season from £4,495
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £4,595
Guide price months: Jan – Mar

Single supplement on request

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 4 Jan)

United Airlines flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £695 return
Business Class from £2,195 return

Regional air connections

Prices on request: United Airlines Houston or Newark to/from Manchester or Edinburgh

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Discover Russia

Russia, the world's largest country, covers 11 time zones and a huge range of environments. To the south are immense stretches of plains and steppes while to the north are forests and tundra. This huge expanse of land is broken up by features such as the Ural Mountains, separating Europe and Asia; Lake Baikal, the world's oldest freshwater lake; thousands of rivers; and the political and cultural centres of Moscow, St Petersburg and Novgorod.

Whether it's a short city break, a leisurely cruise along the Volga River, or the trip of a lifetime on the Trans-Siberian Railway, you're sure to be amazed by the beauty and history that Russia has to offer.



Belorusskaya metro station, Moscow

Moscow

Array of architecture spanning Russian history • Celebrated Bolshoi Theatre

Russia's capital is a city of contrasts where a mixture of architectural styles, from medieval to modern, stand side by side, epitomising the changes that have swept through this vast and often misunderstood country.

The city's origins as a symbol of Russian spiritual and political power go back 850 years, and Moscow retains its influence to this day. The Kremlin is at its heart, overlooking majestic Red Square and St Basil's Cathedral. The city's metro survives in all its constructivist glory, with an opulent design featuring marble and chandeliers. Moscow is also home to the world-renowned Bolshoi Theatre, which stages leading ballet and opera performances.

St Petersburg

Peaceful canals & imperial palaces • Extensive collections of the Hermitage

Created 300 years ago by Peter the Great as his 'window on the West', St Petersburg is a city unlike any other in Russia. Its grand beauty, wealth of cultural treasures and the intrigue of its rich history make it truly unforgettable.

Dubbed the 'Venice of the north' for its palace-lined waterways, the city escaped the architectural incursions of Stalinism and its grandiose relics of tsarist days remain virtually intact. Its waterside walkways and elegant streetscapes are best explored on foot. Be sure to set aside time for the immense galleries of the Hermitage and the glittering treasures of the Fabergé Museum.



Canal, St Petersburg

Experiences in Russia



Russia's Golden Ring

Onion-domed churches, medieval monasteries, traditional crafts and beautifully unspoilt countryside characterise the string of ancient settlements to the north-east of Moscow. Take a tour from the capital through these quaint towns and villages en route to St Petersburg.



The Trans-Siberian Railway

Often viewed as the ultimate rail journey, the Trans-Siberian Railway will take you from the majesty of Red Square in Moscow, through remote Russian steppes to the heart of Siberia and then onwards to Mongolia, finally arriving into Beijing in north-east China.



Volga River cruise

Visit the more rural settings of Russia between Moscow and St Petersburg on a scenic cruise along Europe's largest river. En route, take in the medieval cities of the Golden Ring as well as canals, vast lakes and the distinctive wooden architecture of Kizhi Island.



Peterhof Palace, St Petersburg

Palaces of St Petersburg

Located on the Gulf of Finland, about 30km south-west of St Petersburg, Peterhof Palace lies in 200 hectares of ornate landscaped gardens and is famous for the terraced fountains of its Grand Cascade and Samson statue. Built under the command of Peter the Great in 1705, the palace itself is comparatively modest, but its waterfront setting and architectural beauty make it a highlight of any visit to Russia's cultural capital.

Also close to St Petersburg, Catherine Palace at Pushkin is larger and even more extravagantly furnished. One of the most sumptuous parts is the famed Amber Room, a chamber entirely furnished with ornate panels of glowing amber.

A suggested itinerary...

Volga Dream Cruise

13 days & 12 nights
from £3,895 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Travel at a leisurely pace from Moscow to St Petersburg aboard *Volga Dream*. Cruise picturesque waterways, stopping at medieval towns and enchanting Kizhi Island. Includes three nights in both Moscow and St Petersburg.

Day 1: Fly to Moscow (N)

Day 2: Moscow

Morning city tour including Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral and the Cathedral of Christ the Savior. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Moscow

Morning visit to the Kremlin, including

Cathedral Square and the Armoury Museum. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Moscow • Board the Volga Dream

Visit the Tretyakov Gallery and the metro, known for its architectural splendour. Board the *Volga Dream* for a 6-night cruise. (B, D)

Day 5: Uglich

Take a walking tour of Uglich. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Yaroslavl

Explore Yaroslavl, the oldest city on the Volga. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Goritsy

Stop in the town of Goritsy and visit the enormous Kirillov-Belozersky Monastery, with its magnificent frescoes and icons. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Kizhi Island

Visit Kizhi Island, famous for its wooden Transfiguration Cathedral of 22 carved domes. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Svirstroy

Stop at the small village of Svirstroy and enjoy a traditional tea including jam and

pirozhkie (local pies) with the local residents. (B, L, D)

Day 10: St Petersburg

Disembark and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon city tour including the Peter and Paul Fortress and Nevsky Prospekt. (B)

Day 11: St Petersburg

Morning tour of the Hermitage and afternoon tour to Peterhof Palace. (B, L)

Day 12: St Petersburg • Pushkin

Morning at leisure. Afternoon tour to Catherine Palace at Pushkin. (B)

Day 13: Fly home (B)

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Classic Russia

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,495 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,290 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 7 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airport & stations



Spasskaya Tower of the Kremlin, Red Square, Moscow

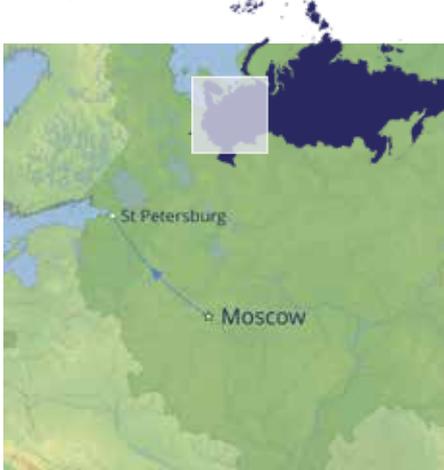
Weather Moscow

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B	-13	-12	-6	2	8	12	13	12	7	2	-3	-9
C	41	35	33	43	51	74	93	76	64	58	57	54

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Russia's two greatest cities provide an ideal base from which to explore the country's rich and diverse cultural and historical heritage. Moscow is now the epicentre of modern Russia, while St Petersburg is renowned for its magnificent palaces, world-class museums, elegant canals and grand architecture.

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Stay in the National Hotel in Moscow, just off Red Square, and Taleon Imperial Hotel, a former palace in St Petersburg**
- ❖ **Take a guided tour of Moscow's most opulent metro stations**
- ❖ **Visit Peterhof Palace and gardens by hydrofoil**
- ❖ **Hear an evening talk on contemporary Russian life**

Day 1: Fly to Moscow

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Moscow with Aeroflot. Transfer to the **National Hotel**, just off Red Square, for 3 nights. Evening walking tour of Red Square. (N)

Day 2: Moscow

This morning, tour Moscow, including Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral, GUM state department store, Moscow State University, Novodevichy Convent, the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and Gorky Park. Finish with a brief visit to some of the city's grandest metro stations. Your afternoon is at leisure. Enjoy an evening talk on Russian life with the guide. (B)

Day 3: Moscow

Spend your day at leisure, or take an optional morning visit to Sergiev Posad; built around the Trinity Monastery of St Sergius, it is one of Russia's most important religious and historical landmarks. There is an optional afternoon tour to either the Tretyakov Gallery or the Museum of Cosmonautics. (B)

Day 4: Moscow • St Petersburg

Visit the Kremlin this morning, including Cathedral Square and the Armoury Museum, with its collection of imperial treasures and Fabergé eggs. Take a late afternoon train to St Petersburg. On arrival, transfer to the **Taleon Imperial Hotel** for 4 nights. (B)

Day 5: St Petersburg

Start the day with a tour of St Petersburg, including the main shopping street of Nevsky Prospekt and Vasilievsky Island, and the entrances to the Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood and the Peter and Paul Fortress.



The Hermitage, St Petersburg

You have the afternoon at leisure to visit St Isaac's Cathedral. Continue to the historic Literaturnoe Cafe for caviar tasting and late-afternoon tea. (B)

Day 6: St Petersburg

Tour the Hermitage, one of the largest and oldest museums in the world. It houses an unrivalled collection of European and Russian masterpieces. (B)

Day 7: Pushkin • St Petersburg

Enjoy a morning tour of Catherine Palace at Pushkin, including the extravagant Amber Room (dependent on visitor numbers, this activity may be changed to a tour of Pavlovsk Palace). In the afternoon, visit Peterhof to view the exterior of the Summer Palace with its ornate gardens and cascade fountains. Return to St Petersburg by hydrofoil. **Please note that days in St Petersburg may run in a different order due to entrance times.** (B)

Day 8: Fly to the UK

Your morning is at leisure. This afternoon, transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Moscow and St Petersburg, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Locally escorted tour: This tour is led in each destination by a local tour escort. You will be assisted with boarding the train in Moscow and met on the platform on arrival in St Petersburg.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: **RUS**

Group tour

Low season from £1,495
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,795
Guide price months: May – Aug

Single supplement from £445

Private tour

Low season from £2,290
Guide price months: Jul – Sep

High season from £2,490
Guide price months: May – Aug

Single supplement from £445

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

Aeroflot flight upgrades

Business Class from £695 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Majestic Russia

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior

This solo group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 6 breakfasts & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome & farewell dinners

Solo group tour • From £1,695 (incl. flights)

Solo Travellers



Catherine Palace, Pushkin

From the imperial palaces of St Petersburg to Red Square and the Kremlin in Moscow, join a group of like-minded solo travellers on a 7-day tour visiting some of the best attractions that Russia has to offer. Both cities are renowned for their world-class museums and grand architecture, and each have left behind their own cultural legacies.

Russian masterpieces. This afternoon, there is an optional tour of the Fabergé Museum. (B)

Day 4: St Petersburg • Moscow

Spend your morning at leisure, or take an optional visit to Peterhof to view the exterior and gardens of Peter the Great's Summer Palace. Board a late-afternoon train to Moscow. On arrival, transfer to the **Park Inn Sadu** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B)

Weather

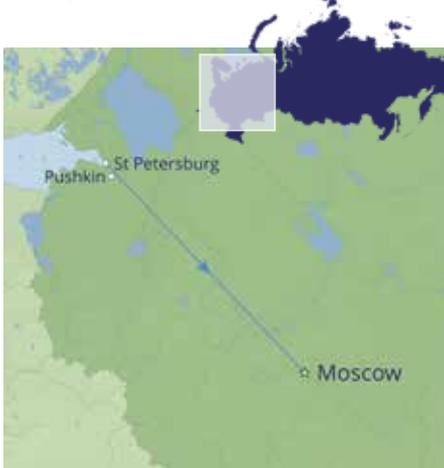
St Petersburg

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👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Evening vodka tasting in St Petersburg**
- ❖ **Visit the Eliseevsky food store in Moscow, sampling traditional Russian delicacies**
- ❖ **Take a guided tour of some of Moscow's ornate metro system**

Day 1: Fly to St Petersburg

Take a morning flight from London (regional connections available) to St Petersburg with Aeroflot. Transfer to the **Ambassador Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. Welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: St Petersburg • Pushkin

Tour St Petersburg this morning, including Nevsky Prospekt and Vasilevsky Island. In the afternoon, visit Catherine Palace at Pushkin, including the renowned Amber Room. (B)

Day 3: St Petersburg

Explore the world's largest museum, the Hermitage. Founded by Catherine the Great and the former residence of the tsars, it houses an unrivalled collection of European and

Day 5: Moscow

Tour Moscow, including the magnificent Red Square, home of St Basil's Cathedral, the Moscow State University and Novodevichy Convent. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Moscow

This morning, visit the Kremlin, including Cathedral Square and the Armoury Museum with its collection of imperial crowns and carriages. Next, you have the option of visiting the Arbat quarter, followed by a tour of Moscow's palatial metro stations, which are adorned with marble and chandeliers. Enjoy a farewell dinner in the evening. (B, D)

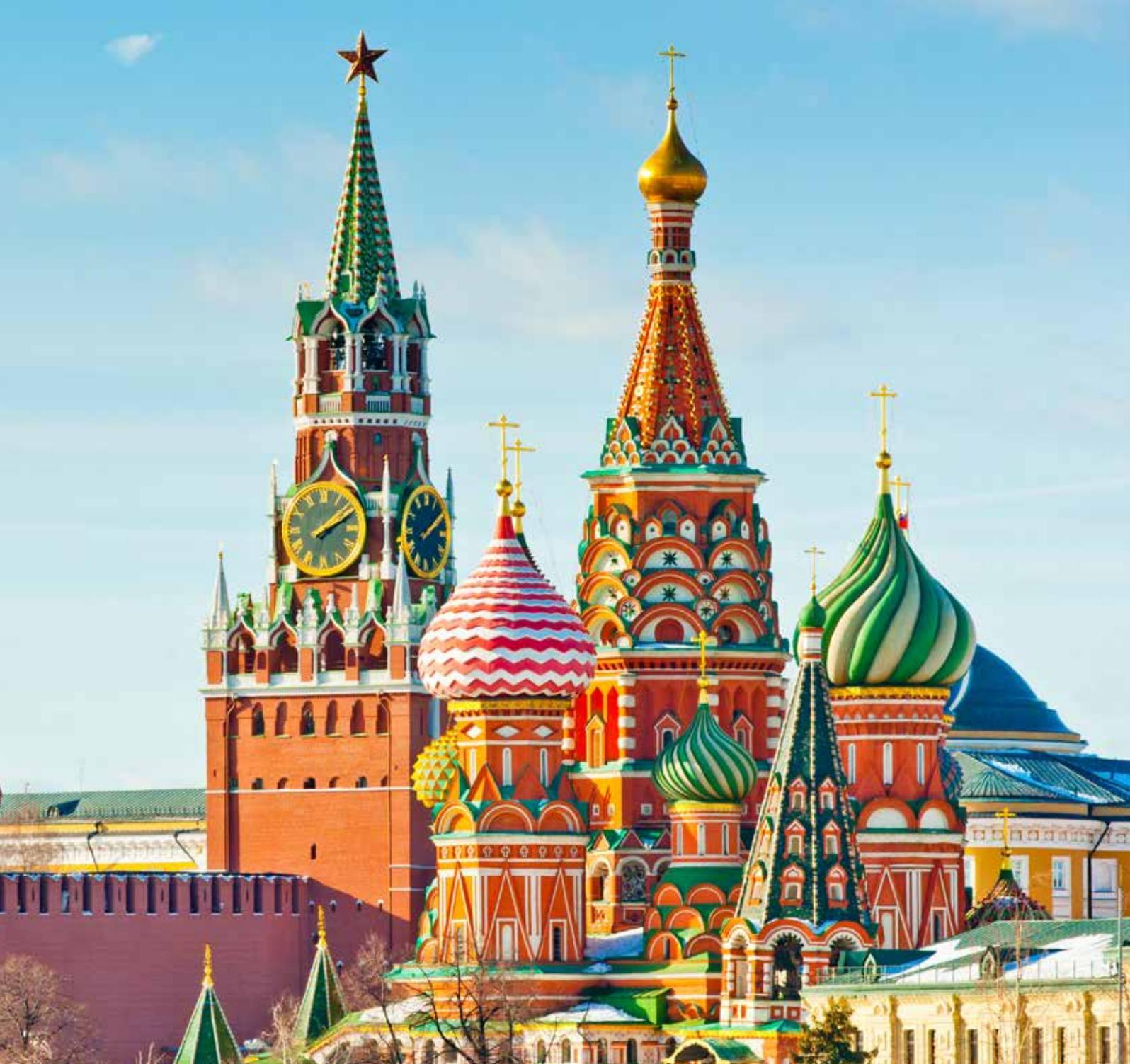
Day 7: Fly to London

Your morning is at leisure. This afternoon, transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Moscow and St Petersburg, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers.



Spasskaya Tower and St Basil's Cathedral on Red Square, Moscow

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Locally escorted tour: This tour is led in each destination en route by a local tour escort. You will be assisted with boarding the train in St Petersburg and met on the platform on arrival in Moscow.

Theatre: Opera or ballet performances in St Petersburg or Moscow can be pre-booked. Please contact Cox & Kings for details.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: HOR

Group tour

Low season from £1,695
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,860
Guide price months: May – Jul

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

Areoflot flight upgrades

Business Class from £795 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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St Petersburg: Pictures & Palaces

Duration • 6 days & 5 nights
Category • Superior

Expert-led group tour • From £1,695 (incl. flights)
Art • Architecture • History

**Arts &
Culture**

Tour overview

St Petersburg has remained almost unchanged since it was built in the 18th and 19th centuries. Conceived by Peter the Great as a 'window to the west', the city became a living exhibit of Russia's status as an important European nation. Designed to impress visitors, St Petersburg is home to sumptuous palaces, impressive cathedrals and numerous museums, including one of the world's largest and finest – the Hermitage.

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Visit the Fabergé Museum to marvel at the tsars' jewels
- ❖ Learn about the restoration of the Amber Room at Catherine Palace
- ❖ Full day at the Hermitage museum and private tour of the Gold Room
- ❖ Visit Yusupov Palace for a special viewing of the lavish gala rooms

Expert lecturers

Lydia Bauman is an art historian and professional artist with an MA in art history from the Courtauld Institute of Art. She has lectured at the National Gallery and has wide experience of teaching the history of western art.



Andrew Spira graduated from the Courtauld Institute of Art before working at the Temple Gallery, London, and as a curator at the Victoria & Albert Museum. He was a programme director at Christie's Education for 14 years and has led numerous cultural tours to Europe and beyond.



Winter Palace interior, St Petersburg

Day 1: Fly to St Petersburg

Fly from London (regional connections available) to St Petersburg with Aeroflot and transfer to the hotel. After an introductory lecture and welcome dinner, stay 5 nights at the centrally located **Ambassador Hotel** (or similar), which offers comfortable accommodation in a historic 19th-century building. (D)

Day 2: St Petersburg

Take a morning city tour, starting at Peter and Paul's Fortress – the oldest building in St Petersburg – which contains the tombs of the tsars and tsarinas, from Peter the Great onwards. Continue to the Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood. Built on the spot where Tsar Alexander II was assassinated in 1881, the church is noted for its riot of colour, with more than 20 types of mineral used in its decoration. This afternoon, visit the State Russian Museum, which contains a magnificent collection of Russian art, beautifully displayed in one of Rossi's finest neoclassical creations, the Mikhailovsky Palace. (B)

Day 3: St Petersburg

Spend the whole day visiting the Hermitage, with its opulent staterooms and exceptional collection of European masterpieces and impressionist paintings. Your visit includes a private tour of the Treasure Gallery (Gold Room), subject to confirmation. (B, D)

Day 4: St Petersburg

This morning, visit the neoclassical Shuvalov Palace, home to the Fabergé Museum, the world's largest single collection of Fabergé artefacts. Continue to the baroque Menshikov Palace, built for Peter the Great's advisor. Spend your afternoon at leisure or revisit the Hermitage independently. (B)

Day 5: Pushkin • Pavlovsk

Drive to Pushkin on the outskirts of the city to visit Catherine Palace (Tsarskoe Selo), including the Amber Room. Listen to the story of the room's restoration and watch amber being worked while enjoying a glass of wine. Continue to the Palace at Pavlovsk, designed by Charles Cameron and subsequently expanded by several highly accomplished architects, including Quarenghi and Rossi. Return to your hotel for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Fly to London

In the morning, visit Yusupov Palace, which sits on a quiet stretch of the Moika river and was the scene of Rasputin's murder. A special visit to the private apartments of Zinaida and Felix has been arranged (subject to confirmation). Transfer to the airport for a flight to London. (B)

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



Interior of the Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood, St Petersburg

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + St Petersburg

3 days & 2 nights from £225
Extension starts on day 6 of tour

Extend your stay in St Petersburg with 2 nights at the **National Hotel** (or similar). This extension includes airport transfer.

Tour + Moscow

3 days & 2 nights from £575
Extension starts on day 6 of tour

Travel by train to Russia's capital and stay for 2 nights at the **National Hotel**. This extension includes rail journey and transfers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Arts & Culture tours: A collection of expert-accompanied tours focusing on creativity in its many forms. No prior knowledge of the subject matter is required. All tours can be viewed at CoxandKings.co.uk/Art

Expert-led tour: This tour is fully escorted throughout by the lecturer, as well as an experienced local guide where necessary.

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotel included.

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

Theatre: Optional opera or ballet performances can be pre-booked. Please contact Cox & Kings for details.

Itinerary: Please note that due to the fluid nature of opening and closing times of the palaces and museums in St Petersburg, the specified day for each excursion may need to be altered closer to the departure date.

Private visits: Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means that they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Also, churches, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be re-arranged, please be assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: RSP

15 May – 20 May 22	with Lydia Bauman	from £1,895	single supp. from £575
02 Oct – 07 Oct 22	with Andrew Spira	from £1,695	single supp. from £425
14 May – 19 May 23	with Lydia Bauman	from £1,995	single supp. from £595
01 Oct – 06 Oct 23	with Andrew Spira	from £1,695	single supp. from £435

Areoflot flight upgrades

Business Class from £595 return

Regional air connections

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Discover Eastern Europe

The countries of Eastern Europe are home to alluring medieval cities, beautiful scenery and a living heritage of folklore and deep-rooted traditions. Yet, despite their proximity, they display incredible diversity and individuality. The Baltic States offer charming historic old towns; and Romania is home to fortified Saxon churches, medieval castles and traditional rural villages.

Further east, across the Black Sea, lie the Caucasus nations of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the region where Christianity first flourished and where fire was worshipped millennia before.



'The Three Brothers', Riga, Latvia

The Baltic States

Historic cities of Tallinn, Riga & Vilnius •
Tranquil coastal resorts

The three countries that make up the Baltic States – Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia – each have their own cultural identity and highlights. Estonia looks to its Nordic cousins in Finland and has a distinctly Scandinavian feel. Latvia's capital, Riga, has a large Russian minority and an industrial port which gives it a distinctive Russian feel. While the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius, to the south, is more Germanic, with its routes historically linked to Poland and Germany.

The small size of these countries, combined with their excellent transport links, makes the region an easy and rewarding three-centre break.

The Southern Caucasus

Ancient monasteries • Viticulture • Silk Road history

The Southern Caucasus is where Asia and Europe collide – both physically and culturally – in the most dramatic of fashions. The region is smaller than the UK yet home to three highly diverse countries. In oil-rich Azerbaijan, you can find intriguing remnants of fire worship that pre-date the arrival of Islam, such as the Fire Temple of Baku and its eternal flame. Georgia's rolling landscape is home to an ancient viticulture – it was here that wine was first produced some 4,000 years ago.

Armenia is one of the world's oldest Christian nations, reflected by picturesque hilltop churches and cave monasteries dating back to late antiquity.



Gergeti Trinity church, Georgia

Romania

Burgher houses of Sighisoara • Painted monasteries of Gura Humorului

Many people associate Romania with Transylvania and the legend of Dracula, but the country offers a wealth of other attractions. The capital, Bucharest, is known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards and belle époque buildings. The town of Sighisoara is the most enchanting in Transylvania with its medieval buildings, gilded roofs and twisted clock tower.

To the north, Southern Bucovina's painted monasteries are undoubtedly among the greatest artistic monuments of Europe, dating back to the 15th century. Although some of the frescoes have been damaged by centuries of rain and wind, most of the vivid colours have been well preserved. The town of Gura Humorului is an ideal base for exploring the region.



Sighisoara, Romania

Danube Delta, Romania

UNESCO-listed biosphere reserve • Superb birdwatching

A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1991, the Danube Delta is where the 2,800-kilometre-long Danube River flows into the Black Sea. Due to its lack of tides and relatively low depths of water, the area has turned into the world's third largest biosphere with over 1,000 species of plants, 3,600 species of animals and 360 species of birds, which migrate here from Europe, Asia and Africa. The delta is also renowned for pelican watching.

The best way to view the wealth of flora and fauna is by small river craft, which allows for easy access. Depending upon your particular interests, the average stay is between two to three days, staying in the villages of Uzlina, Murighiol or Beştepe.



Pelicans, Danube Delta

A suggested itinerary...

Romania: The Transylvanian Properties of the Prince of Wales

7 days & 6 nights
from £1,870 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

The Prince of Wales purchased his first Transylvanian property in 2006 – an 18th-century Saxon house in the village of Viscri – and another in 2010 in the village of Zalănpatak. The surrounding countryside offers various activities such as botanical excursions, hiking and horse riding.

Day 1: Fly to Bucharest

Fly to Bucharest and transfer to the Athenee Palace Hilton for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Bucharest

Spend the morning touring Bucharest. View the Old Princely Court, the Royal Palace and visit the Palace of Parliament, which is



Count Kálnoky Manor, Zalănpatak

the third largest building in the world. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Zalănpatak

Drive to Transylvania, and spend the afternoon at leisure. Stay 3 nights at Count Kálnoky Manor in Zalănpatak village. (B, D)

Day 4: Brasov • Bran

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing, visiting the

medieval town of Brasov to view the Piața Sfatului, one of the country's finest baroque squares, with a 15th-century town hall. Visit the Black Church, the largest gothic church between Vienna and Istanbul, which has a collection of more than 300 Ottoman rugs. See St Nicholas' Church and visit Romania's first school. Continue to Bran Castle. (B, D)

Day 5: Zalănpatak

Spend the day at leisure. (B, D)

Day 6: Bucharest

Your morning is at leisure. This afternoon, drive to Bucharest. Overnight at the Athenee Palace Hilton. (B)

Day 7: Fly to the UK

Transfer to the airport and fly home. (B)

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Timeless Romania

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,495 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,520 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 13 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

Weather Bucharest

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	1	4	10	18	24	27	29	29	25	18	10	4
B	-6	-3	0	6	11	14	16	15	11	6	2	-3
C	41	39	39	46	70	77	58	59	44	32	51	45

Sighisoara

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	0	3	10	16	21	23	25	25	21	16	8	2
B	-9	-6	-2	3	8	11	12	11	8	3	-1	-6
C	32	27	29	51	77	96	89	69	45	38	36	34

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Sighisoara

With its folkloric heritage, picturesque villages and wonderful natural scenery, Romania is fascinating to explore. This tour reveals the country's highlights, including Transylvania's fortified Saxon churches; Bucovina's exquisite painted monasteries, dramatic castles and palaces; medieval towns and the beautiful Carpathian Mountains.

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Stay in the 5-star Intercontinental in Bucharest**
- ❖ **Spend a full day exploring northern Romania's painted monasteries**
- ❖ **Visit the royal palaces of Peles and Pelisor**
- ❖ **Wine tasting at a local vineyard**

Day 1: Fly to Bucharest

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bucharest with British Airways. Transfer to **Novotel Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. Welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Bucharest • Sibiu

Tour Bucharest, known as the 'Paris of the East' due to its boulevards and belle epoque buildings. View the Old Princely Court and the Royal Palace. Transfer to Sibiu, staying at **Hotel Continental Forum** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 3: Sibiu • Sibiel

This morning, tour Sibiu's old town followed by time at leisure or a visit to the Brukenthal Museum. In the evening, visit the picturesque village of Sibiel. Enjoy dinner in a local family home, including a meat-and-cabbage rolls cooking demonstration. Return to Sibiu. (B, D)

Day 4: Sibiu • Turda Salt Mine • Sighisoara

Transfer to Sighisoara via the salt mine at Turda. This is one of the largest salt mines in the world, dating back to the 11th century. A highlight is the 112-metre-high great hall; its superb acoustics have even made it a popular concert venue. Continue to Sighisoara, staying at the **Hotel Central Park** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 5: Sighisoara • Targu Mures • Gura Humorului

This morning, tour the UNESCO-listed town of Sighisoara, a beautifully preserved medieval settlement. The city walls encircle cobbled streets lined with colourful 16th-century Burgher houses. Visits include the citadel, the Church on the Hill and the clock tower. Travel north to Gura Humorului via Targu Mures, a Hungarian stronghold. Stay 2 nights at the **Best Western Bucovina** (or similar) and enjoy a traditional dinner and dance show. (B, D)

Day 6: Gura Humorului

Tour the area's remarkable painted monasteries, considered to be among Europe's greatest artistic monuments and awarded UNESCO World Heritage status. (B, D)

Day 7: Agapia • Lacu Rosu • Brasov

Head south to Brasov, via the Agapia monastery, a Romanian Orthodox nunnery dating back to 1649. Continue to Lacu Rosu for lunch and on to Brasov. You've free time in the late afternoon to enjoy the city. Stay at the **Hotel Aro Palace** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 8: Brasov • Bran Castle • Sinaia

Take a short drive through the beautiful Transylvanian countryside to Bran Castle, which is famously associated with Dracula, the legendary character from Bram Stoker's gothic novel. Enjoy a tour and coffee stop. Drive to Sinaia to visit the palaces of Peles and Pelisor, the former royal residences of King Carol I, another beautifully restored UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to Brasov. (B)

Day 9: Brasov • Bucharest

This morning, tour the medieval town of Brasov and view the Piata Sfatului, one of the finest baroque squares in the country. Visit the Black Church with its collection of more than 300 Ottoman rugs. See St Nicholas Church and explore Romania's first school. Return to



Bran Castle, Brasov, Transylvania

Bucharest and stay overnight at the **Novotel Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Bucharest • Fly to London

Visit the Palace of Parliament, this morning – the third largest building in the world. Early afternoon, transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Bucharest or the Danube Delta. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for details.

Tour + Danube Delta

3 days & 2 nights from £650

The UNESCO-listed Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve is one of the world's largest wetlands and is a migration hub for birds travelling to and from Mongolia, Siberia, India, Africa and China. Explore the delta's waterways and spot an amazing array of birdlife.

Day 10: Danube Delta

Travel to Bestepe and stay at the **Hotel Wels**, situated beside the delta, for 2 nights. (B)

Day 11: Danube Delta

Morning and afternoon excursions along the delta's waterways and lakes. (B)

Day 12: Bucharest

Travel back to Bucharest in the morning, transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* **Rail experience:** On departures marked with an asterisk, Day 4 will include a ride on the *Mocanita* steam train, a narrow-gauge railway used for transporting cargo in the early 20th century.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/ make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: ROA

Group tour

Low season from £1,495
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,820
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £395

Private tour

From £2,520
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £395

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **13 May 22, 05 Aug 22, 23 Sep 22**

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £125 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
13 May 22	22 May 22	*05 Aug 22	14 Aug 22	07 Oct 22	16 Oct 22	*04 Aug 23	13 Aug 23
27 May 22	05 Jun 22	02 Sep 22	11 Sep 22	12 May 23	21 May 23	01 Sep 23	10 Sep 23
24 Jun 22	03 Jul 22	16 Sep 22	25 Sep 22	23 Jun 23	02 Jul 23	15 Sep 23	24 Sep 23
22 Jul 22	31 Jul 22	23 Sep 22	02 Oct 22	21 Jul 23	30 Jul 23	06 Oct 23	15 Oct 23

Journey through the Baltic States

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,095 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,990 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 7 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

Weather

Riga

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-2	-2	3	10	17	20	21	21	16	11	4	0
B	-8	-7	-4	1	6	10	12	12	8	4	0	-5
C	36	27	32	41	48	58	77	76	73	61	61	49

Vilnius

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-3	-2	3	11	18	21	22	22	16	10	4	-1
B	-9	-8	-4	1	7	11	12	11	8	3	-1	-6
C	40	35	38	46	59	75	77	72	65	51	56	53

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Ratslaukums Square, Riga, Latvia

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania may be small, but they are confident, outward-looking nations, each with their own identity and distinct culture, yet proudly European. The countries' rich and colourful histories can be best appreciated in their capital cities, which all possess beautiful architecture, while the surrounding countryside features lakes, forests and wetlands, dotted with manor houses, medieval castles and splendid rococo churches.

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Stay in centrally located, characterful 4-star hotels**
- ❖ **Visit Riga Central Market and enjoy some traditional Latvian delicacies**
- ❖ **Discover the baroque and art nouveau architecture of the Baltic capitals**

Day 1: Fly to Tallinn, Estonia

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Tallinn with easyJet. Transfer to the L'Ermitage Hotel (or similar) for a welcome drink and 3-night stay. (N)

Days 2-3: Tallinn

Enjoy a morning walking tour of Tallinn, one of northern Europe's best-preserved medieval towns. Founded in the early 13th century, Tallinn has been influenced by periods of Danish, German, Swedish and Russian control. Highlights include the gothic town hall and square, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and Toompea Castle, seat of Estonia's parliament. There is also an optional afternoon visit

to Rocca al Mare open-air museum. Your following day is at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Castles & Parnu • Riga, Latvia

Drive to Riga in Latvia, stopping en route at the 13th-century ruins of Sigulda Castle, Turaida Castle in the Gauja Valley and the beachside town of Parnu. Stay 2 nights at the Opera Hotel & Spa (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Riga

This morning, tour Riga, the Baltics' largest capital. The city's extensive history has left a legacy of fine architecture, including art nouveau. Highlights include visits to the cathedral with an organ recital to hear the impressive acoustics of its Romanesque dome, the castle, St Peter's Church and the House of Blackheads. Visit Riga Central Market and try some traditional Latvian delicacies. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Rundale Palace • The Hill of Crosses • Vilnius, Lithuania

Journey over the border from Latvia to Lithuania via Rundale Palace and the Hill of Crosses, a place of national pilgrimage. Continue to Vilnius and stay 2 nights at the Vilnia Hotel (or similar). (B)

Day 7: Vilnius

Your morning tour of Vilnius includes visits to Cathedral Square, the Gate of Dawn, St Casimir's Church, the Holy Spirit Church, the KGB Museum and Gediminas' Tower. Spend the afternoon at leisure, or go on an optional visit to Trakai Island Castle. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London via Riga

Transfer to the airport this morning and fly to London with airBaltic. (B)

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



Tallinn, Estonia

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Tallinn and Vilnius, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Direct flights: Low-cost airlines including Ryanair and Wizz Air offer direct flights from across the UK to Tallinn and back from Vilnius. Please speak to your travel consultant if you would prefer to use one of these options.

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

Accessibility: Due to their layout and narrow, often cobbled streets, the cities of the Baltic States are best explored on foot. The tour is not recommended for those with limited mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: BAL

Group tour

Low season from £1,095
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,290
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £365

Private tour

From £2,990
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £365

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **29 May 22, 14 Aug 22, 18 Sep 22, 28 May 23, 13 Aug 23**

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
29 May 22	05 Jun 22	04 Sep 22	11 Sep 22	11 Jun 23	18 Jun 23	17 Sep 23	24 Sep 23
12 Jun 22	19 Jun 22	18 Sep 22	25 Sep 22	09 Jul 23	16 Jul 23	01 Oct 23	08 Oct 23
10 Jul 22	17 Jul 22	02 Oct 22	09 Oct 22	13 Aug 23	20 Aug 23		
14 Aug 22	21 Aug 22	28 May 23	04 Jun 23	03 Sep 23	10 Sep 23		

Across the Southern Caucasus

Duration • 14 days & 13 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,295 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 16 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 13 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink & farewell dinner



Khan Palace, Sheki, Azerbaijan

Take an exciting journey across all three states of the southern Caucasus. Beginning in the oil-rich Muslim nation of Azerbaijan on the shores of the Caspian Sea, you will travel through Georgia, famous for its ancient monasteries and viticulture, and finish in the small, proud nation of Armenia, one of the oldest Christian countries in the world.

Overnight at the **Sheki Saray Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Sheki • Kvareli • Telavi, Georgia

Enjoy a morning tour of Sheki, a pretty town surrounded by forested mountains, including the Palace of Sheki Khan. Cross the Georgian border and into the country's main wine region. Visit a vineyard for a late lunch and wine tasting. Continue to Telavi via the Gremi Monastery. Overnight at **Chateau Mere**. (B, L)

Day 5: Telavi • Signaghi • Tbilisi

This morning, visit Telavi market and meet a *qvevri* master, who will demonstrate how these large earthenware wine-keeping jars are made. Sample some local wine before continuing to the Tsinandali wine estate for lunch. In the afternoon, tour the hilltop town of Signaghi. Drive to Tbilisi and stay at the **Shota@Rustaveli Boutique Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 6: Tbilisi

Tour the Georgian capital including the Old Town, with its beautiful Orthodox churches, mosque, synagogue and sulphur baths. Spend your afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Gori • Uplistsikhe • Kazbegi

This morning, visit the sixth-century Jvari Monastery, then continue to Gori, the birthplace of Josef Stalin. Visit the museum, his private train and see the house where he was born. Travel to Kazbegi via the cave city of Uplistsikhe, set on the path of the Silk Road. Overnight at **Hotel Porta Caucasia** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 8: Kazbegi • Tbilisi

4x4 drive to the picturesque 14th-century Gergeti Trinity church. Return to Tbilisi for some time at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Yerevan, Armenia

Travel over the border to Armenia and continue to Yerevan. En route, visit the

Weather

Baku

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	7	6	10	17	22	27	30	30	26	19	14	9
B	1	1	3	8	13	18	22	21	18	12	8	3
C	23	23	25	26	13	9	2	7	17	31	31	26

Yerevan

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-1	1	9	16	21	26	30	30	26	18	10	3
B	-10	-8	-2	4	8	12	16	15	11	4	-1	-6
C	15	21	29	45	65	52	31	23	19	32	22	15

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Visit the beautiful Khan Palace in Sheki, Azerbaijan**
- ❖ **Enjoy wine and cognac tastings**
- ❖ **Hear a performance of Armenian spiritual music**
- ❖ **Join a masterclass in making *arishta*, traditional Armenian pasta**

Day 1: Fly to Baku, Azerbaijan

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Baku, via Kiev, with Ukraine International Airlines. Transfer to the **Sapphire Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Baku • Gobustan • Absheron

See the ancient rock carvings at Gobustan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back 20,000 years. Continue to Absheron and the Ateshgah Fire Worshippers' temple. Return to Baku for a tour of the Old City and some time at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Shemahka • Kish • Sheki

Travel to Shemahka and visit the Yeddi Gumbaz mausoleum. Continue to Sheki, stopping en route at the village of Kish to explore the sixth-century Albanian church.



Khor Virap monastery, Armenia

UNESCO-listed Haghpat Monastery. Stay for 5 nights at the **Tufenkian Historic Hotel**, just off Republic Square. (B)

Day 10: Garni • Geghard

Visit Garni, the only surviving Hellenistic temple in Armenia, and enjoy a performance of Armenian spiritual music. Continue to Geghard Monastery, dating from the fourth century and carved into the mountainside. Have lunch with a local family and have a go at making traditional *lavash* bread. Return to Yerevan. (B, L)

Day 11: Ejmiatsin • Zvartnots • Parakar

Visit the Cathedral of Ejmiatsin, founded in 303 AD and still the official residence of the Catholic Church in Armenia. Continue to the seventh-century Zvartnots temple. Have lunch in the village of Parakar and take part in a cooking lesson, learning how to make *arishtha* (traditional Armenian pasta) and sweet *sudzukh*. (B, L)

Day 12: Yerevan

Your tour of Armenia's capital today includes a visit to the Museum of Ancient Manuscripts. You also visit the Genocide Memorial, and the Ararat cognac factory for a tour and tasting. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 13: Khor Virap • Noravank • Areni

Drive south to Khor Virap Monastery, the site where Gregory the Illuminator, who introduced Christianity to Armenia, was imprisoned. The monastery has stunning views of Mount Ararat. Continue to Noravank Monastery, before lunch and wine tasting in Areni. Attend your farewell dinner at a traditional Armenian restaurant in Yerevan. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Fly to London

Transfer early today to Yerevan airport and fly to London via Kiev, Ukraine. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Baku or Yerevan. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for details.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: AZA

Group tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price months: Apr & Oct

High season from £2,595
Guide price month: May - Sep

Single supplement from £595

Private tour

From £3,295
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £595

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **14 May 22, 25 Jun 22, 17 Sep 22, 13 May 23, 24 Jun 23**

Ukraine International Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £825

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
30 Apr 22	13 May 22	17 Sep 22	30 Sep 22	13 May 23	26 May 23	30 Sep 23	13 Oct 23
14 May 22	27 May 22	01 Oct 22	14 Oct 22	24 Jun 23	07 Jul 23	14 Oct 23	27 Oct 23
25 Jun 22	08 Jul 22	15 Oct 22	28 Oct 22	02 Sep 23	15 Sep 23		
03 Sep 22	16 Sep 22	29 Apr 23	12 May 23	09 Sep 23	22 Sep 23		

Armenia & Georgia: Treasures of the Caucasus

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights
Category • Standard

Expert-led group tour • From £2,895 (incl. flights)
History • **Art** • **Archaeology**

**Arts &
Culture**

Tour overview

Explore the spectacular highland countries of Armenia and Georgia, the world's oldest Christian nations, with experts Dr William Taylor or Rowena Loverance. Both countries contain a treasure trove of ancient ruins, churches and monasteries together with centuries-old folk traditions. Europe meets Asia in this spectacular and historic region of the Caucasus, where visitors will find a friendly welcome, excellent food and wine, and varied landscapes.

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Visit awe-inspiring medieval monasteries
- ❖ Private guided visit by a senior curator at the Georgia Museum of Art
- ❖ Exclusive visits to monasteries and meetings with local religious leaders
- ❖ All meals included

Expert lecturers

Dr William Taylor, an expert in Ottoman and Orthodox studies, is also an Anglican priest and Chairman of the Anglican and Eastern Churches. His personal contacts guarantee special access to many monasteries and churches. He has worked in Jordan, Cairo and Turkey, and travelled in the Middle East and Central Asia.



Rowena Loverance is a Byzantine art historian, specialising in sculpture, mosaics and icons. She worked for more than 20 years at the British Museum and is a visiting research fellow at King's College, London.



Lake Sevan, Armenia

Day 1: Fly to Yerevan, via Kiev

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Yerevan, via Kiev, with Ukraine International Airlines. Arrive and transfer to the **Metropol Hotel** (or similar) for 4 nights. (N)

Day 2: Yerevan

Take a full-day tour of Yerevan with visits including the Matenadaran – the repository of ancient Armenian manuscripts – and Erebuni Fortress, where you meet a local expert (subject to confirmation). Continue to Tsitsernakaberd, a memorial and museum dedicated to the Armenian genocide of 1915, with its picturesque views over the city. Next, visit the National Art Gallery, which contains some excellent examples of medieval frescoes and Armenian and European art. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Etchmiadzin

Drive west to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Etchmiadzin (now called Vagharshapat), the spiritual centre of the Armenian-Gregorian Church, and take a private behind-the-scenes tour of the monastic complex. Visit a fine example of Armenian architecture at the St Hripsime Church before visiting Etchmiadzin Cathedral, the oldest state-built cathedral in the world, dating back to the early fourth century. Inside the cathedral is the reputed Holy Lance that pierced Christ's side during his crucifixion. End the day at the seventh-century ruins of Zvartnots Cathedral. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Garni • Geghard

Drive east of Yerevan to visit the temple of Garni, a classical Hellenistic temple that is the best-known structure and symbol of pre-Christian Armenia. Nearby is the medieval monastery of Geghard, partially carved out of the adjacent mountain and surrounded by cliffs. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Lake Sevan & monasteries • Tbilisi

Cross the border to Georgia, stopping en route to see Lake Sevan and the UNESCO-protected monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin, unique for their 10th-century architectural styles. Proceed to Tbilisi and stay 2 nights at the **Museum Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 6: Tbilisi

Today's full-day tour of Tbilisi includes a cable car ride to fourth-century Narikala Fortress, which occupies a scenic spot overlooking the city; and the fifth-century Metekhi Church, an unusual cross-cupola church which became an infamous prison during the Soviet era. Visit the State Museum, home to hundreds of Caucasian icons and metalwork dating from the Bronze Age to the 20th century. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at the Georgia Museum of Art on a private guided visit, led by a senior curator. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Mtskheta • Gori • Kutaisi

Drive north-west to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mtskheta. Lying at the confluence of the Mtkvari and Aragvi rivers, the city was the place where Christianity was proclaimed as the official religion of Georgia in 337 AD. Continue to the church of Jvari nearby, then to Gori, birthplace of Joseph Stalin. Visit the intriguing Stalin Museum, which features numerous personal artefacts, including Stalin's notorious armour-plated railway carriage. Drive to Kutaisi and spend 1 night at the **Bagrati Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 8: Bagrati • Gelati • Ubisa • Tbilisi

This morning, visit Bagrati Cathedral, which occupies a prominent position over Kutaisi. Continue to the Gelati monastery complex, built by the former king of Georgia, David IV the Builder. This UNESCO World Heritage Site



Signagi, Georgia

features a number of 12th- and 13th-century churches and houses numerous murals, mosaics and manuscripts. Drive eastwards to Tbilisi, stopping at Ubisa for a short visit. Overnight at the **Museum Hotel** (or similar), Tbilisi. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Gremi • Ikalto • Bodbe • Signagi

Travel east through the hills and winelands of Kakheti to the town of Gremi, which was destroyed by Shah Abbas's army in the 16th century, leaving the architectural monument of the royal citadel and the Church of the Archangels. Continue to the Ikalto academy, together with Gelati, one of the great medieval academies of Georgia. Drive to Signagi via the monastery of St Nino at Bodbe, a Georgian Orthodox monastic complex and one of the major pilgrimage sites in Georgia, with views of the Greater Caucasus Mountains. Overnight at **Kabadoni Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 10: Signagi • Tsinandali • Telavi • Alaverdi • Tbilisi

After a walking tour of Signagi, visit Tsinandali, the palace and vineyard of a Georgian noble family. Nearby is Telavi, capital of the Kakheti region and home to the best vineyards in the country. After lunch in a wine house, visit Alaverdi, a functioning Georgian monastery dating from the sixth century with its stunning masterpiece – the 11th-century cathedral. Return to Tbilisi for a farewell dinner and stay overnight at the **Museum Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 11: Fly to London, via Kiev

Transfer to Tbilisi airport. Fly to London, via Kiev. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Tbilisi
3 days & 2 nights from £295

Spend 2 further nights at the **Museum Hotel** (or similar) for more time to explore. This extension includes private departure transfer.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Expert-led tour: This tour is fully escorted throughout by a lecturer who has specialist knowledge of the destination and its culture, as well as an experienced local guide where necessary.

Standard tour: This tour is based in 3- and 4-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

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

Private visits: Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means that they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Also, churches, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be re-arranged, please be assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

Dates & guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: AYG

16 May – 26 May 22	with Dr William Taylor	from £2,895	single supp. from £595
08 Sep – 18 Sep 22	with Rowena Loverance	from £2,995	single supp. from £595
15 May – 25 May 23	with Dr William Taylor	from £2,995	single supp. from £595
07 Sep – 17 Sep 23	with Dr William Taylor	from £2,995	single supp. from £595

Ukraine International Airlines flight upgrades
Business Class from £845

Regional air connections
Please speak to your consultant for details

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Classic Sicily

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,790 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

Weather Catania

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	16	16	18	20	24	28	32	32	29	24	20	17
B	6	6	7	9	12	16	19	20	18	14	10	7
C	74	52	44	35	20	6	5	12	40	105	59	79

Palermo

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	13	13	15	18	21	25	28	28	26	22	18	14
B	8	8	9	11	14	18	21	21	19	16	13	10
C	83	67	57	47	22	11	5	17	37	84	82	88

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Ancient Greek theatre, Taormina

The Mediterranean's largest island, Sicily is as culturally rich as it is beautiful. It is home to superb Norman architecture, vibrant Roman floor mosaics, Arab-inspired gardens, and probably the finest Greek temples to be found anywhere in the world. Alongside this, the island has some magnificent natural scenery, from volcanic Mount Etna to quiet beaches in the south. This tour takes you to the best that the island has to offer.

magnificent baroque architecture. (B)

Day 3: Catania • Cefalu • Palermo

This morning, drive to Catania to view the cathedral and Piazza Stesicoro. Continue to Cefalu to visit the Norman cathedral with its exquisite mosaics. Next, travel to Palermo for your 2-night stay at the **Hotel Principe di Villa Franca** (or similar). (B)

Day 4: Monreale • Palermo

This morning, drive to Monreale to visit the Norman cathedral, founded in 1172 and considered a leading example of Norman-Arab architecture. Return to Palermo for a city tour including the magnificent Arab-Norman cathedral; the Palatine Chapel, located within the Norman palace and covered in Byzantine-influenced mosaics; and the historic old town. During an afternoon street-food experience, learn how Palermitan cuisine has been shaped by the region's history. (B)

Day 5: Erice • Selinunte • Agrigento

Morning visit to the medieval town of Erice, with its imposing fortified walls overlooking the city of Trapani. Continue to the Temple of Selinunte, an excellent example of Doric architecture. Stop at Grammatico, the world-famous pastry shop, for some marzipan and biscuit tasting. Drive to Agrigento and stay overnight at the **Hotel Dioscuri Bay Palace** (or similar) in a Superior room. (B)

Day 6: Valley of the Temples • Piazza Armerina • Taormina

Morning visit to the Valley of the Temples, one of the world's most impressive ancient Greek sites. Afternoon drive to the elegant resort town of Taormina via Piazza Armerina to view the Roman mosaics of the Villa Romana del Casale. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Caparena** (or similar). (B)

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Wine tasting near Mount Etna**
- ❖ **Street food experience in Palermo**
- ❖ **Sample traditional Sicilian pastries at Grammatico in Erice**
- ❖ **Includes visits to Noto, Erice and Monreale**
- ❖ **Explore the Valley of the Temples and the Palatine Chapel**

Day 1: Fly to Catania • Syracuse

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Catania with British Airways. Transfer to Syracuse and stay at **Grande Albergo Alfeo** (or similar) for 2 nights. Enjoy a welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Syracuse • Noto

Tour Syracuse, including the Greek theatre, considered one of the most important examples of its kind; the Ear of Dionysius and the island of Ortygia. Continue to the beautiful UNESCO-listed city of Noto, renowned for its



Piazza Duomo, Syracuse

Day 7: Mount Etna

Visit the highest active volcano in Europe, Mount Etna, for panoramic views. Stop at Barone di Villagrande for wine tasting. Afternoon guided tour of Taormina. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to Catania airport and fly to London with British Airways. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Syracuse and Taormina and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers. Speak to a consultant for details.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/ make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: CLS

Group tour

Low season from £1,895
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £2,095
Guide price months: Jun – Sep

Single supplement from £365

Private tour

From £4,790
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £365

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **09 May 22, 04 Jul 22, 10 Oct 22, 08 May 23, 03 Jul 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £125 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
09 May 22	16 May 22	05 Sep 22	12 Sep 22	05 Jun 23	12 Jun 23	09 Oct 23	16 Oct 23
23 May 22	30 May 22	19 Sep 22	26 Sep 22	03 Jul 23	10 Jul 23		
06 Jun 22	13 Jun 22	10 Oct 22	17 Oct 22	04 Sep 23	11 Sep 23		
04 Jul 22	11 Jul 22	08 May 23	15 May 23	11 Sep 23	18 Sep 23		

Puglia & Basilicata

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,140 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink



Matera

Known as 'the heel of Italy', the region of Puglia offers some of the country's most remote coastline and countryside, dotted with ancient sites and whitewashed towns. The neighbouring Basilicata region is a rustic area with both historic centres and fine beaches. Over the centuries, both regions have been influenced by ancient Greek, Roman and Norman rule, which is noticeable in the varied architecture and historic remains that you will see on this tour.

Day 2: Altamura • Matera

This morning, drive to Altamura to visit the celebrated Romanesque cathedral. Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Matera. The Sassi district is divided into two parts: the Sasso Caveoso and the Sasso Barisano, each with countless churches and their own distinctive features. Your tour includes a visit to Casa Grotta, a typical Sassi dwelling, the Rupestrian churches and the Crypt of the Original Sin with its magnificent frescoes. (B, D)

Day 3: Castel del Monte • Trani

Embark on a full-day excursion with a visit to Castel del Monte. Built in the 13th century, this octagonal fortress is isolated on a hill 540 metres above sea level and a masterpiece of medieval architecture. Continue to Trani, a whitewashed port of Jewish origin, famous for its exquisite cathedral as well as its sweet Moscato wine. (B)

Day 4: Alberobello • Martina Franca • Locorotondo

Drive through the Itria Valley to Alberobello. You arrive for a morning city tour of this UNESCO-listed town, famous for its traditional conical trulli dwellings. In the afternoon, visit Martina Franca, a small town with elegant palaces and monumental churches, typical of baroque architecture. Visit the hamlet of Locorotondo and enjoy tastings of local produce among the trulli houses. (B)

Day 5: Bari • Polignano a Mare

This morning, visit Bari, the capital of Puglia. Explore the old town quarter including St

Weather Lecce

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	13	13	15	18	23	27	30	30	27	22	17	14
B	6	6	7	10	13	17	20	20	17	14	10	7
C	81	65	73	43	32	22	16	31	57	87	90	82

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Stay in a 5-star boutique hotel in Lecce
- ❖ Wine, cheese and olive oil tasting
- ❖ View the exquisite frescoes of the Crypt of the Original Sin in Matera
- ❖ Explore the renowned trulli houses of Alberobello
- ❖ Enjoy an aperitif at a private Palazzo in Lecce

Day 1: Fly to Bari • Fasano

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bari and transfer to Fasano. Stay at the Casale Del Murgese for 5 nights. (D)



Trulli houses, Alberobello

Sabin Cathedral and St Nicholas Basilica. This afternoon, enjoy an excursion to the charming seaside town of Polignano a Mare. (B)

Day 6: Ostuni • Lecce

Today, travel south to Lecce via Ostuni for a tour of the cathedral and a visit to a *masseria* (fortified farmhouse) for olive oil tastings. Continue to Lecce for a short city tour, including entrance to the cathedral. Stay at the **Risorgimento Resort** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 7: Galatina • Otranto • Lecce

Spend the morning exploring Galatina, renowned for its exquisite church of Santa Caterina d'Alessandria with its medieval frescoes. Continue to Otranto, a town of Greek origin situated on the site of ancient Hydrus. Return to Lecce to visit the 14th-century Palazzo Morisco. Enjoy an aperitif in the gardens overlooking the Roman theatre. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Fasano and Lecce, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline

prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/ make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: PUB

Group tour

Low season from £1,895
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £2,295
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £395

Private tour

From £5,140
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £395

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **11 May 22, 05 Oct 22, 10 May 23, 04 Oct 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £145 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
11 May 22	18 May 22	21 Sep 22	28 Sep 22	10 May 23	17 May 23	06 Sep 23	13 Sep 23
08 Jun 22	15 Jun 22	05 Oct 22	12 Oct 22	07 Jun 23	14 Jun 23	04 Oct 23	11 Oct 23
07 Sep 22	14 Sep 22						

Bay of Naples: Pompeii & Herculaneum

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Superior

Expert-led group tour • From £1,945 (incl. flights)
Archaeology • **Art** • **History**

**Arts &
Culture**

Tour overview

Uncover the mysteries of the Bay of Naples, once one of the greatest centres of classical Graeco-Roman civilisation, with experts Dr Steve Kershaw or Stephen Nelson. The excavated remains of Pompeii and Villa Oplontis, entombed in ash by the Mount Vesuvius eruption of 79AD, provide a glimpse into this lost world. Herculaneum, covered in mud rather than ash, is remarkably well preserved, with multi-storey buildings, frescoes and mosaics on show. The region's Greek highlights include Cumae, the Sibyl's Cave and the imposing temples of Paestum.

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Visit newly renovated houses at Pompeii
- ❖ Explore the beautiful settings of Greek settlements at Paestum and Cumae
- ❖ Discover the less-visited Roman villa at Oplontis
- ❖ Local wine tasting in the countryside

Expert lecturers

Dr Steve Kershaw

has taught Classics in a number of establishments, and now works for Oxford University Department for Continuing Education, and the Victoria and Albert Museum. He wrote and teaches Oxford's *The Fall of Rome* online course and has been featured as an expert contributor on the History Channel's *Barbarians Rising* series.



Stephen Nelson

has extensive, specialist knowledge of Italy's art, archaeology and architecture and a particular interest in southern Italy and sites discovered off the beaten track. Stephen is a practising sculptor, working in the UK and in Italy and exhibiting internationally. His work has been shown at the Royal Academy and the Estorick Collection. He has also curated exhibitions, including for the British Council in Tanzania and Eritrea.



Ruins of the temple of Apollo, Pompeii

Day 1: Fly to Naples

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Naples with British Airways. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Naples and, after an introductory lecture and welcome dinner, stay at **Habita79 Hotel** (or similar) for 6 nights. (D)

Day 2: Naples

Guided tour of Naples, including visits to the Monastero di Santa Chiara, Spaccanapoli and Cappella San Severo with time for independent exploration in the afternoon. (B)

Day 3: Naples

Visit Certosa di San Martino, then journey by funicular to Naples' Pignasecca Market. After lunch, enjoy a tour of the city's Duomo before returning to your hotel. (B, L)

Day 4: Baia • Cave di Cuma

Begin today with a visit to Baia archaeological park, including the impressive Baia castle, which was built on the ruins of the imperial palace and is now an archaeological museum. Continue to Cuma, home to the first ancient Greek settlement on the Italian mainland, to see the remnants of Greek temples. (B)

Day 5: Pompei • Oplontis

Today's sightseeing begins with a visit to

Pompeii, highlights of which include the basilica, the Temple of Apollo, and the oldest-known Roman amphitheatre once capable of holding up to 20,000 spectators. The tour will then proceed to nearby Oplontis. This city was also buried under a layer of ash when Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. (B)

Day 6: Herculaneum • Naples

This morning, tour Herculaneum, visiting Casa d'Argo, a well-preserved example of a Roman noble family's home; the extraordinary mosaic at Casa di Nettuno e Anfritrite; and the public baths at Terme del Foro. Proceed to Naples for an afternoon visit to the city's renowned archaeological museum. Enjoy wine tasting at a local estate before returning to the hotel. (B)

Day 7: Naples • Fly to London

This morning, travel to Paestum prior to your return to the UK. Sights include the Doric temples of Ceres, Hera and Neptune. The Tempio di Nettuno (Neptune) is the largest and best preserved of the three temples with only parts of the inside walls and roof missing. Transfer to Naples Airport for your flight. (B, L)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Amalfi Coast

3 days & 2 nights from £420

Extension starts on day 7 of tour

Travel to Sorrento and relax at **Hotel Villa di Sorrento** (or similar). Includes transfers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please refer to page 131.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: IPO

21 Mar – 27 Mar 22	with Dr Steve Kershaw	from £1,945	single supp. from £295
23 May – 29 May 22	with Stephen Nelson	from £1,995	single supp. from £325
05 Sep – 11 Sep 22	with Stephen Nelson	from £1,995	single supp. from £325
20 Mar – 26 Mar 23	with Dr Steve Kershaw	from £1,945	single supp. from £295
22 May – 28 May 23	with Stephen Nelson	from £1,995	single supp. from £335
04 Sep – 10 Sep 23	with Stephen Nelson	from £1,995	single supp. from £335

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £125 return

Regional air connections

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Ravenna: Mosaics & Marble

Duration • 4 days & 3 nights
Category • Superior

Expert-led group tour • From £1,295 (incl. flights)
Art • Architecture

**Arts &
Culture**

Tour overview

Uncover Ravenna's glittering past with experts Rowena Loverance or Dr Sally Dormer. In 402AD, the city became the capital of the western Roman empire and mosaic-decorated churches were built. Ravenna flourished during the early sixth century under the Ostrogoths, who commissioned further splendid monuments. In 540AD it became the main outpost of the Byzantine empire in western Europe, experiencing another lavish period of patronage, and the Lombards assumed control in 751AD. Decline was inevitable, but vital in ensuring the survival of Ravenna's illustrious past.

Signature Experiences

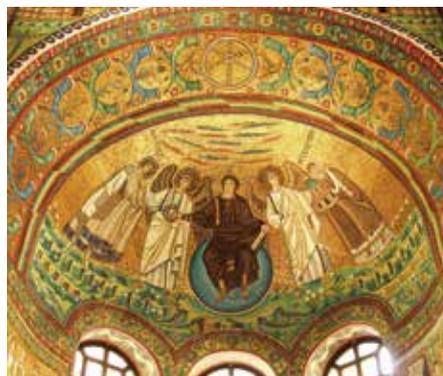
- ❖ Visit the Church of San Pietro in Silvis, the oldest in the Ravenna area
- ❖ See the variety of different marble & mosaic decoration at the church of San Vitale
- ❖ Explore the unique 10-sided mausoleum of Theodoric the Great, king of the Ostrogoths
- ❖ Discover how mosaics are made in a contemporary studio
- ❖ See the work of Ravenna's modern mosaicists in a city that remains at the centre of mosaic art

Expert lecturers

Rowena Loverance is a Byzantine art historian, specialising in sculpture, mosaics and icons. She worked for more than 20 years at the British Museum and is a visiting research fellow at King's College, London.



Dr Sally Dormer is a freelance art historian and lecturer. She read history at the University of Durham, before gaining an MA in medieval art and a PhD at the Courtauld Institute of Art. She is a course tutor and lecturer at the Victoria & Albert Museum and also lectures for the Art Fund and the Arts Society.



Mosaic in the Basilica di San Vitale, Ravenna

Day 1: Fly to Bologna • Ravenna

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bologna with British Airways. Transfer to Ravenna and stay at the historic **Palazzo Bezzi Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. This afternoon, visit Sant'Apollinare in Classe, which demonstrates the form and function of early Christian basilical churches. (D)

Day 2: Ravenna

Visit the so-called mausoleum of Galla Placidia, which contains fine early Christian vault mosaics. Continue to San Vitale, one of the most significant surviving Byzantine churches. Travel to the Residenza dei Vescovi to view masterpieces from the Museo Arcivescovile, the archiepiscopal chapel and Ravenna's 18th-century cathedral. Finally, stop by a modern mosaic studio (subject to confirmation). (B)

Day 3: Ravenna

Visit Theodoric's Palace and the octagonal Orthodox baptistery. Continue to the basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, built by Ostrogoth king Theodoric; the fifth-century Arian baptistery, with its mosaic of Christ's baptism; Dante's tomb and the basilica of San Francesco. Visit the city art museum to admire contemporary mosaics. Continue to the Byzantine palace of Domus dei Tappeti di Pietra to see its marble inlays and mosaics. (B, D)

Day 4: Ravenna • Fly to London

This morning, visit the mausoleum of Theodoric. This unique 10-sided mausoleum was built from huge blocks of ashlar masonry on the outskirts of Ravenna. Drive to San Pietro in Silvis, which dates from the seventh century and provides useful comparisons with the churches in Ravenna. Lunch at Bagnacavallo, before continuing to Bologna. Fly to London. (B, L)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Please enquire for prices to extend your stay in Ravenna or Bologna.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Private visits: Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means that they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Also, churches, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be re-arranged, please be assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: IMA

17 Mar – 20 Mar 22	with Rowena Loverance	from £1,295	single supp. from £265
17 Nov – 20 Nov 22	with Sally Dormer	from £1,295	single supp. from £285
16 Mar – 19 Mar 23	with Rowena Loverance	from £1,395	single supp. from £285
16 Nov – 19 Nov 23	with Sally Dormer	from £1,395	single supp. from £305

British Airways flight upgrades
Club Europe from £95 return

Regional air connections
Please speak to your consultant for details

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Splendours of Andalucía

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,295 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,995 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

Weather

Seville

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	16	17	20	22	27	31	35	35	32	26	20	16
B	6	7	8	10	13	16	18	19	17	13	9	6
C	78	68	61	54	34	17	1	5	21	61	89	90

Córdoba

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	14	16	19	21	26	31	36	35	31	24	18	14
B	4	5	6	8	11	15	18	18	16	11	7	4
C	68	68	62	54	36	21	4	5	23	62	82	79

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Garden of the Mezquita, Córdoba

Andalucía is one of Spain's most scenic regions, strewn with superb Hispano-Moorish architecture. As well as including two of Spain's greatest sites – the Alhambra in Granada and the Mezquita in Córdoba – this tour explores some of Andalucía's prettiest countryside and towns.

Ronda, which sits astride the El Tajo gorge. Visit the bullring before continuing to Seville where you will have a taverns and market tour with a local food expert before continuing to Seville. Overnight at the **Novotel Marques de Nervion**. (B)

Day 3: Seville

Full-day tour of Seville with local guide. Explore Seville's cathedral, which is the largest in Europe and Christopher Columbus' burial place, as well as Giralda and Alcazar. In the late afternoon head to Córdoba to stay at the **Hotel Conquistador** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Carmona • Córdoba

Half-day tour of Córdoba with local guide to include the beautiful Mezquita Mosque and synagogue. There is an optional afternoon visit to Medina Azahara. (B)

Day 5: Córdoba

Morning at leisure and PM transfer to Granada to stay at **Abades Recogidas** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6: Granada

Half day tour of Granada, including the Alhambra Palace. Built by the Moors in the 13th and 14th centuries, it consists of a spectacular complex of buildings and courtyards, as well as the celebrated Generalife gardens. (B)

Signature Experiences

- ❖ **Taverns and market tour with a local food expert in Seville**
- ❖ **Tours of Seville's Alcázar, the Alhambra in Granada and the Mezquita in Córdoba**
- ❖ **Visit Seville's cathedral, the largest in Europe and burial place of Christopher Columbus**

Day 1: Fly to Malaga

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Malaga with British Airways. Transfer to the **Eurostars Malaga** for 1 night. Welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Ronda • Seville

Morning drive to Seville. En route, stop at



Patio de las Doncellas in the Real Alcazar, Seville

Day 7: Granada • Fly to London

Breakfast in hotel. Morning at leisure and transfer to Malaga airport. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Malaga

3 days & 2 nights from £235

Stay an additional 2 nights in Malaga at the Eurostars Malaga and explore the historic centre of this coastal resort. Return transfer to Malaga airport is included.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: ALA

Group tour

Low season from £1,295
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,695
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £325

Private travel

From £3,995
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £325

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **03 Jun 22, 23 Sep 22, 02 Jun 23, 22 Sep 23**

British Airways flights upgrade

Club Europe from £100 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Wed)						
06 May 22	12 May 23	02 Sep 22	08 Sep 22	02 Jun 23	08 Jun 23	22 Sep 23	28 Sep 23
03 Jun 22	09 Jun 23	23 Sep 22	29 Sep 22	16 Jun 23	22 Jun 23		
17 Jun 22	23 Jun 22	05 May 23	11 May 23	01 Sep 23	07 Sep 23		

Albania: Land of the Eagle

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Standard

Small-group tour • From £995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £1,690 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on all departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts & 1 lunch
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink



Temple ruins, Apollonia

Known as the 'Cradle of the Balkans', Albania is home to a wealth of natural and historic sites. Beyond its lively capital, Tirana, lies spectacular mountain and coastal scenery as well as pretty Ottoman-era towns like Gjirokastër and Kruja. It is also home to many important Greek and Roman ruins, including Butrint and Apollonia. Embark on a tour that reveals the best of this oft-overlooked corner of the Mediterranean.

Day 3: Apollonia • Vlorë • Llogara

En route to Vlorë, visit the most important Roman site in Albania, Apollonia, where the nephew of Julius Caesar once studied. Continue to Vlorë to visit Muradie Mosque and the headquarters of Albania's first independent government. Finish the day at the scenic Llogara National Park. Stay at **Llogara Village** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 4: Butrint

Depart for the ancient city of Butrint, travelling along the spectacular Albanian Riviera. The town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the country's most important archaeological museum. After lunch in a recommended restaurant, transfer to Gjirokastër for check-in at **Hotel Fantasy** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Gjirokastër

Spend the morning touring Gjirokastër, famous for its Ottoman architecture, grand fortress and being the birthplace of notorious dictator, Enver Hoxha. Visit Hoxha's place of birth and learn more about Albania's recent history. In the afternoon, head out into the countryside to a traditional sheep farm for lunch with a local family. Return to Gjirokastër in time for dinner. (B, L)

Day 6: Berat

After breakfast, depart for Berat – another UNESCO-listed town – where you visit the Onufri Museum and the town castle. Berat castle is of particular interest as people still live within its walls in traditional houses. In the afternoon, meet a local family and learn how to prepare raki and traditional coffee. Stay overnight in Berat at **Hotel Onufri** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Weather

Tirana

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	11	12	15	18	23	27	30	30	27	21	16	12
B	2	2	4	8	12	12	17	17	14	10	6	3
C	127	115	109	97	82	59	37	47	78	108	160	143

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Lunch with a local sheep herder**
- ❖ **Wine and brandy tasting at Skanderbeg**
- ❖ **Visit one of Europe's most unique art galleries, BunkArt**
- ❖ **Explore the architectural legacies of the Ottoman empire and Communist era**

Day 1: Fly to Tirana

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Tirana with British Airways. Transfer and stay at the **Colosseo Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. Enjoy a welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Tirana

This morning, visit the National Historical Museum, followed by BunkArt – an anti-nuclear bunker built under the city, that is now a museum and modern art gallery. Afterwards, visit Bektashi World Centre, a Dervish sect that fuses elements of Shia and Sufi Islam. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)



Gjirokastër

Day 7: Durrës • Skanderbeg winery

Transfer to Durrës, one of Albania's oldest towns and the site of the first and perhaps most important of the country's Greek colonies. In the afternoon, visit the award-winning Skanderbeg winery and brandy producer, famous throughout the Balkans. After, drive to Kruja, the hometown of Skanderbeg, Albania's national hero. Stay at the **Hotel Panorama** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 8: Kruja • Fly to London

Kruja was the centre of Albanian resistance – led by local feudal lord, Skanderbeg – against the Ottomans. Visit the museum dedicated to Skanderbeg's life, as well as Kruja's centuries-old Bazaar, before returning to Tirana Airport. Fly to London or continue to your extension destination. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Montenegro

3 days & 2 nights from £520

Situated between Croatia and Albania, Montenegro is home to some of the Adriatic's most picturesque scenery, with coastal fjords and walled medieval towns. Stay 2 nights in the coastal resort of Budva and take an optional visit to the UNESCO-listed town of Kotor.

Day 9: Budva

Travel from Kruja to Budva in Montenegro and stay 2 nights at the **Grand Avala Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Tour Budva & Kotor

This morning, tour Budva, including its attractive old town, before an afternoon excursion to the UNESCO-listed town of Kotor, one of the best-preserved medieval cities on the Adriatic. View the ancient city walls, the Cathedral of St Tryphon and Church of St Nicholas. (B)

Day 11: Fly to London

Following a morning at leisure, transfer to Dubrovnik airport and fly to London with British Airways. (B)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: ALE

Group tour

Low season from £995
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,075
Guide price months: Jun & Sep

Single supplement from £190

Private travel

Low season from £1,690
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,790
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £190

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **All departures for 2022 & 2023**

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £110 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
06 May 22	14 May 22	02 Sep 22	10 Sep 22	05 May 23	13 May 23	01 Sep 23	09 Sep 23
03 Jun 22	11 Jun 22	23 Sep 22	01 Oct 22	02 Jun 23	10 Jun 23	22 Sep 23	30 Sep 23

The Heart of Ancient Greece

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,590 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights with Aegean Air or easyJet
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 6 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink



The Acropolis, Athens

Considered the birthplace of Western civilisation, Greece's influence still resonates today in the fields of architecture, science, engineering and philosophy. Incorporating the classical sites of Olympia, Delphi, Mycenae and Epidaurus, this tour also visits the extraordinary rock formations of the Meteora region and the man-made marvels of the Corinth Canal.

museum. Leave Athens and visit the Corinth Canal. Continue to Nafplion, with a stop at a local winery for a tasting. Stay at the **Hotel Amalia** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 3: Nafplion • Mycenae • Epidaurus

Drive to Mycenae, the seat of King Agamemnon, who led the Greek armies against Troy. Visit the Lion's Gate, the Cyclopean Walls and the Royal Tombs. After lunch, depart for Nafplion, a picturesque town nestling at the foot of a cliff. Continue to Epidaurus to visit the fourth-century theatre. Return to Nafplion. (B)

Day 4: Nafplion • Monemvasia

Travel to Monemvasia, a medieval fortress-town. Take a walking tour including the castle, perimeter walls, old mansions and churches, connected by narrow cobbled lanes. Time at leisure before dinner in the castle. Stay at **Kinsterna Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 5: Sparta • Kalamata

This morning travel to Sparta, the land of King Leonidas and the legendary Spartan soldiers. Continue to Mystras and visit the remains of the castle and old town. Visit the olive oil museum and learn about the history and culture of the olive and its production in Greece. Stay at the **Filoxenia Hotel** (or similar) in Kalamata for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 6: Kalamata • Olympia

Depart for Olympia, visiting an olive oil farm en route. Stay overnight in Olympia at the **Europa Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Weather Athens

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	12	13	15	19	24	29	32	31	28	22	18	14
B	5	6	7	10	14	19	21	21	18	14	10	7
C	63	54	50	31	23	12	6	6	13	55	64	80

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Wine tasting in Nafplion**
- ❖ **Visit the little-known medieval town of Monemvasia**
- ❖ **Olive oil museum and tasting in Mystras**
- ❖ **Join a truffle hunt in Meteora**

Day 1: Fly to Athens

Morning flight from London (regional connections available) to Athens with Aegean Air. Transfer to the **Electra Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. Welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Athens • Corinth • Nafplion

Morning tour of Athens, including Syntagma Square, Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of Zeus and the Panathenaic Stadium. Finish at the Acropolis to view the Parthenon and visit the



Sanctuary of Athena Pronaia, Delphi

Day 7: Olympia • Delphi

Visit the archaeological site of Olympia including the museum, stadium and Sanctuary of Olympian Zeus. Continue to Delphi. Stay 2 nights at the **Amalia Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 8: Delphi

A full day to enjoy the archaeological site and museum at Delphi, on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. Visit the Athenian Treasury, the Temple of Apollo and the museum containing masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture. (B)

Day 9: Kalambaka

Travel to Kalambaka and visit the Natural History Museum of Meteora and Mushroom Museum. Take part in a demonstration of truffle hunting with dogs, followed by a snack of mushroom and truffle pasta. Stay at the **Divani Meteora Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Kalambaka

Full-day visit to the remarkable Meteora monasteries, built high on rocky outcrops. (B, D)

Day 11: Mount Olympus • Athens

Depart from Kalambaka and transfer to the Archaeological Park of Dion, a sacred city of the Macedonians at the foot of Mount Olympus. The long route back to Athens passes through the striking Plain of Thessaly, with its bucolic panoramas, and the Vale of Tempe. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Athens' ancient

Plaka district. Stay at the **Electra Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 12: Fly to London

Transfer to Athens airport and fly to London. (B)

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

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: GRD

Group tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price months: May & Sep

High season from £2,495
Guide price months: Jun – Sep

Single supplement from £595

Private tour

Low season from £5,590
Guide price months: May & Sep

High season from £5,790
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £595

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

Aegean Air flight upgrades

Business Class from £675 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
06 May 22	17 May 22	02 Sep 22	13 Sep 22	26 May 23	06 Jun 23	15 Sep 23	26 Sep 23
27 May 22	07 Jun 22	16 Sep 22	27 Sep 22	16 Jun 23	27 Jun 23		
17 Jun 22	28 Jun 22	05 May 23	16 May 23	01 Sep 23	12 Sep 23		

The Wonders of Ancient Crete

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,595 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,790 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink & farewell dinner



Chania

As a strategic gateway to the eastern Mediterranean, Crete has been ruled by a number of great powers, from the Minoans, one of Europe's first civilisations, to the Byzantine, Roman and Ottoman empires. This tour explores Crete's scenic and cultural highlights, including the Palace of Knossos, an incomparable monument of ancient Minoan society.

Day 3: Arkadi • Eleftherna • Rethymno

This morning, visit the fortified monastery of Arkadi. Near Eleftherna, visit the MAE museum with its impressive collection of artefacts from Greece, Cyprus and Egypt. Continue to Rethymno for a guided city walk. (B)

Day 4: Phaestos • Matala • Heraklion

Drive across the island to the Messara plain and visit Phaestos, the second Minoan palace. Continue to Matala, a pretty seaside town, and enjoy a swim or relax on the beach. Drive to Heraklion, stopping en route at the archaeological site of Gortys. Stay 4 nights at the Aquila Atlantis Hotel (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Knossos • Wine tasting

Morning drive to the ancient Minoan Palace of Knossos, the centre of Europe's first civilisation. According to myth, it was home to King Minos and site of the legend of Theseus slaying the Minotaur in the labyrinth. Then drive into the Peditados region south of Heraklion, Crete's most famous wine producing area. Visit a wine domaine for an introduction to Cretan wine, with tasting and a traditional lunch. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Kera • Spinalonga • Heraklion

Visit the Church of Panagia Kera to view the finest Byzantine frescoes in Crete. Continue to Elounda and take a boat to Spinalonga. Formerly a leper colony, the legacies of Greek, Ottoman, Byzantine and Venetian occupation over the centuries have left their imprint on this fortified island. Return to Heraklion via the port town of Agios Nikolaos. (B)

Day 7: Heraklion

Morning at leisure to relax by the pool or explore Heraklion's old town. Afternoon guided

Weather Heraklion

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	14	14	15	19	23	27	28	28	25	22	19	15
B	7	8	8	11	14	18	20	20	18	15	12	9
C	153	118	90	38	20	8	3	1	23	95	83	122

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Beekeeping experience and honey tasting**
- ❖ **Visits to the archaeological sites of Knossos and Eleftherna**
- ❖ **Wine tasting with a traditional Cretan lunch**
- ❖ **Boat trip to the isle of Spinalonga, once home to a leper colony**

Day 1: Fly to Heraklion • Rethymno

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Heraklion with British Airways. Transfer to **The Artemis Palace** in Rethymno (or similar) for 3 nights. Welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Aptera • Chania

Morning visit to the ancient site of Aptera and meet a beekeeper for an introduction to beehives and their cultivation. Continue to the town of Chania with its Venetian harbour. Also make a poignant visit to the Allied Cemetery, containing Second World War burials. (B)



Palace of Knossos

visit to the Heraklion Archaeological Museum with its collection of Minoan treasure. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Afternoon flight to London with British Airways. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Santorini

4 days & 3 nights from £925

The island of Santorini sits on the edge of a giant volcanic caldera that erupted some 3,600 years ago, tearing the existing island apart and leaving behind a large lagoon. Many of the island's villages offer spectacular views of the caldera's steep cliffs and the lagoon. The island is known for its striking sunsets and its unusual black and red beaches. Stay 3 nights at the **El Greco Hotel**, transfers included.

Tour + Mykonos

4 days & 3 nights from £595

Mykonos is part of the Cyclades islands and is arguably one of the most beautiful islands in Greece. In addition to its superb beaches, other sites of interest include its iconic windmills, the district of Little Venice in Mykonos Town and the church of Panagia Paraportiani. Stay 3 nights at the **Petasos Beach Hotel**, transfers included.

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: CRH

Group tour

Low season from £1,595
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,695
Guide price months: May - Oct

Single supplement from £245

Private tour

Low season from £3,790
Guide price months: May & Oct

High season from £3,990
Guide price months: Jun & Sep

Single supplement from £245

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **13 May 22, 07 Oct 22, 12 May 23, 06 Oct 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £295 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
13 May 22	20 May 22	16 Sep 22	23 Sep 22	09 Jun 23	16 Jun 23	06 Oct 23	13 Oct 23
10 Jun 22	17 Jun 22	07 Oct 22	14 Oct 22	01 Sep 23	08 Sep 23		
02 Sep 22	09 Sep 22	12 May 23	19 May 23	15 Sep 23	22 Sep 23		

Classical Turkey

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,295 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,540 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extension, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Flights with Turkish Airlines
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink



Amphitheatre, Hierapolis

Weather Istanbul

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	8	9	11	16	21	25	27	27	24	19	15	11
B	2	3	4	7	12	16	18	18	16	12	8	5
C	110	75	72	50	35	28	25	35	43	76	97	126

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Turkey has played a major role in the history of the Mediterranean world. Due to its strategic location straddling two continents, it has been a crucial crossroads and staging post on the trade routes between East and West. This tour combines the country's many natural wonders and man-made marvels, including the striking architecture of Hagia Sofia and the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, the remarkable classical sites of Troy, Aphrodisias and Ephesus, and the ancient hot springs of Pamukkale.

could accommodate 100,000 spectators. Afternoon visit to the Basilica Cistern, a marvel of Byzantine engineering located underneath the city, and finish at the Egyptian Bazaar. (B)

Day 3: Istanbul

Morning tour of Topkapi Palace, formerly the imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans. Tour the Grand Bazaar, Istanbul's legendary covered market, and enjoy a traditional Turkish coffee. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Canakkale

Morning drive to Canakkale. Tour of the Gallipoli battlefield, scene of the aborted Allied invasion of 1915. Visit Cape Helles, Suvla Bay and Anzac Cove. Stay at the Kolin Hotel for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 5: Troy • Pergamon • Izmir

Drive from Canakkale to Izmir, stopping en route to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Troy. Continue to Pergamon for a tour of the historic town, including visits to the Acropolis, the Asclepion and the Red Basilica. Transfer to the Key Hotel for 1 night. (B)

Day 6: Hierapolis • Pamukkale • Laodicea

Morning drive to the ruins of Hierapolis and the travertine terraces, and the hot springs at Pamukkale. Continue to Laodicea, where the ruins of one of the seven biblical churches of Asia remain. Stay overnight at the Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale. (B, D)

Day 7: Aphrodisias • Kusadasi

Drive to Aphrodisias. Visit the Temple of Aphrodite and the most complete amphitheatre

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Visit the shop where Turkish delight was invented**
- ❖ **Turkish coffee tasting experience**
- ❖ **Wine tasting in a historically Greek village**

Day 1: Fly to Istanbul

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Istanbul with Turkish Airlines. Transfer to the Levni Hotel for 3 nights. Meeting and welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Istanbul

Morning tour of Istanbul including Hagia Sofia, built as a church by Emperor Justinian in the sixth century; the Blue Mosque, with its exquisite blue tiles; and the remains of the Hippodrome, which at its height



Blue Mosque, Istanbul

to have survived from the ancient world. Drive on to the village of Sirince, with its authentic Greco-Mediterranean architecture of narrow cobbled streets and whitewashed houses. Enjoy wine tasting at a nearby vineyard. Continue to Kusadasi and stay 2 nights at **La Vista Boutique Hotel Kusadasi**. (B)

Day 8: Ephesus

Morning tour of Ephesus, once the capital of Roman Asia Minor. See the remains of the Temple of Artemis, one of the original Seven Wonders of the World, as well as the main site with its fabled Library of Celsus. Continue to the house of the Virgin Mary. Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to the hillside town of Priene and the ancient Ionian ports of the Menderes Valley. (B)

Day 9: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to the airport and fly to London, via Istanbul. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Istanbul and Kusadasi, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers. Alternative pre- and post-tour extensions are also available for Cappadocia, Edirne, Bursa and Ankara. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for further details.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: CLT

Group tour

Low season from £1,295
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,495
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £495

Private tour

From £2,540
Guide price months: Apr – Oct

Single supplement from £495

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **16 Apr 22, 04 Jun 22, 17 Sep 22, 13 May 23, 16 Sep 23**

Turkish Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £475 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
16 Apr 22	24 Apr 22	03 Sep 22	11 Sep 22	15 Apr 23	23 Apr 23	02 Sep 23	10 Sep 23
14 May 22	22 May 22	17 Sep 22	25 Sep 22	13 May 23	21 May 23	16 Sep 23	24 Sep 23
04 Jun 22	12 Jun 22	08 Oct 22	16 Oct 22	03 Jun 23	11 Jun 23	07 Oct 23	15 Oct 23



North Africa, the Middle East & Central Asia

Small group tours • Tailor-made travel

History is written everywhere in the Middle East and North Africa – from the Roman ruins of Morocco and the rock-hewn city of Petra to the grand pyramids of Egypt. It's here that Christianity, Judaism and Islam all arose, and where humankind first began to write. The immense region of Central Asia is a land of sweeping desert, vast steppe plains, huge mountains, and Silk Road cities with soaring minarets and blue-domed mosques.

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Discover Egypt

Egypt has been a magnet for cultural travellers since the 19th century. Today, anyone with a keen interest in ancient history will be just as enthralled by a country that is blessed with an extraordinary number of spectacular archaeological sites.

After a stay in Cairo, most visitors take a relaxing multi-night Nile cruise, as most of the country's historic sites are spread along the river's banks. Cruises usually depart from Aswan or Luxor, and there is a wide variety of cruising vessels available; the larger boats have up to 60 cabins, while the smallest and most intimate vessel, the dahabeya, is powered by sails and has just six cabins.



Pyramids and the Great Sphinx at Giza

Cairo

Pyramids and the Great Sphinx at Giza • Ancient Khan el-Khalili souk

No visit to Egypt would be complete without a stay in its capital, Cairo. On its east side stands the evidence of 2,000 years of Islamic, Christian Coptic and Jewish culture. On its west side lies the ancient Egyptian city of Memphis (Giza), capital of the old kingdom, the Great Sphinx and the Pyramids.

Among the city's many attractions are the ancient Khan el-Khalili souk, the towering citadel, and the many mosques, minarets and tombs of the old city. The fascinating Egyptian Museum is home to more than 120,000 ancient artefacts, including Tutankhamun's burial mask. The new, and highly anticipated, Grand Egyptian Museum is due to open in 2021.

Luxor

East Bank temples of Karnak & Luxor • Valley of the Kings & Queens on the West Bank

Luxor is a modern city with ancient monuments nearby, including two large temple complexes. The Karnak temples are among the most historically significant in Egypt, while in the heart of the new town lies the smaller Luxor (Thebes) Temple.

Across the Nile on the West Bank is one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. This area, the necropolis, includes the world-renowned Valley of the Kings. Thousands of elaborately decorated tombs are found here, the most significant of which were built for the pharaohs. The Valley of the Queens is an equally important but lesser-frequented archaeological site.



Temple of Karnak



Feluccas on the Nile, Aswan

Aswan

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

Aswan is situated in southern Egypt and the main sight here is the Temple of Philae. Located on Agilkia Island between Aswan's two dams, the temple is one of the most photogenic sites on the Nile. The original location of the temple meant that it was often flooded, so in the 1960s the entire complex was moved.

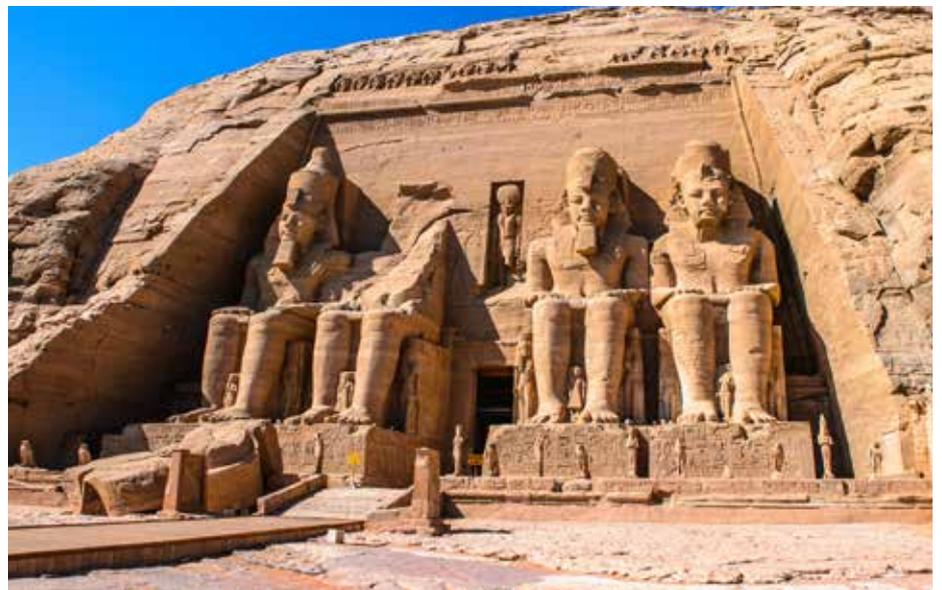
The Nubian Museum houses an excellent collection of artefacts from the nomadic tribes of southern Egypt, which have now been displaced due to the construction of the dam in the 20th century. Don't miss the chance to take a leisurely *felucca* (traditional wooden sailboat) trip on the river.

Abu Simbel

See the colossal Temple of Ramses II • Day excursion from Aswan

The Temple of Ramses II at Abu Simbel is one of the most impressive monuments in Egypt. Built into a rocky hillside, the site's four statues are around 20 metres high and remain as awesome today as they would have been at the time of their construction 3,000 years ago. Due to the construction of the High Dam at Aswan, the temple was moved between 1964 and 1968 to its new picturesque location. Next to the Temple of Ramses II is the smaller temple of Nefertari, dedicated to the wife of Ramses II.

Many visitors choose to reach the site by air, as a day trip from Aswan. Due to flight restrictions, the maximum duration of your visit cannot exceed one hour.



Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel

A suggested itinerary...

Egyptian Grand Tour Nile Cruise

11 days & 10 nights
from £2,850 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

This comprehensive tour is ideal for those wishing to see Egypt's greatest sites in style. Begin with a few days in Cairo to explore the sites before embarking on cruises on both the Nile and Lake Nasser.

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Fly to Cairo and transfer to the *Four Seasons at The First Residence* for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Cairo

Full-day tour of the Egyptian Museum, citadel and bazaar. (B)

Day 3: Fly to Luxor

Transfer to Cairo airport for an early morning flight to Luxor. On arrival, transfer

to the Mövenpick MS *Royal Lily* for a 4-night cruise. Afternoon visit to the East Bank to see the temples of Luxor and Karnak. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Luxor

Morning visit to the Valley of the Kings and Queens, and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut on the West Bank, before sailing to Edfu via Esna lock. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Edfu • Kom Ombo

Morning visit to the Temple of Horus. Afternoon cruise to Kom Ombo and visit the Temple of Sobek and Haroeris, then cruise to Aswan. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Aswan

Morning visits to the Aswan High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk and the Temple of Philae. Afternoon *felucca* trip on the Nile. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Fly to Abu Simbel

Transfer to Aswan airport for the short flight to Abu Simbel. On arrival, board MS *Prince Abbas* for a 3-night cruise on Lake Nasser. Visit the impressive Abu Simbel temple complex, and return in the evening for a sound and light show. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sail to Qasr Ibrim

Visit the Temple of Amada, an 18th-dynasty temple, the rock-cut Temple of Derr and the Tomb of Penout. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Wadi El Sebua

Morning visit to the Temple of Wadi El Sebua. Afternoon cruise to Aswan. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Aswan • Fly to Cairo • Giza

Disembark in the morning and visit the Temples of Kalabsha. Fly to Cairo and transfer to the *InterContinental Citystars* for 1 night. Tour of Giza to see the Pyramids and Sphinx. (B)

Day 11: Fly home

Early morning transfer to Cairo airport and fly home. (B)

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Egypt: Ancient Wonders of Cairo & the Nile

NEW TOUR

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Luxury

Small-group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,295 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ Guaranteed to run with a minimum of 4 passengers
- ❖ Direct international flights with Egyptair
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local Egyptologists
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 5 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome dinner on Day 2
- ❖ Full-board accommodation on 4-night cruise
- ❖ Optional upgrade to Main Deck cabin from £75 per person



Sanctuary Nile Adventurer

Explore the wonders of Egypt via the River Nile on this exceptional tour. Visit Giza's pyramids before taking a flight to the ancient town of Aswan, where Agatha Christie wrote her novel *Death on the Nile*. Here you will board one of the country's premier luxury cruise vessels, the *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*, for a four-night, five-star river cruise to Luxor. Throughout the journey, you will chase ancient sites with an expert Egyptologist, who will regale you with tales of pharaohs, kings and a pantheon of exotic gods. After learning about the fabled figures whose pasts are imprinted in Egypt's millennia-old carvings and hieroglyphics, you will depart with a deeper insight into this fascinating corner of the world.

Egyptian antiquities in the world. Among these treasures are those discovered by Howard Carter in 1922 from within the tomb of Tutankhamun. This includes the gold mask of 'The Boy King', the solid gold sarcophagus that held his mummy, and his ornate throne. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner buffet with wine. (B,D)

Day 3: Aswan

Fly to Aswan this morning to begin your 4-night Nile cruise aboard the *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer* (Nile Deck Cabin). This 32-cabin vessel offers a luxurious standard of cruise on the world's longest river. Interiors are a blend of the contemporary and traditional, with nods to Egyptian heritage such as Cairene rugs and Arabian patterns. Gourmet cuisine, sightseeing excursions, on-board entertainment and expert Egyptologists elevate your cruise experience. After check-in and lunch, ride a traditional felucca sailboat around Elephantine Island, Lord Kitchener's Botanical Gardens and the Agha Khan Mausoleum (weather permitting). This evening, attend a welcome reception and programme overview. Enjoy Egyptian wine and beer with a selection of canapés, followed by a gourmet dinner. A folkloric show and a Whirling Dervish performance follow (subject to confirmation). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Agilika Island • Kom Ombo

After breakfast on board, take a short motorboat ride to the ancient Philae Temple on the Island of Agilika. Next, it's on to the granite quarries which supplied much of the hard stone used to build the Egyptians' pyramids and temples. Here you see the Unfinished Obelisk. Back aboard your ship, partake in an Egyptian cooking lesson and eat lunch as you cruise to Kom Ombo, where you visit the magnificent Temple of Kom Ombo – dedicated to the crocodile god, Sobek. This evening, as your ship's course is set for Edfu,

Weather Cairo

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C	5	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	4

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Learn about archaeological excavations during a private lecture aboard the *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*
- ❖ Tour ancient temples alongside expert Egyptologists
- ❖ Ride a traditional felucca sailboat around Elephantine Island

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Cairo with Egyptair. Transfer to the *Hilton Ramses* (or similar) for a 2-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Cairo

Spend your morning at leisure, ahead of an afternoon visit to the Egyptian Museum, home to one of the finest collections of



Temple of Horus, Edfu

enjoy, a lavish buffet of local specialities, and traditional music and dancing. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Edfu • Esna

This morning, explore the extraordinary Temple of Horus. Despite being built by the Greeks, this impressive structure is the largest and most complete preserved Pharaonic temple in Egypt. Return to your boat in time for lunch and continue cruising to Esna. This afternoon, your Egyptologist guides you round the Graeco-Roman Temple of Khnum in Esna. Tonight, enjoy a sumptuous dinner on board. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Luxor

Start your day exploring the imposing Temple of Luxor alongside your expert Egyptologist. Continue to the Temple of Karnak, and – this afternoon – the Valley of the Kings. You also have the chance to visit at least one tomb in the Valley of the Queens and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. En route back to the Nile, pass the famed Colossi of Memnon, known in Ancient Greek times for their haunting ‘voices’ at dawn. Return to your vessel for afternoon tea. This evening, enjoy a farewell gala dinner, with white-gloved waiters serving gourmet cuisine. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Giza • Cairo

This morning, transfer to Luxor Airport for a flight to Cairo. After dropping off your luggage at the **Hilton Ramses** (or similar), and lunch at leisure, visit Giza’s iconic pyramid complex. The Great Pyramid of Giza is the last standing of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, as well as the oldest – built over 4,500 years ago as a giant tomb for pharaoh Khufu. Nearby sits the enigmatic Sphinx, with its lion body and human face, which may have been based on King Khafre and positioned to guard the king’s enormous funerary monument. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Fly to the UK

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre-tour extension is available in Alexandria for 4 nights from £1,160 per person. Post-tour extension available in Luxor for 2 nights from

£400 or a 4-night cruise on the beautiful Lake Nasser from £1,050 per person.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: EGT

Group tour

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

High season from £2,095
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £595

Private travel

Low season from £2,295
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £2,595
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £595

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

Egyptair flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,095 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
19 Jan 22	26 Jan 22	11 May 22	18 May 22	19 Mar 23	26 Jan 23	16 Sep 23	23 Sep 23
24 Mar 22	31 Mar 22	08 Sep 22	15 Sep 22	20 Apr 23	27 Apr 23	19 Nov 23	26 Nov 23
01 Apr 22	08 Apr 22	16 Sep-22	23 Sep 22	14 May 23	21 May 23	05 Dec 23	12 Dec 23
25 Apr 22	02 May 22	27 Nov 22	04 Dec 22	22 May 23	29 May 23		
03 May 22	10 May 22	22 Jan 23	29 Jan 23	08 Sep 23	15 Sep 23		

Discover Morocco

Get lost in the labyrinthine souks of Marrakech – the crossroads of the ancient caravan routes – and stay in a boutique riad; go on a cultural exploration of Morocco's imperial past, from the ruins of Roman Volubilis to the medieval alleyways of Fez and the modern boulevards of Rabat; venture into the wild, trekking the valleys and peaks of the Atlas Mountains and camping beneath the stars in the Sahara Desert; or simply relax in coastal towns such as Essaouira or Agadir.

All this is just a short flight from the UK, making it an ideal destination if you are looking for a complete change of scene without the trouble of a long-haul flight.



Djemaa el Fna Square, Marrakech

Marrakech

Walled medieval city • Buzzing Djemaa el Fna square • Stay in a traditional riad

Set against the magnificent backdrop of the Atlas Mountains, Marrakech's walled medina is a maze of narrow alleyways lined with medieval buildings. The skyline is dominated by the Koutoubia minaret, built in the 12th century and part of a large mosque complex. At the heart of the city, the famous Djemaa el Fna market square is a frenzy of colour and activity, akin to a carnival.

Riads provide comfortable, often luxurious accommodation in converted, traditional Moroccan houses. Due to the architecture and design of some riads, rooms may have small windows facing the interior public areas.

Rabat

Modern capital & ancient port • Roman ruins at Chellah • Clifftop kasbah

The capital of Morocco, modern Rabat is a planned city of wide boulevards, handsome public buildings and landscaped gardens on the Atlantic coastal plain, at the mouth of the Bou Regreg River. Behind this modern facade is a long history, traces of which can still be seen.

The river port was first colonised by the Carthaginians and then by the Romans. Evidence of their rule remains at Chellah, or Sala Colonia, where a complex of ancient ruins sits on the riverside. The tranquil alleys of the Kasbah des Oudaias are also well worth a visit to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and for superb views of the river and ocean.



Rabat



Atlas Mountains



Souk, Fez



Camel caravan, Sahara

The Atlas Mountains

Scenic hikes • Fertile Ourika Valley • Lavish stays in converted kasbahs

The highest range in North Africa, the High Atlas has many fertile valleys, snow-covered peaks, rivers and waterfalls. About an hour's drive from Marrakech, the area can be visited on a day trip or as part of a longer itinerary.

The lush Ourika Valley makes another excellent day trip from Marrakech, with olive groves, citrus tree orchards, willows and poplar trees covering the slopes. Accommodation is in luxurious converted kasbahs or more basic local houses.

Fez & Meknes

Medieval atmosphere of Fez • Meknes, imperial capital of Moulay Ismail

Home to one of the oldest universities in the world, Fez is considered to be the intellectual capital and most imperial of Morocco's cities, famed for its labyrinthine souks. The tanneries are a major highlight; you can watch the centuries-old process of treating cowhide in huge vats of dye.

To the west of Fez, Meknes is a prosperous provincial town, cut in two by the river valley of the Oued Boufekrane, with varied and busy souks in its medina.

The Sahara Desert & Surrounds

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

The start of the Sahara Desert is marked by the five-kilometre wide and 50-kilometre long band of sand dunes called Erg Chebbi, with the small Berber village of Merzouga located on the fringe. The sand dunes here rise as high as 350 metres. Explore the otherworldly desert landscapes by camel or in a 4x4 vehicle, and make sure to spend a night under canvas here so you can see the colours of the sunset and sunrise over the sands.

A suggested itinerary...

Historic Cities & Culinary Delights of Morocco

8 days & 7 nights
from £2,150 (incl. flights)
Category • Standard

Discover the imperial cities of Rabat, Fez and Marrakech. Take part in cookery classes and learn the recipes and techniques that define Moroccan cuisine.

Day 1: Fly to Casablanca

Transfer to the Novotel Casablanca for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Casablanca • Rabat • Fez

Take a morning tour of Casablanca then continue to Rabat, where you will have time at leisure to see Oudayas garden, Hassan Tower and the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. After lunch, depart for Fez and stay 2 nights

at the Palais D'Hôtes. (B)

Day 3: Fez

Morning cooking class at a traditional riad. Afternoon tour of Fez, visiting the medieval medina and exploring the famous souks and tanneries. (B, L)

Day 4: Marrakech

Early departure for Marrakech. En route, stop at the Berber village of Imouzzur du Kandari, the delightful ski resort of Ifrane, and Azrou, a town known for its handicrafts. Lunch at leisure in Beni Mellal. Continue to Marrakech and stay at the Riad Dar Sara for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Marrakech

Morning cooking class at a traditional riad. Afternoon sightseeing tour visiting the Saadian Tombs, Menara gardens, Koutoubia Mosque, and Bahia Palace. Continue to the souks and Djemaa el Fna square. Optional evening dinner and folklore show. (B, L)

Day 6: Essaouira

Travel to Essaouira, where you will visit the ramparts of Skala, the seaport and the

medina. Enjoy an afternoon cooking class at a local riad. Stay at the Riad Mimouna for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 7: Casablanca

This morning drive to Casablanca. Dinner at Rick's Café, a restaurant designed to recreate the famous bar from the film *Casablanca*. Overnight at the Novotel Casablanca for 1 night. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Casablanca airport and fly home. (B)

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Moroccan Explorer: Imperial Cities to Desert

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,595 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions available
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts & 8 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Bab Mansour gate, Meknes

Weather Marrakech

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	18	20	22	24	27	31	36	36	32	27	22	19
B	6	8	9	11	14	16	20	20	18	15	10	6
C	32	35	31	29	14	4	1	2	6	22	38	35

Rabat

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	17	18	19	20	22	24	27	28	27	24	21	18
B	8	8	9	11	13	16	18	18	17	14	11	8
C	82	75	61	59	26	7	-	1	7	45	99	104

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Explore the imperial cities of Fez, Rabat, Meknes and Marrakech, all former or current capitals of Morocco and known for their architecture and vibrant souks. Along the way, travel through diverse landscapes, from the Atlantic coast through fertile plains to the Sahara.

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Explore the atmospheric Roman ruins of Volubilis and the town of Meknes**
- ❖ **Stay in traditional riad accommodation in the medinas of Chefchaouen**
- ❖ **Drink mint tea with a local nomad family and watch the sun set over the desert dunes**
- ❖ **Sample local food at the medina in Fez**

Day 1: Fly to Marrakech

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Marrakech with British Airways. Transfer to **Le Meridien** (or similar) for an overnight stay. (N)

Day 2: Marrakech • Rabat

After breakfast, you will travel to Rabat. Afternoon tour of the city including the Royal Palace, the 12th-century Hassan Tower with its mausoleum followed by a mint tea in the Andalusian gardens at Oudaya Kasbah. Stay for 1 night at **Riad Dar El Kebira** or **Dar El Kebira Salam** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 3: Chefchaouen

Travel by road to the blue-walled town of Chefchaouen, perched beneath the rugged Rif Mountains. Take a walking tour to discover the kasbah with its charming garden, then continue to the cobbled main square, Outa-el-Hammam and admire the 15th-century Grand Mosque with its distinctive octagonal minaret. Stay overnight at **Dar Echchaouen** (or similar). (B)

Day 4: Volubilis • Meknes • Fez

Morning at leisure in Chefchaouen's medina. Continue to Fez, stopping en route at the Roman ruins of Volubilis, which mark the westward extent of the Roman Empire, and the UNESCO-listed site of Meknes, now one of the quieter imperial cities but once the heart of the Moroccan sultanate. Spend 2 nights at the **Palais Ommeyad & Spa** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 5: Fez

Full-day tour of Fez, the oldest of Morocco's imperial cities. Visit the Bou Inania madrasa, the Nejjarine fountain, the souk, tanneries and medina. Visit a communal bakery and join a tasting tour through the medina. (B, D)

Day 6: Erfoud

Travel to Erfoud on the edge of the Sahara Desert, through the high plains between the Middle Atlas and High Atlas mountain ranges. Stop en route at Ifrane village for a walking tour. Continue to Erfoud and stay 2 nights at **Palais du Desert & Spa** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 7: Erg Chebbi

Morning at leisure. This afternoon journey into the Sahara in 4x4 vehicles. Stop for a refreshing mint drink with a local nomad family



Ait Benhaddou

and see the sunset over the dunes before returning to your hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 8: Ouarzazate

Travel west to Ouarzazate with a photo stop at Todra Gorge, an impressive orange-coloured canyon. Take a panoramic tour of Ouarzazate and stay overnight at Ksar Ighnda (or similar). (B, D)

Day 9: Ait Benhaddou • Marrakech

Depart for the fortified village of Ait Benhaddou, a superb example of traditional Moroccan earthen architecture. Scenes from the films *Gladiator*, *Prince of Persia* and *The Jewel of the Nile* were shot here. Arrive in Marrakech and visit the beautiful Jardin Majorelle to see the exotic plants before continuing to Le Meridien (or similar), for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 10: Marrakech

Full-day city tour of Marrakech. Highlights include the lavish Moroccan architecture of Bahia Palace, the walls of the former El Badi Palace, Koutoubia mosque and the bustling souks. Finish in Djemaa el Fna market square, a swirling carnival of musicians, fire eaters, storytellers and snake charmers. Farewell meal at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London, with British Airways. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or

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

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: DEZ

Group tour

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

High season from £2,135
Guide price months: Mar – Sep

Single supplement from £385

Private tour

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

High season from £2,810
Guide price month: Apr

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **25 Mar 22, 07 Oct 22, 10 Mar 23, 29 Sep 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £165 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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04 Mar 22	14 Mar 22	16 Sep 22	26 Sep 22	10 Mar 23	20 Mar 23	29 Sep 23	9 Oct 23
25 Mar 22	04 Apr 22	07 Oct 22	17 Oct 22	28 Apr 23	08 May 23	06 Oct 23	16 Oct 23
08 Apr 22	18 Apr 22	21 Oct 22	31 Oct 22	19 May 23	29 May 23		
20 May 22	30 May 22	03 Mar 23	13 Mar 23	15 Sep 23	25 Sep 23		

Discover Jordan

Jordan is a kingdom packed with history and culture, full of Roman cities, Crusader castles and biblical sites. There are also some unmissable natural sites, from its beautiful nature reserves and the desert landscapes of Wadi Rum to the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea and the glittering Red Sea.

Whether it's culture, cuisine, natural wonders or relaxation you're seeking, you'll find it all here. Amman, the capital, is the starting point for most, its modern buildings blending with the remnants of ancient civilisations. Jordan's modest size means that many of its sites can be easily combined, and it pairs well with Israel, Egypt or Lebanon for a longer holiday.



The Treasury, Petra

Petra

[Nabataean capital](#) • [UNESCO archaeological site](#)

No exploration of Jordan would be complete without visiting the ancient site of Petra. Founded in about the sixth century BC as the capital city of the Nabataean civilisation, the site has since been settled by the Romans, Crusaders and the Byzantine Empire, all of whom left churches, fortifications and monuments.

The walk through the 1,600-metre-long Siq, a natural corridor through the rock, only three metres wide in places and ending in front of the Treasury, provides one of the most memorable moments in Middle East travel. There are also various walks throughout the site that reveal hundreds of smaller buildings and tombs.

Jerash

[Roman ruins](#) • [Christian churches](#) & [mosaics](#)

North of Amman, the Graeco-Roman city of Jerash is widely regarded as the best-preserved city of the Decapolis, a confederation of ten Roman cities dating from the first century AD. As you approach the ruins, the imposing triumphal arch comes into view, built to honour the arrival of Emperor Hadrian in 129AD.

Beyond the arch, continuing excavation work has revealed two theatres, a forum, temples dedicated to Zeus and Artemis, a hippodrome, a long colonnaded street known as the Cardo and an almost complete circuit of city walls. From 350AD, a large Christian community lived here. They left their mark in the various churches and mosaic floors that remain.



Jerash



Wadi Rum

Wadi Rum

Otherworldly desert scenery • Luxury desert camps

The spectacular desert scenery of Wadi Rum is made up of ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains, rising out of white and pink coloured sands. Home to the many exploits of TE Lawrence during the 1917-1918 Arab Revolt, Wadi Rum was used for the desert shots of the films *Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Martian*, the latest Star Wars movie and the live action remake of Disney's *Aladdin*.

Wadi Rum can be explored by 4x4 or camel, and a night camping allows you to witness the stunning sunrises and sunsets over the dunes, and the moonlike landscape of the desert. The inky black skies of cool desert nights, filled with shooting stars and glimpses of the Milky Way, offers a stark contrast to the intense sun during the day.

The Dead Sea

Float in the salty, mineral-rich waters • Luxury spa resorts

Situated 400 metres below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest body of water on the surface of the Earth. 75km long and ranging from 6km to 16km wide, the salt lake is fed mainly by the Jordan River. There is no outlet for the water, so it becomes trapped and evaporates, leaving behind salts and minerals. The high salt content makes any significant plant and animal life impossible, and thus gives it its name.

The mineral-rich waters are reputed to bring natural health benefits, and the high concentration of salt makes the water exceptionally buoyant. Less than an hour from the airport in Amman, and with several luxurious spa resorts, it's an ideal place to relax at the end of a trip or to stop for a night after visiting Petra.



Dead Sea

A suggested itinerary...

Jordan Adventure

10 days & 9 nights
from £2,570 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Discover Jordan's diverse landscapes by exploring the ancient rock-hewn city of Petra, hiking through Dana Biosphere Reserve and relaxing on the shores of the Dead Sea.

Day 1: Fly to Amman

On arrival, transfer to the Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman

Morning walking tour of Amman. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Jerash • Dana Biosphere Reserve

Morning tour of Jerash with a local guide. Head south along the King's Highway, visiting

Madaba and Mount Nebo. The day ends in Dana, a protected nature reserve established in 1989 and covering 320 sq km of rugged and beautiful landscape. Overnight at **Dana Guest House**. (B, D)

Day 4: Feynan

Follow the constantly changing scenery of the 15-kilometre Wadi Dana Trail to Feynan, arriving in time for a sunset hike. Stay overnight at Feynan Ecolodge. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Petra

Morning drive to Petra. On arrival, visit Little Petra. Stay at the **Petra Guest House** for 3 nights. (B)

Day 6: Petra

Full-day guided tour of the rose-red city, with its network of temples and tombs. (B)

Day 7: Petra

A chance to spend a second day in Petra to discover more of the fascinating sights in your own time and at your own pace. (B)

Day 8: Wadi Rum

Drive to the stunning sandstone and

granite valley known as Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion into the rough terrain. Stay overnight at **Sun City Camp**, where you can spend a night under canvas or out in the open beneath thousands of stars. (B, D)

Day 9: Dead Sea

Morning departure from Wadi Rum to the Dead Sea. En route, visit the 12th-century crusader castle of Shobak or Kerak. Overnight at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**. (B)

Day 10: Fly home

Transfer to Amman and fly home. (B)

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Ancient Jordan Uncovered

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Expert-led group tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)
Archaeology • **History**

**Arts &
Culture**

Tour overview

Travel with expert lecturer and archaeologist Dr Konstantine Politis, who discovered and excavated the biblical sites of Lot's Cave and Zoara. He also initiated and set up the Museum at the Lowest Place on Earth. Jordan is one of history's crossroads and battlegrounds, and this tour encompasses the entire range of its heritage and culture.

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Exclusive visits to the Museum at the Lowest Place on Earth and Lot's Cave
- ❖ Spend 3 nights in Petra, including a candle-lit evening visit
- ❖ Drive across desert sands
- ❖ See beautiful early Christian Byzantine mosaics
- ❖ Trace the footsteps of TE Lawrence

Expert lecturer

Dr Konstantine Politis has spent 33 years leading archaeological projects in Jordan, including three for the British Museum. He has published over 100 articles and five books on archaeology. Although Dr Politis specialises in the early Byzantine and Islamic periods, his expertise extends from prehistory through to Hellenistic and Roman times in the eastern Mediterranean.



Temple of Hercules, Amman

Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amman with Royal Jordanian Airways. Evening transfer to the **Boulevard Arjaan Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman • Desert castles

Explore the ancient citadel of Amman, visit the early Islamic Umayyad Palace, the Graeco-Roman Temple of Hercules, Byzantine churches and see sweeping views across the city. Visit the Archaeological Museum, housing important finds spanning over 100,000 years. Then drive to the eastern desert, passing Umayyad Qasr Kharana and seeing the hunting lodge of Qasr Amra with recently-restored wall paintings. Continue to Azraq oasis, seeing a Roman fort rebuilt in the 13th century and later used by TE Lawrence during the Arab Revolt, and the impressive Wetlands Reserve. Return to Amman via the new highway and Qasr Al-Hallabat. (B, D)

Day 3: Jerash

Drive north through the hills of biblical Gilead to Jerash, one of the best-preserved provincial Graeco-Roman cities in the Near East. Walk through magnificent monumental arches, sprawling oval piazza, colonnaded streets, temples, theatres and Byzantine churches. Then on to visit Umm Qais, ancient Gadara where Jesus performed the swine miracle, then drive down to the Jordan valley with stunning view of Golan Heights overlooking the Sea of Galilee, finally returning to Amman. (B, L)

Day 4: Mount Nebo • Madaba • Shobak

Drive to Mount Nebo, from where Moses

viewed the 'Promised Land' and see where early Christians built the Memorial Church of Moses adorned with beautiful floor mosaics. Drive to Madaba on the biblical King's Highway, a city with many Byzantine mosaics. Visit the Greek Orthodox Church of St George which contains the famous sixth-century mosaic map of the Holy Land, then the Church of the Virgin complex. On to biblical Mef'a'at at Umm ar-Rasas, a town at the edge of the desert with a dozen churches and important mosaics. Continue to the crusader castle of Monréal at Shobak, built in 12th century by King Baldwin I of Jerusalem but later conquered by Saladin, then rebuilt. Drive to Petra and stay 3 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort Petra** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 5: Petra

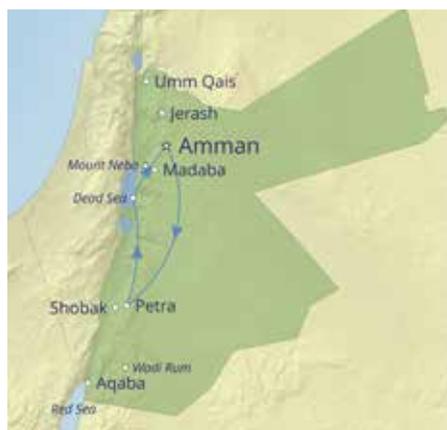
A full-day's exploration of Petra, the remote desert stronghold of the Nabataean Arabs who created a city in their sandstone valleys, unique in the ancient world. Walk through the Siq, the narrow gorge leading to the Treasury, a magnificent Hellenistic-style rock-cut tomb facade. Continue past the theatre, carved out of solid sandstone, to see other sepulchres, temples and churches. After lunch, take an optional visit to Ad Deir, the largest tomb in Petra overlooking Wadi Araba, the deepest part of the Great Rift Valley. Evening stroll down the Siq illuminated by atmospheric candlelight. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Wadi Rum

Morning drive to Wadi Rum, the spectacular desert made up of vast valleys and towering sandstone peaks, which was the original base of the Great Arab Revolt (1917-1918) and where *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Red Planet* and *The Martian* films were shot. Visit Lawrence's spring and see ancient graffiti with animal depictions. Picnic lunch at a Bedouin camp. Return to Petra to see a new museum there.* (B, L)

Day 7: Little Petra • Sanctuary of Lot • Dead Sea

Morning visit to the lesser-known Little Petra at Beidha, passing the crusader castle at Wu'eira and a prehistoric settlement. Continue through spectacular mountain scenery down to Wadi Araba and the shores of the Dead Sea. Stop at Safi to see the first medieval sugar factory and the Ottoman fort attacked by the Arab Legion with Lawrence in 1918. Then climb up to the Sanctuary of Lot, venerating the cave where Lot and his daughters took refuge from the destruction of Sodom. Below, visit the Museum at the Lowest Place on Earth, which explains the unique human and environmental history of the Dead Sea. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)





The Monastery, Petra

Day 8: Dead Sea

At leisure to swim in the Dead Sea with use of the resort's spa and facilities. Optional excursion to the site where Jesus is believed to have been baptised in the Jordan river and/or the Dead Sea Panorama Complex, which describes the geology of the region. (B, D)

Day 9: Fly to London

Morning transfer to Amman airport and fly direct to London Heathrow with Royal Jordanian Airways. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + the Dead Sea

3 days & 2 nights from £245

Extension starts on day 8 of tour

Extend your stay at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea** for 2 nights and take advantage of a range of spa treatments and peaceful surroundings. Includes airport transfer.

Alternative pre- or post-tour extensions are also available to Amman, Aqaba and Jerusalem. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for further details.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Arts & Culture tours: A collection of expert-accompanied tours focusing on creativity in its many forms. All tours are open to everyone and can be viewed at CoxandKings.co.uk/art

Expert-led tour: This tour is fully escorted throughout by the lecturer, as well as an experienced local tour manager.

Superior tour: This tour is based in 4- and 5-star accommodation. Please visit our website to see details of the hotels included.

Accessibility: This tour involves walking over rough terrain and bumpy drives in the desert.

At Petra, visiting the Monastery requires a steep climb of 800 rock-cut steps.

Private visits: Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means that they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Mosques, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be rearranged, please be assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

*** Note:** There are limited facilities on day 6, when most of the day will be spent in the desert.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: JCC

09 Apr – 17 Apr 2022	with Dr Konstantine Politis	from £2,995	single supp from £495
06 Nov – 14 Nov 2022	with Dr Konstantine Politis	from £2,995	single supp from £495
08 Apr – 16 Apr 2023	with Dr Konstantine Politis	from £3,095	single supp from £495
05 Nov – 13 Nov 2023	with Dr Konstantine Politis	from £3,095	single supp from £495

Royal Jordanian flight upgrades

Crown Class from £965 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Splendours of Jordan

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,795 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,295 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 18 people (max 20)
- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 4 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather Amman

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	11	13	16	21	26	29	30	30	29	25	19	13
B	3	3	5	9	12	15	17	17	15	12	8	4
C	76	66	61	20	4	-	-	-	-	8	32	65

Dead Sea

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	20	22	26	31	35	38	39	39	37	34	29	22
B	10	11	13	16	20	23	24	25	24	21	16	12
C	28	18	16	5	2	-	-	-	-	2	15	26

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Wadi Rum

This tour picks out the best of Jordan's magnificent cultural heritage and stunning landscapes. Visit the classical city of Jerash, the Biblical site of Mount Nebo and Petra, the rock-hewn city. The shifting sands of Wadi Rum and the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea complete your exploration.

Day 2: Amman • Jerash

Morning tour of Amman, visiting the citadel with panoramic views of the city and the restored Roman theatre in downtown Amman. Afternoon tour of the well-preserved Graeco-Roman city of Jerash, hidden for centuries in sand. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Madaba • Mount Nebo • Shobak • Petra

Travel along the King's Highway, visiting Madaba, home to a Byzantine mosaic map of the region; Mount Nebo, from where Moses first viewed the Holy Land; and the crusader castle of Shobak. Continue to the historic city of Petra and stay 3 nights at the Mövenpick Resort Petra, situated at the entrance to the site. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Petra

Take a guided tour of the UNESCO-listed site of Petra, the rose-red city rediscovered by Johann Ludwig Burckhardt in 1812. (B, D)

Day 5: Petra

Return to the main site for more exploration with your guide. Optional evening visit to Petra by candlelight. (B, D)

Day 6: Little Petra • Wadi Rum • Dead Sea

Morning visit to Al Beidha, or 'Little Petra',

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Spend two full days exploring Petra and tour the remote ruins at Little Petra**
- ❖ **Take a 4x4 desert excursion over the dunes in Wadi Rum**
- ❖ **Time at leisure to enjoy the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea**
- ❖ **Visit the Biblical site of Mount Nebo**

Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amman with Royal Jordanian Airlines. Transfer to the Intercontinental Amman (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)



The Treasury, Petra

before driving to Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion into the desert. Afternoon transfer to the Dead Sea. Stay 2 nights at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. (B)

Day 7: Dead Sea

Day at leisure. Optional morning excursion to the baptism site of Jesus in Bethany, on the banks of the River Jordan. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accessibility: This tour involves walking over rough terrain. At Petra, visiting the monastery and the High Place of Sacrifice requires a steep climb.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: SPJ

Group tour

Low season from £1,795
Guide price months: May, Oct

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

Single supplement from £495

Private tour

Low season from £2,295
Guide price months: May, Oct

High season from £2,495
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £495

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **27 Feb 22, 13 Mar 22, 03 Apr 22, 04 Sep 22, 30 Oct 22, 12 Feb 23, 19 Mar 23, 30 Apr 23, 03 Sep 23, 08 Oct 23**

Crown Class flight upgrades

Crown Class from £965 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)						
12 Feb 22	06 Mar 22	04 Sep 22	11 Sep 22	05 Mar 23	12 Mar 23	10 Sep 23	17 Sep 23
06 Mar 22	13 Mar 22	18 Sep 22	25 Sep 22	19 Mar 23	26 Mar 23	17 Sep 23	24 Sep 23
13 Mar 22	20 Mar 22	02 Oct 22	09 Oct 22	26 Mar 23	02 Apr 23	24 Sep 23	01 Oct 23
20 Mar 22	27 Mar 22	16 Oct 22	23 Oct 22	02 Apr 23	09 Apr 23	01 Oct 23	08 Oct 23
03 Apr 22	10 Apr 22	23 Oct 22	30 Oct 22	23 Apr 23	30 Apr 23	08 Oct 23	15 Oct 23
10 Apr 22	17 Apr 22	30 Oct 22	06 Nov 22	30 Apr 23	07 May 23	15 Oct 23	22 Oct 23
01 May 22	08 May 22	06 Nov 22	13 Nov 22	07 May 23	14 May 23	22 Oct 23	22 Oct 23
22 May 22	29 May 22	12 Feb 23	19 Feb 23	28 May 23	04 Jun 23	29 Oct 23	29 Oct 23
29 May 22	05 Jun 22	19 Feb 23	26 Feb 23	03 Sep 23	10 Sep 23	05 Nov 23	05 Nov 23

Jordan tour variations & extensions



Wadi Rum desert

Tour variation: Desert Adventure

8 days & 7 nights from £365
Variation starts on day 6 of tour

Explore the desert landscapes of Wadi Rum with an extended drive into the wilderness for a night under canvas. The dramatic colours of the sandstone mountains are truly spectacular at sunrise and sunset, while the clear night sky reveals innumerable stars.

Day 6: Wadi Rum

Transfer with the group to Wadi Rum. Leave the group and take a 5-hour 4x4 tour into the heart of the desert, passing spectacular rock formations. Overnight stay at **Sun City Camp***. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Dead Sea

Transfer to the shores of the Dead Sea and stay 1 night at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport with the rest of the group. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

* **Note:** Please be aware that the desert camp does provide en suite bathrooms, however, there are limited facilities due to the location.



Marina, Aqaba

Tour + the Red Sea & Dead Sea

3 days & 2 nights from £520

Visit the shores of the Red Sea and Dead Sea, both ideal places to unwind at the end of your tour. The Red Sea has clean, sandy beaches and clear waters with an array of marine life, while the salty waters of the Dead Sea are rich in health-giving nutrients.

Day 6: Aqaba

Following your 4x4 excursion in Wadi Rum, leave the group and transfer by road to Aqaba. Stay 2 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay**. Facilities include multiple swimming pools, a spa and a private beach area. (B)

Day 7: Aqaba

Day at leisure. Relax at your hotel, visit the beach, take the shuttle into town or swim in the nearby warm waters of the Red Sea.

Day 8: Dead Sea

Morning transfer to the Dead Sea. Stay for 2 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**. (B)

Day 9: Dead Sea

At leisure. (B)

Day 10: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)



Church of All Nations, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem

Tour + Jerusalem

4 days & 3 nights from £1,600

Discover sacred monuments and over 3,000 years of history in the fascinating city of Jerusalem. Significant to Christians, Jews and Muslims alike, the city offers a fascinating mix of synagogues, churches, mosques, minarets and shrines.

Day 8: Jerusalem

Drive to the Allenby Bridge and cross the border into Israel. Continue on the 50-kilometre drive to Jerusalem. Stay at the **Dan Boutique Hotel** for 3 nights. (B)

Day 9: Jerusalem

Full-day tour exploring the ancient city. Highlights include the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view over the city, and a stop at Mount Zion to visit King David's tomb and the room of the Last Supper. (B)

Day 10: Jerusalem

A day at leisure. Visit the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed; or visit the ancient fortifications of Masada. (B)

Day 11: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport. Fly from Tel Aviv to London with British Airways*. (B)

* **Note:** Your outbound flight to Jordan on day 1 will also need to be with British Airways rather than Royal Jordanian.



Dead Sea

Tour + the Dead Sea

3 days & 2 nights from £295

The salty waters of the Dead Sea have been popular with travellers for many centuries. Extend your stay to enjoy the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea and the expansive spa facilities at your hotel.

Days 8-9: Dead Sea

Stay for a further 2 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**. (B)

Day 10: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

Discover Israel & the OPT

Stretching along the eastern Mediterranean coastline and pushing down to touch the tip of the Red Sea, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) pack many layers of history into a relatively small area. It's a land full of powerful stories, which are brought to life in the ancient remains and biblical sites scattered throughout.

From the dynamic modern city of Tel Aviv with its vibrant nightlife, street cafes and Mediterranean beaches, venture north to the biblical sites around the Sea of Galilee, the old Crusader stronghold of Acre and the terraced gardens of Baha'i Shrine in Haifa. To the south lies the Dead Sea, the desert fortress of Masada, and the beach resort of Eilat on the Red Sea coast. However, the jewel in the crown has to be the ancient city of Jerusalem, with a history stretching back more than 3,000 years.



Western Wall, Jerusalem

Jerusalem

Temples, churches & historical sites •
Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial

Situated in the Judean Hills, the strategic importance of this city has made it a much-fought-over prize. Many rulers have left their mark in the form of synagogues, churches, mosques, minarets and shrines. With monuments sacred to all three major monotheistic religions, the city is of significant importance for Christians, Jews and Muslims alike. Outside the walls of the old city, the Yad Vashem centre is Israel's official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust.



Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

Bethlehem

Church of the Nativity, supposed birthplace
of Jesus

Just south of Jerusalem lies the Palestinian city of Bethlehem, home to one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the world, the Church of the Nativity. Inside, the Grotto of the Nativity is thought to be the actual cave where Jesus was born, the spot indicated by a 14-point star. The church itself is the focal point of Manger Square, a major gathering point for worshippers at Christmas, and just outside Bethlehem the Shepherds' Fields can be visited.



Ancient port and marina of Acre

The North Coast & the Sea of Galilee

Crusader fortifications in Acre • Baha'i
terraced gardens in Haifa

The Mediterranean city of Haifa is home to the resplendent gold-domed Baha'i Shrine and Persian Gardens. Further north, the walled city of Acre has 12th-century Crusader remains. In the town of Nazareth, where Mary learned from the angel Gabriel that she was to have a child, visit the Church of Joseph and the Basilica of the Annunciation. Biblical sites around the Sea of Galilee include Tabgha, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes; and the Mount of Beatitudes.

Treasures of Israel

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

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

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Nazareth

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	15	16	19	23	27	30	31	31	30	27	23	17
B	7	8	9	12	15	19	21	21	20	17	12	9
C	140	103	76	34	6	0	0	0	1	26	74	139

Jerusalem

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	13	15	17	22	26	29	30	30	29	26	20	15
B	5	5	7	10	13	16	18	18	17	14	10	6
C	136	111	88	27	3	0	0	0	1	19	60	111

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Church of the Annunciation, Nazareth

Combine the ancient biblical cities of Jerusalem, Nazareth and Acre with cosmopolitan Tel Aviv, while discovering ancient ruins in coastal Caesarea, Capernaum on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and Masada above the Dead Sea.

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Spend two full days exploring Jerusalem
- ❖ Stay in a kibbutz for two nights
- ❖ Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites at Masada and Acre
- ❖ Float in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea

Day 1: Fly to Tel Aviv

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Ben Gurion airport with British Airways. Transfer to the **Cinema Hotel / Lily & Bloom** (or similar) in Tel Aviv for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Tel Aviv • Jaffa

Explore Jaffa's ancient port and modern Tel Aviv. Visit Neve Tzedek, the oldest neighbourhood in Tel Aviv and the bustling Carmel Market. Continue to Rothschild Boulevard and view Independence Hall, where David Ben-Gurion famously declared the independence of the modern State of Israel. (B)

Day 3: Nazareth • Kibbutz Degania Bet • Sea of Galilee

Travel north to Nazareth and visit the imposing Church of the Annunciation. Take a tour of a kibbutz then visit the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Continue to Capernaum and see ruins of a fifth-century synagogue and the early octagonal church built around the house of St Peter. Stay at the **Kibbutz Degania** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Banias Spring • Mount Bental

Visit the impressive Banias Waterfall and the archaeological remains of Caesarea Philippi at Banias Spring, at the foot of Mount Hermon. Take a tasting tour at an award-winning winery. Continue to Mount Bental for stunning views of the Golan and a visit to the Syrian bunkers. (B, D)



Western Wall, Jerusalem

Day 5: Acre • Caesarea • Tel Aviv

Visit the Old City of Acre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with stunning Crusader remains. En route to Caesarea, stop at Yemin Orde, a safe haven and home for Holocaust orphans. Visit Caesarea National Park to see the large Roman amphitheatre and the historic port. Continue to Jerusalem for a 5-night stay at the **Lady Stern Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Jerusalem (Old City)

Take a guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Western Wall among other sites. (B)

Day 7: Jerusalem (New City)

Take a guided tour of the New City of Jerusalem. Visit the Israel Museum, home to the Dead Sea Scrolls; Knesset, the building of the Israeli parliament; and the Yad Vashem Holocaust monument. Continue to Mahane Yehuda market. (B)

Day 8: Masada • Dead Sea • Qumran

Travel through the desert to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Masada and its mountain-top ruins. Continue to the Dead Sea for a dip in the mineral-rich waters. Then visit Qumran, one of the most significant archaeological discoveries of the 20th century, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. (B)

Day 9: Jerusalem

Day at leisure to explore the city further or taken an optional excursion to Bethlehem. (B)

Day 10: Fly to London

Transfer to Ben Gurion airport and fly to London with British Airways. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: TOY

Group tour

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

High season from £2,695
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £795

British Airways Flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £195 return
Club World from £675 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)						
03 Mar 22	13 Mar 22	15 Sep 22	25 Sep 22	02 Mar 23	12 Mar 23	31 Aug 23	30 Aug 23
17 Mar 22	27 Mar 22	20 Oct 22	30 Oct 22	16 Mar 23	26 Mar 23	12 Oct 23	22 Oct 23

The Wonders of Jordan & Jerusalem

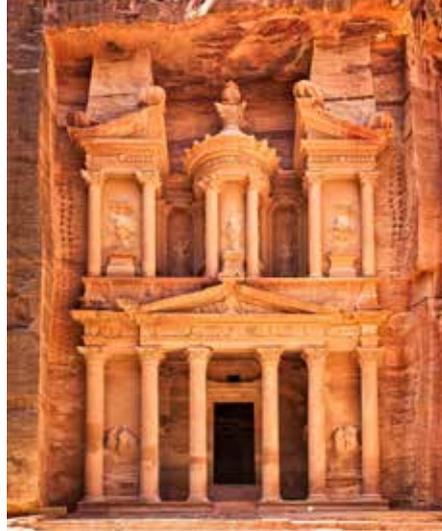
Duration • 11 days & 10 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,995 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 20)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



The Treasury, Petra, Jordan

This tour combines the Biblical sites of Jerusalem and Bethlehem with the cultural and scenic highlights of Jordan. Sample authentic local cuisine and take time to relax at a spa resort on the shores of the Dead Sea.

Weather

Amman, Jordan

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	11	13	16	21	26	29	30	30	29	25	19	13
B	3	3	5	9	12	15	17	17	15	12	8	4
C	76	66	61	20	4	-	-	-	-	8	32	65

Jerusalem, Israel

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	13	15	17	22	26	29	30	30	29	26	20	15
B	5	5	7	10	13	16	18	18	17	14	10	6
C	136	111	88	27	3	0	0	0	1	19	60	111

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Discover impressive ancient ruins at Umm Qais and Jerash
- ❖ Sample traditional Jordanian food with a local family
- ❖ Explore the Old City of Jerusalem including the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- ❖ Visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, believed to be the birthplace of Jesus

Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amman with British Airways. Transfer to the Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman • Umm Qais • Jerash

This morning travel to Umm Qais to see the ruins of the Decapolis city of Gadara, set in the hills above the Jordan Valley. Continue to Jerash for a lunch cooked by women from a local village. Tour the ruins of the ancient Roman city of Jerash, once buried in sand for centuries, before travelling back to Amman. (B, L)

Day 3: Amman

Morning at leisure. Afternoon city tour including the Jordan Museum, where exhibits include the 'Ain Ghazal statues, believed to be some of the oldest known human sculptures. This evening enjoy a traditional Jordanian meal with a local family. (B, D)

Day 4: Madaba • Mount Nebo • Shobak • Petra

Travel along the King's Highway, stopping en route at Madaba, Mount Nebo and the crusader castle at Shobak before arriving at Petra. Lunch will be taken in a converted house near to Madaba. Stay 2 nights at Mövenpick Resort Petra. Optional evening visit to Petra by candlelight. (B, L)

Day 5: Petra

Enjoy a guided tour of Petra, the unique ancient Nabataean city that has been carved into the red rock face. (B)

Day 6: Dead Sea

Morning at leisure or optional 4x4 excursion into the desert at Wadi Rum (payable locally). Transfer to the Dead Sea this afternoon and stay 2 nights at Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. (B)

Day 7: Dead Sea

Day at leisure. Optional excursion to the baptism site at Bethany, where it is believed that John the Baptist baptised Jesus. (B)

Day 8: Jericho • Jerusalem

Drive to the Allenby Bridge and cross the border into Israel. Continue to Jerusalem, stopping en route for a tour at Jericho, thought to be the oldest city in the world. Stay 3 nights at the Harmony Hotel or Arthur Hotel. (B)

Day 9: Jerusalem • Bethlehem

This morning take a half-day tour of the Old City of Jerusalem to see the Wailing Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the room of the Last Supper. This afternoon visit Bethlehem, known as the site of the nativity; your visit here will include the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. (B)

Day 10: Jerusalem

A day at leisure, with a chance to visit the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed, or Masada, King Herod's rock fortress (payable locally). (B)

Day 11: Tel Aviv • Fly to London

Travel to Tel Aviv and visit the ancient port of Jaffa, one of the world's oldest ports. Later, transfer to the airport and fly from Tel Aviv to London with British Airways. (B)



Dome of the Rock and Temple Mount, Jerusalem, Israel

TOUR EXTENSIONS

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accessibility: This tour involves walking over rough terrain. At Petra, visiting the monastery and the High Place of Sacrifice requires a steep climb.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: JAJ

Group tour

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

High season from £2,995
Guide price month: Mar

Single supplement from £795

Private tour

Low season from £3,995
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

High season from £4,195
Guide price month: Mar

Single supplement from £795

British Airways flight upgrades

Club World from £595 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)
14 Mar 22	24 Mar 22	10 Oct 22	20 Oct 22	01 May 23	11 May 23
21 Mar 22	31 Mar 22	24 Oct 22	03 Nov 22	11 Sep 23	21 Sep 23
02 May 22	12 May 22	13 Mar 23	23 Mar 23	09 Oct 23	19 Oct 23
12 Sep 22	22 Sep 22	20 Mar 23	30 Mar 23	23 Oct 23	02 Nov 23

Oman: An Arabian Odyssey

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates**
(limited availability)

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation*
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Nizwa

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	23	24	28	33	38	39	38	36	35	33	28	24
B	12	13	16	21	24	26	26	25	23	20	16	13
C	16	26	21	19	10	4	5	8	1	1	6	10

Muscat

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	25	26	29	34	39	40	38	36	36	34	30	26
B	16	17	20	24	27	30	29	27	26	24	20	18
C	22	27	15	11	5	1	2	5	0	0	5	10

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Nizwa

Visit the key cultural and scenic sights of Oman including magnificent forts and palaces, the rolling dunes of Sharqiya Sands, Oman's highest mountains and picturesque coastal fishing villages. Discover the warmth of the Omani people and travel between the contrasting landscapes of the desert, sea and mountains.

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Spend a night under the desert sky in Sharqiya Sands**
- ❖ **Travel in 4x4 vehicles from day 4**
- ❖ **Watch endangered green turtles nesting on the beach**
- ❖ **Visit a traditional Omani home and see local artisans at work**

Day 1: Fly to Muscat

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Muscat with Oman Air. Transfer to the **Park Inn** for a 3-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Muscat

Morning visit to the spectacular Grand Mosque¹, followed by a tour of the city, including a visit to the Bait Al Zubair Museum, the sultan's palace and the forts of Al Jalali

and Mirani. Continue to the magnificent Royal Opera House, the largest in the Middle East. Remainder of afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3: Muscat & surrounds

Full-day tour, including Barka fish market and Bait Al Ghasham House where you will have a picnic lunch. Early afternoon visit to Bait Na'aman Fort before returning to Muscat. Optional twilight dhow cruise. (B, L)

Day 4: Wadi Shab • Qalhat • Ras Al Jinz

Drive south by 4x4 along the coast from Muscat to Sur, passing the fishing village of Quriyat. Stops en route include Wadi Shab, a palm-fringed lagoon, and Qalhat, an ancient city visited by Marco Polo. Check in at your hotel, then make an evening visit to the green turtle nesting site at Ras Al Jinz beach. Stay overnight at the **Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Sharqiya Sands

Take a scenic drive through the eastern Hajar Mountains to Sharqiya Sands. Stop at Wadi Bani Khalid, a picturesque river valley, before continuing to Sharqiya Sands, home to the Bedouin people. Stay overnight at **Arabian Oryx Camp** (or similar)*. (B, D)

Day 6: Nizwa

Early departure for Nizwa, stopping en route at the bustling Sinaw livestock market. Proceed to the Wadi Al Madeen checkpoint, which leads to the high peaks of Jabal Akhdar, with spectacular views. Stay 2 nights at **The Sama Hotel, Jabal Akhdar** (or similar)*. (B, D)

Day 7: Nizwa & surrounds

Morning visit to the impressive new souk, then visit the massive Nizwa Fort, which dominates the town. Drive past the date plantations in Al Hamra village and visit a traditional Omani house at Bait Al Safah. After lunch, continue to Bahla to visit a pottery maker and watch mud vessels being made. Continue to Jabal Shams, Oman's highest peak, stopping en route at Wadi Ghul and Wadi Nakher farming villages before returning to Nizwa. (B, D)

Day 8: Bahla fort • Muscat

Leave for Muscat. En route, visit Bahla Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before driving through the Sumail Gap to Muscat. Arrive back in Muscat in the late afternoon. Stay overnight at the **Park Inn** (or similar). (B)

Day 9: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for a flight from Muscat to London with Oman Air. (B)

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



Wadi Shab

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Salalah

3 days & 2 nights from £975

Relax in the semi-tropical province of Dhofar. Stay in the capital, Salalah, visit some of the cultural sites around the city and unwind amid the palm trees and coconut groves.

Day 9: Fly to Salalah

Morning flight to Salalah (flying time approx. 1 hour). Transfer to the **Crowne Plaza** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 10: Salalah & surrounds

Local visits to Taqah, the province's second town, the ancient port of Khor Rouri and picturesque Mirbat. (B)

Day 11: Fly to London via Muscat

Morning flight to Muscat. Afternoon flight to London with Oman Air. (B)

Tour + luxury Muscat stay

3 days & 2 nights from £375

Extend your tour with a relaxing stay at one of Muscat's best hotels, positioned on the Gulf of Oman with the Hajar Mountains as a backdrop.

Day 9: Muscat

This morning take a private transfer to **The Chedi Muscat** for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 10: Muscat

Day at leisure. Dine at one of six on-site restaurants, enjoy treatments at the Balinese spa or cool down in one of three swimming pools. (B)

Day 11: Fly to London

Transfer to Muscat airport for an afternoon flight to London with Oman Air. (B)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*** Accommodation:** This tour is based in 4-star accommodation, with the exception of Sharqiya Sands and Nizwa, where the accommodation should be considered more basic. Transport is by air-conditioned minibus and by 4x4 vehicle from day 4 onwards.

† Grand Mosque visit: Both men and women visiting the mosque must be fully covered. Women must also cover their head with a scarf.

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: OAO

Group tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,595
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £595

Private tour

Year round from 2,995

Single supplement from £595

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **15 Mar 22, 13 Sep 22, 18 Oct 22, 14 Mar 23, 12 Sep 23, 10 Oct 23**

Oman Air flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,195 return
First Class from £7,595 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Wed)						
15 Feb 22	23 Feb 22	27 Sep 22	05 Oct 22	28 Feb 23	08 Mar 23	03 Oct 23	11 Oct 23
01 Mar 22	09 Mar 22	11 Oct 22	19 Oct 22	07 Mar 23	15 Mar 23	10 Oct 23	18 Oct 23
15 Mar 22	23 Mar 22	18 Oct 22	26 Oct 22	14 Mar 23	22 Mar 23	17 Oct 23	25 Oct 23
22 Mar 22	30 Mar 22	25 Oct 22	02 Nov 22	12 Sep 23	20 Sep 23		
13 Sep 22	21 Sep 22	14 Feb 23	22 Feb 23	26 Sep 23	04 Oct 23		

Lebanon: Land of the Phoenicians

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts & 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Temple of Bacchus, Baalbek

Lebanon is a jewel of the Levant – a captivating mix of coastal and mountain scenery, dotted with important and impressive historic remains. This journey takes in the country's highlights, visiting the Phoenician ports of Byblos and Sidon, the bustling cosmopolitan capital of Beirut and the colossal Roman remains of Baalbek.

St Anthony at Qozhaya, which was founded in the 17th century and has been built into the side of the rock face. (B)

Day 3: Sidon • Tyre

This morning, travel south to the ancient Phoenician port city of Sidon. Visit the remains of Qala'at al Bahr, a 13th-century Crusader castle. Later, continue to the coastal town of Tyre, once a great Phoenician city that is home to impressive Roman remains including aqueducts, roads, a monumental arch and a well-preserved hippodrome. (B)

Day 4: Jeita Grotto • Harissa • Byblos

Visit the limestone caves of Jeita Grotto and see the impressive stalactites and stalagmites. Continue to Harissa for views over Jounieh Bay and see the gigantic shrine and pilgrimage site of Our Lady of Lebanon. Travel north to the coastal town of Byblos, which lays claim to being one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities. The town is home to a fortified harbour, a Crusader castle, Egyptian temples and a Roman amphitheatre. (B)

Day 5: Anjar • Château Ksara winery • Baalbek • Zahle

Visit the ruins at the ancient city of Anjar; dating back to the Umayyad period, the city was made up of a mix of Roman, Byzantine and Islamic architecture. Sample some wines at the Château Ksara winery and in the afternoon visit the Roman temple complex of Baalbek. This archaeological site is one of the best-preserved in the Middle East and is home to the Temple of Jupiter, the largest of the Roman world. Finish the day in Zahle and stay overnight at **Grand Hotel Kadri**. (B, D)

Weather

Beirut

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	15	16	18	21	25	27	30	30	29	26	21	16
B	7	8	9	12	15	18	20	21	19	16	12	9
C	161	120	98	44	12	2	0	0	3	42	95	149

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Spend time at the spectacular Roman site of Baalbek
- ❖ Enjoy a tour and tasting at Château Ksara winery
- ❖ Visit monasteries built into cliff walls in the Qadisha Valley
- ❖ See dramatic limestone formations in Jeita Grotto

Day 1: Fly to Beirut

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Beirut with Middle East Airlines. Transfer to the **Four Points by Sheraton** for 4 nights. (N)

Day 2: Qadisha Valley

Travel to the north of the country and take a full-day tour to the Qadisha Valley, offering rugged scenery and one of the most important early Christian monastic settlements in the world. Highlights today include visits to the Monastery of St Elieus and the Monastery of



Cliffside monastery, Qadisha Valley

Day 6: Beiteddine • Beirut

Drive through the Chouf Mountains towards Beirut, with stops en route. See the beautiful 19th-century Palace of Beiteddine and the small mountain town of Deir el Qamar. Stay 2 nights at the **Four Points by Sheraton** (or similar). (B)

Day 7: Beirut

Take a morning tour of this cosmopolitan city, including a visit to the National Museum. This afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London with Middle East Airlines. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: HOL

Group tour

Low season from £1,695
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,795
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £295

Private tour

Year round from £2,395

Single supplement from £295

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **07 Apr 22, 22 Sep 22, 06 Apr 23, 21 Sep 23**

Middle East Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £935 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Thu)						
17 Mar 22	24 Mar 22	08 Sep 22	15 Apr 22	16 Mar 23	23 Mar 23	07 Sep 23	14 Sep 23
07 Apr 22	14 Apr 22	15 Sep 22	22 Apr 22	30 Mar 23	06 Mar 23	14 Sep 23	21 Sep 23
21 Apr 22	28 Apr 22	22 Sep 22	29 Sep 22	06 Apr 23	13 Apr 23	21 Sep 23	28 Sep 23
05 May 22	12 Apr 22	06 Oct 22	13 Oct 22	04 May 23	11 May 23	05 Oct 23	12 Oct 23

Discover Uzbekistan & Kyrgyzstan

Synonymous with the ancient Silk Road, the Central Asian nations of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan have welcomed travellers for more than two millennia, but it's only in recent years that tourists have taken notice of these mysterious, diverse nations. Uzbekistan is home to a bewildering array of architectural treasures and historic cities such as Samarkand and Khiva, with their fabulous mosques, madrasas and mausoleums. Kyrgyzstan, by contrast, is defined by its stunning natural landscape of mountains and lush summer pastures. For many in Kyrgyzstan, a semi-nomadic way of life remains the norm, and experiencing a night in a yurt camp is a must for any intrepid traveller.



Gur Emir mausoleum, Samarkand



Traditional caps, Uzbekistan



Itchan Kala, Khiva

Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Magnificent architecture of Registan Square • Ulughbek observatory

One of the world's oldest cities, Samarkand has seen periods of prosperity and decline throughout its 2,700-year history. It was conquered by Alexander the Great, the Arab caliphates, Genghis Khan and many others, each imperial power leaving its mark. In the 14th century, when Timur – the Turco-Mongol conqueror also known as Tamerlane – made the city his capital, Samarkand became one of the most powerful cities in the world.

Samarkand was also an influential scientific centre. In the 1400s, Tamerlane's grandson and successor, Ulughbek, commissioned the building of an observatory – a model for two famous 18th-century observatories in Jaipur and Delhi. The observatory has not survived, but an underground portion of its vast sextant is still visible.

Bukhara, Uzbekistan

Kalyan minaret • The imposing fortress of the Ark

Lord Curzon described Bukhara as “the most interesting city in the world”. The city offers an abundance of monuments covering 1,000 years of history, including the Kalyan minaret – 47 metres tall and probably the tallest structure in Central Asia when built in 1127. The oldest monument in Bukhara is the Ismail Samani mausoleum, built in the early 10th century for the founder of the Samanid dynasty. It was partially buried during Genghis Khan's visit, and so escaped his attentions.

No visit to Bukhara is complete without a tour of the Ark, an imposing fortress that was continuously occupied from the fifth century until the 1920s. Behind the Ark is the prison where agents Charles Stoddart and Arthur Connolly were held and beheaded in 1842 on charges of spying for the British empire.

Khiva & Urgench, Uzbekistan

Ancient city turned open-air museum • Centuries-old city walls

Situated 450km northwest of Bukhara, the ancient Silk Road city of Khiva has been extensively restored and is in effect a giant open-air museum. Many of the mosques and madrasas located within its UNESCO-listed old city, known as Itchan Kala, are no longer in use but instead contain numerous displays and collections. The old city is surrounded by an 18th-century mud-brick wall and has four main entrance gates, one at each point of the compass.

Urgench is the capital of the Khorezm province, wedged between the Amu Darya river and the Turkmen border, and is mainly used by travellers as a transport hub for Khiva, which is around 40km away.

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Capital in the Tian Shan mountain range • Ala-Too Square • Eternal flame monument in Victory Square • Wide, tree-lined boulevards

The capital of the Kyrgyz Republic, Bishkek is a green, tree-lined city located on the flat steppe below the snow-capped Tian Shan mountains. It was first settled in the 1820s as one of many fortresses built to guard the caravan routes through the mountains to Lake Issyk-Kul and on to China. Ala-Too is the city's Soviet-era central square and home to the State History Museum and the Erkindik ('Freedom') statue. In Victory Square, a poignant monument commemorating the second world war depicts a woman stood waiting for her soldier husband to return beneath three arches of red granite representing a yurt. Erkindik Boulevard is a pretty tree-lined promenade where you can take a stroll and enjoy the restaurants, cafes, musicians and ice cream from vendors in the park.



Monument of Victory, Bishkek

Issyk-Kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan

Second largest alpine lake in the world • Former Soviet-era resort destination

Issyk-Kul lake is the second largest mountain lake in the world after Lake Titicaca in South America. It occupies the central area of a valley and lies sandwiched between the Terskei and Ala-Too mountain ranges. The name literally means 'hot lake' and, with an average temperature of around 15°C, the lake never freezes, even in the depths of Kyrgyz winter. It is fed by springs and snow melt-off and has no outlet. Its southern shore is dominated by the ruggedly beautiful Tian Shan mountain range.

During the Soviet era, Issyk-Kul became a popular holiday resort, with numerous boarding houses and holiday homes along its northern shore. During this period, the lake also served as a secret testing ground for torpedoes.



Issyk-Kul lake

Osh, Kyrgyzstan

One of the oldest cities in Central Asia • Osh bazaar

Osh is Kyrgyzstan's second-largest city and often referred to as the 'capital of the south'. It is believed to be one of Central Asia's oldest cities; the Sulayman mountain in the centre has numerous stone inscriptions and evidence of an Iron Age settlement on its southern slope. In the 10th century, Osh was a centre for silk production and an important point on the Silk Road, which led to China, India and Afghanistan.

Osh bazaar has occupied the same site on the banks of the Akbura river for 2,000 years, the atmosphere and activity reflecting its long heritage. Whether buying or just browsing, a visit to the bazaar affords a sense of Kyrgyzstan's bygone days.



Osh, Kyrgyzstan

The Golden Road to Samarkand

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights
Category • Standard

Expert-led group tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)
Art • Architecture • History

Arts & Culture

Tour overview

Visit the most magnificent cities of the ancient Silk Road with our Islamic experts Diana Driscoll or Dr William Taylor. These include Uzbekistan's second largest city, Samarkand, built by the infamous 14th-century Emperor Tamerlane; the medieval city of Bukhara, with its dazzling blue mosaic domes; the jade-green city of Khiva; and Nukus, which once protected the Russian avant-garde art collection of archaeologist and artist, Igor Savitsky from the Soviets.

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Private tour of the Karakalpakstan State Museum of Art in Nukus with a local specialist
- ❖ See traditional silk weavers at work
- ❖ Full-day tours of Bukhara and Khiva
- ❖ Discover the intricacies of Samarkand's Islamic architecture
- ❖ Visit ceramic workshops

Expert lecturers

Diana Driscoll read ancient Middle East and Islamic studies at SOAS. She is an independent researcher who gives regular talks at the British Museum. Her area of expertise is the Islamic world: religion, history, culture and languages.



Dr William Taylor, an expert in Ottoman and Orthodox studies, is also an Anglican priest and Chairman of the Anglican and Eastern Churches. His personal contacts guarantee special access to many monasteries and churches. He has worked in Jordan, Cairo and Turkey, and has travelled in the Middle East and Central Asia.



Traditional ceramics

Day 1: Fly to Tashkent

Board the overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Tashkent with Uzbekistan Airways. (N)

Day 2: Tashkent • Fly to Nukus

Arrive in Tashkent and transfer to the **Lumiere Hotel & SPA Tashkent** (or similar) for a rest. After an introductory lecture and welcome lunch, take a city tour to see the highlights of Tashkent, including Kukeldash mosque, the Museum of Applied Arts, Muyie Mubarak library and Tillya Sheikh mosque. In the afternoon, fly to Nukus and overnight at **Hotel Jipek Joli** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 3: Chilpak • Khiva

Morning tour of the Karakalpakstan State Museum of Art, which houses the collection of Igor Savitsky, who secreted away thousands of Russian avant-garde and post avant-garde paintings during the Stalinist Soviet period. Besides this rare and extensive collection of art (second only to St Petersburg), he also collected thousands of Uzbek artefacts, textiles and jewellery. Tour the museum with a local specialist. En route to Khiva, stop at Chilpak to see the fourth-century Zoroastrian Tower of Silence. Stay for 2 nights at **Orient Star Khiva** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 4: Khiva

Full-day tour of the old walled city of Khiva, capital of Khorezm between the 16th and 20th centuries, and one of the most remote of the Silk Road cities. Visits include the Kunya Ark (old fortress), the original residence of the Khiva khans; the beautifully decorated Tash Hauli (stone palace); the Friday Mosque; and madrasas (theological colleges), which

now house museum collections. Also visit a UNESCO-listed silk carpet workshop. (B)

Day 5: Drive to Bukhara

Full-day drive to Bukhara (7-8 hours), through the Kyzylkum desert stopping at the Amu Darya river, known as the Oxus river in the ancient world. Stay at **Emir Hotel** (or similar) for 4 nights. (B, L)

Day 6: Bukhara

Take a full-day walking tour of Bukhara, visiting the Persian Samanid brick mausoleum, the Chashmai Ayub, known as Job's Well, and the Bolo Hauz mosque. Visit the trade domes, madrasas and traditional Bukharan bazaars. Continue to the Poi-Kalyan complex, which includes the towering Kalyan minaret and the twin-domed Miri-Arab madrasa. (B)

Day 7: Bukhara

Visit the architectural ensemble around the Lyab i-Hauz pool, fed by the waters of the royal canal. Continue to the Chor Minor, a curious four-towered gatehouse, and the Sitora-i Mokhi-Khosa, the summer palace of the last emir of Bukhara. Then visit the Fayzulla Khodjaev Museum, set in the house of a wealthy Bukhara merchant showing aspects of life in the early 20th century. Continue to the Balyand neighbourhood mosque, a jewel of 16th-century architecture, and the imposing ark fortress of the Bukhara emirs. Walk down the narrow streets of historic Bukhara to the old Jewish quarter. See one of the city's hidden gems, the Jewish synagogue, which houses a collection of ancient torahs dating back approximately 600 years. (B)

Day 8: Rabat i-Malik • Gijduvan • Vabkent

Drive along the royal road to the 11th-century Rabat i-Malik caravanserai (a trading route stop-off). Continue to Gijduvan, renowned for its traditional ceramics, and see Abd-al-Khalyk Gijduvani mazar. Return to Bukhara via Vabkent to see the minaret commissioned in the 12th century by one of the rulers of Bukhara. (B, L)

Day 9: Shahrisabz • Samarkand

Drive to Shahrisabz, birthplace of Tamerlane, where he built an enormous palace, of which part of the beautifully ornamented audience chamber remains. Drive alongside the Zerafshan mountains to Samarkand for a 2-night stay at the **Dilimah Premium** or **Malika Diyora** (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Afrosiyob • Samarkand

Drive to the ancient deserted site of Afrosiyob on the outskirts of Samarkand, where a settlement once thrived until it was destroyed by Tamerlane. Archaeological finds are housed



Itchan Kala, Khiva

in the Afrosiyob History Museum. Continue to the observatory of Ulugbek, Tamerlane's astronomer grandson, and see the Bibi Khanum mosque, built by Tamerlane for his favourite wife. End the day at the magnificent Gur Emir mausoleum, where Tamerlane is buried beneath the Timurid fluted blue domes. (B)

Day 11: Samarkand • Tashkent

Visit Registan Square, framed by three brilliantly ornamented madrasas, and see the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis. Visit the Amir Timur gate in Djizak. Drive to Tashkent. After a farewell dinner, overnight at the **Lumiere Hotel & SPA Tashkent** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 12: Tashkent • Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for a flight to London. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Fergana Valley

4 days & 3 nights from £650

Explore Uzbekistan's cultural heartland with visits to some of the major towns in the Fergana valley. Highlights include Andijan's vibrant local market and the Yodgorlik silk factory in Margilan, which still uses traditional production methods that date back to the days of the Silk Road caravans.

Day 12: Fergana valley

Drive to the Fergana region of Uzbekistan. Stay for 2 nights at the **Hotel Asia Fergana** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 13: Fergana valley

Full-day tour of the region, including Andijan and Fergana. (B, D)

Day 14: Kokand • Tashkent

Return to Tashkent visiting the ancient city of Kokand en route. Overnight at the **Lumiere Hotel & SPA Tashkent** (or similar). (B)

Day 15: Fly to London

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

Alternative extensions are also available to Tashkent, Muynak and Termez.

Expert-led tour: This tour is fully escorted throughout by the lecturer, as well as an experienced local guide.

Standard tour: This tour is based in 4-star accommodation. Please visit our website to see details of the hotels.

Accessibility: The tour involves some long drives and requires a good level of fitness as there is walking over rough terrain and up some high, uneven steps. There are also some long road journeys.

Private visits: Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means that they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Mosques, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be re-arranged, please be assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Arts & Culture tours: A collection of expert-accompanied tours focusing on creativity in its many forms. All tours are open to everyone and can be viewed at CoxandKings.co.uk/art

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: UZA

08 Apr – 19 Apr 22	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,195	single supp from £375
22 Apr – 03 May 22	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,295	single supp from £375
23 Sep – 04 Oct 22	with Dr William Taylor	from £3,295	no single supp
14 Oct – 25 Oct 22	with Dr William Taylor	from £2,995	single supp from £355
07 Apr – 18 Apr 23	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,195	single supp from £395
21 Apr – 02 May 23	with Dr William Taylor	from £3,295	single supp from £395
22 Sep – 03 Oct 23	with Dr William Taylor	from £3,295	no single supp
13 Oct – 24 Oct 23	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,095	single supp from £395

Uzbekistan Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £995 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Uzbekistan: Heart of Central Asia

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights
Category • Discovery

Small-group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 18 people (max 20)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 8 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at all hotels

Weather

Tashkent

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	6	8	15	22	28	34	36	34	29	21	14	9
B	-3	-1	4	10	14	18	20	18	13	8	4	0
C	60	57	79	73	47	11	7	2	6	44	56	60

Samarkand

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	6	8	13	21	26	32	34	32	28	21	14	9
B	-4	-2	3	9	13	16	18	16	11	6	2	-1
C	39	35	59	62	34	4	3	1	3	21	22	35

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Kalan Mosque, Bukhara

Set on the Silk Road, Uzbekistan has played host to waves of conquerors and nomads. See the legacy they left behind in the towering fortresses of Khiva and Bukhara, and the Islamic architecture of Samarkand. The remnants of more recent Soviet history are evident in the capital city, Tashkent.

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Comprehensive tours of the mosques, madrasas and mausoleums of Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand**
- ❖ **Learn how to make traditional Uzbekistan cuisine with a cooking demonstration**
- ❖ **Excursion to Shahrisabz, birthplace of Turco-Mongol conqueror Timur**

Day 1: Fly to Tashkent

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Tashkent with Uzbekistan Airways. (N)

Day 2: Tashkent

Arrive and transfer to the **Lumiere Hotel & SPA**

Tashkent (or similar) for 1 night. Afternoon tour of the old city stopping at Amir Timur Square and the Kukeldash mosque and madrasa. (D)

Day 3: Fly to Urgench • Khiva

Transfer to the airport and take a 1-hour morning flight to Urgench. Visit the ancient fortresses of Ayaz Kala and Toprak Kala before an afternoon drive to Khiva via Ulli Khovli. Stay 2 nights at the **Malika Kheivak Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Khiva

Full-day tour of Khiva, including Kunya Ark, Islam Khoja minaret, Tash Havli Palace and a local bakery. (B, D)

Day 5: Bukhara

Full-day drive to Bukhara (7-8 hours) through the Kyzylkum Desert, stopping at the Amudaryo River for photos. Stay at the **Suzangaron Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Bukhara

City tour of Bukhara, including visits to Chor Minor mosque, the Poi-Kaylan complex, the surviving trade domes and Lyab-i-Hauz complex, once the city's principal source of water. This evening enjoy dinner and a cooking demonstration. (B, D)

Day 7: Bukhara

After breakfast, continue your tour of Bukhara, including visits to the imposing fortress known as 'The Ark', located on the site of a 2,000-year-old fortress; the Summer Palace; and the Samanid mausoleum, built in the early 10th century with a facade incorporating Zoroastrian symbols. (B)

Day 8: Shahrisabz • Samarkand

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

Day 9: Samarkand

Full-day tour of Samarkand, including visits to Registan Square, the Ulugbek observatory, Afrosiab Museum, Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, and the Bibi Khanum mosque. (B)

Day 10: Samarkand

Continue your tour of Samarkand. Visit Gur Emir mausoleum, which marks the final resting place of several members of the Timurid dynasty, including Timur himself. Other visits include Nodir Divan Begi madrasa, Hazrat Khizr mosque and the Khodja Doniyor mausoleum. After lunch, stop at a silk carpet factory before returning to your hotel. (B, D)



Registan Square, Samarkand

Day 11: Tashkent

Morning at leisure in Samarkand. This afternoon drive to Tashkent with a stop en route at a small market and Tamerlane Iron Gate. Transfer to the **Lumiere Hotel & SPA Tashkent** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 12: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to the airport. Fly from Tashkent to London with Uzbekistan Airways. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Discovery tour: Cox & Kings uses the best available accommodation in Uzbekistan. However, outside Tashkent the standard is relatively simple. This tour involves some long drives and walking over rough terrain.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: UZB

Group tour

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

High season from £2,395
Guide price month: Apr

Single supplement from £395

Private tour

From £2,995
Guide price months: Mar – Oct

Single supplement from £395

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **01 Apr 22, 20 May 22, 02 Sep 22, 14 Oct 22, 17 Mar 23, 21 Apr 23, 19 May 23, 22 Sep 23**

Uzbekistan Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £995 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
18 Mar 22	29 Mar 22	26 Aug 22	06 Sep 22	24 Mar 23	04 Apr 23	15 Sep 23	26 Sep 23
01 Apr 22	12 Apr 22	02 Sep 22	13 Sep 22	14 Apr 23	25 Apr 23	22 Sep 23	03 Oct 23
08 Apr 22	19 Apr 22	16 Sep 22	27 Sep 22	21 Apr 23	02 May 23	13 Oct 23	24 Oct 23
22 Apr 22	03 May 22	30 Sep 22	11 Oct 22	28 Apr 23	09 May 23		
06 May 22	17 May 22	14 Oct 22	25 Oct 22	19 May 23	30 May 23		
20 May 22	31 May 22	17 Mar 23	28 Mar 23	01 Sep 23	12 Sep 23		

Colours of Kyrgyzstan

NEW TOUR

Duration • 10 days & 8 nights
Category • Discovery

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

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Basic accommodation throughout
- ❖ Small group size – maximum 20 people
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing
- ❖ All entrance fees



Yurt camp

Weather Bishkek

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	2	3	10	18	23	28	31	30	25	17	10	5
B	-9	-8	-1	6	11	15	17	15	10	4	-1	-6
C	26	28	48	63	60	35	17	10	14	39	41	32

Karakol

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-7	-6	2	11	16	20	23	22	18	10	1	-5
B	-19	-17	-9	-1	4	7	9	8	4	-2	-10	-16
C	9	10	19	35	51	56	60	53	37	25	17	11

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Discover the spectacular landscapes of one of Central Asia's most picturesque countries. From the white peaks of the Tien Shan mountain range and the deep-blue of Lake Issyk-Kul, to the striking red cliffs of Djety-Oguz and the green alpine meadows of Chon-Kemin valley, this tour explores the country's most colourful highlights and the nomadic lifestyle of some of its inhabitants.

occupancy). Afternoon sightseeing tour of Bishkek with a visit to Osh Bazaar. (B, L)

Day 3: Chon-Kemin valley

Drive to Chon-Kemin valley. On arrival, have lunch at a local guest house. This afternoon, walk through a village and enjoy panoramic views of the valley, where alpine meadows are surrounded by mountain peaks. There will be an opportunity to take a gentle hike within the Chon-Kemin gorge and stay overnight at a local guesthouse. (B, L, D)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Scenic boat ride on Lake Issyk-Kul, the second highest navigable lake in the world**
- ❖ **Walk beneath the striking red sandstone cliffs of Djety-Oguz**
- ❖ **Discover the prehistoric petroglyphs at Cholpon-Ata**
- ❖ **Stay overnight in a yurt on the shores of Lake Issyk-Kul**
- ❖ **Learn about the ancient art of hunting with eagles**

Day 4: Lake Issyk-Kul

Drive to the northern shore of Lake Issyk-Kul, via Boom Gorge. Visit the prehistoric petroglyphs that lie around the nearby town of Cholpon-Ata and stay overnight at the Issyk Kul Hotel (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Karakol

Take a boat ride on the lake then travel to a nearby gorge for a walk among the stunning scenery. In the afternoon, drive around the northern lake shore to Karakol, stopping en route at a museum dedicated to the Russian explorer Nikolay Przhevalsky. Stay for 2 nights at the Green Yard Guest House (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Karakol

Travel to the Djety-Oguz gorge, known for the 'Broken Heart' and 'Seven Bulls' red rock formations. Return to Karakol to visit the wooden church and mosque. (B)

Day 7: Bokonbaevo village

Drive along the southern shores of Lake Issyk-Kul, stopping at several scenic viewpoints along the way. Stop at Fairy Tale canyon, where it is possible to take a hike (weather

Day 1: Fly to Bishkek

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Bishkek, via Istanbul, with Turkish Airlines. (N)

Day 2: Bishkek

Early morning arrival. Transfer to the Orion Hotel Bishkek for 1 night (including immediate



Seven Bulls canyon, Djety-Oguz gorge

permitting). On arrival at Bokonbaevo village, visit a workshop and see a carpet making demonstration. Continue to the shores of Lake Issyk-Kul for an overnight stay in a **yurt camp***. (B, D)

Day 8: Chunkurchak

This morning, meet a local eagle hunter to learn about this tradition followed by a show. Later, travel to Chunkurchak via Burana Tower, an ancient 24-metre minaret. Stay overnight at Supara Chunkurchak. (B, D)

Day 9: Bishkek

Day at leisure to relax in this green mountain setting or enjoy a walk through the pristine scenery. Drive back to Bishkek this afternoon and stay overnight at Orion Hotel Bishkek. (B)

Day 10: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport and fly to London, via Istanbul, with Turkish Airlines. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Discovery tour: Kyrgyzstan is a rewarding wilderness destination and accommodation should be considered basic outside of Bishkek. A reasonable level of fitness is required for this

tour, due to several gentle hikes. This tour is therefore best suited to the hardier traveller.

* **Yurt camp:** Please note that the yurt camp accommodation on day 7 is very basic and has shared bathroom facilities.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: CKZ

Group tour

Low season from £2,195
Guide price month: Aug

High season from £2,295
Guide price month: Jul

Single supplement from £395

Private travel

From £3,195
Guide price months: May – Aug

Single supplement from £395

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **12 Jul 22, 11 Jul 23**

Turkish Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,875 return

Regional air connections

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
10 May 22	19 May 22	12 Jul 22	21 Jul 22	09 May 23	18 May 23	11 Jul 23	20 Jul 23
07 Jun 22	16 Jun 22	23 Aug 22	01 Sep 22	06 Jun 23	15 Jun 23	22 Aug 23	31 Aug 23



The Indian Subcontinent

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Enveloped in a palm-fringed coastline, Sri Lanka, the 'Land of Serendipity', revels in ancient ruins, incredible natural beauty and some of the continent's most enthralling wildlife. There are not many destinations where you can stay in a boutique hotel and receive first class service without breaking the bank, yet Sri Lanka offers a superb range of luxurious and characterful hotels at excellent value for money.

With eight of the world's highest mountains, Nepal is a walker's paradise and offers a melting pot of different cultures, while deeply spiritual Bhutan is known for its spectacular religious dance festivals and fortress-like monasteries which carpet the deep valleys and primeval forests.

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Discover The Golden Triangle & Rajasthan

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



Taj Mahal, Agra

Agra

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

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

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

Jaipur

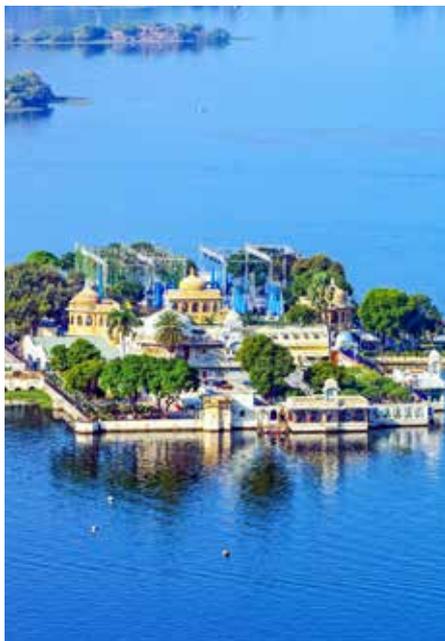
Balloon rides over Jaipur • Amber Fort by night

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

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



Hawa Mahal palace (Palace of the Winds), Jaipur



Jag Mandir palace, Udaipur

Udaipur

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

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

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

Experiences in Rajasthan

Food trail, Agra

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

High tea in the desert, Jaisalmer

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

Champagne sunset tour of Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur

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

Cookery lesson and lunch, Udaipur

Meet a traditional Rajasthani family whose centuries-old recipes have been passed down through generations. The family delight in explaining how to prepare authentic dishes and will help you to make an exquisite meal which you can later enjoy. Learn more about the local culture and way of life in this immersive dining experience.

Ranthambore

Bengal tigers & other wildlife • 250 bird species

Today an exemplar of tiger conservation, Ranthambore National Park was once the private hunting ground of royalty. It is named after the 10th-century, UNESCO-listed Ranthambore Fort, which lies within its boundaries. The park now covers an area of 400 sq km and is most famous for its growing Bengal tiger population, numbering more than 50 individuals. Ranthambore is also home to a large variety of other animals including sambar deer, chital, marsh crocodiles, sloth bears and leopards. There is much to draw birdwatchers, too, as it is a habitat for more than 300 species of bird.

The most comfortable time to visit Ranthambore is between October and March – the cooler, less humid months – though summer can promise more tiger sightings.



Bengal tiger, Ranthambore National Park

A suggested itinerary...

Boutique Rajasthan

14 days & 12 nights
from £5,295 (incl. flights)
Category • Luxury

Take in Rajasthan's most captivating sights at a relaxed pace. Visit quaint local villages, unwind in spectacular wilderness locations and stay in luxury tented accommodation where leopards roam wild and free.

Days 1-2: Fly to Delhi

Transfer to The Manor for a two-night stay. (N)

Day 3: Explore Delhi's rarer sights

Visit Delhi's lesser-known sights, including the Bangla Sahib Gurdwara, the Stepwell of

Agrasen, the Birla Temple and the charming Hauz Khas neighbourhood. (B)

Days 4-5: Stay at Bishangarh fort

Travel to Bishangarh village for a two-night stay at Alila Fort Bishangarh, a heritage fortress with spectacular views. Your second day is at leisure; explore the local village or perhaps visit the 'Pink City' of Jaipur. (B)

Days 6-8: Nimaj waterside camping

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

Days 9-10: Jawai wilderness camping

Transfer to Sujjan Jawai, a luxury eco-friendly camp, for a 2-night stay in the remote Rajasthani wilderness. Spend a full day on 4x4 safari in search of the leopards that roam this extraordinary landscape, and meet with

the friendly local shepherds who live here. (B, L, D)

Days 11-12: Devigarh

Travel to Devigarh, nestled in the Aravalli Hills, for a 2-night stay at the Hotel Raas. Unwind at your hotel, or explore Delwara's village, the temple complexes at Nathdwara and Eklingji or the lakeside town of Udaipur and its magnificent City Palace. (B)

Days 13-14: Fly home via Delhi

In the evening, transfer to Udaipur and fly to Delhi. Overnight at Andaz Delhi hotel then fly home. (B)

Tailor-made travel

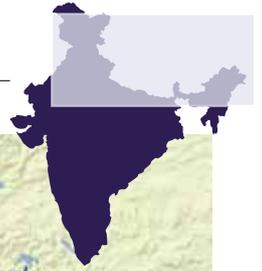
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Discover the Indian Himalaya



With dense forests, echoing ravines and vast panoramas of some of the highest peaks in the world, the Indian Himalaya possess an intense natural beauty and spirituality. Cultural variety abounds and nowhere is this more apparent than in the magnificent Sikh temple at Amritsar. Sacked by the Afghans in 1761, the shrine was rebuilt by Maharajah Ranjit Singh whose donation of the gold dome, gilded with 100kg of pure gold, earned the shrine its moniker, the Golden Temple. Every evening it is magically lit up for the Palki Sahib ceremony.



Toy train, Shimla



Stupa, McLeod Ganj

Shimla

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

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



Kangra Fort, near Pragpur

Dharamsala

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

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

Kangra Valley

Himalayan scenery • Scenic mountain railway

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

Experiences in the Indian Himalaya

Sunset Wagah ceremony, Amritsar

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

Toy train to Shimla

Completed in 1903, the UNESCO-listed Kalka to Shimla toy train offers stupendous views of the Himalayan scenery as it winds its way steeply upwards on the narrow track. Built to transport the British from the heat of the summer plains to cooler climes, it passes through rugged mountains and pine forests. For the best views, sit on the right-hand side when travelling to Shimla.

Spiritual tour of Haridwar

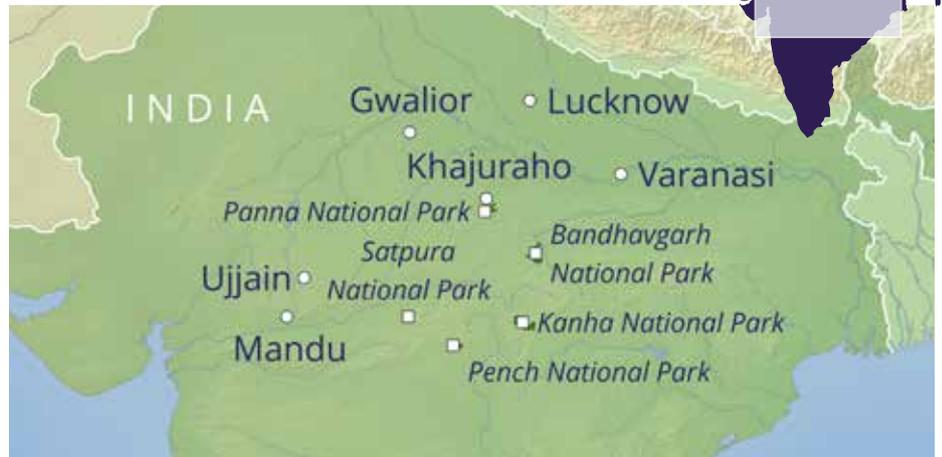
According to Hindu mythology, Haridwar is the holiest of all places in this universe and pilgrims arrive here daily to bathe in the sacred Ganges. A tour of the key temples culminates at the holy Har-ki-Pauri ghat where thread ceremonies, holy dips and the evening 'aarti' take place to the accompaniment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

Picnic in the Kullu Valley, Manali

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

Discover the Central Plains

Together Lucknow, Varanasi and Khajuraho offer the diversity of experiences for which India is known. Distinct in character, they have been the backdrop to many significant events, including the Indian mutiny in Lucknow and Buddha's first sermon near Varanasi. The region is home to magnificent historical sites including the Bibi-ka-Maqbara, splendid forts and palaces at Mandu and Ahilya, holy cities such as Ujjain as well as fabulous cave paintings. To experience the country's rich wildlife, visit the state of Madhya Pradesh.



Holy man, Varanasi



Asafi Imambara, Lucknow

Experiences in Central India

Indian Rebellion tour, Lucknow

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

Musical culture of Varanasi

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

Sleep under the stars in Pench

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

Gwalior Fort

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

Varanasi

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

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



Tiger, Bandhavgarh National Park

Lucknow

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

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

Bandhavgarh National Park

High density of tigers • 150 bird species

Bandhavgarh has one of the highest densities of tigers in the country. Once the hunting preserve of the maharajahs of Rewa, the reserve's open terrain features large grassland meadows, which offer good chances of tiger sightings. The park is home to a variety of other mammals, including leopards, Indian bison, hyenas and wild dogs. It is estimated that 150 bird species can be found here, including migratory steppe eagles that arrive in winter.

The Golden Triangle & Shimla

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights
Category • Luxury

Small-group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,620 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Express train travel in air-conditioned executive class
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles (10+ people in Volvo coach)
- ❖ Ride first class on Shimla's toy train
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 11 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Free day in Jaipur & Shimla for independent exploration

Weather Agra

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	22	25	32	38	41	41	35	33	34	34	29	24
B	8	10	16	22	26	28	27	26	25	19	13	8
C	12	11	10	6	13	52	205	270	125	22	5	6

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Humayun's tomb, New Delhi

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

Gate and the former viceregal residence. Continue to the tomb of the Mughal emperor Humayun and the Qutb Minar tower. Drive to Agra and stay at the **Trident Agra** for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Agra

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

Day 5: Fatehpur Sikri • Jaipur

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

Day 6: Jaipur

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

Day 7: Jaipur

A day at leisure to relax. Explore Jaipur's many bazaars or choose from the range of optional activities including a sunrise balloon ride¹. (B, D)

Day 8: Shahpura • Delhi

Travel to Shahpura for lunch at the opulent 300-year-old palace, visit a local NGO and walk through the local village. Continue to Delhi for an overnight stay at the **Taj Palace**. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Shimla

Take the morning train to Kalka followed by the narrow-gauge 'toy train' to Shimla, passing through stunning mountains. Stay 3 nights at the **Oberoi Cecil** in Shimla, the British summer capital during the Raj era. Upgrade

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Explore Jaipur while staying in a maharajah's former hunting lodge**
- ❖ **Watch the sun set over the Taj Mahal from Mehtab Bagh gardens**
- ❖ **Ride the 'British Jewel of the Orient', the toy train to Shimla in a first-class carriage**
- ❖ **Rural Rajasthan village walk and lunch**
- ❖ **Half-board throughout**

Day 1: Fly to Delhi

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Delhi with British Airways. (N)

Day 2: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to the **Taj Palace** for 1 night. Leisurely afternoon tour visiting the Jama Masjid mosque and exploring the labyrinthine streets of Old Delhi by cycle rickshaw. In the early evening, dine at Haveli Dharampura and take in views of the Red Fort from its upper terrace. (D)

Day 3: New Delhi • Agra

Tour of New Delhi, including a drive past India



Amber Fort, Jaipur

to a Premier Valley View room from £160 per person for 3 nights. (B, L*, D)

Day 10: Shimla

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

Day 11: Shimla

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

Day 12: Delhi

Drive to Chandigarh and connect with the midday train to Delhi. Stay overnight at the Taj Palace. (B, L*, D)

Day 13: Fly to London

Fly to London with British Airways. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Amritsar extension

3 days & 2 nights from £375

Spend time in Amritsar, staying at the 5-star **Taj Swarna Hotel**, to visit the sacred Golden Temple and observe the elaborate retreat ceremony at Wagah on the India-Pakistan border. See page 180 for more information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

† Optional activities: These activities can be pre-booked or booked locally and incur an additional charge. Please speak to one of our expert travel consultants.

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: IGT

Group tour

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

High season from £2,295
Guide price months: Nov – Mar

Single supplement from £725

Private tour

Low season from £2,620
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,775
Guide price months: Nov – Mar

Single supplement from £730

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 9 Jan)

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **04 Feb 22, 11 Mar 22, 28 Oct 22, 18 Nov 22, 20 Jan 23, 10 Mar 23, 27 Oct 23, 17 Nov 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £175 return
Club World from £1,865 return

Regional air connections

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

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Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Wed)						
21 Jan 22	02 Feb 22	21 Oct 22	02 Nov 22	24 Feb 23	08 Mar 23	10 Nov 23	22 Nov 23
04 Feb 22	16 Feb 22	28 Oct 22	09 Nov 22	10 Mar 23	22 Mar 23	17 Nov 23	29 Nov 23
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11 Mar 22	23 Mar 22	18 Nov 22	30 Nov 22	06 Oct 23	18 Oct 23		
25 Mar 22	06 Apr 22	20 Jan 23	01 Feb 23	20 Oct 23	01 Nov 23		
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Passage through Rajasthan

Duration • 16 days & 14 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,295 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,765 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights in India
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 14 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 6 dinners
- ❖ 2 included safaris in Ranthambore National Park
- ❖ Guided sightseeing
- ❖ All entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Balanced pace



Jain temple at Ranakpur

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

Day 4: Udaipur

Sightseeing in Udaipur visiting the City Palace, miniature painting studios and Jagdish temple. Afternoon boat cruise on Lake Pichola. Evening cultural performance at Bagore-ki-Haveli. (B)

Day 5: Ranakpur • Sardargarh

Travel to Sardargarh, visiting the magnificent Jain temples at Ranakpur en route. Spend 2 nights at the sublime Sardargarh Fort Hotel. Late afternoon village walk. (B)

Day 6: Sardargarh

Day at leisure. Choose from a range of optional activities including an excursion to local tribal villages, an Indian cooking class, or a walking tour of this historic fort.* This evening, dine on typical Mewari cuisine on the rooftop terrace with views of the lake. (B, D)

Day 7: Jodhpur

Take a scenic 1.5-hour rural train ride from Khamil Ghat to Phulad. The train chugs through tunnels and past waterfalls in an area that inspired Rudyard Kipling's story *The Man Who Would Be King*. Continue by road to Jodhpur for 2 nights at Taj Hari Mahal, a heritage palace. (B)

Day 8: Jodhpur

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

Day 9: Bikaner

Drive to Bikaner in the heart of the Thar Desert for an overnight stay at the magnificent Narendra Bhawan, a grand residence that was home to the last reigning maharajah of Bikaner. Late afternoon 4x4 safari into the desert to witness the spectacular sunset

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Dine on typical Mewari cuisine on the rooftop of an historic fort
- ❖ Take a scenic train ride through rural Rajasthan
- ❖ Guided sightseeing in Mumbai
- ❖ Watch the sun set behind the sand dunes of the Great Thar Desert
- ❖ Stay at a former Maharajah's hunting lodge

Weather Jaipur

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	22	25	31	36	40	39	34	32	33	34	29	24
B	7	10	15	21	25	27	25	24	23	19	13	8
C	6	10	5	4	18	51	213	227	80	12	8	3

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Day 1: Fly to Mumbai

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

Day 2: Mumbai

Arrive and transfer to the Trident Nariman Point for 1 night. Afternoon at leisure. (N)

Day 3: Fly to Udaipur

Morning sightseeing in Mumbai visiting the imposing Gateway of India, colourful Chor Bazaar, Dhobi Ghat and Victoria Terminus. Afternoon flight to Udaipur. Stay for 2 nights at Fateh Niwas Palace. Enjoy dinner at Ambrai restaurant overlooking Lake Pichola. (B, D)



Mehrangarh Fort and the blue city of Jodhpur

over the dunes accompanied by Indian high tea. (B)

Day 10: Jaipur

Visit Junagarh Fort and walk through the old city. Later, drive to the royal city of Jaipur. En route, visit the town of Fatehpur and its 'open-air gallery' of beautiful havelis. Transfer to **Ramgarh Lodge**, a former maharajah's hunting lodge for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 11: Jaipur

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

Day 12: Ranthambore National Park

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

Day 13: Ranthambore National Park

Early morning safari in search of Bengal tigers. Afternoon at leisure or visit Ranthambore Fort and the NGO-supported Dastkar foundation, where local women produce handicrafts.* (B, L, D)

Day 14: Fatehpur Sikri • Agra

Morning drive to Agra, visiting the deserted sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri en route and stopping at the lavish Laxmi Vilas Palace for lunch. Overnight at the **Taj Convention Centre**. (B, L)

Day 15: Agra • Delhi

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

Day 16: Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Delhi extension

1 day & 1 night from £140

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

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Guide price months: Nov – Feb

Single supplement from £795

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10 Mar 22	25 Mar 22	26 Jan 23	10 Feb 23	16 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	16 Nov 23	01 Dec 23
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- ❖ 14 breakfasts & 1 dinner
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ Guided sightseeing
- ❖ All entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Day at leisure in Jodhpur



Agrasen ki Baoli stepwell, Delhi

Explore the glorious Rajasthani cities of Jodhpur, Jaipur and Udaipur, visiting the exotic palaces of the erstwhile maharajas. Cross the Thar Desert visiting the fortified towns of Jaisalmer and Bikaner.

End the tour with a visit to Qutb Minar and the tomb of Emperor Humayun. (B)

Day 4: Shekhawati

Drive to the fabulous Shekhawati region, also known as the open-air art gallery of Rajasthan. Transfer to the **Desert Resort** in Mandawa for 1 night. Explore the beautiful havelis in this semi-desert region. (B)

Day 5: Bikaner

This morning, drive to Bikaner and transfer to the **Narendra Bhawan** for 1 night. In the afternoon, take a tour of Junagarh Fort, unusual for not being built on a hilltop. Later, take a walk around the local bazaar. (B)

Day 6: Jaisalmer

Drive to Jaisalmer and transfer to **Gorbandh Palace** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 7: Jaisalmer

Explore Jaisalmer Fort, one of the largest in the world. Also visit Gadisar Lake, a rainwater reservoir built in 1367, the Folklore Museum and the famous Nathwon and Patwon ki Haveli. Later in the afternoon, drive to the outskirts of Jaisalmer to view the sun setting against the sand dunes. (B)

Day 8: Jodhpur

Drive to the blue city of Jodhpur in the morning. Later in the afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Jodhpur. Visit the formidable five-kilometre-long Mehrangarh Fort, set on a hill. Continue to Jaswant Thada, a white marble memorial to Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. Transfer to the **Indana Palace** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 9: Jodhpur

Day at leisure. Choose from a range of optional excursions including a jeep safari to the local Banni villages; a walking tour of the old city and markets; a visit to 12th-century Ahichatragarh

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Explore the lively bazaars of Chandni Chowk in Old Delhi**
- ❖ **Visit the impressive Agrasen ki Baoli stepwell**
- ❖ **Tour the Anokhi Museum of Hand Printing and enjoy traditional sweet tasting**
- ❖ **Walk through the old bazaars of Bikaner and taste local delicacies**

Day 1: Fly to Delhi

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

Day 2: Delhi

Arrive and transfer to the **Radisson Blu Pashim Vihar** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 3: Delhi

Take a guided tour of Old and New Delhi, including a drive past the Red Fort, a visit to Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in Asia, a walk through Chandni Chowk and Raj Ghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Later, drive past the imposing India Gate (War Memorial Arch), Parliament buildings and Rashtrapati Bhavan (the president's residence), and visit the 14th-century Agrasen ki Baoli.

Weather Udaipur

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	24	26	31	36	38	35	30	28	30	32	29	25
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C	4	2	8	4	12	89	244	248	136	13	14	2

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)





Gadisagar lake and temple, Jaipur

Fort in Nagaur; or an exclusive evening tour of Mehrangarh Fort with the museum curator.* (B)

Day 10: Ranakpur • Udaipur

Drive to the romantic city of Udaipur this morning, visiting the beautiful Jain temples at Ranakpur en route. On arrival in Udaipur, check into the **LaLit Laxmi Vilas Palace** for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 11: Udaipur

Take a city tour of Udaipur this morning, including a visit to the City Palace and the gardens of Saheliyon-ki-Bari. Walk through the old city and learn about the miniature art this region is known for. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 12: Pushkar • Jaipur

Drive to the lakeside town of Pushkar to visit the sacred ghats. After lunch take the Shatabdi Express to Jaipur for 2-night stay at the **LaLit Jaipur**. (B)

Day 13: Jaipur

This morning, make a photo-stop at the Palace of the Winds, with its spectacular facade, before a tour of Amber Fort. Continue to the Anokhi Museum of Hand Printing before enjoying a traditional sweet tasting. Later, take a tour of the royal city of Jaipur; highlights include the City Palace Museum, the Jantar Mantar observatory and the colourful bazaars. (B)

Day 14: Fatehpur Sikri • Agra

Drive to Agra this morning, visiting Fatehpur Sikri, the beautiful deserted capital of Emperor Akbar en route. On arrival in Agra, check into the **Taj Hotel & Convention Centre**. Afternoon visit to the Taj Mahal. Farewell dinner at the Salt Cafe. (B, D)

Day 15: Delhi

Morning visit to Agra Fort, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture. Afternoon drive to Delhi. Overnight at the **Novotel Aerocity**. (B)

Day 16: Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Shimla extension

4 days & 3 nights from £725

Spend 3 nights in the luxurious **Oberoi Cecil** in Shimla, set in the Himalayan foothills. Formerly the British summer capital, a scenic ride on its narrow gauge toy train is unmissable.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: ICJ

Group tour

Low season from £1,895
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £2,095
Guide price months: Nov – Mar

Single supplement from £595

Private tour

Low season from £2,065
Guide price month: Jan

High season from £2,180
Guide price months: Oct – Feb

Single supplement from £595

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 9 Jan)

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **12 Feb 22, 29 Oct 22, 11 Mar 23, 11 Nov 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £175 return
Club World from £1,865 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)						
29 Jan 22	13 Feb 22	29 Oct 22	13 Nov 22	11 Feb 23	26 Feb 23	28 Oct 23	12 Nov 23
12 Feb 22	27 Feb 22	12 Nov 22	27 Nov 22	25 Feb 23	12 Mar 23	11 Nov 23	26 Nov 23
26 Feb 22	13 Mar 22	19 Nov 22	04 Dec 22	11 Mar 23	26 Mar 23	18 Nov 23	03 Dec 23
15 Oct 22	30 Oct 22	28 Jan 23	12 Feb 23	14 Oct 23	29 Oct 23		

The Grand Tour of India

Duration • 17 days & 15 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,200 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights in India with 20kg luggage allowance
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 15 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 5 dinners
- ❖ All entrance fees & sightseeing
- ❖ 2 included wildlife safaris
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Festival departures
- ❖ Day at leisure in Rohet

Weather Varanasi

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	24	27	33	39	41	40	34	33	34	33	30	25
B	9	12	16	22	26	27	26	26	25	21	14	10
C	19	12	9	4	13	97	296	290	209	36	11	4

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Holy man

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

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Evening Palki Sahib ceremony at the Golden Temple in Amritsar**
- ❖ **Explore Varanasi's hidden alleys and markets**
- ❖ **Enjoy breakfast overlooking the Ganges**
- ❖ **Take part in Holi celebrations at the Maharajah's Palace, Udaipur**

Days 1-2: Fly to Amritsar via Delhi

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amritsar, via Delhi, with British Airways. Transfer to **Taj Swarna** for 2 nights. Welcome dinner and optional evening visit to the Golden Temple for the auspicious Palki Sahib night ceremony. (N) (D)

Day 3: Amritsar • Wagah

Morning visit to the Golden Temple and the community kitchen called Langar. Weave your way through Qila Ahluwalia, a fort replete with colonial architectural features, before arriving at the Jalebivala Chowk with its *jalebi* shop selling delicious sticky sweets. Late afternoon visit to Wagah, for the unmissable Changing of the Guard ceremony. (B)

Day 4: Fly to Varanasi via Delhi

Morning flight to Varanasi for an overnight stay at the **Taj Ganges**. This evening, visit the Dasaswamedh ghats (stepped wharfs) to

witness the magical *arti* ceremony from a boat on the Ganges. On the 4 November 2022 and 3 November 2023 departures, enjoy the Dev Diwali celebrations, when the steps of the ghats are lit with more than a million earthen lamps. (B)

Day 5: Varanasi • Fly to Delhi

Early morning boat ride on the Ganges, followed by breakfast at Brijrama Palace overlooking the river. Walking tour of Varanasi's hidden alleys, *paan* bazaar, craftsmen colony and the spice, jewellery and flower markets. Take an evening flight to Delhi for a 2-night stay at **The LaLit New Delhi**. (B)

Day 6: Old & New Delhi

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

Day 7: Agra

Take the *Gatimaan Express* train to Agra for an overnight stay at **Trident Agra**. Afternoon visit to the huge Agra Fort. (B)

Day 8: Fatehpur Sikri • Ranthambore

Visit the Taj Mahal for sunrise. Drive to Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted 16th-century sandstone city. Continue to Bharatpur for lunch at the regal Laxmi Vilas Palace before boarding the train to Sawai Madhopur. Transfer to **Sawai Vilas** for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 9: Ranthambore

Early morning and late afternoon wildlife viewing. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Jaipur

Morning drive to Jaipur and stay at the **Trident Jaipur** for 2 nights. Afternoon at leisure. Evening *arti* ceremony at a local Hindu temple. (B)

Day 11: Jaipur

Morning tour of the ancient palace of Amber Fort. Afternoon visit to the City Palace and Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory. (B)

Day 12: Jodhpur • Rohet

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

Day 13: Bishnoi tribal villages

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



Golden Temple, Amritsar

Day 14: Ranakpur • Udaipur

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

Day 15: Udaipur

Morning tour of the City Palace and a miniature painting studio. Afternoon at leisure. Evening Bagore-ki-Haveli cultural show. Holi festival departures will witness the celebrations at the Maharajah's Palace. (B)

Day 16: Fly to Delhi

Transfer to the airport and fly to Delhi for an overnight stay at the **Andaz Aerocity**. (B)

Day 17: Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Kerala

5 days & 4 nights from £495

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

Days 16-17: Fly to Kochi

Fly to Kochi. Drive to the backwater region of Kerala for a 2-night stay at **Vasundhara Sarovar Premiere**. Next day at leisure. (B)

Day 18: Kochi

Enjoy a backwaters cruise before travelling to Kochi for a 2-night stay at **Forte Kochi**. (B)

Day 19: Kochi

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

Day 20: Fly home

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to London, via Dubai, with Emirates. (B)

FESTIVAL DEPARTURES

The 3 March 2022 and 21 February 2023 departures are timed to coincide with the colourful Holika Dahan festival, which will be celebrated in Udaipur with a visit to the celebrations at the Maharajah's Palace.

The 4 November 2022 and 3 November 2023 departures will include the enchanting Dev Diwali 'Festival of the Lights' celebrations in Varanasi.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: GNI

Group tour

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

High season from £2,895
Guide price months: Nov – Mar

Single supplement from £845

Private tour

Low season from £3,200
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,450
Guide price months: Oct – Feb

Single supplement from £845

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 9 Jan)

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **11 Feb 22, 14 Oct 22, 03 Feb 23, 03 Mar 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £175 return
Club World from £1,865 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
04 Feb 22	20 Feb 22	14 Oct 22	30 Oct 22	03 Feb 23	19 Feb 23	22 Oct 23	05 Nov 23
11 Feb 22	27 Feb 22	21 Oct 22	06 Nov 22	10 Feb 23	26 Feb 23	27 Oct 23	12 Nov 23
25 Feb 22	13 Mar 22	04 Nov 22	20 Nov 22	21 Feb 23	05 Mar 23	03 Nov 23	19 Nov 23
03 Mar 22	19 Mar 22	11 Nov 22	27 Nov 22	03 Mar 23	19 Mar 23	10 Nov 23	26 Nov 23
11 Mar 22	27 Mar 22	18 Nov 22	04 Dec 22	13 Oct 23	29 Oct 23	17 Nov 23	03 Dec 23

Exotic India

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

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

Solo Travellers

This solo group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights in India with 20kg luggage allowance
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 11 dinners
- ❖ 2 included safaris in Ranthambore
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations



Woman at a stepwell, Jaipur

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

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ See the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the President's Palace
- ❖ Stay in a traditional haveli in Jaipur
- ❖ Take a scenic ride on Deogarh's metre-gauge train
- ❖ Enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking Lake Fateh Sagar

Day 1: Fly to Delhi

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Delhi with British Airways. (N)

Day 2: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to the Taj Palace for 2 nights. Late afternoon tour of Old Delhi exploring Chandni Chowk by cycle rickshaw. Welcome dinner at the Haveli Dharampura in Old Delhi, with views towards the Red Fort and Jama Masjid. (D)

Day 3: Delhi

Morning visit to the President's Palace in New Delhi for the Changing of the Guard ceremony. Continue to the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun and the Qutb Minar tower. Afternoon at leisure – perhaps explore one of Delhi's many markets or simply relax at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 4: Agra

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

Day 5: Fatehpur Sikri • Ranthambore

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

Day 6: Ranthambore

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

Day 7: Jaipur

Drive to the pink city of Jaipur. Stay 2 nights at the wonderful heritage hotel, Shahpura House. Afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

Day 8: Jaipur

This morning visit the ancient Amber Fort and then the City Palace, home of the present maharajah. (B, D)

Day 9: Pushkar • Deogarh

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

Day 10: Deogarh

Take a scenic ride on Deogarh's metre-gauge train passing waterfalls, lush landscapes and rural life. Optional afternoon 4x4 safari visiting local Bishnoi tribal villages dotted throughout the surrounding countryside.* (B, D)

Day 11: Ranakpur • Udaipur

Drive to Udaipur, arguably Rajasthan's most picturesque city. Visit the Jain temples at

Weather Delhi

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	21	24	30	36	39	39	35	33	34	33	28	23
B	7	10	15	21	25	28	27	26	24	19	13	8
C	19	15	15	8	17	53	220	257	126	24	5	8

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)





City Palace, Udaipur

Ranakpur en route. Stay 2 nights at LaLiT Laxmi Vilas Palace. (B, D)

Day 12: Udaipur

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

Day 13: Fly to Delhi

Morning at leisure. Afternoon flight from Udaipur to Delhi for an overnight stay at Pride Plaza Aerocity. (B)

Day 14: Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Goa extension

5 days & 4 nights from £675

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

like-minded travellers. View the complete collection at CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers

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

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: XOT

Group tour

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

High season from £3,195
Guide price months: Nov – Feb

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 9 Jan)

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £175 return
Club World from £1,865 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)						
27 Jan 22	09 Feb 22	03 Nov 22	16 Nov 22	09 Feb 23	22 Feb 23	16 Nov 23	29 Nov 23
24 Feb 22	09 Mar 22	17 Nov 22	30 Nov 22	02 Mar 23	15 Mar 23		
03 Mar 22	16 Mar 22	26 Jan 23	08 Feb 23	02 Nov 23	15 Nov 23		

Journey through the Himalayan Foothills

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights
Category • Standard

Small-group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,355 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights in India
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Travel outside Delhi by Toyota Crysta & Tempo Traveller
- ❖ Express train travel in air-conditioned executive class
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Day at leisure in Pragpur



Norbulingka Institute, Dharamsala

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

Weather Shimla

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	11	12	17	22	25	26	23	22	22	21	17	13
B	2	3	7	12	15	17	16	16	14	12	7	4
C	78	70	74	50	66	170	410	334	190	38	16	41

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Join a guided heritage walk through Amritsar**
- ❖ **Ride on the Kangra Mountain Railway and the toy train to Solan**
- ❖ **Visit a local family in Dharamsala**
- ❖ **Take a gentle sunset walk through Gaddi villages**

Day 1: Fly to Amritsar via Delhi

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

Day 2: Amritsar

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

Day 3: Amritsar • Wagah

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

Day 4: McLeod Ganj

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

Day 5: Dharamsala

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

Day 6: Kangra Fort • Palampur

Drive to Kangra to visit its impressive fort and the Bajreshwari Temple. Continue to Palampur for an overnight stay at Taragarh Palace. Afternoon visit to Tashijong monastery. (B, D)

Day 7: Pragpur via Kangra Mountain Railway

Today drive to Baijnath to board the Kangra Mountain Railway for the 1.5-hour scenic ride to Nagrota. Afterwards visit the rock-cut temples at Masroor. These monolithic temples date back to the eighth century and have the moniker 'The Himalayan Pyramid'. Travel to Pragpur for a 2-night stay at The Judge's Court, a delightful old manor house, converted into a hotel. (B, D)

Day 8: Pragpur

At leisure, with opportunities for leisurely walks in the surrounding villages, or visit the temples at Jwalamukhi and Chintpurni. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Shimla

Full-day drive through the Himalayan foothills to the former British hill station of Shimla.



Shimla

On arrival, check in for 3 nights at the **Oberoi Cecil** or upgrade to the **Oberoi Wildflower Hall** (Deluxe Garden View room) from £235pp. (B)

Day 10: Shimla

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

Day 11: Shimla

Travel on a first-class carriage on the *Himalayan Queen* 'toy train' from Shimla to Kandaghat (2 hours 15 minutes) to enjoy the beautiful Himalayan scenery. This narrow-gauge railway is considered one of the finest engineering feats in India. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 12: Delhi

Travel by road to Chandigarh (3 hours) to take the midday train to Delhi. Overnight at the **Oberoi Maidens**. (B)

Day 13: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for your flight home with British Airways. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Haridwar & Corbett extension
5 days & 4 nights from £795

Extend your tour with visits to the sacred towns of Haridwar and Rishikesh, then continue to the picturesque Corbett National Park, a renowned tiger reserve.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Itinerary: The order of the visits may change due to national holidays and museum opening times.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry.

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: HTT

Group tour

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

High season from £2,195
Guide price months: Sep – Feb

Single supplement from £595

Private tour

Low season from £2,355
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,500
Guide price months: Sep – Feb

Single supplement from £595

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec - 9 Jan)

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **08 Feb 22, 27 Sep 22, 07 Mar 23, 26 Sep 23**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £175 return
Club World from £1,865 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Sun)						
08 Feb 22	20 Feb 22	27 Sep 22	09 Oct 22	21 Feb 23	05 Mar 23	03 Oct 23	15 Oct 23
08 Mar 22	20 Mar 22	18 Oct 22	30 Oct 22	07 Mar 23	19 Mar 23	17 Oct 23	29 Oct 23
22 Mar 22	03 Apr 22	01 Nov 22	13 Nov 22	04 Apr 23	16 Apr 23	31 Oct 23	12 Nov 23
05 Apr 22	17 Apr 22	15 Nov 22	27 Nov 22	26 Sep 23	08 Oct 23	14 Nov 23	26 Nov 23

Discover South India

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



Indo-Portuguese Museum, Kochi

Kochi

Eclectic architecture • Spice trade history

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

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

The Keralan Backwaters

Cruise narrow canals & lakes • Abundant birdlife

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

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



Houseboat on the backwaters, Kerala

Madurai

Ancient & bustling city • Meenakshi Temple

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



Meenakshi Temple, Madurai



Rickshaw, Puducherry

Puducherry

French legacy • Colonial-era mansions

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

Mysore

Ornate architecture • Exquisite temples of Somnathpur

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



Mysore Palace, Mysore

A suggested itinerary...

Highlights of Kerala

14 days & 12 nights
from £2,375 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

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

Day 1: Fly to Kochi (N)

Day 2: Kochi

Arrive and transfer to the Eighth Bastion for 2 nights. Remainder of the day is at leisure. (N)

Day 3: Kochi

Visit the highlights of this enchanting port, taking in architectural styles that reveal Arab, Jewish and European influences. Later, visit

the Kathakali dance studio. (B)

Day 4: Munnar

Travel to Munnar and stay 2 nights at the Windermere Estate in the hill country. (B, D)

Day 5: Munnar

Guided walk through Windermere Estate, taking in the impressive mountain scenery and extraordinary flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: Thekkady

Morning drive through the Western Ghats to Thekkady. The region is home to moist deciduous forests and marshy grasslands, offering excellent opportunities to spot birds and other wildlife as well as tropical plant life. Stay 2 nights at Spice Village. (B)

Day 7: Thekkady • Periyar

Morning walking tour of a plantation to learn about the cultivation, growth and processing of spices. This afternoon, head to Periyar National Park for a guided forest walk. (B)

Day 8: The backwaters

Drive to the backwater region of Kerala. Stay

2 nights at the Coconut Lagoon. (B)

Day 9: The backwaters

Morning at leisure. Afternoon backwaters cruise in a traditional shikara boat through narrow canals. (B)

Day 10: Overnight on a houseboat

Board a private kettuvallam, a traditional Keralan houseboat. (B, L, D)

Days 11-13: Mararikulam

Enjoy the relaxed local culture and sandy beaches of Mararikulam, staying for 3 nights at the Marari Beach Resort. (B)

Day 14: Fly home (B)

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Treasures of Southern India

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,095 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,740 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 13 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 6 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Day at leisure in Kerala's backwaters



Meenakshi Temple, Madurai

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

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Stay in the heart of the French Quarter in Puducherry (Pondicherry)
- ❖ Explore Tamil Nadu's rich artistic and creative side
- ❖ Visit Meenakshi Temple for the night ceremony
- ❖ Spend two nights relaxing in the Kerala backwaters staying in a Poolside Premium Cottage
- ❖ Enjoy a wealth of culinary fare

Weather Madurai

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	30	31	33	34	34	32	32	32	32	31	30	29
B	22	22	24	26	26	25	24	24	24	24	23	22
C	16	19	22	63	54	87	130	140	111	192	141	71

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Day 1: Fly to Chennai

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

Day 2: Chennai

On arrival transfer to the Taj Connemara for 1 night (early check in available). Time at leisure before an afternoon tour of the city followed by free time at Marina Beach. (B)

Day 3: Mahabalipuram • Puducherry

Morning walking tour of Mylapore, a town that predates Chennai by 2,000 years. Continue to Puducherry (Pondicherry), visiting the world heritage-listed shore temples at Mahabalipuram en route. Stay 2 nights at the Palais de Mahé located in the heart of the French Quarter. (B)

Day 4: Puducherry

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

Day 5: Chidambaram • Kumbakonam

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

Day 6: Kumbakonam

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

Day 7: Tanjore • Chettinad

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

Day 8: Madurai

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

Day 9: Munnar

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

Day 10: Kumarakom

Morning at leisure or visit the Srishti Welfare Centre, which trains disabled children in making some amazing handmade products. Travel to Kumarakom for 2 nights at the Aveda



Tea plantations, Munnar

Kumarakom (Poolside Premium Cottage). Upgrade to a Lakefront Luxury Villa with plunge pool from £95 per person for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 11: Kumarakom

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

Day 12: Kochi

Morning cruise aboard a *shikara* (wooden boat) through the backwaters before driving to Kochi (Cochin). Visit the Mattancherry Palace and enjoy an evening Kathakali dance performance. Stay 2 nights at **Eighth Bastion**. (B)

Day 13: Kochi

Morning sightseeing tour of Kochi including the Chinese fishing nets and the 16th-century St Francis Church. Explore hidden Kochi including Jew Town and dhobi wallah, a wash-house where a sea of white hotel sheets and clothing are slathered on the washing stones. Afternoon at leisure to further explore the streets and their array of local markets. (B)

Day 14: Fly to London via Mumbai

Fly home via Mumbai with British Airways. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Coonoor & Mysore

5 days & 4 nights from £685

Travel to Ooty to explore the erstwhile British summer capital and to ride the scenic Blue Mountain Railway. Continue to Mysore, the home of India's largest palace .

Day 14: Coonoor

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

Day 15: Ooty

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

Day 16: Mysore

Travel to Mysore and visit the impressive Nandi Bull and the magnificent maharajah's palace. Overnight at **Radisson Mysore**. (B)

Day 17: Srirangapatna • Bengaluru

Travel by road to Bengaluru (Bangalore) visiting Srirangapatna en route. Overnight at the **LaLiT Ashok Bangalore**. (B)

Day 18: Fly to London via Mumbai

Fly to London, via Mumbai, with British Airways. (B)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: CMK

Group tour

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

High season from £2,295
Guide price months: Jan – Mar

Single supplement from £945

Private tour

Low season from £2,740
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,815
Guide price months: Jan – Mar

Single supplement from £945

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 9 Jan)

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £195 return
Club World from £1,895 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sat)						
16 Jan 22	29 Jan 22	06 Nov 22	19 Nov 22	05 Feb 23	18 Feb 23	29 Oct 23	11 Nov 23
06 Feb 22	19 Feb 22	20 Nov 22	03 Dec 22	19 Feb 23	04 Mar 23	05 Nov 23	18 Nov 23
06 Mar 22	19 Mar 22	15 Jan 23	28 Jan 23	05 Mar 23	18 Mar 23	12 Nov 23	25 Nov 23
23 Oct 22	05 Nov 22	22 Jan 23	04 Feb 23	22 Oct 23	04 Nov 23	19 Nov 23	02 Dec 23

Passage through Kerala

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,780 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights with Emirates
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Included safari & national park fees
- ❖ Balanced pace



Tiger, Nagarhole National Park

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

En route, stop at the island fortress of Srirangapatna, the former capital of south India's most powerful 18th-century rulers. Evening food tour of Mysore's celebrated gastronomical delights including Mysore *masala dosa*. Return to the Maharajah's Palace this evening to see it illuminated by over 100,000 light bulbs. (B)

Day 4: Mysore • Somnathpur

Walking tour visiting some of Mysore's architectural wonders. Tour the Maharajah's Palace, which combines Hindu and Saracenic architecture. Afternoon visit to the Keshava temple at Somnathpur. (B)

Day 5: Nagarhole National Park

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

Day 6: Nagarhole National Park • Wayanad

Early morning 4x4 safari. Travel to Wayanad for 2 nights at **Wayanad Wild**. Wayanad is an area of outstanding natural beauty with tropical forests, valleys, waterfalls and sprawling plantations. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Wayanad

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

Day 8: Coonoor

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

Day 9: Coonoor • Ooty

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

Day 10: Kochi

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

Day 11: Kochi

Visit some of the highlights of this enchanting

Weather

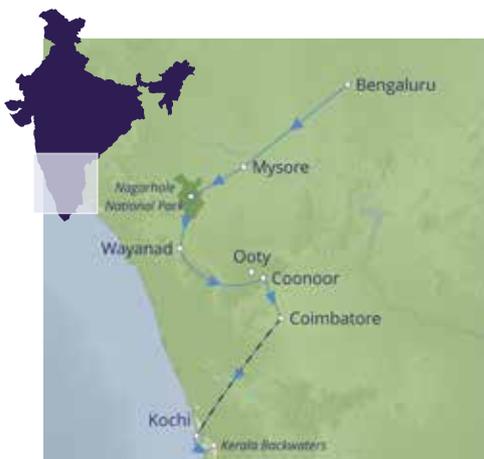
Kochi

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A	31	32	32	32	31	29	28	28	29	30	31	31
B	22	23	24	25	25	24	23	23	23	23	23	22
C	6	24	37	107	284	752	848	514	316	310	155	42

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Fly to Bengaluru via Dubai

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

Day 2: Bengaluru

On arrival, check in for an overnight stay at the **Leela Bengaluru**. This afternoon, enjoy a guided walk tracing Bangalore's captivating history. (N)

Day 3: Srirangapatna • Mysore

Travel to Mysore for 2 nights at the **Radisson**.



Houseboat on the backwaters, Alleppey

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

Day 12: The backwaters

Drive to the backwater region of Kerala this morning. En route, enjoy a backwater cruise by *shikara* boat through narrow canals. This cruise explores the picturesque waterways, revealing boats carrying loads of coir, copra and cashews and, along the water's edge, numerous churches and markets. Stay for 2 nights at the **Coconut Lagoon**. (B)

Day 13: The backwaters

Day at leisure. Optional village life experience or visit to Phillip Kutty farmhouse with lunch.* (B)

Day 14: Fly to London via Dubai

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Marari Beach Resort extension

4 days & 3 nights from £545

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

Rice barge tour variation

14 days & 12 nights from £215

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* **Optional activities:** These are at an extra cost, which is payable locally.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: PKR

Group tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,495
Guide price months: Oct – Mar

Single supplement from £925

Private tour

Low season from £2,780
Guide price months: Jan, Mar

High season from £2,875
Guide price months: Oct – Mar

Single supplement from £925

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 9 Jan)

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **03 Feb 22, 03 Mar 22, 09 Feb 23**

Emirates flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,695 return
First Class from £5,295 return

Regional air connections

Prices on request: Emirates to/from Birmingham, Glasgow, Newcastle, Manchester or Stansted

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)						
13 Jan 22	26 Jan 22	03 Mar 22	16 Mar 22	12 Jan 23	25 Jan 23	02 Mar 23	15 Mar 23
03 Feb 22	16 Feb 22	20 Oct 22	02 Nov 22	02 Feb 23	15 Feb 23	19 Oct 23	01 Nov 23
10 Feb 22	23 Feb 22	03 Nov 22	16 Nov 22	09 Feb 23	22 Feb 23	02 Nov 23	15 Nov 23
24 Feb 22	09 Mar 22	10 Nov 22	23 Nov 22	23 Feb 23	08 Mar 23	09 Nov 23	22 Nov 23

Bhutan: The Dragon Kingdom

Duration • 12 days & 9 nights
Category • Discovery

Small-group tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,120 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights with Qatar Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
- ❖ Farewell dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Bhutanese visa included
- ❖ Festival departures: Paro, Thimphu, Punakha & Black-Necked Crane



Traditional dancer

The remote Kingdom of Bhutan, with its fascinating cultural heritage and beautiful mountain scenery, was off limits to tourists until 1974. Today, the country continues to preserve its age-old traditions, as revealed in this tour, which travels through western Bhutan visiting the forts, monasteries and markets of the 'Dragon Kingdom'.

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Witness Bhutan's colourful festivals
- ❖ Bhutanese cooking class
- ❖ Explore Kathmandu's medieval centre
- ❖ Meet with local monks
- ❖ Dinner with a local family

Day 1: Fly to Kathmandu

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Kathmandu, via Doha, with Qatar Airways. (N)

Day 2: Kathmandu

Afternoon arrival in Kathmandu and transfer to the **Hotel Himalaya** (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

Day 3: Kathmandu

Morning tour of Kathmandu. Afternoon visit to the temple at Pashupatinath and Bodhnath. (B)

Day 4: Fly to Paro • Thimphu

Morning flight to Paro. Drive to Thimphu. Afternoon tour including the Tashichho Dzong. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Kisa** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 5: Thimphu

Morning sightseeing in Thimphu, including the National Memorial Chorten, Simply Bhutan, Buddha Point and the Textile Museum. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner this evening with a local family. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Punakha

Travel to Punakha via the stunning Dochula Pass. Visit a traditional farmhouse for an authentic village experience. Stay 2 nights at the **Meri Puensum** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 7: Punakha

Morning tour of Punakha, including the Punakha dzong, a 17th-century fortress. This afternoon visit the Nalanda Buddhist Institute to meet with the Buddhist monks. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Paro

Drive to Paro and stay 2 nights at the **Village Lodge** (or similar). Afternoon visit to Ta dzong, now the national museum. Later, enjoy a cooking class in spicy Bhutanese cuisine. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Paro

Morning trek to Taktsang (Tiger's Nest), a monastery perched on a rocky ledge. The return walk takes about 5 hours. Afternoon visit to Rinpung dzong. Later try your hand at Bhutan's national sport – archery. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Fly to Kathmandu

Morning flight to Kathmandu. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Himalaya** (or similar). Farewell dinner at Brick Café. (B, D)

Day 11: Fly to London via Doha

Day at leisure with late check-out of hotel. This evening fly from Kathmandu to London, via Doha, with Qatar Airways. (B)

Day 12: London

Early morning arrival in London. (N)

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

Weather Thimphu

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	7	8	12	14	16	18	18	18	17	15	12	9
B	-7	-5	-	3	6	9	10	10	8	3	-2	-5
C	8	9	34	79	180	411	529	391	247	81	11	5

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Gangtey & Bumthang
4 days & 4 nights from £895

This extension starts on Day 8 of the tour and diverts via Gangtey, taking in spectacular scenery and the beautiful Phobjikha valley.

Day 8: Gangtey

Drive through picturesque Himalayan scenery to Gangtey. Enjoy an excursion to a local village. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Dewachen** (or similar). (B, L, D)



Punakha Dong, Punakha

Day 9: Gangtey

After breakfast, visit Gangtey Goempa (monastery) before enjoying an easy walking trail through the Phobjikha valley with its lush forests and meadows. Visit a local community school. After lunch explore the Phobjikha valley, the winter home of the black-necked cranes. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Bumthang

Proceed to Bumthang, one of the most spectacular valleys in Bhutan. Stay at the **Village Lodge** (or similar) for 2 nights.

Day 11: Bumthang

Visits to Kurje lhakhang, Jambay lhakhang, the ancient Buddhist wall paintings at Tamshing lhakhang and Jakar dzong. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Paro

Travel to Paro. Stay 2 nights at the **Village Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 13: Paro

Morning trek to Taktsang (Tiger's Nest) monastery. The round trip takes about 5 hours. Afternoon visit to Rinpung dzong and Ta dzong, now the national museum. Later, enjoy a cooking class in spicy Bhutanese cuisine. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Fly to Kathmandu

Morning flight to Kathmandu. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Himalaya** (or similar). (B)

Day 15: Fly to London via Istanbul

Day at leisure. This evening fly from Kathmandu to London, via Doha, with Qatar Airways. (B)

Day 16: London

Early morning arrival in London. (N)

Tsechus (festivals)

The 17 Feb 2022 departure coincides with the Punakha tsechu; the 19 Mar 2022 departure coincides with the Paro tsechu (slightly different itinerary to allow more time in Paro – please ask your travel consultant for details);

and the 13 Sep 2022 departure coincides with the Thimphu tsechu. The 02 Nov 2022 departure and extension visits the Black-Necked Crane festival.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Discovery tour: Hotel standards in Bhutan range from first class in Paro (available at a supplement on private travel only) to reasonably comfortable in western Bhutan. The tour involves some long drives.

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

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: BHU

Group tour

Low season from £2,995
Guide price months: Feb, Nov

High season from £3,195
Guide price months: Mar, Sep

Single supplement from £395

Private travel

Low season from £3,120
Guide price months: Feb, Mar

High season from £3,250
Guide price months: Mar – Sep

Single supplement from £395

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec - 09 Jan)

British Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,385 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
17 Feb 22	28 Feb 22	19 Mar 22	30 Mar 22	13 Sep 22	24 Sep 22	02 Nov 22	13 Nov 22

Discover Sri Lanka

For a relatively small island, Sri Lanka, formerly known as Ceylon, has remarkable cultural and geographical diversity: rolling green hills carpeted with tea plantations, ruins of ancient capital cities, wildlife reserves that display an incredible biodiversity, all wrapped up within a stunning coastline.

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



Temple of the Tooth, Kandy

Kandy

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

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

The Hill Country

Tea estates • Rural train rides • Horton Plains

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



Tea pickers, Sri Lanka



Golden Temple, Dambulla

Coastal Sri Lanka

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

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

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

Cultural Triangle

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

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

At its heart lies Sigiriya rock fortress built in the fifth century and a climb to the top offers an insight into the people that once lived here. Dambulla's Buddhist temple complex is home to an impressive collection of statues, including a 15-metre-long reclining Buddha. For those who want to combine culture with wildlife, Minneriya Tank and its impressive gathering of Asiatic elephants can be visited alongside Polonnaruwa.



Lighthouse, Galle

Experiences in Sri Lanka



Culinary Ceylon, Colombo

Delve deep into the roots of Sri Lankan cuisine with a delicious seven-course dining experience. Your host will guide you through the origins of each course. Try a variety of Sri Lankan favourites including *hoppers* (a type of pancake), *kottu* (shredded bread with vegetables, meat and spices) and *lamprais* (curry wrapped in banana leaves).



Rural train ride, Hill Country

Enjoy a leisurely train ride in Sri Lanka's serene Hill Country. Travel along at just 30km per hour, passing tea plantations, waterfalls and mountain creeks before gradually creeping up into the clouds. The scenery is spectacular, as are the glimpses of rural life and the experience of sharing this journey with the locals who use these trains daily.

A suggested itinerary...

Exotic Sri Lanka

15 days & 13 nights
from £3,100 (incl. flights)
Category • Luxury

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

Days 1-2: Fly to Colombo

Stay at **The Wallawwa** for 1 night. (N)

Day 3: Anuradhapura

Transfer to **Ulagalla Resort** for 2 nights.

Remainder of day at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Anuradhapura

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

fabulous Buddhist shrines and relics. (B)

Day 5: Sigiriya • Kandy

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

Days 6-7: Kandy

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

Day 8: Koslanda

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

Day 9: Koslanda

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

Day 10: Tangalle

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

Tangalle. Remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Tangalle

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

Days 12-13: Galle

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

Day 14: Colombo

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

Day 15: Fly home (B)

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Sri Lanka: The Enchanted Island

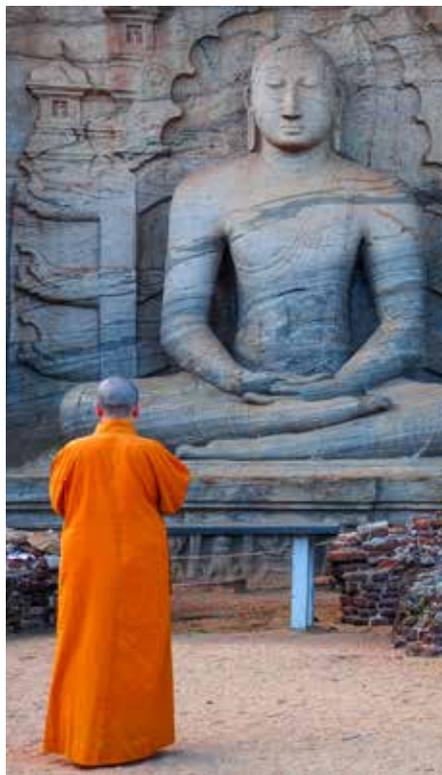
Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,795 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,045 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with Sri Lankan Airlines
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts
- ❖ Upgrade to half-board in Dambulla, Kandy & Ahungalla (7 nights) for £95
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Wildlife safari & national park entrance fees



Polonnaruwa

The island nation of Sri Lanka has a wealth of cultural, archaeological and natural treasures. This comprehensive tour visits both the popular and some of the lesser-known sites in northern, central and southern Sri Lanka.

Weather Colombo

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	31	31	32	32	31	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
B	22	23	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	24	23	22
C	55	74	136	250	382	186	124	116	236	371	306	166

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Visit the impressive Dambulla caves and Sigiriya rock fortress
- ❖ Witness a Puja ceremony at the Temple of the Tooth
- ❖ Stay in an authentic converted tea factory
- ❖ Finish the tour with relaxation on the beach

Day 1: Fly to Colombo

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

Day 2: Colombo

Afternoon arrival and transfer to the

Cinnamon Lakeside for 1 night. Enjoy afternoon tea at the iconic Galle Face Hotel. (N)

Day 3: Dambulla

In the morning transfer to Dambulla. Stay 3 nights at the **Heritage Kandalama**. (B)

Day 4: Anuradhapura • Mihintale

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

Day 5: Sigiriya • Polonnaruwa

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

Day 6: Dambulla • Kandy

Morning visit to Dambulla, home to Asia's most impressive cave temples. Continue to the beautiful hill station of Kandy and stay 2 nights at the **Earls Regency**. Afternoon city tour. This evening, take time to watch a traditional Kandyan dance performance and visit the Temple of the Tooth for the evening *puja*. (B)

Day 7: Kandy

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

Day 8: Nuwara Eliya

Early morning drive to Nuwara Eliya hill station via a tea plantation. Situated at 2,000 metres above sea level, Nuwara Eliya attracted the British in the 18th century and their legacy is still visible. Stay at the **Heritage Tea Factory** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 9: Horton Plains

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

Day 10: Ella • Yala

Transfer to Ella; the view through the Ella Gap – a break in the hills – is one of the finest in Sri Lanka. Visit the Rawana Ella Falls and impressive Buduruwagala statues before continuing to Yala. Stay 2 nights at **Cinnamon Wild** (Jungle Chalet). (B)

Day 11: Yala

Morning wildlife safari in Yala National Park. Covering 1,300 sq km, the park encompasses a diversity of jungle habitats, including scrub, brackish lagoons and riverside locations.



Sigiriya

Creatures that may be seen include elephants, leopards, sloth bears, spotted deer, sambar deer, wild pigs, jackals, marsh crocodiles and a great variety of birdlife. (B)

Days 12-13: Galle • Ahungalla

Drive to Ahungalla, stopping for a visit to the Elephant Transit home and tour of Galle Fort. Stay 2 nights at **Heritance Ahungalla** or upgrade to the **Taj Bentota Resort & Spa** (Superior Charm Seaview room) from £85. Following day at leisure. (B)

Day 14: Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Maldives extension

5 days & 4 nights from £1,695

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*** Accessibility:** Due to high altitude and uneven terrain, the Horton Plains walk requires a good level of fitness. Visits to certain ancient monuments in the Cultural Triangle require quite a bit of step climbing. In some cases, this is in excess of 1,800 steps and in other

instances somewhere between 800 and 1,200 steps.

Private & tailored travel: This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: CET

Group tour

Low season from £1,795
Guide price months: Oct – Nov

High season from £1,995
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

Single supplement from £495

Private tour

Low season from £2,045
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,195
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

Single supplement from £495

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 9 Jan)

Sri Lankan Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,075 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sat)						
23 Jan 22	05 Feb 22	27 Feb 22	12 Mar 22	10 Jan 23	23 Jan 22	21 Feb 23	06 Mar 23
06 Feb 22	19 Feb 22	16 Oct 22	29 Oct 22	24 Jan 23	06 Feb 23	28 Feb 23	12 Mar 23
20 Feb 22	05 Mar 22	13 Nov 22	26 Nov 22	07 Feb 23	20 Feb 23		

Splendours of Sri Lanka

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Solo group tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)

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This solo group tour features...

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- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
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- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 10 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Wildlife safaris & national park entrance fees



Leopard, Wilpattu National Park

This introductory tour combines the Cultural Triangle's ancient cities with scenic hill country, man-made marvels and abundant wildlife. Finish the tour with a relaxing two-night stay on a palm-fringed beach.

Day 4: Wilpattu National Park • Anuradhapura

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

Day 5: Anuradhapura

Drive to the ancient city of Anuradhapura. For 1,400 years, this city was the capital of Sri Lanka and contains fabulous Buddhist shrines and relics. Afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

Day 6: Habarana

Transfer to Habarana. Stay 2 nights at the Cinnamon Lodge. Afternoon cookery lesson. (B)

Day 7: Sigiriya • Polonnaruwa

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

Day 8: Dambulla • Kandy

Morning visit to Dambulla, home to Asia's most impressive cave temples. Continue to the beautiful hill station of Kandy and stay 2 nights at the Cinnamon Citadel. Afternoon sightseeing tour. In the evening, watch a traditional Kandyan dance performance and visit the Temple of the Tooth for the evening Puja ceremony. (B, D)

Day 9: Kandy

Kandy is set on the shores of a beautiful man-

Weather Colombo

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SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Three safaris in Wilpattu in search of wild elephants and leopards
- ❖ Join a Sri Lankan cookery lesson
- ❖ End your tour with a two-night luxury beach stay

Day 1: Fly to Colombo

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

Day 2: Chilaw

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

Day 3: Anuradhapura

Drive to Anuradhapura via Wilpattu National Park. Afternoon wildlife safari in search of leopards and sloth bears. Stay 3 nights at the Forest Rock Garden Resort. (B, D)



Buddha statues and wall paintings in the cave temple, Dambulla

made lake and the area abounds in rich and varied plant life. Morning visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens. Afternoon at leisure to explore Kandy's markets. (B, D)

Day 10: Nuwara Eliya

Morning drive to the hill station of Nuwara Eliya via a tea plantation. Situated at 2,000 metres, Nuwara Eliya attracted the British in the 18th century and their legacy is still visible. Stay at **The Blackpool** for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 11: Horton Plains

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

Day 12: Wadduwa

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

Day 13: Wadduwa

Day at leisure. Farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Fly to London

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

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

*Jan-Mar '22 flights will be with Emirates via Dubai

† **Accessibility:** Due to high altitude and uneven terrain, the Horton Plains walk requires a good level of fitness. Visits to certain ancient monuments in the Cultural Triangle require steep climbing, including ascending more than 1,800 steps in one instance.

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

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: SCN

Group tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,495
Guide price months: Jan – Mar

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 9 Jan)

Sri Lankan Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,075 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

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25 Jan 23 07 Feb 23
01 Feb 23 14 Feb 23

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01 Mar 23 14 Mar 23
15 Nov 23 28 Nov 23



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Asakusa Kannon temple, Tokyo

Tokyo

Neon cityscapes • World-class restaurants • Ancient temples, palaces & gardens

One of the largest and most densely populated cities in the world, Tokyo merits several days' exploration. A good starting point is the Asakusa Kannon temple and a popular meeting place for locals. Nearby is Nakamise-dori, one of Japan's oldest shopping streets, where you'll find crafts and tempting street food. The East Gardens of the Imperial Palace are open to the public, where paths wind through manicured lawns and ponds topped with waterlilies. The displays of the Tokyo National Museum could take up a full day, while the districts of Ginza, Shibuya and Shinjuku are lined with video screens and gleaming department stores – the classic vision of Tokyo by night.

Kyoto

Zen gardens, pavilions & temples • Geisha district • Arashiyama bamboo grove

The nation's capital from the eighth century until the Meiji Restoration in 1868, Kyoto is known today as the cultural heart of Japan. Historical treasures here include Kinkakuji (the Golden Pavilion), covered entirely in glittering gold leaf; and Nijo Castle. Other highlights include Sanjusangendo Hall, known as the 'Temple of 1,001 Images of Buddha'; and the Fushimi Inari shrine, with its long arcades of vermilion *torii* (shrine gates). Gion, Kyoto's geisha district, is an area of hushed narrow lanes and hidden alleys where you may come across geisha going between appointments. Arashiyama, to the west, is an area of wooded hills, lakes and towering bamboo groves, and is especially beautiful in cherry blossom season.



Geisha in Gion, Kyoto

Hiroshima

Visit the A-Bomb Museum & Peace Memorial Park • Carp Castle

Hiroshima needs no introduction as the first city on Earth to be hit by an atomic bomb, although these days Hiroshima is a young and prospering city. The A-Bomb Museum & Peace Memorial Park was built by the people of the city to symbolise their wishes for everlasting peace. It encompasses the Peace Memorial Museum, the Memorial Cenotaph and the Flame of Peace. The city's castle, sometimes called Carp Castle, was originally constructed in 1589. Much of it was dismantled following the Meiji Restoration, leaving only the donjon (castle keep), the main gates and turrets.



Hiroshima



Mount Fuji and Lake Ashi, Hakone National Park

Hakone National Park

Hakone Open-Air Museum • Lake cruises, museums & hot springs

Located 100km south-west of Tokyo, Hakone National Park is a picturesque landscape of lakes, valleys and volcanoes. The park can be visited on a day trip from Tokyo, while an overnight stay allows more time for exploration. Attractions include the Hakone Tozan mountain railway, numerous hot springs that provide thermal waters to many of the bath houses and ryokans in the region, and scenic cruises across Lake Ashi to Hakone Botanical Garden. A cable car ride up Mount Komagatake offers superb views of Mount Fuji.



Kenroku-en garden, Kanazawa

Kanazawa

The beautiful garden of Kenroku-en • Nagamachi district, home of the samurai

Kanazawa, on the west coast of Honshu island, grew in importance from the 15th century, when the Ikko and Maeda clans chose the town for their headquarters and it came to rival Kyoto and Edo (Tokyo) in cultural significance. The Nagamachi district at the foot of Kanazawa Castle is where the samurai (a military nobility) used to reside, and it retains a historic atmosphere with its remaining samurai mansions, earthen walls, narrow lanes and canal. Kanazawa is also notable for Kenroku-en, considered one of Japan's most beautiful gardens.

Experiences in Japan

Tea ceremony, Kyoto

Experience an audience with a *maiko* (apprentice geisha), who will entertain you with dances and some traditional games over afternoon tea. With a translator on hand to assist, this experience is an opportunity to gain an understanding of this fascinating and highly ritualised tradition.

Sumo stable visit, Tokyo

A visit to a sumo stable to see *asageiko* (morning training) provides an insight into the lives of sumo wrestlers and the dedication that's required to excel in this sport. We can also arrange for you to attend one of the large annual tournaments held in Tokyo, Fukuoka, Nagoya and Osaka.

Small-group food tours in Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima & Osaka

Discover where locals eat on an escorted tour to a range of restaurants, teahouses, bars and street stalls. Each city has its own specialities, and these tours are a wonderful opportunity to try them for yourself and gain an understanding of the importance of food to Japanese culture.



Ryokans of Japan

The origins of ryokan, traditional Japanese inns, can be traced back to the Nara period (710–784AD) as rest houses for travellers, with a tradition of good food and hospitality that continues today. Guestrooms are often simply decorated, featuring tatami straw mats and futon bedding, and a traditional multi-course *kaiseki* dinner is usually included. Many have *onsen* (hot spring) facilities, with shared or private hot spring baths. Some ryokan are located in the older, more traditional areas of towns, while others are set within stunning natural landscapes.

Japan's Cultural Treasures

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £5,495 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 15 people (max 24)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts & 4 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Bullet train travel
- ❖ Cherry blossom season departures



Gasshō-zukuri houses, Shirakawago

Discover the cultural heritage of Japan on this exciting journey through the country's main island of Honshu. Begin with an exploration of Tokyo and the nearby Hakone National Park, visit the tranquil Kenroku-en garden and the castle of Kanazawa before exploring the imperial city of Kyoto, with its many temples and shrines. Experience the sombre modern history of Hiroshima, then visit the picturesque island of Miyajima with its celebrated torii gate. Finish with a visit to Himeji, famed for its castle and gardens, before flying home from Tokyo.

National Park for views of Mount Fuji, a cruise on Lake Ashi and a ride on the Mount Komagatake Ropeway (cable car). (B, L)

Day 4: Tokyo

Full-day tour visiting Asakusa Kannon temple, Tokyo National Museum, the Imperial East Garden and the peaceful Meiji shrine. Lunch will be a *kushiage* meal of fried meat and vegetables. (B, L)

Day 5: Kanazawa

Morning departure by shinkansen (bullet train) to Kanazawa. Visit Kanazawa castle park, Kenroku-en garden and the Nomura Samurai House. Stay 2 nights at the **Crowne Plaza ANA Kanazawa** (or similar). (B, L)

Days 6: Kanazawa • Shirakawago

Morning visit to a gold-leaf workshop, where you can learn how to embellish with gold leaf, and Omicho market. Afternoon excursion to Shirakawago to see the UNESCO-listed *gasshō-zukuri* houses notable for their unique architectural style. (B)

Days 7-8: Kyoto

Travel by express train to Kyoto. Visits include Nijo Castle, a walking tour of Nishiki market to tour the numerous food stalls, and the WAK cultural centre, housed in a wooden townhouse known as a *machiya*, for a cooking class and a traditional tea ceremony experience. The following day is at leisure to explore Kyoto at your own pace. Stay 2 nights at the **New Miyako Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 9: Kyoto • Hiroshima

Morning visit to Kinkakuji temple (Golden Pavilion), then Ryoanji temple, famous for its Zen rock garden. Afternoon tour of the historic city of Nara, then continue to Osaka to catch the bullet train south to Hiroshima.

Weather

Tokyo

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	10	10	13	19	23	25	29	31	27	21	17	12
B	0	1	4	9	14	18	22	24	20	14	8	3
C	43	58	94	119	132	181	128	147	181	158	84	44

Kyoto

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	6	6	10	17	22	25	29	30	26	20	14	8
B	-2	-1	1	7	12	16	21	22	17	11	5	0
C	78	83	111	134	142	228	214	126	181	111	78	65

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Traditional tea ceremony experience and cooking class in Kyoto**
- ❖ **Visit Shirakawago to see the UNESCO-listed *gasshō-zukuri* houses**
- ❖ **Tour the Nomura Samurai House historic home and garden**
- ❖ **Try your hand at gold-leaf making in Kanazawa**

Day 1: Fly to Tokyo

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Tokyo Haneda airport with British Airways. (N)

Day 2: Tokyo

Arrive and transfer to the **Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa** (or similar) for 3 nights. (N)

Day 3: Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park

Full-day excursion to the Fuji-Hakone-Izu





Kinkakuji temple, Kyoto

Stay 2 nights at the **Granvia Hiroshima / Sheraton Hiroshima** (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Miyajima island • Hiroshima

Take the ferry to Miyajima island to visit the Itsukushima shrine and see the torii gate. Return to the mainland and take the train back to the city to visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and the Memorial Museum. (B)

Day 11: Himeji • Tokyo

Board a bullet train for the journey north to Himeji city. Take a tour of Himeji Castle, which, unlike most castles in Japan, is still in its original form and is arguably the finest example of medieval castle architecture in the country. Afterwards, take a stroll in the Koko-en gardens, which consist of nine separate, walled gardens with ponds, waterfalls and a tea ceremony house. Travel by train on to Tokyo, and stay at the **Royal Park Haneda** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, L)

Day 12: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and board a British Airways flight back to London, arriving later the same day. (B)

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

FESTIVAL DEPARTURES

Hanami (cherry blossoms)

Hanami, literally meaning ‘flower viewing’, is the traditional Japanese custom of enjoying the blossoming cherry trees from March to early May, and specifically in Tokyo and Kyoto

in early April. Cherry blossom can be seen on many of the excursions on the March and April departures.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation: Please note that in Japan room sizes can be significantly smaller than in Europe.

Itinerary: Excursions on days 3 and 4 may be switched, subject to local conditions. Please note that travellers will need to pack an

overnight bag for days 5–6 and 9–10, as main luggage will be transferred separately between hotels.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, but note that the cost of travelling on a private basis rather than as part of a group is significantly higher in Japan than in most countries. This is because of the very high costs of private guides and vehicles. To reduce costs, a similar itinerary can be booked using public transport and some self-guided excursions. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: JCT

Group tour

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

High season from £5,995
Guide price month: Mar 23

Single supplement from £1,495

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller from £995 return
Club World from £3,695 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Mon)	Rtn (Fri)						
21 Mar 22	01 Apr 22	03 Oct 22	14 Oct 22	27 Mar 23	07 Apr 23	06 Nov 23	17 Nov 23
28 Mar 22	08 Apr 22	07 Nov 22	18 Nov 22	03 Apr 23	14 Apr 23		
04 Apr 22	15 Apr 22	20 Mar 23	31 Mar 23	02 Oct 23	13 Oct 23		

Discover South-East Asia

Intertwined along the eastern edge of the Indochinese peninsula, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia are fascinating destinations, all with a colonial legacy yet each with a distinctive history, culture and landscape.

Explore karst landscapes, stepped paddies, historic towns, glorious beaches and the languid Mekong Delta in Vietnam. Cambodia is home to the temples of Angkor, the magnificent legacy of the Khmer empire, as well as lush jungle and beautiful coastline. For many years, Laos was over-shadowed by its neighbours. Today, it is still a laid-back country while the Buddhist culture lends its people a delightful charm.



Ho Chi Minh Presidential Palace, Hanoi

Hanoi, Vietnam

Colonial buildings • Lively markets & street food

The Vietnamese capital is a mix of tree-lined avenues, maze-like backstreets and fine colonial buildings from the era of French rule. Visitors to the city can see various sites connected with the life of the former revolutionary and political leader, Ho Chi Minh. Also of interest are the 900-year-old Temple of Literature, Vietnam's principal Confucian sanctuary; the Museum of Ethnology, which details the history and culture of Vietnam's many ethnic minority groups; and Hoan Kiem Lake, which encompasses Jade Island and the Ngoc Son Temple. The city has a lively street food scene – be sure to try a bowl of *pho*, a warming broth with noodles and slices of chicken or beef flavoured with chilli, fresh herbs and lime.

Cruising in the Gulf of Tonkin

Towering limestone karsts • Range of vessels including traditional Vietnamese junks

In northern Vietnam, the Gulf of Tonkin encompasses the three bays of Halong, Lan Ha and Bai Tu Long. Bai Tu Long Bay occupies the far north of the region, Halong Bay is the most well-known and busiest area, while Lan Ha is a quieter, less-visited bay and includes the large island of Cat Ba.

The geography of all three areas features a number of small islands, beaches, floating villages and spectacular limestone karst formations. Easily reached from Hanoi via a two-to three-hour drive, an overnight cruise here is the best way to get the most from your visit.



Lan Ha Bay



Angkor Wat, Siem Reap, Cambodia

The Angkor Temples, Cambodia

Magnificent temples, carvings & jungle • Explore with an expert private guide

These magnificent temples are protected within the Angkor Archaeological Park, just a 20-minute drive from Siem Reap. The monuments belong to the classic period of Khmer art and civilisation. They were created by a succession of Khmer kings who presided over an empire that dominated the region from 800AD to 1430AD, reaching its peak in the 12th century. From the 15th century the temples were abandoned and forgotten; the French naturalist Henri Mouhot is attributed with their rediscovery in 1861.

Highlights include the walled and moated royal city of Angkor Thom, the giant stone faces of Bayon and the huge three-tiered pyramid of Angkor Wat. At least two full days are recommended to get the most from the site, allowing time to visit some of the outer temples such as Preah Khan, Neak Pean, Prasat Kravan or Pre Rup.



Wat Xieng Thong temple, Luang Prabang

Luang Prabang, Laos

Buddhist temples & colonial architecture • Observe the ancient ritual of alms-giving

The former royal capital of Luang Prabang is considered to be the best-preserved historic town in South-east Asia, with a UNESCO-protected old town district that encompasses a distinctive combination of Buddhist temples, French colonial architecture and historic Laotian buildings. The town has a beautiful setting, founded on a peninsula formed by the Mekong and the Nam Khan rivers against a backdrop of verdant mountains.

With numerous quiet temples to visit and back streets to wander through, the town rewards a leisurely stay, but the National Palace Museum, and Wat Mai, the city's largest temple, are the highlights.



Hoi An, Vietnam

Hoi An, Vietnam

Charming coastal resort • Distinct Chinese architecture

The ancient Vietnamese town of Hoi An is located 30km south of Danang on the banks of the Thu Bon River. Occupied by many early western traders, Hoi An was one of the major trading centres of South-east Asia in the 16th century. This laid-back town has a distinct Chinese atmosphere with low, tile-roofed houses and narrow streets; the original structure of some of these streets still remains almost intact.

Hoi An is known for being a culinary hotspot and is an excellent place to learn about Vietnamese cuisine. Speak to one of our Far East specialists about arranging a food tour or a cooking class here.



Jayavarman

Mekong River Cruising

Range of cruise ships & itineraries • Visit remote communities & islands

A cruise is a comfortable way to explore far-flung reaches of the Mekong River and its delta. Shore excursions take you to areas otherwise inaccessible, including small riverside communities, enabling you to discover the daily life of people living along this great river. Most cruises operate on seven-night itineraries between Vietnam and Cambodia, while three- and four-night cruises between Laos and Thailand are also available.

Excursions are escorted by local guides who can share their knowledge about life on the river. Vessels stop at riverside villages, which often specialise in a particular trade or craft such as pottery, silk weaving or fish farming.

Spirit of Vietnam

Duration • 14 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior & Luxury

Small-group tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,895 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation options
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 4 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome & farewell dinners
- ❖ Day at leisure in Hoi An

Weather Hanoi

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	20	20	23	27	32	33	33	32	31	29	25	22
B	14	15	18	21	25	26	26	26	25	22	19	15
C	22	28	42	97	181	242	258	297	225	125	57	19

Ho Chi Minh City

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	31	32	33	34	33	32	31	31	31	31	31	31
B	21	22	23	24	25	24	24	24	24	23	23	22
C	15	8	23	63	183	261	257	249	270	255	156	65

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



Hoi An

Discover the varied sights, sounds and flavours of Vietnam, touring the fascinating cities of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), the Vietnam War-era Cu Chi tunnels and the historic pearls of Hue and Hoi An. A tour of the Mekong Delta and an overnight cruise amid the magical landscapes of Lan Ha Bay are also included.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Tour of the Hanoi Military History Museum and meet a former NVA pilot**
- ❖ **Cruise in the less-visited Lan Ha Bay**
- ❖ **Meal at a restored royal home of the Nguyen dynasty in Hue**
- ❖ **Full-day exploration of the Mekong Delta's waterways**

Day 1: Fly to Hanoi

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) direct to Hanoi with Vietnam Airlines¹. (N)

Day 2: Hanoi

Morning arrival. Transfer to the Mövenpick Hotel / Sofitel Legend Metropole* (or similar) for 2 nights. Welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Hanoi

Morning tour of the Museum of Ethnology, Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son temple and the Temple of Literature. Afternoon visit to Ba

Dinh Square, walk outside Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, then visit the residence and One Pillar Pagoda. Continue to the Military History Museum and then meet with former NVA pilot Nguyen Hong My. Optional evening excursion to a water puppet show (payable locally). (B, L)

Day 4: Cruise on Lan Ha Bay

Cruise today in an area similar to Halong Bay but with far fewer visitors, known as Lan Ha Bay, in the Gulf of Tonkin. Stay overnight onboard the *Indochine / Era**. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Fly to Hoi An

Morning cruise in Lan Ha Bay. Disembark and drive to Hanoi airport and fly to Hoi An, one of Asia's most enchanting towns. Stay 3 nights at the beachfront **Boutique Hoi An Resort**. The luxury category tour will stay at the **Hotel Royal Hoi An***, within walking distance of Hoi An Ancient Town. (B)

Day 6: Hoi An

Morning tour of the ruined temple of My Son. Lunch at Streets International restaurant, a social enterprise initiative with the purpose of developing sustainable programmes for street children. In the afternoon, take a walking tour of the former trading port of Hoi An, which has historic Chinese, Japanese and European influences. (B, L)

Day 7: Hoi An

Day at leisure. Optional classes at the Red Bridge cooking school (payable locally). (B)

Day 8: Danang • Hue

Morning drive over the spectacular Hai Van Pass (weather permitting) to Hue, visiting the Museum of Cham Sculpture in Danang en route. Afternoon at leisure. Stay at the **Pilgrimage Village / Azerai La Residence*** for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 9: Hue

Morning visit to Hue citadel, which encompasses the numerous pavilions, temples and courtyards of the former Imperial City, including the Purple Forbidden City. Continue to Thien Mu pagoda, then take a short cruise on the Perfume River back to the city centre. After lunch, visit the tombs of the Nguyen emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. Dinner this evening will be at a restored royal home of the Nguyen dynasty. (B, D)

Day 10: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to the **Grand Hotel / Caravelle Hotel*** for a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 11: Mekong Delta

Full-day exploration of the Mekong Delta, including a trip to Cai Be, a boat ride exploring



East Gate to the Imperial City within the Citadel, Hue

the smaller channels and walking in the countryside. (B, L)

Day 12: Cu Chi tunnels

Morning drive through the southern Vietnamese countryside and visit the Cu Chi tunnels. Afternoon city tour with visits to the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame cathedral, the War Remnants Museum and a former safe house used by the Viet Cong. Farewell dinner. (B, D)

Days 13-14: Fly to London

Day at leisure. Transfer to the airport then fly direct to London, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Phu Quoc beaches

4 days & 3 nights from £425

End your tour on the beaches of Phu Quoc, an island just an hour's flight from Ho Chi Minh City, with a 3-night stay at the **Dusit Beach Resort**. This extension is sold on a private basis.

Tour + Angkor Wat temples

4 days & 3 nights from £595

Discover the spectacular Angkor Wat temples in Cambodia and take a short cruise on Tonle Sap lake. Extension includes return flights between Siem Reap and Ho Chi Minh City, touring, transfers and 3 nights at either the 4-star **Tara Angkor Hotel** or the 5-star **Belmond La Résidence d'Angkor**. This extension is sold on a group basis with other members of the *Spirit of Vietnam* tour.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

***Tour standards:** Superior tour departures are based in 4-star accommodation. Luxury tour departures will feature upgraded accommodation as indicated by the asterisks. Prices are based on the standard room / cabin category, unless otherwise stated. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

†Jan / Feb departures will operate using Qatar Airways via Doha.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Superior group tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,595
Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £595

Luxury group tour

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

High season from £3,195
Guide price month: Feb 23

Single supplement from £895

Superior private tour

Low season from £2,895
Guide price months: May – Jun

High season from £2,995
Guide price months: Nov – Dec

Single supplement on request

★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **20 Feb 22, 13 Nov 22**

Vietnam Airlines flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £595 return
Business Class from £2,295 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Superior group tour departure dates for 2022-23

Tour code: SPV

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sat)						
16 Jan 22	29 Jan 22	16 Oct 22	29 Oct 22	08 Jan 23	21 Jan 23	15 Oct 23	28 Oct 23
20 Feb 22	05 Mar 22	13 Nov 22	26 Nov 22	19 Feb 23	04 Mar 23	12 Nov 23	25 Nov 23

Luxury group tour departure dates for 2022-23

Tour code: VLD

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sat)						
13 Feb 22	26 Feb 22	06 Nov 22	19 Nov 22	12 Feb 23	25 Feb 23	05 Nov 23	19 Nov 23

Grand Tour of Indochina

Duration • 18 days & 15 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,595 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 15 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 4 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome & farewell dinners
- ❖ Day at leisure in Hoi An for independent exploration



Bayon Temple, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Weather

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	32	32	34	34	34	33	32	32	31	31	30	30
B	21	22	23	24	25	24	25	25	24	24	23	22
C	6	8	29	68	166	156	149	162	245	263	115	27

Hanoi, Vietnam

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	20	20	23	27	32	33	33	32	31	29	25	22
B	14	15	18	21	25	26	26	26	25	22	19	15
C	22	28	42	97	181	242	258	297	225	125	57	19

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



The journey begins in Vietnam, a rapidly developing and vibrant country. Explore the Mekong Delta before a journey through the captivating kingdom of Cambodia, ending at the majestic temples of Angkor Wat. A longer version of the tour is available, which begins with an exploration of the ancient temple town of Luang Prabang in Laos.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Cruise in the less-visited Lan Ha Bay, Vietnam**
- ❖ **Enjoy a meal in a restored royal home from the Nguyen dynasty era in Hue, Vietnam**
- ❖ **Sunset boat ride on Angkor Thom moat, Cambodia**
- ❖ **Farewell dinner in the Angkor Archaeological Park, Cambodia**

Day 1: Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam
 Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Hanoi, with Vietnam Airlines[†]. (N)

Day 2: Hanoi
 Arrive and transfer to The Ann Hotel Hanoi (or similar) for a 2-night stay. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (D)

Day 3: Hanoi
 Visit Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, the Temple of Literature, the Museum of Ethnology, Hoan Kiem lake and Ngoc Son temple. Lunch is at KOTO restaurant, an organisation that provides vocational training for underprivileged youths in Vietnam. In the evening there is the opportunity to see a water puppet show (payable locally). (B, L)

Day 4: Cruise on Lan Ha Bay
 Today, cruise in an area similar to Halong Bay but with far fewer visitors, known as Lan Ha Bay, in the Gulf of Tonkin. Overnight accommodation on board the *Indochine*. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Fly to Danang • Hoi An
 Morning cruise around the karst limestone islands. Disembark in the late morning and drive to Hanoi airport for an evening flight to Danang. Transfer to the beachfront **Boutique Hoi An Resort** for a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 6: Hoi An
 Morning walking tour of Hoi An. Lunch at Streets International restaurant, a social enterprise initiative with the aim of developing and operating sustainable programmes for street children. Afternoon at leisure, or join an optional excursion to the ruined temples of My Son (payable locally). (B, L)

Day 7: Hoi An
 Day at leisure. Optional class at the Red Bridge cooking school (payable locally). (B)

Day 8: Hue
 Morning drive over the spectacular Hai Van Pass to Hue (weather permitting), stopping at Cham Museum en route. Afternoon visit to the Tombs of the Nguyen emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. Either lunch or dinner today will be at a restored royal home of the Nguyen dynasty. Stay 1 night at the **Pilgrimage Village**. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City
 Morning cyclo ride to the Imperial Citadel and the Purple Forbidden City, followed by a river cruise to Thien Mu pagoda. Transfer to the airport and fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Stay 3 nights at the **Grand Hotel**. (B)

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City
 Morning drive through the countryside to the Cu Chi tunnels. Afternoon city tour, visiting the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame cathedral and the War Remnants Museum. (B)

Day 11: Mekong Delta
 Drive to Cai Be, and explore the Mekong Delta by boat and on foot. (B, L)



Lan Ha Bay, Vietnam

Day 12: Fly to Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Fly to Phnom Penh and transfer to **La Rose Boutique Hotel & Spa** for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 13: Phnom Penh

Morning visit to the Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda and the National Museum. Afternoon tour of the Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocide and the Choeung Ek Killing Fields. (B, L)

Day 14: Fly to Siem Reap

Fly to Siem Reap and stay at **Tara Angkor Hotel** for 3 nights. Afternoon visit to the Angkor National Museum. (B)

Day 15: Angkor temples

Full-day tour of the temples. In the morning visit the magnificent Angkor Wat. Return to Siem Reap for lunch. In the afternoon explore the Terrace of the Elephants, the Terrace of the Leper King and the Bayon temple. End the day at Angkor Thom with a sunset boat ride by the temple. (B, L)

Day 16: Angkor temples

Morning at leisure. Afternoon excursion to Banteay Srei temple and the small island temple of Neak Pean. Farewell dinner at Khmer House at Srah Srang within the Angkor Archaeological Park. (B, D)

Days 17-18: Fly to London via Ho Chi Minh City

Transfer to the airport and fly overnight to London via Ho Chi Minh City, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre-tour extension to Laos

4 days & 3 nights from £725

Visit the remote and little-visited republic of Laos, to explore the ancient temple town of Luang Prabang. Sightseeing includes visits to the Royal Palace Museum, Buddhist temples, a traditional weaving centre and the Kuang Si Falls. Stay 3 nights at the **Santi Resort & Spa**. This pre-tour extension is operated on a group basis and is available before the regular tour itinerary begins in Vietnam.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

†Jan / Feb departures will operate using Qatar Airways via Doha.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Tour code: LVX

Group tour

Low season from £2,995
Guide price month: Nov 2022

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

Single supplement from £745

Private tour

Low season from £3,595
Guide price months: May – Jun

High season from £3,795
Guide price months: Nov – Dec

Single supplement on request

Vietnam Airlines flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £595 return
Business Class from £2,295 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2022-23

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Wed)						
09 Jan 22	26 Jan 22	16 Oct 22	02 Nov 23	12 Feb 23	01 Mar 23	05 Nov 23	22 Nov 23
20 Feb 22	09 Mar 22	06 Nov 22	23 Nov 22	05 Mar 23	22 Mar 23		
06 Mar 22	23 Mar 22	08 Jan 23	25 Jan 23	15 Oct 23	01 Nov 23		

China: The Grand Tour

Duration • 16 days & 14 nights
Category • Superior & Luxury

Small-group tour • From £3,295 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,995 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation options
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 14 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 6 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ 3-night cruise on the Yangtze River from Chongqing to Yichang



Terracotta Warriors, Xian

This comprehensive tour of China visits the treasures of Beijing, the Terracotta Warriors at Xian, picturesque scenery between Guilin and Yangshuo and the pandas at Chengdu. Cruise the Yangtze River between Chongqing and Yichang, before ending the tour in the dynamic city of Shanghai.

Afternoon visit to the Temple of Heaven. Welcome dinner at a Peking duck restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Beijing

Morning visit to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, then stroll through the historic Liulichang district. Optional evening visit to the state acrobatics show. (B, L)

Day 4: Great Wall

Morning drive out of the city to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a quiet and dramatic section of the wall. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Xian

Morning visit to a hutong (narrow streets) area, then drive to the station to board a high-speed train* to Xian and stay at the **Grand Noble Xian** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors • Xian

Morning excursion to the Terracotta Warriors, the Tang Bo Art Museum, followed by a lesson in Chinese calligraphy. Afternoon visit to the Muslim quarter and Great Mosque. Optional evening excursion to enjoy a Tang dynasty music performance with dinner. (B, L)

Day 7: Train to Chengdu

Morning high-speed train journey* to Chengdu, then transfer to the **Sheraton Lido / Shangri-La Chengdu*** for 1 night. Afternoon visit to the Giant Panda Research Base. Optional evening excursion to enjoy a Sichuan opera performance. (B)

Day 8: Fly to Guilin

Fly to Guilin and overnight at the **Sheraton Guilin / Shangri-La Guilin***. (B)

Days 9-10: Yangshuo

Morning cruise down the Li River, past a dramatic landscape of limestone peaks. Arrive in Yangshuo and stroll along busy West Street, then transfer to the **Yangshuo Resort / Banyan Tree Yangshuo*** for a 2-night stay. Following day at leisure to enjoy the relaxed riverside atmosphere of Yangshuo. (B)

Day 11: Chongqing

Train journey* to Chongqing, then transfer to the port to board the **Victoria Jenna** (or similar) / **Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer*** for a 3-night cruise to Yichang. (B, D)

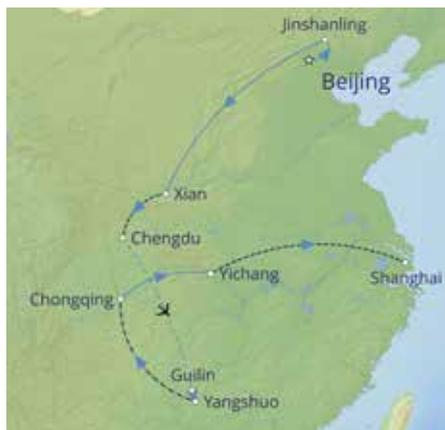
Days 12-13: Yangtze River cruise

Cruise through the striking Three Gorges section of the Yangtze, an area of towering cliffs and twisting canyons. A range of shore excursions are available, with entertainment provided in the evenings. (B, L, D)

**Weather
Beijing**

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	2	4	11	20	27	30	31	30	26	19	10	3
B	-10	-7	-1	7	13	18	22	20	14	7	-1	-7
C	2	4	7	18	29	65	152	143	42	18	7	2

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



👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Discover historic Beijing in the Liulichang district**
- ❖ **Visit the Terracotta Warriors and enjoy a cruise on the Yangtze River**
- ❖ **Tour the less-visited Jinshanling section of the Great Wall**
- ❖ **Tea tasting at the Huxinting Teahouse in Shanghai**
- ❖ **Private expert-led tour of the Shanghai Museum**

Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) direct to Beijing with British Airways. (N)

Day 2: Beijing

Arrive and transfer to the **Novotel Peace Hotel** (or similar) / **Regent Beijing*** for 3 nights.



Li River, Yangshuo, Guilin

Day 14: Yichang • Train to Shanghai

Disembark in Yichang and visit the Three Gorges Dam, then take the train to Shanghai. Stay 2 nights at the **Central Hotel / Fairmont Peace Hotel***. (B, L)

Day 15: Shanghai

Morning tour of Jade Buddha temple and Yu garden, followed by tea tasting at the Huxinting Teahouse. Afternoon tour of the Shanghai Museum with an expert guide, then end the day with a walk along the historic Bund. A farewell dinner will be held tonight. (B, D)

Day 16: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly back to London. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Hong Kong

5 days & 3 nights from £1,475

Fly from Shanghai direct to Hong Kong, and stay 3 nights at the **Hotel Icon**. Take a direct flight back to London.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

***Tour standards:** Superior tour departures are based in 4- and 5-star accommodation. Luxury tour departures will feature upgraded accommodation as indicated by the asterisks, and First Class train travel. Prices are based

on the standard room / cabin category. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Itinerary: Excursions on days 7 and 8 may be switched, subject to local conditions.

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

fitness is required. You may need to carry your luggage at train stations.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2022-23

Superior group tour

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

High season from £3,595
Guide price month: Mar 2023

Single supplement from £795

Luxury group tour

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

High season from £4,895
Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £1,495

Superior private tour

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

High season from £4,195
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement on request

British Airways flight upgrades

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

Regional air connections

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

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

Superior group tour departure dates for 2022-23

Tour code: CGS

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Sat)						
18 Mar 22	02 Apr 22	07 Oct 22	22 Oct 22	17 Mar 23	01 Apr 23	13 Oct 23	28 Oct 23
02 Sep 22	17 Sep 22	21 Oct 22	05 Nov 22	01 Sep 23	16 Sep 23	27 Oct 23	11 Nov 23

Luxury group tour departure dates for 2022-23

Tour code: CGR

Out (Mon)	Rtn (Tue)						
04 Apr 22	19 Apr 22	05 Sep 22	20 Sep 22	03 Apr 23	18 Apr 23	04 Sep 23	19 Sep 23
30 May 22	14 Jun 22	17 Oct 22	01 Nov 22	29 May 23	13 Jun 23	16 Oct 23	31 Oct 23

Terms and Conditions

Our full Terms and Conditions apply to all bookings you make with us. These appear on our website at www.coxandkings.co.uk and can also be provided by post or e-mail on request. Due to space constraints, the following information contains only some of the terms and conditions (which may also be a summary) which apply to your booking. Before you make your booking, you must read our full Terms and Conditions and by seeking confirmation of your booking, we are entitled to assume that you have done so and accept these in full, as the basis for your contract with Abercrombie & Kent Limited, trading as "Cox & Kings" of St George's House, Ambrose Street, Cheltenham, Glos. GL50 3LG, which is registered in England under company number 1082430. In these Terms and Conditions, 'you' and 'your' means all persons named on the booking or any of them as applicable (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date).

1) YOUR CONTRACT

Where you book a package holiday, your contract will be with Cox & Kings. When you make a booking the person who makes the booking guarantees that they have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party these Terms and Conditions.

2) BOOKING, PAYMENT AND CONFIRMATION

(a) Full information as to how to make a booking is shown on our website. A minimum deposit of £250 per person or 15% of your total holiday cost, (20% for Australasia), whichever is greater, must be paid at the time of booking. For some holidays, a higher deposit will be payable or it may be necessary to make full payment at the time of booking. This is usually the case where full payment for certain services, such as your flight, has to be made immediately after your booking is confirmed in order to secure that service or the price quoted at the time of booking. Where full payment is required at the time of booking, 100% cancellation charges will also apply from confirmation of booking in the event that you subsequently cancel.

(b) Where you book over the telephone and we are in a position to confirm your booking, a binding contract between you and Cox & Kings will come into existence when we verbally confirm your booking. All other bookings will be confirmed and a binding contract will come into existence when we issue a confirmation invoice. Please note, though, that if you book private travel arrangements or an extension to a group tour, your accommodation, flights etc will only be requested by us once the payment due at the time of booking has been received. Your confirmation invoice will indicate your requested package cost and you will be advised of any accommodation, flights etc that are still on request and not confirmed at the time the confirmation invoice is issued.

(c) If your confirmed booking includes a flight, we (or if you booked via an authorised agent of ours, that agent) will issue you with an ATOL Certificate.

(d) It is your responsibility to check the confirmation invoice, ATOL Certificate and any other documents we send you carefully and to let us or your travel agent know immediately in the event of any error or inaccuracy, as it may not be possible to make changes later.

(e) The balance of your holiday cost is payable not less than 60 days prior to departure, unless you are informed otherwise. If all payments are not received on time, we are entitled to assume you wish to cancel. Cancellation charges will apply in accordance with clause 9(a). If we do not cancel straightaway because you promise to make payment, you must pay the cancellation charges shown in clause 9(a) depending on the date we reasonably treat your booking as cancelled by you.

(f) Travel documents will be provided as referred to in our full Terms and Conditions.

(g) Prices include all government taxes in the amount applicable at the time of booking that do not have to be paid locally. Those that have to be paid locally by you are extra and are your responsibility (such as international airport departure tax or local resort taxes).

3) REDUCED MOBILITY / MEDICAL CONDITIONS / DISABILITIES / SPECIAL REQUESTS

The information you are provided with about your holiday before you make your booking will include a general indication of the suitability of the holiday for someone with reduced mobility.

However, reduced mobility means different things to different individuals as individual capabilities, restrictions and requirements are likely to vary considerably. If you suffer from restricted mobility or have any disability or medical condition which may affect your holiday arrangements, please give us full details before booking so that we can provide you with precise information as to the suitability of the holiday taking into account your needs. We may ask you to confirm full details in writing. Please promptly inform us in writing in the event that any material change in your mobility, any disability or medical condition occurs after your booking has been confirmed.

We will deal with special requests and information relating

to any disability, medical condition or reduced mobility as referred to in our full Terms and Conditions. Special requirements we have accepted will be specifically confirmed as accepted on your confirmation invoice.

4) YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

5) INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that you have adequate insurance for your holiday. Further information on this requirement is shown in our full Terms and Conditions.

6) ALTERATION BY YOU

If you wish to make any amendments to your holiday after it has been confirmed (including where you wish to transfer your place on the booking to someone else), you must inform us in writing and we will do our best to help. An amendment fee of £50 together with the costs and charges incurred as a result or, for certain alterations, cancellation charges, will be payable. Please see our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

If you wish to change any aspect of your holiday after it has commenced, we and our agents will do their best to assist, subject to payment locally of all applicable charges and costs. If you wish to transfer your place on your booking to another person (introduced by you), you may do so, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- provided the person to whom you are transferring your place satisfies all conditions applicable to the holiday; which form part of your contract with us.

- Requests for a transfer must be made in writing at least 7 days prior to departure and must be accompanied by the name and other applicable details of the person who will replace you.

- In the event that the balance of the holiday cost is due but has not been paid when the transfer request is made, this must be paid before the transfer can be made. Any additional payment amount that our suppliers require to effect the change (if the transfer can be made) will be payable. Please note, in some cases suppliers such as airlines treat name changes as a cancellation, levying cancellation charges and requiring payment for a new ticket. These charges must be paid by you, before any change can be made.

- The transferee agrees to these Terms and Conditions and all other terms of the contract between us.

You and the transferee remain jointly and severally liable for payment of all sums. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out in clause 9 will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

7) PRE-DEPARTURE CHANGES TO, OR CANCELLATION OF, YOUR ARRANGEMENTS BY US

(a) Pre-departure Changes
Changes to confirmed holiday arrangements sometimes have to be made and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most changes will be insignificant and we have the right to make these. Where an insignificant change is made before departure, we will notify you in writing. No compensation is payable for insignificant changes. Insignificant changes are likely to include (but are not limited to) (1) changes to any destination(s), place(s) of stay or port(s) or place(s) of call for your holiday which is not a major, confirmed destination, place of stay or port or place of call and (2) substitution of a named lecturer and/or leader for another knowledgeable expert in the same field. Occasionally, before departure, we may have to make a significant change to any of the main characteristics of the travel services which form part of your confirmed booking or to any special requirements which we have accepted as referred to in clause 3. Examples of significant changes can be found in our full Terms and Conditions.

In the event that we have to make a significant change, we will provide you with the following information in writing as soon as possible: (i) the proposed alteration(s) and any impact they have on the price; (ii) in the event that you do not wish to accept the alteration(s), details of any substitute package we are able to offer (and any price reduction where this is of a lower quality or cost); (iii) your entitlement to cancel your booking and receive a full refund if you do not want to accept the alteration(s) or any substitute package offered; and (iv) the period within which you must inform us of your decision and what will happen if you don't do so.

We also deem certain Covid-19 related travel and destination requirements as insignificant changes in that we do not expect these changes to significantly affect the performance of the holiday or your overall holiday enjoyment. Such changes may include the requirement to wear face masks,

make regular use of sanitising stations and maintain social distancing. Some changes may also affect the availability of certain services and facilities. We expect all guests to adhere to the local and national guidance that is in force at the destination and whilst travelling to and from the destination, and the Company shall have no liability to you if you fail to comply with those rules and regulations. Where we deem Covid-19 changes to have a significant impact upon your holiday we will follow the procedure as outlined below.

If you choose to cancel your booking, we will refund all payments you have made to us within 14 days of the date we receive your written cancellation. If we don't hear from you with your decision within the specified period (having provided you with the above mentioned information for a second time), we will cancel your booking and refund all payments made to us within 14 days of our doing so. No compensation will be payable or other liability accepted where a change results from Force Majeure (see clause 8).

(b) Pre-departure Cancellation

Occasionally, it may be necessary to cancel confirmed holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so. In the event: (i) we are prevented from performing your contracted holiday arrangements as a result of Force Majeure (see clause 8) and we notify you of this as soon as reasonably possible; or (ii) we have to cancel because the number of persons who have booked the holiday on which you are travelling is smaller than the minimum number applicable to the holiday as stated in the contract and you are notified of the cancellation not less than 8 weeks before departure; we have the right to terminate your contract. In this situation, we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date we inform you of the cancellation but will have no further or other liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs or expenses you incur or have incurred. All group holidays, except those labelled as 'non-exclusive', require a minimum number of bookings before they will operate. We will inform you of cancellation for lack of minimum numbers as set out above.

8) FORCE MAJEURE

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, Force Majeure means any event beyond our or our supplier's control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Examples include warfare and acts of terrorism (and threat thereof), civil strife, significant risks to human health such as such as pandemics, epidemics or the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination or remain at the travel destination, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, labour strikes, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster, unavoidable technical problems with transport, airport, port or airspace closures, restrictions or congestion and flight restrictions imposed by any regulatory authority or other third party and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned's control. Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Terms and Conditions, we have no liability including for compensation, costs and expenses in such situations.

9) CANCELLATION BY YOU

(a) You may cancel your confirmed holiday booking at any time prior to departure. Should you wish to do so, you must notify us or your travel agent (as applicable) in writing. Such notification will only be effective on receipt by us or the travel agent (as applicable).

Cancellation charges will apply as set out below unless you are otherwise advised at the time of booking. In calculating these cancellation charges, we have taken account of possible cost savings and the generation of income from other bookings which may be able to utilise cancelled services to the extent this is likely to be achievable for tailor-made holiday arrangements. For some bookings, including those for which full payment is required at the time of booking, 100% cancellation charges apply from confirmation of your booking. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling, excluding any amendment charges which are not refundable.

Days before departure notification received	Amount of cancellation charges as a % of total holiday cost
More than 60 days	Deposit(s) (inc any higher deposit)
46-59 days	30% or deposit(s) if higher
30-45 days	60%
15-29 days	90%
0-14 days	100%

No allowance or refund can be made for meals, rooms, excursions etc. included in the price of your holiday but not taken, nor can any refund be made for services that cannot be used due to lost, mislaid or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers. Part cancellation of a booking may result in increased costs for the remaining party members.

(b) Cancellation charges will not be applicable in the event that unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occur in the place of destination of your holiday or its immediate vicinity which significantly affect the performance of the contracted holiday services or the carriage of passengers to that destination and as a result you notify us in writing prior to departure that you wish to cancel your holiday. In this situation, we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date you notify us in writing of your cancellation but will have no further or other liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs or expenses you incur or have incurred. Please note that your right to cancel in these circumstances will only apply where the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advises against travel to your destination or its immediate vicinity. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" means warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination.

10) PRICES

Where your contract is with Cox & Kings, once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not change. We reserve the right to make changes to, and correct errors in, advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed.

Occasionally our holiday prices are discounted for a limited period for promotional purposes. Discounts cannot be applied retrospectively to reduce the price of a confirmed booking.

11) YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) British Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Travel Advice: The UK government provides advice on safety and security, entry requirements and health for countries around the world, as well as general information, at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and <https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk/>. You are strongly recommended to read the advice about the country you are planning to visit prior to booking. You should also revisit the advice regularly prior to your departure as it may change frequently. It is possible to sign-up to receive FCDO e-mail updates for your destination so you are aware of any changes to advice they issue and it is recommended you do this.

(b) Visas: General information concerning visa requirements applicable is set out in our Documents & Health section. Please also see our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

(c) Passports: A full passport (valid for at least six months beyond the end of your holiday) is required for the holidays we offer. Please see our Documents & Health section for full details or seek the advice of our travel consultants. Requirements may change and you must check the up-to-date requirements in good time before departure. See our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

(d) Health: It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended and required vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. See our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

(e) Documents: It is the responsibility of the person who makes the booking to ensure that all members of the party are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents and have all necessary vaccination certificates before departure.

12) OUR LIABILITY

(i) We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an "organiser" under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the proper provision of all travel services included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice. Subject to these Terms and Conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange those services and we don't remedy or resolve your complaint within a reasonable period of time, and this has affected the enjoyment of your package holiday you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included in this package. The level of any such price reduction or compensation will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described in these Terms and Conditions and the extent to which ours or our employees' or suppliers' negligence affected the overall enjoyment of your holiday. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that we or our supplier(s) have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us.

(ii) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (including loss of possessions or enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any nature whatsoever which results from any of the following: (1) the act(s) and / or omission(s) of the person(s) affected; or (2) the act(s) and / or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable; or (3) Force Majeure as defined in clause 8.

(iii) We cannot accept responsibility for any services that do not form part of our contract with you. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities that your hotel, cruise provider or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised in our brochure or on our website as forming part of your

holiday and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract, and any excursion / activities you purchase while away.

(iv) Except as set out in clause 12(v), no limitation on the amount of damages which can be claimed will apply in respect of personal injury or death which we or our employees have caused intentionally or negligently or in respect of any other liability which we cannot limit under English law. For all claims concerning or arising out of loss of, delay and / or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money) for which we are liable, the maximum amount we will have to pay you is an amount equivalent to the excess on your insurance policy which applies to this type of loss per person in total because you are required to have adequate insurance in place to cover any losses of this kind, unless a different limitation applies to your claim under clause 12(vi) below. For all other claims, if we are found liable to you on any basis, the maximum amount we will have to pay you is up to three times the total price of your holiday unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 12(v) below. re any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and / or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, rail or sea carrier to which any international convention or EU regulation applies, our liability (including the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you, the types of claim and the circumstances in which compensation will be payable) will be limited as if we were the carrier in question as referred to below. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or EU regulation that applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention

(v) for international travel by air and / or, for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, EC Regulation 392/2009 on the liability of carriers of passengers in the event of accidents and / or the Athens Convention (as amended by the 2002 Protocol) for international carriage by sea and the Convention of 1980 concerning International Travel by Rail (COTIF) as amended for travel by rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or EU regulation (including where any claim is not notified and issued in accordance with the time limits stipulated in the applicable convention or regulation), we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. Please also note that strict time limits apply for notifying loss, damage or delay of luggage to the airline. Any proceedings in respect of any claim (including one for personal injury or death) must be brought within 2 years of the date stipulated in the applicable convention or regulation. You are not entitled to make any claim against us which concerns or is based on any travel arrangements provided by any air, rail or sea carrier if such a claim is not expressly permitted to be brought against the carrier by the international convention or regulation that applies to the travel arrangements in question. When making any payment, we will deduct any payment that you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the complaint or claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(vi) We cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not reasonably have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally, we cannot accept liability for any expenses or losses that relate to or arise from any business (including without limitation, self-employed loss of earnings), or any indirect or consequential loss of any kind.

(vii) Where it is impossible for you to return to your departure point as per the agreed return date of your package, due to "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances", we shall provide you with any necessary accommodation (where possible, of a comparable standard) for a period not exceeding 3 nights per person. Please note that the 3-nightcap does not apply to persons with reduced mobility, pregnant women or unaccompanied minors, nor to persons needing specific medical assistance, provided we have been notified of these particular needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" mean warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely back to your departure point.

13) TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING DELAY)

(a) Air, rail, road and other departure times are supplied by the carriers. Please see our full Terms and Conditions for details of our responsibility in the event of delay.

(b) If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your

flight and / or provide you with accommodation and / or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 (denied boarding and flight disruption). Please see our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

14) COMPLAINTS AND PROBLEMS

If you have a complaint about any of the holiday arrangements booked with or through Cox & Kings, you must follow the complaint procedure set out in our full Terms and Conditions.

15) FINANCIAL SECURITY

The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements 2018 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays booked with us and for your repatriation in the event of our insolvency. We provide this security for our flight-inclusive holidays by way of our Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL) (number 2881) administered by the Civil Aviation Authority. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight-inclusive package from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit, you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent or your credit card issuer where applicable. You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. The price of our flight-inclusive holiday packages includes the amount of £2.50 per person which is the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. For further information, visit the ATOL website at: www.atol.org.uk.

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays which don't include flights, by way of a bond held by ABTA Ltd, The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ www.abta.co.uk.

16) LAW AND JURISDICTION

Your relationship (and any contract you may have) with us and any dispute, claim or other matters of any nature arising from it ('claim') shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. We both agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) that arises between us must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and any dispute, claim or other matter of any description that arises between us governed by the law of Scotland / Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

17) DATA PROTECTION

Please see our Privacy Policy for further information on how we process your personal data: www.coxandkings.co.uk/data-protection.

18) COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Guest must sign an acknowledgement attesting to their fitness to travel and agreeing to comply with all health protocols as directed by ground staff during their journey. Guest may not travel if they test positive for COVID-19 during the 14 days prior to departure; standard cancellation terms will apply. Guest must maintain adequate physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands during their journey. Masks are required in vehicles, indoor spaces, any outdoor spaces where physical distancing is not possible and in accordance with local regulations. Non-compliance with these measures will result in not being able to continue on the journey. Guest voluntarily assumes all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their travelling party require testing, quarantine or become infected with COVID-19.

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