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Small Group Tours & Tailor-Made Travel



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LATIN AMERICA • MIDDLE EAST • CENTRAL ASIA



Cox & Kings: a constant in the world of luxury travel

Dear traveller,

As nations begin to roll out their welcome mats once more, I'm sure many of you are thinking about where you want to go on holiday this year or the next. I hope this brochure's small sample of our offerings provides you with ample inspiration.

I know from more-than-50 years of experience in the travel industry that the one constant in the world is change. It is how we adapt to the challenges that change presents which defines us. Cox & Kings has weathered many a storm since its founding in India more than 260 years ago. As they say in Hindi, *hatheli par sarason nahin jamti* (Rome wasn't built in a day). Meeting each challenge head on, the company has survived to become the oldest travel company in existence and a leading provider of luxury holidays. That's why, following last year's acquisition, it's my pleasure to welcome it to the Abercrombie & Kent family.

The wellbeing of Cox & Kings' clients remains our top priority, which is why we've committed to a range of additional safety measures. These include following sanitation guidelines from leading health experts, facilitating physical distancing, reducing our group size and making sure all our tour guides are fully versed in local health regulations. Of course, 24/7 in-destination support remains just a knock, call or click away.

As we pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and plan trips to pastures new, I'm reminded of what I love best about travel: all the new people one meets – fast friends with open minds, always eager for a laugh and up for an adventure.

I wish you safe and happy travels.



Geoffrey Kent

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

- Our extraordinary heritage – founded in 1758
- Unrivalled expertise – teams of dedicated regional experts who have travelled extensively in their regions
- Strict health and hygiene guidelines
- 24/7 emergency support
- ABTA bonded and ATOL protected
- Sustainable and responsible travel
- As part of the Abercrombie & Kent family, we are a global brand with a global network
- Big company value and small company award-winning service
- Comprehensive options for travel insurance

What we offer

- Genuinely small group tours
- Special 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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“ We've already booked one holiday with C&K and we are on the verge of booking our second. The service provided has been impeccable, nothing has been too much trouble and the detail is second to none... what is really nice, is receiving all the suggestions and ideas for consideration. ”

– Ms Miller ★ Trustpilot ★★★★★

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Using this brochure

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 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.

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.

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.



For full details of how our holidays operate, please refer to **Cox & Kings Holidays Explained** on pages 210-211.



Safeguarding your health

As the world's longest established travel company, Cox & Kings is unsurpassed at delivering expertly managed small-group and tailor-made travel experiences - and uniquely qualified to protect your wellbeing when travelling in the wake of Covid-19.

We put your health and wellbeing first wherever we take you, leaving you free to explore with the peace of mind that comes with having the world's foremost experts at your side.

Long-standing relationships with a global network of partners

Over the years, Cox & Kings has developed long-standing relationships with the finest local agents and suppliers including restaurants, hotels, boats and transportation providers. These partners know our exacting standards and have been fully vetted by our staff to make sure they comply with all local regulations regarding health and hygiene.

We're adhering to best practices for cleanliness and disinfection

We follow the guidelines established by leading health experts including the World Health Organization to minimise any opportunity for Coronavirus exposure during your journey.



We're committed to facilitating physical distancing

Our private and small-group journeys are well-suited to exploring with safe physical distancing in place: we never overfill vehicles; our guides will greet you with smiles instead of handshakes; no-contact check-in/check-outs in many hotels; and group dining will be arranged to allow for plenty of space from other guests.



Travel in a small group or in your own private party

Cox and Kings small groups average just 14 guests, making it much easier to maintain cleaning and hygiene procedures and ensure adequate physical distance between guests. On a custom tailor-made holiday, your group size is completely up to you, of course, and you travel only with the people you choose.



Wearing personal protective equipment on your holiday

On some Cox & Kings holidays, you may be requested to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), such as face masks and gloves, in accordance with local health regulations. We encourage you to bring your own PPE, and you are free to

wear it even where local requirements do not make it mandatory. Your local Cox & Kings team will also have a supply of PPE on hand where required.



Our tour guides are trained in health and safety

In addition to being experts in your region's culture, history and wildlife, our guides are fully versed in 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 included in your itinerary are freshly cleaned before you arrive to ensuring your luggage is always handled carefully between destinations.



All guides and staff follow rigorous health and safety procedures

Everyone involved in running your journey — from the guides you travel with to the drivers, baggage handlers and others behind the scenes — observes a strict, round-the-clock health and safety regimen. That includes regular staff health and temperature monitoring, as well as wearing PPE where necessary and in compliance with local guidelines.



Escorted 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 – Solo Travellers

This brochure includes a selection of tours specially created for individual travellers (see page 210 for further details). In addition to our dedicated Solo Travellers tours, we are offering the first three places on many of our standard 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.

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.

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; you'll find guideline prices for private travel throughout this brochure.

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.

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 we follow British Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) advice regarding destination safety.

Please see page 4 for a list of the group tours featured in this brochure. To learn more about how our holidays operate, please refer to **Cox & Kings Holidays Explained** on pages 210-211.



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.

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Europe

Small group tours • Tailor-made travel

Europe is a patchwork of over 40 countries, each possessing its own culture, traditions and language, and often displaying incredible diversity even to close neighbours. Compact, ancient and beautiful, Europe offers some of the best cultural experiences in the world, alongside stunning lakes and mountains, bucolic countryside and sun-soaked beaches.

Whether you would like to chase the northern lights in Iceland, explore the great Russian cities of Moscow and St Petersburg, uncover Renaissance art in Italy or take a short break in lively Istanbul, our Europe specialists will be able to arrange it all for you.

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- Russia • *St Petersburg: Pictures & Palaces*
- Italy • *Ravenna: Mosaics & Marble*
- Italy • *Bay of Naples: Pompeii & Herculaneum*
- Italy • *Discover Marche & Umbria*
- Kosovo & North Macedonia • *Discover Kosovo & North Macedonia*
- Spain • *Splendours of Andalucía*

View our full collection online

The destinations and tours featured in this brochure represent a small sample of what we offer. Our website contains a wealth of additional itineraries, detailed country guides and accommodation options.



Speak to our experts

Our specialists have all travelled extensively in their regions and are on hand to offer ideas and inspiration, advise you during planning, and share their first-hand knowledge.

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Highlights of the region

We offer a comprehensive programme of tours throughout Europe, from perennial favourites like Italy and Spain, to rising stars such as Iceland, Belarus and the Caucasus nations. Below is a taste of some of the best sights and experiences on offer, all less than five hours from your doorstep.



1 Russia (page 14)

- The imposing walls and gilded chambers of Moscow's Kremlin
- The Hermitage in St Petersburg, one of the world's great art museums
- World-class ballet and opera at the Bolshoi Theatre
- Epic cross-country rail journeys across seven time zones
- Cruise the Volga River to experience rural Russian life



2 Belarus (page 20)

- One of Europe's least-visited countries
- Fascinating World War II history at Brest Fortress
- Minsk, with its Soviet architecture and pretty old town
- Visit a local farm and learn about rural life through the centuries
- Military history at the open-air Stalin Line Museum



3 Greece (page 40)

- Ancient ruins including the Acropolis and Delphi
- The hanging monasteries of Meteora
- Lesser-known islands such as Serifos and Tinos
- History and culture on Crete, Greece's largest island
- Fresh seafood, olives, cheese and wine



5 Italy (page 34)

- Romantic gondola rides on the canals of Venice
- 2,700 years of history in Rome, 'The Eternal City'
- Lesser-known regions of Marche and Basilicata
- Rolling hills and vineyards of sunny Tuscany
- Capri, popular holiday island since the days of the Roman Empire



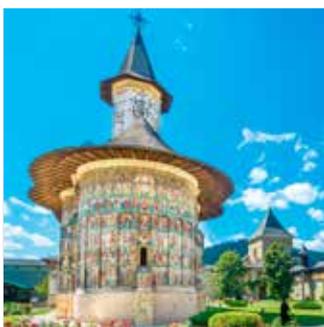
4 Turkey (page 41)

- A melting pot of Asian and European cultures
- Mighty Istanbul, home to the Blue Mosque and Grand Bazaar
- Cave hotels in Cappadocia
- Charming Alaçati with its boutique hotels and fine restaurants
- Hiking in temperate rainforests on the Black Sea coast
- Important archaeological sites



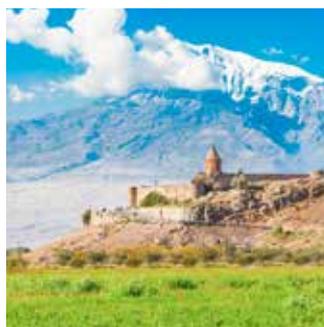
6 Sicily (page 34)

- Delectable street food in the capital, Palermo
- The picturesque hilltop resort town of Taormina
- Learn about Roman life at Piazza Armerina, a well-preserved villa
- Volcanic landscapes of Mount Etna, Europe's highest active volcano
- The baroque cities of Noto, Ragusa and Modica



7 Romania (page 21)

- Some of the best-preserved medieval architecture in Europe
- World-class birdwatching in the Danube Delta
- The painted monasteries of Southern Bucovina
- Enchanting medieval town of Sighișoara in Transylvania
- The immense Palace of Parliament in Bucharest



9 Armenia (page 22)

- One of the world's oldest Christian nations
- Home to a rich ecclesiastical heritage
- Views of mystical Mount Ararat from Khor Virap monastery
- Neoclassical Soviet architecture in Yerevan
- Stay with a local family and take a home-cooking lesson



8 Georgia (page 23)

- Famous for its ancient viticulture
- Thousand-year-old churches and monasteries
- Hiking trails in the stunning Caucasus mountain range
- Tbilisi's buzzing cafe culture
- The town of Gori, birthplace of Josef Stalin
- Stay at the luxurious Rooms Hotel in Kazbegi



10 Baltic States (page 20)

- Culturally distinct nations of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
- Well-preserved medieval streets of Tallinn
- Riga's splendid art nouveau architecture
- Lithuania's Hill of Crosses pilgrimage site
- Unwind on the island of Muhu in a luxury spa hotel

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.



St Basil's Cathedral and Kremlin, Moscow



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)

Tailor-made travel

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Classic Russia

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £1,495 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,140 (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



Red Square, Moscow

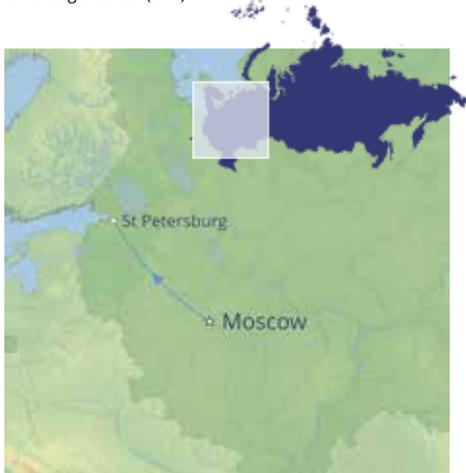
Weather Moscow

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-6	-4	1	10	19	22	23	22	16	8	1	-3
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

Morning tour 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 metro tour to visit some of the city's grandest stations. Afternoon at leisure. Evening talk on Russian life with the guide. (B)

Day 3: Moscow

Full day at leisure or 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. Optional afternoon tour to either the Tretyakov Gallery or the Museum of Cosmonautics. (B)

Day 4: Moscow • St Petersburg

Morning visit to the Kremlin, including Cathedral Square and the Armoury Museum, with its collection of imperial treasures and Fabergé eggs. Take a late afternoon train to St Petersburg (4 hours). On arrival, transfer to the **Taleon Imperial Hotel** for 4 nights. (B)

Day 5: St Petersburg

Morning 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. Afternoon at leisure



The Hermitage, St Petersburg

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 of 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

Morning tour of Catherine Palace at Pushkin, including the Amber Room. (Depending on the number of other visitors, this might be changed to Pavlovsk Palace.) Afternoon visit to 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 London

Morning at leisure. 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 en route 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 2021

Tour code: RUS

Group tour

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

High season from £1,645
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £495

Private tour

Low season from £2,245
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

High season from £2,140
Guide price months: May – Jun

Single supplement from £495

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

Aeroflot flight upgrades

Business Class from £645 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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 2021

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
26 Feb 21	05 Mar 21	28 May 21	04 Jun 21	06 Aug 21	13 Aug 21	01 Oct 21	08 Oct 21
02 Apr 21	09 Apr 21	04 Jun 21	11 Jun 21	20 Aug 21	27 Aug 21	22 Oct 21	29 Oct 21
16 Apr 21	23 Apr 21	09 Jul 21	16 Jul 21	03 Sep 21	10 Sep 21	23 Dec 21	30 Dec 21
14 May 21	21 May 21	30 Jul 21	06 Aug 21	24 Sep 21	01 Oct 21	30 Dec 21	06 Jan 22

Majestic Russia

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior

Solo group tour • From £1,695 (incl. flights)

Solo Travellers

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



Spasskaya Tower of the Kremlin, Red Square, Moscow

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.

European and Russian masterpieces. Optional afternoon tour of the Fabergé Museum. (B)

Day 4: St Petersburg • Moscow

Morning at leisure or optional visit to Peterhof to view the exterior of Peter the Great's Summer Palace and explore the gardens. Late afternoon train to Moscow (4 hours). On arrival, transfer to the Park Inn Sadu (or similar) for 3 nights. (B)

Weather

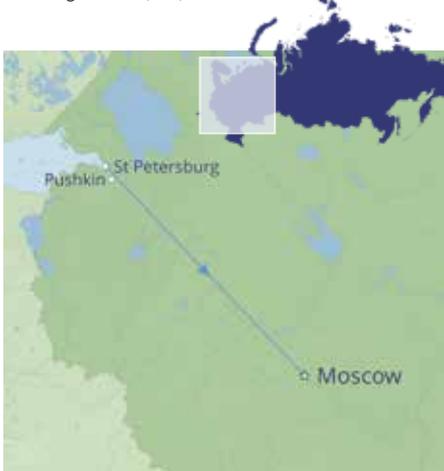
St Petersburg

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C	39	31	35	36	40	59	75	83	70	64	60	50

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



👑 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

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

Morning tour of St Petersburg, including Nevsky Prospekt and Vasilievsky Island. Afternoon visit to Catherine Palace at Pushkin, including the renowned Amber Room. (B)

Day 3: St Petersburg

Morning visit to the world's largest museum, the Hermitage. Founded by Catherine the Great and the former residence of the tsars, the museum houses an unrivalled collection of

Day 5: Moscow

Morning tour of Moscow. View the magnificent Red Square with St Basil's Cathedral, the Moscow State University and Novodevichy Convent. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Moscow

Morning visit to the Kremlin, including Cathedral Square and the Armoury Museum with its collection of imperial crowns and carriages. Optional visit to the Arbat quarter, followed by a tour of selected Moscow metro stations – so-called underground palaces adorned with marble and chandeliers. Farewell dinner in the evening. (B, D)

Day 7: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. 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.



Grand Cascade fountain, Peterhof, St Petersburg

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 2021

Tour code: HOR

Group tour

Low season from £1,695
Guide price months: May & Sep

High season from £1,745
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

Areoflot flight upgrades

Business Class from £645 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2021

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Mon)	Out (Tue)	Rtn (Mon)	Out (Tue)	Rtn (Mon)
25 May 21	31 May 21	06 Jul 21	12 Jul 21	07 Sep 21	13 Sep 21
08 Jun 21	14 Jun 21	10 Aug 21	16 Aug 21		

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; Romania is home to fortified Saxon churches, medieval castles and traditional rural villages; and landlocked Belarus remains almost totally off the tourist map with its castles, primeval forests and unusual wildlife just waiting to be discovered. 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 worshiped millennia before.



Bran Castle, Brasov, Romania



'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.

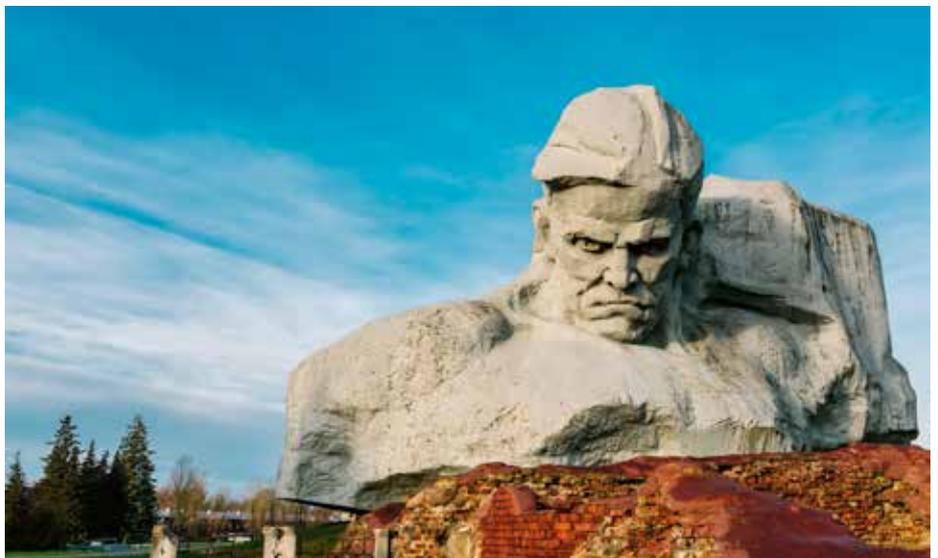
The small size of these countries, combined with their excellent transport links, makes the region an easy and rewarding three-centre break.

Belarus

New visa-free travel • Primeval forest •
Agritourism experience

Having long been off the mainstream tourist map, Belarus is now one of Europe's emerging destinations. When flying into Minsk, a visa is no longer required for up to 30 days. The capital offers a pretty old town, gothic Soviet architecture and wide, tree-lined boulevards.

Outside the city, the pace of life slows dramatically, with opportunities to enjoy some of the last primeval forest in Europe, UNESCO-listed castles and cosy agritourism farm stays. The historic city of Brest was the epicentre of the war between Nazi Germany and the USSR. Today, this dark period of history is captured in the imposing 'Courage' and 'Thirst' monuments at Brest Fortress.



Courage monument, Brest Fortress, Belarus

Romania

Burgher houses of Sighișoara • 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 Sighișoara 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.



Sighișoara, 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 Beștepe.



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

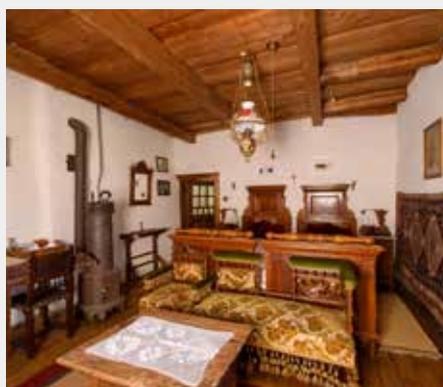
The Prince of Wales purchased his first Transylvanian property in 2006 – an 18th-century Saxon house in the village of Viscri – and again in 2010 in the village of Zalanpatak. The surrounding countryside offers various activities such as botanical excursions, hiking and horse riding.

Day 1: Fly to Bucharest

Fly to Bucharest and transfer to the Athénée Palace Hilton for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Bucharest

Morning tour of Bucharest. View the Old Princely Court, the Royal Palace and visit the Palace of Parliament, which is the third



Count Kálnoky Manor, Zalanpatak

largest building in the world. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Zalanpatak

Morning drive to Transylvania. Afternoon at leisure. Stay 3 nights at Count Kálnoky Manor in Zalanpatak village. (B, D)

Day 4: Brașov • Bran

Full-day tour to the medieval town of Brașov

to view the Piața Sfatului, one of the finest baroque squares in the country, 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: Zalanpatak

Full day at leisure. (B, D)

Day 6: Bucharest

Morning at leisure. Afternoon drive to Bucharest and overnight at the Athénée Palace Hilton. (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Transfer to the airport and fly home. (B)

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Ruins of the Zvartnos temple in Yerevan, Armenia



Geghard monastery, Armenia

Armenia

[Soviet architecture](#) • [Views of Mount Ararat](#) • [Museum of Ancient Manuscripts](#)

This small landlocked nation has seen its fair share of tragedies through the centuries, but it boasts a rich, proud culture and a fascinating ecclesiastical heritage. The capital, Yerevan, is a fine, compact city with uniquely Armenian touches such as the pink stone and traditional carvings, yet it is still distinctly Soviet. Of the city's many museums, the Museum of Ancient Manuscripts is undoubtedly a highlight.

Beyond the city lies the pagan temple of Garni and the Christian monastery of Geghard. Garni dates from the first century AD and was built as a temple to the sun god Mithra, while the latter is one of the world's oldest Christian monasteries, set in a beautiful landscape and surrounded by towering cliffs.

Azerbaijan

[Modern Baku cityscape](#) & [UNESCO-listed Old City](#) • [Fire Worshippers' temple](#)

Azerbaijan is an exotic mix of the many cultures and peoples who have made this nation their home over the centuries – many of whom were traders on the famed Silk Road. The cityscape of the capital, Baku, is a heady mix of Soviet relics and jaw-dropping modern masterpieces, while its 10th-century Old City is full of narrow alleys, workshops and caravanserais.

Outside Baku are the Ateshgyakh Fire Worshippers' temple and the 40,000-year-old rock carvings at Gobustan National Park. Beyond this is an area of semi-desert and mud volcanoes, while further inland the desert makes way for lush farmland, deep forests, the soaring Caucasus Mountains and the beautiful town of Sheki.



Baku, Azerbaijan

Tbilisi, Georgia

Buzzing cafe culture • Distinct architecture & cuisine • Ancient monasteries

Tbilisi, Georgia's capital, has come a long way in the past decade; the once crumbling old town has been carefully restored and is now home to inviting cafes, shops and a lively arts scene. A flurry of trendy new hotels has also helped to put the city on the tourist map. Sites of interest include the Tbilisi Synagogue, Sioni Cathedral and the popular sulfur baths. The Treasury Hall of the Georgian National Museum houses Colchis gold, unique examples of ancient gold and silver objects made by early Georgian goldsmiths.

The town of Mtskheta, a short distance from Tbilisi, is home to two UNESCO-listed sites: Jvari Monastery and the Svetitskhoveli Eastern Orthodox cathedral, dating back to the sixth and 11th centuries respectively. Georgia was one of the first countries to adopt Christianity and both sites are wonderful examples of the locals' dedication to their new-found faith.



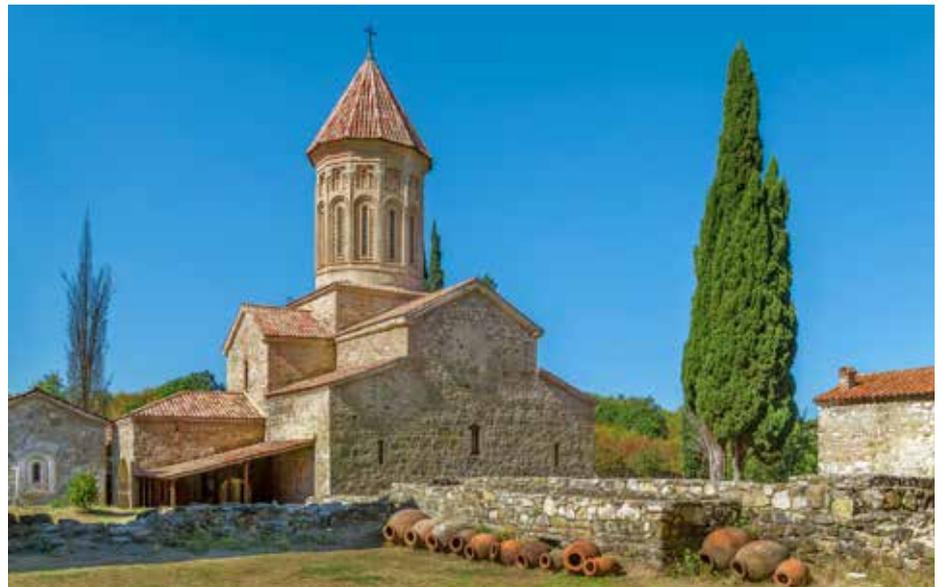
Old town, Tbilisi, Georgia

Kakheti, Georgia

Centre of Georgia's viticulture • Tuscan-style setting • Wine tasting in Telavi

The region of Kakheti in the east of Georgia is the centre of the country's wine-growing industry, which dates back at least 8,000 years. Telavi, the region's largest town is the perfect base for exploring the local viticulture, including wine tasting at Marani cellar door. The town is surrounded by rolling hills strewn with vines, and if it were not for the occasional Lada and the distinctive Georgian alphabet above the storefronts, you could quite easily believe you were in Tuscany.

The small hilltop town of Signaghi is also worth a visit. Having been beautifully restored in 2010, it's a twisted maze of traditional colourful houses, cobbled streets, cafes and craft shops.



Ikalto Monastery and traditional clay wine jars, near Telavi, Georgia

A suggested itinerary...

The Golden Triangle of Georgia

9 days & 8 nights

from £2,290 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

The Golden Triangle of Georgia refers to the capital, Tbilisi, and the regional towns of Signaghi, located in the far east, and the northern border town of Kazbegi.

Day 1: Fly to Tbilisi

Fly to Tbilisi, via Kiev, and transfer to the Courtyard by Marriott for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Tbilisi

Morning city tour including the fourth-century Narikala Fortress, the State and Art

museums, and the fifth-century Metechi Church. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3: Mtskheta

Visit Jvari Monastery and Samtavro Church. Continue to the Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, built on the grave of Sidonia, who allegedly died clutching Christ's robe. (B, L)

Day 4: Signaghi

Drive to Signaghi via the David Gareja monastery complex and Bodbe nunnery. Stay at the Kabadoni Hotel for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Kakheti

Full-day tour of Georgia's principal wine-making region. Visit the majestic 11th-century Alaverdi Cathedral, the elegant church of Gremi and the Nekresi Monastery. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Kazbegi

Morning drive to Kazbegi, visiting the Ananuri fortress complex en route. Stay 2 nights at the Rooms Hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Kazbegi

Visit the Gergeti Trinity church, set on a hill below the towering Mount Kazbegi. Optional tour to the Gveleti waterfall. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Tbilisi

Drive south to Tbilisi, via Gori, the birthplace of Stalin. Continue to Uplistsikhe to visit the cave town, inhabited since pre-Christian times. Transfer to the Courtyard by Marriott for an overnight stay. (B, L)

Day 9: Fly home, via Kiev (B)

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Belarus Uncovered

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Standard

Small group tour • From £1,395 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,240 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on all departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Mound of Glory monument, Minsk

Following the relaxation of visa requirements in 2018, Belarus has finally begun to receive the attention it deserves. The largest landlocked country in Europe offers a smart, clean capital city, Minsk; a rich yet bloody history, as the battle line between East and West, as seen in the city of Brest; as well as untouched forests where wolves and bison still roam free. This short but comprehensive tour takes in the highlights of one of Europe's hottest new destinations.

Weather Minsk

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-4	-2	3	11	19	21	22	22	16	10	3	-1
B	-10	-9	-5	2	8	11	13	12	8	3	-1	-6
C	37	31	38	42	59	79	81	72	57	47	49	46

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Manastyrski Hotel (or similar) for 2 nights.
Dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Minsk

Morning tour of the capital. Minsk was almost totally destroyed in the Second World War, but was rebuilt with wide streets and parklands. Architectural highlights include Victory Square, the House of Fashion and the City Gates, two symmetrical Stalinist towers. Time at leisure before dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Minsk

Morning optional excursions to either the Stalin Line Museum or Minsk Tractor Factory; Belarus has a long history of manufacturing and remains one of Europe's largest exporters of trucks and tractors. Return to Minsk. Afternoon tour of the opera and ballet theatre. Tickets to an evening performance can be arranged locally and are highly recommended. (B)

Day 4: Mir Castle • Nesvizh Palace • Brest

Travel to Brest, stopping at two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Mir Castle and Nesvizh Palace complex. In Brest, take an evening excursion to Sovetskaya Street, where the gas streetlights are still lit by hand. Stay at the **Hermitage Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 5: Brest • Bialowieza Forest

Morning tour of the city including the Brest Hero-Fortress, once at the epicentre of the battle between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Army. Monuments at the site include 'Thirst' and the colossal 'Courage', standing at over 30 metres high. Lunch at the fortress. Afternoon excursion to Bialowieza Forest, one of the last and largest remaining parts of the immense primeval forest that once stretched across Europe. Visit the new museum of ethnography and see bison in their natural habitat. Return to Brest. (B, L)

Day 6: Grodno

Transfer to Grodno, a pretty city just 20km from the Polish border with a charming old town of colourful houses, and post-Soviet restored churches. Short walking tour before time at leisure to either relax or take an optional trip on the 19th-century Augustów Canal, which flows into Poland. Stay overnight at the **Semashko Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 7: Valozhyn • Minsk

On the way back to Minsk, stop at the family-run Ganka Estate. Here, learn about many aspects of traditional Belarussian culture, from farming to entertainment. Take a short bread making class followed by lunch

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Explore one of Europe's least-known destinations
- ❖ Visit the colossal monuments at Brest Hero-Fortress
- ❖ Optional canal boat ride in Grodno
- ❖ Learn how to make traditional bread in a family kitchen

Day 1: Fly to Minsk

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Minsk with Belavia. Transfer to Minsk via a stop at the Mound of Glory, an imposing WWII monument. Stay at the



Nesvizh Palace, Minsk Province

and traditional singing. Return to Minsk, staying at the **Manastyrski Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, L)

Day 8: Fly to London

Morning 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 Minsk and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers. One extra night is not possible, due to the flight schedule.

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 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2021

Tour code: BYB

Group tour

Low season from £1,395
Guide price months: May, Jun & Oct

High season from £1,445
Guide price months: Jul & Sep

Single supplement from: £195

Private tour

From £2,240
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from: £195

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on all 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 May, 13 Jun, 4 Jul, 5 Sep, 19 Sep, 3 Oct**

Belavia flight upgrades

Business Class from £595 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2021

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16 May 21	23 May 21	04 Jul 21	11 Jul 21	19 Sep 21	26 Sep 21
13 Jun 21	20 Jun 21	05 Sep 21	12 Sep 21	03 Oct 21	10 Oct 21

Timeless Romania

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £1,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,380 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 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

Sighișoara

	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)



Sighișoara

With its wealth of folkloric heritage, picturesque villages and wonderful scenery, Romania is fascinating to explore. This tour discovers 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 Peleş and Peleşor**
- ❖ **Tickets to the Athenaeum for opera or theatre in Bucharest**

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 of Bucharest, known as the 'Paris of the East' due to its boulevards and belle époque buildings. View the Old Princely Court and the Royal Palace. Transfer to Sibiu, staying at **Hotel Continental Forum** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 3: Sibiu • Sibiel

Morning tour of the old town followed by time at leisure or visit the Brukenthal Museum. In the evening, visit the picturesque village of Sibiel. Dinner in a local family home including meat and cabbage rolls cooking demonstration. Return to Sibiu. (B, D)

Day 4: Sibiu • Turda Salt Mine • Sighișoara

Transfer to Sighișoara 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 Sighișoara, staying at the **Hotel Central Park** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 5: Sighișoara • Târgu Mureș • Gura Humorului

Morning tour of the UNESCO-listed town of Sighișoara, 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 Târgu Mureș, 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 • Brașov

Head south to Brașov, via the Agapia monastery, a Romanian Orthodox nunnery dating back to 1649. Continue to Lacu Rosu for lunch and on to Brașov. 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: Brașov • Bran Castle • Sinaia

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 Peleş and Peleşor, the former royal residences of King Carol I, another beautifully resorted UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to Brașov. (B)

Day 9: Brasov • Bucharest

Morning tour of the medieval town of Brașov and view the Piața 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



Brasov, Transylvania

to Bucharest and stay overnight at the **Intercontinental** (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Bucharest • Fly to London

Morning visit to the Palace of Parliament, which is 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 £610

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 Beştepe 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

6 August departure: On day 4 there will be an included journey 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 2021

Tour code: ROA

Group tour

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

High season from £1,845
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £445

Private tour

From £2,380
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £445

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on select 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, 25 Jun, 17 Sep**

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 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 2021

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Sun)						
14 May 21	23 May 21	25 Jun 21	04 Jul 21	06 Aug 21	15 Aug 21	17 Sep 21	26 Sep 21
28 May 21	06 Jun 21	23 Jul 21	01 Aug 21	03 Sep 21	12 Sep 21	24 Sep 21	03 Oct 21

Journey through the Baltic States

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £1,295 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,290 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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



Old Town, Tallinn, Estonia

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)



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.

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. Optional afternoon visit to Rocca al Mare open-air museum. Following day at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Castles & Pärnu • 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 Pärnu. Stay 2 nights at the **Opera Hotel & Spa** (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Riga

Morning tour of Riga, the Baltic's largest and perhaps most beautiful capital. The city's extensive history has left a legacy of fine architecture, including art nouveau. Highlights include visits to the cathedral and an organ recital to hear the impressive acoustics in its Romanesque dome, the castle, St Peter's Church and the House of Blackheads. Visit Riga Central Market and try some traditional Latvian delicacies. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Rundale Palace • The Hill of Crosses • Vilnius, Lithuania

Morning journey across 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)

✠ 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 3-night stay. Welcome drink. (N)

Days 2-3: Tallinn

Morning walking tour of Tallinn, one of northern Europe's best-preserved medieval



Ratslaukums Square, Riga, Latvia

Day 7: Vilnius

Morning tour of Vilnius, including Cathedral Square, the Gate of Dawn, St Casimir's Church, the Holy Spirit Church, the KGB Museum and Gediminas Tower. Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to the picturesque 14th-century Trakai Castle. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London via Riga

Morning transfer to the airport and fly to London, via Riga, with airBaltic. (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 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 en route 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 2021

Tour code: BAL

Group tour

Low season from £1,295
Guide price months: May, Oct

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

Single supplement from £395

Private tour

From £2,290
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 select 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 Jun, 5 Sep**

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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 2021

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)						
30 May 21	06 Jun 21	11 Jul 21	18 Jul 21	05 Sep 21	12 Sep 21	03 Oct 21	10 Oct 21
13 Jun 21	20 Jun 21	15 Aug 21	22 Aug 21	12 Sep 21	19 Sep 21		

Across the Southern Caucasus

Duration • 14 days & 13 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,190 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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.

Day 4: Sheki • Kvareli • Telavi, Georgia

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

Morning visit to 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. Afternoon tour of hilltop Signaghi. Drive to Tbilisi and stay at the **Shota@Rustaveli Boutique Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 6: Tbilisi

Tour of the Georgian capital including the old town, with its beautiful Orthodox churches, mosque, synagogue and sulphur baths. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Gori • Uplistsikhe • Kazbegi

Morning visit to 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 Caucasica** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 8: Kazbegi • Tbilisi

Jeep 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 UNESCO-listed Haghpat Monastery. Stay for 5 nights at the **Tufenkian Historic Hotel**, just off Republic Square. (B)

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

Excursion to see ancient rock carvings at Gobustan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back 20,000 years. Continue to Absheron and the Ateshgyakh 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 Gumbez mausoleum. Continue to Sheki, stopping en route at the village of Kish to explore the sixth-century Albanian church. Overnight at the **Sheki Saray Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)



Old Town, Tbilisi, Georgia

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 303AD and still the official residence of the Catholic Church in Armenia. Continue to the seventh-century Zvartnots temple. Have lunch in the village of Parakar and take part in a cooking lesson, learning how to make *arishta* (traditional Armenian pasta) and sweet *sudzukh*. (B, L)

Day 12: Yerevan

City tour of the Armenian capital, a highlight being the Museum of Ancient Manuscripts. Also visit the Genocide Memorial and the Ararat cognac factory for a tour and tasting. 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. Farewell dinner at a traditional Armenian restaurant in Yerevan. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Fly to London

Early transfer to Yerevan airport and fly to London, via Kiev. (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 2021

Tour code: AZA

Group tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,595
Guide price months: Jun – Sep

Single supplement from £575

Private tour

From £3,190
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £575

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on select 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): **1 May, 26 Jun**

Ukraine International Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £695

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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 2021

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Fri)						
01 May 21	14 May 21	05 Jun 21	18 Jun 21	04 Sep 21	17 Sep 21	18 Sep 21	01 Oct 21
15 May 21	28 May 21	26 Jun 21	09 Jul 21	11 Sep 21	24 Sep 21	16 Oct 21	29 Oct 21

Armenia & Georgia: Treasures of the Caucasus

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights
Category • Standard

Expert-led group tour • From £2,795 (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 expert Dr William Taylor. 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.



Haghpats Monastery, 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 we will 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 Haghpats 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

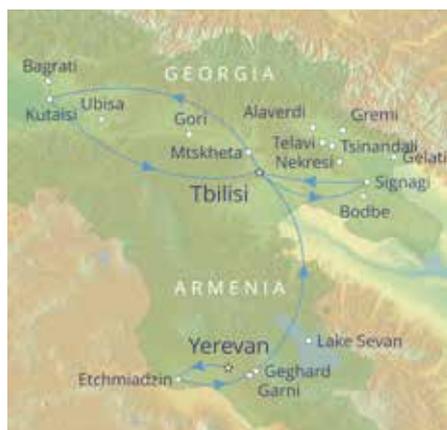
Full-day tour of Tbilisi, including a cable car ride to fourth-century Narikala Fortress, which occupies a scenic spot overlooking the city, and the fifth-century Metekhi Church, an unusually styled cross-cupola church, which became an infamous prison during the Soviet era. Visit the State Museum, home 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, where a private guided visit by a senior curator has been arranged. (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 337AD. Continue to the church of Jvari nearby, followed by a drive 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 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 the army of Shah Abbas 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 £265

Spend 2 further nights at the **Museum Hotel** (or similar) for more time to explore. Includes private departure transfer.

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 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 2021

Tour code: AYG

17 May – 27 May 2021	with Dr William Taylor	from £2,795	single supp from £595
09 Sep – 19 Sep 2021	with Dr William Taylor	from £2,895	single supp from £595
16 May – 26 May 2022	with Dr William Taylor	from £2,995	single supp from £595

Ukraine International Airlines flight upgrades
Business Class from £785

Regional air connections
Please speak to your consultant for details

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.

Discover Italy

From the Dolomites to Sicily, the Italian peninsula and islands are brimming with beautiful scenery, gastronomic delights, world-class art and architecture, glorious music, timeless literature and ancient history. Its splendid cultural heritage is the result of a complex past, where centuries of conflict between states, nations and world powers have shaped the land and its people.

A country like no other on earth, Italy can be enjoyed again and again, and always has something new to offer even the most seasoned traveller.



Amalfi Coast from Villa Rufolo gardens, Ravello



Trulli houses, Alberobello, Apulia

Puglia & Basilicata

[Baroque architecture in Lecce](#) • [Rock churches](#) • [Underground city of Matera](#)

One of the lesser-visited regions of Italy, Puglia, also known as Apulia, is situated in the south, or 'heel', of the country. Explore the port city of Bari, see the traditional conical trulli dwellings of Alberobello, or just relax on the long stretches of golden sandy beaches on the Adriatic coast. With baroque towns, Roman ruins, orchards and olive groves to visit, we recommend hiring a car and exploring at your own pace.

Puglia is perfectly twinned with the neighbouring region of Basilicata, home to the ancient hilltop city of Matera whose natural caves were transformed into a labyrinth of houses and Byzantine churches.

Sicily

[Valley of the Temples at Agrigento](#) • [Distinct gastronomic traditions](#)

The island of Sicily is steeped in history, stretching back to its Greek colonisation in the eighth century BC, followed by Roman rule, all the way through to the Normans, Arabs, French and British.

Unforgettable sights abound, from the stunningly located medieval town of Taormina; the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento; and the Roman, Byzantine and baroque architecture of Palermo, Monreale, Cefalù, and Catania. Combined with its many historical sites, the island features a wealth of natural attractions, with azure seas lapping secluded bays against a backdrop of blue skies, and the dramatic and brooding Mount Etna.



Temple of Concordia, Valley of the Temples, Agrigento

Experiences in Italy



Tuscany in style

Stay in some of Tuscany's most luxurious hotels while visiting the Renaissance city of Florence, before travelling into the heart of the picturesque Tuscan countryside. Explore San Gimignano with its 14 medieval towers, and Siena, home of the world renowned Palio horse race.



Naples, Sorrento & Capri

For centuries, Italy's scenic Amalfi Coast has drawn visitors for its historical sites, coastal vistas, and villages and hamlets dotted around the Gulf of Naples. Visit the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum, and stay in the region's most popular locations – Naples, Sorrento and the idyllic island retreat of Capri.



Vineyards of Piedmont

Take a single-centre self-drive tour exploring the idyllic vineyard landscapes of Piedmont in northern Italy. Discover fascinating medieval towns, known as borghi, as well as enjoying wine, truffle and chocolate tastings. Visit historic castles and palaces, and explore Turin, the region's grand capital.



Assisi, Umbria

Borghi Italia Tour Network

A borgo is a small Italian town or village, generally fortified and dating back to the period from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance. Borgi were often built around a castle or palace belonging to noble ruling families and are usually surrounded by walls. There are around 290 borghi spread out across Italy and they are considered to be symbols of Italian culture with their artistic and architectural heritage, and gastronomic treasures.

Cox & Kings is working in partnership with the Borghi Italia Tour Network, allowing you to experience some of these historical villages on both escorted tours and self-drive holidays. Speak to one of our Europe experts for advice and inspiration about discovering Italy's borghi.

A suggested itinerary...

Sorrento, Capri & Ravello

9 days & 8 nights
from £2,290 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Experience the best of the Neapolitan Riviera with a three-centre stay in Sorrento, the island of Capri and the tranquil coastal town of Ravello. From the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum to the imperial villas of Capri, this tour showcases a region of Italy filled with picturesque villages and historical sites.

Day 1: Fly to Sorrento

Fly to Naples and transfer to the Maison la

Minervetta (or similar) for 3 nights. (N)

Days 2-3: Sorrento

Full days at leisure to explore Sorrento or the surrounding region. Nearby highlights include the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum, the scenic Amalfi Coast and the island of Ischia. (B)

Day 4: Capri

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer by car and hydrofoil to the island of Capri. Stay 3 nights at the Capri Palace & Spa. (B)

Days 5-6: Capri

Full days at leisure to explore Capri, a haven for travellers since the days of the Roman republic. Explore the Blue Grotto, the imperial villas or the faraglioni – a coastal rock formation. (B)

Day 7: Ravello

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to

Ravello by hydrofoil and car. Stay 2 nights at the Villa Maria Hotel. (B)

Day 8: Ravello

Day at leisure. Perched high on the cliffs, the small town of Ravello is often regarded as one of the most attractive destinations on the Amalfi Coast. The town has a peaceful atmosphere and excellent views over the Mediterranean. (B)

Day 9: Fly home

Transfer to Naples and fly home. (B)

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Puglia & Basilicata

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,140 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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



Trulli houses, Puglia

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

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. The tour includes a visit to Casa Grotta, a typical Sassi dwelling, the Rupestrian churches and the Crypt of the Original Sin and its magnificent frescoes. (B, D)

Day 3: Castel del Monte • Trani

Full-day excursion with a visit to Castel del Monte. This octagonal fortress built in the 13th century and isolated on a hill 540 metres above sea level is 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. Morning city tour of the UNESCO-listed town, famous for its traditional conical trulli dwellings. Afternoon excursion to 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

Morning visit to the capital of Apulia, Bari. Explore the old town quarter including St Sabin

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 with British Airways and transfer to Fasano. Stay at the Casale Del Murgesse for 5 nights. (D)



Matera

Cathedral and St Nicholas Basilica. Afternoon excursion to the charming sea town of Polignano a Mare. (B)

Day 6: Ostuni • Lecce

In the morning, 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

Morning visit to 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. Remainder of the afternoon 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

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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 2021

Tour code: PUB

Group tour

Low season from £1,995
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,295
Guide price months: Jun – Sep

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 select 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 May, 8 Sep**

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £95 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2021

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Wed)
12 May 21	19 May 21	08 Sep 21	15 Sep 21	06 Oct 21	13 Oct 21
09 Jun 21	16 Jun 21	22 Sep 21	29 Sep 21		

Classic Sicily

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,790 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

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- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink



Fountain of Shame, Palermo

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.

Day 3: Catania • Cefalù • Palermo

Morning drive to Catania to view the cathedral and Piazza Stesicoro. Continue to Cefalù to visit the Norman cathedral with its exquisite mosaics. Continue to Palermo and stay at the **Hotel Principe di Villa Franca** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Monreale • Palermo

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. Afternoon street food experience; learn how Palermitan food 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)

Day 7: Mount Etna

Visit the highest active volcano in Europe,

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

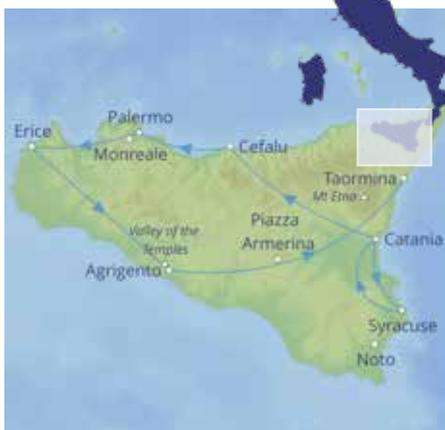
Palermo

	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)

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SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Wine tasting near Mount Etna**
- ❖ **Street food experience in Palermo**
- ❖ **Sample traditional Sicilian pastries at Grammatico in Erice**
- ❖ **Included 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 of Syracuse including visits to 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 magnificent baroque architecture. (B)



Ancient Greek theatre, Taormina

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.

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Guideline prices for 2021

Tour code: CLS

Group tour

Low season from £1,995
Guide price months: May & Oct

High season from £2,145
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £375

Private tour

From £4,790
Guide price months: Apr – Oct

Single supplement from £375

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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): **10 May, 7 Jun, 6 Sep**

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £125 return

Regional air connections

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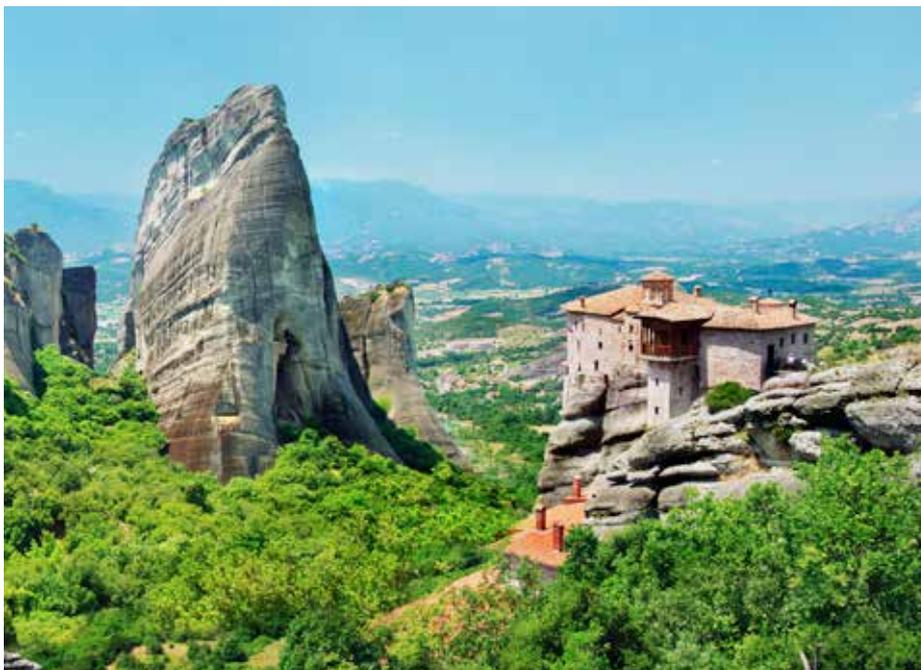
Departure dates for 2021

Out (Mon)	Rtn (Mon)	Out (Mon)	Rtn (Mon)	Out (Mon)	Rtn (Mon)
10 May 21	17 May 21	07 Jun 21	14 Jun 21	13 Sep 21	20 Sep 21
24 May 21	31 May 21	06 Sep 21	13 Sep 21	11 Oct 21	18 Oct 21

Discover Southern Europe

From the sun-baked ruins of Anatolia in Turkey to the lush pine forests of Lošinj, off Croatia's Istrian coast, the varied countries of Southern Europe are rewarding both for their historical treasures and their beautiful landscapes. Greece and Turkey offer delightful beaches, warm azure-blue seas and cities overflowing with history and culture, while sailing the dramatic mountainous coastline is the perfect way to get away from it all.

Across the Mediterranean, Spain and Portugal provide a fantastic mix of culture, cuisine and long golden beaches. Meanwhile, the countries of the western Balkans offer a path less trodden, particularly Serbia, Albania and Kosovo, where tourism remains very much in its infancy.



Meteora monasteries, Greece



Acropolis, Athens

Greece

Abundant historical sites • Breathtaking coastlines • Combine mainland & islands

Greece rewards many repeat visits due to its sheer number of attractions, from enthralling ancient sites to its alluring islands. Tour the classical sites of Athens and the surrounding region of Attica; see the oracle shrine of Delphi on the slopes of Mount Parnassus; and visit Olympia, sacred to Zeus and birthplace of the Olympic Games. In the western region of Thessaly, the clifftop monasteries of Meteora are not to be missed.

With more than a thousand offshore islands including historic Crete, magnificent Santorini and lesser known Serifos and Tinos, a tour on the mainland can be easily combined with an island itinerary.



Paros

PRIVATE JOURNEY

Paros & Naxos: Jewels of the Cyclades

The Cyclades islands have attracted visitors for centuries due to their picturesque ports, coastal scenery and mountain vistas, but they are considerably quieter than the popular island destinations of Mykonos and Santorini. We offer private tours that begin in Athens, with a day to explore the Greek capital, before sailing to the idyllic islands of Paros and Naxos. Staying for two nights on each in luxury boutique accommodation overlooking the beautiful Aegean Sea, you'll have ample free time to explore both islands by car or on foot.



The Alhambra, Granada

Spain

Gaudi architecture in Barcelona • Impressive royal palaces • Unexplored Extremadura

The many regions of Spain offer strikingly different scenery, from the rugged green coastline of Galicia in the north-west to the hot Mediterranean hills of Andalucía in the far south. South-west of Madrid lies the autonomous region of Extremadura, a quiet corner of Spain that remains relatively untouched by tourism yet has much to offer, including well-preserved Roman ruins and the historic cities of Mérida and Cáceres.



Dubrovnik, Croatia

Croatia

Go island hopping • UNESCO-listed sites in Dubrovnik & Split • Island paradise of Lošinj

Stretching almost the entire length of the eastern Adriatic, Croatia has made a name for itself as a more exclusive destination on the Mediterranean. Dubrovnik is the jewel in the nation's crown, with its stunning setting, splendid baroque buildings and beautiful old town. Split is also worth exploring, not least for the monumental Diocletian's Palace. Meanwhile, paradisaical islands such as Lošinj offer a more relaxed break.



Lake Bled, Slovenia

Slovenia

Alpine lakes • Compact, pedestrian-friendly cities • World-class cuisine

Sometimes referred to as Europe in miniature, Slovenia offers pristine landscapes of alpine peaks and turquoise lakes, with picture-perfect Lake Bled and Bohinj undoubtedly two of the highlights. There are excellent hiking opportunities, several charming medieval towns to explore, and the country has gained a growing reputation as a gastronomic hotspot. Its small size and good infrastructure make it easily explored by car.



Istanbul, Turkey

Turkey

Imperial architecture of Istanbul • Ancient ruins of Troy, Pergamon & Ephesus

The grand city of Istanbul is the first port of call for most visitors to Turkey, a cultural melting pot where Eastern traditions meet modern Western influences. Visit exquisite mosques and Ottoman palaces, Byzantine basilicas and colourful bazaars. Along the intricate Aegean coastline you'll find picturesque towns and major archaeological sites including the remains of the ancient cities of Troy and Ephesus, while inland are the white terraces and hot springs of Pamukkale. The Mediterranean coast offers beautiful beaches and rocky shorelines that dip into astonishingly clear blue waters, and the central region of Cappadocia is home to a landscape of striking volcanic rock formations known as 'fairy chimneys'.

A suggested itinerary...

Turkey: Istanbul & Cappadocia

7 days & 6 nights

from £1,490 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Combine Istanbul, one of the world's most remarkable cities full of ancient monuments, awe-inspiring religious buildings and intoxicating bazaars, with Turkey's spectacular Cappadocia region.

Day 1: Fly to Istanbul

Fly to Istanbul and transfer to the House

Hotel Karaköy (or similar) for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Istanbul

Full-day guided tour of Istanbul including Hagia Sofia, the Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Grand Bazaar and Topkapi Palace. Stop en route for traditional Turkish coffee tasting. (B)

Day 3: Istanbul

Day at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Fly to Kayseri

Morning transfer to the airport for a domestic flight to Kayseri. Transfer to the Yunak Houses Hotel (or similar) for a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 5: Cappadocia

Full-day sightseeing tour including the cave churches of Göreme Open-air Museum, Göreme valley, the town of Avanos, and the

underground city of Kaymakli. (B)

Day 6: Cappadocia

Day at leisure to further explore the region's surreal landscape of conical rock formations and troglodyte villages. (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Morning transfer to the airport and fly home via Istanbul. (B)

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The Heart of Ancient Greece

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £2,525 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,890 (incl. flights)

**Group
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- ❖ 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



Monemvasia

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

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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



Meteora monasteries

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 route back to Athens is quite long, but passes through the striking plain of Thessaly and the Vale of Tempe. 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 2021

Tour code: GRD

Group tour

Low season from £2,525

Guide price month: May

High season from £2,645

Guide price months: Jun & Sep

Single supplement from £665

Private tour

From £5,890

Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £665

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Aegean Air flight upgrades

Business Class from £675 return

Regional air connections

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Departure dates for 2021

Out (Fri)

07 May 21

28 May 21

Rtn (Tue)

18 May 21

08 Jun 21

Out (Fri)

18 Jun 21

03 Sep 21

Rtn (Tue)

29 Jun 21

14 Sep 21

Out (Fri)

17 Sep 21

Rtn (Tue)

28 Sep 21

The Wonders of Ancient Crete

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £1,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,390 (incl. flights)

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- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink & farewell dinner



Palace of Knossos

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.

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 Pediados 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 visit to the Heraklion Archaeological Museum with its collection of Minoan treasure. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

👑 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**

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)



Day 1: Fly to Heraklion • Rethymno

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Heraklion with British Airways. Transfer to Theartemis Palace in Rethymno (or similar) for 3 nights. 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)

Day 3: Arkadi • Eleftherna • Rethymno

This morning, visit the fortified monastery of



Chania, Crete

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 £865

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 £550

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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 2021

Tour code: CRH

Group tour

Low season from £1,695
Guide price months: May & Oct

High season from £1,745
Guide price months: Jun & Sep

Single supplement from £275

Private tour

From £2,390
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £275

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on all 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, 11 Jun, 3 Sep, 17 Sep, 1 Oct**

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £245 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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 2021

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Fri)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Fri)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Fri)
14 May 21	21 May 21	03 Sep 21	10 Sep 21	01 Oct 21	08 Oct 21
11 Jun 21	18 Jun 21	17 Sep 21	24 Sep 21		

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Private tour • From £2,450 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extension, room & flight upgrades available
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- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guide throughout
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink



Blue Mosque, Istanbul

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



Library of Celsus, Ephesus

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.

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Guideline prices for 2021

Tour code: CLT

Group tour

Low season from £1,295
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,395
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £365

Private tour

From £2,450
Guide price months: Apr – Oct

Single supplement from £365

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on select 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): **10 Apr, 18 Sep**

Turkish Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £445 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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 2021

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)
10 Apr 21	18 Apr 21	05 Jun 21	13 Jun 21	18 Sep 21	26 Sep 21
15 May 21	23 May 21	04 Sep 21	12 Sep 21	09 Oct 21	17 Oct 21



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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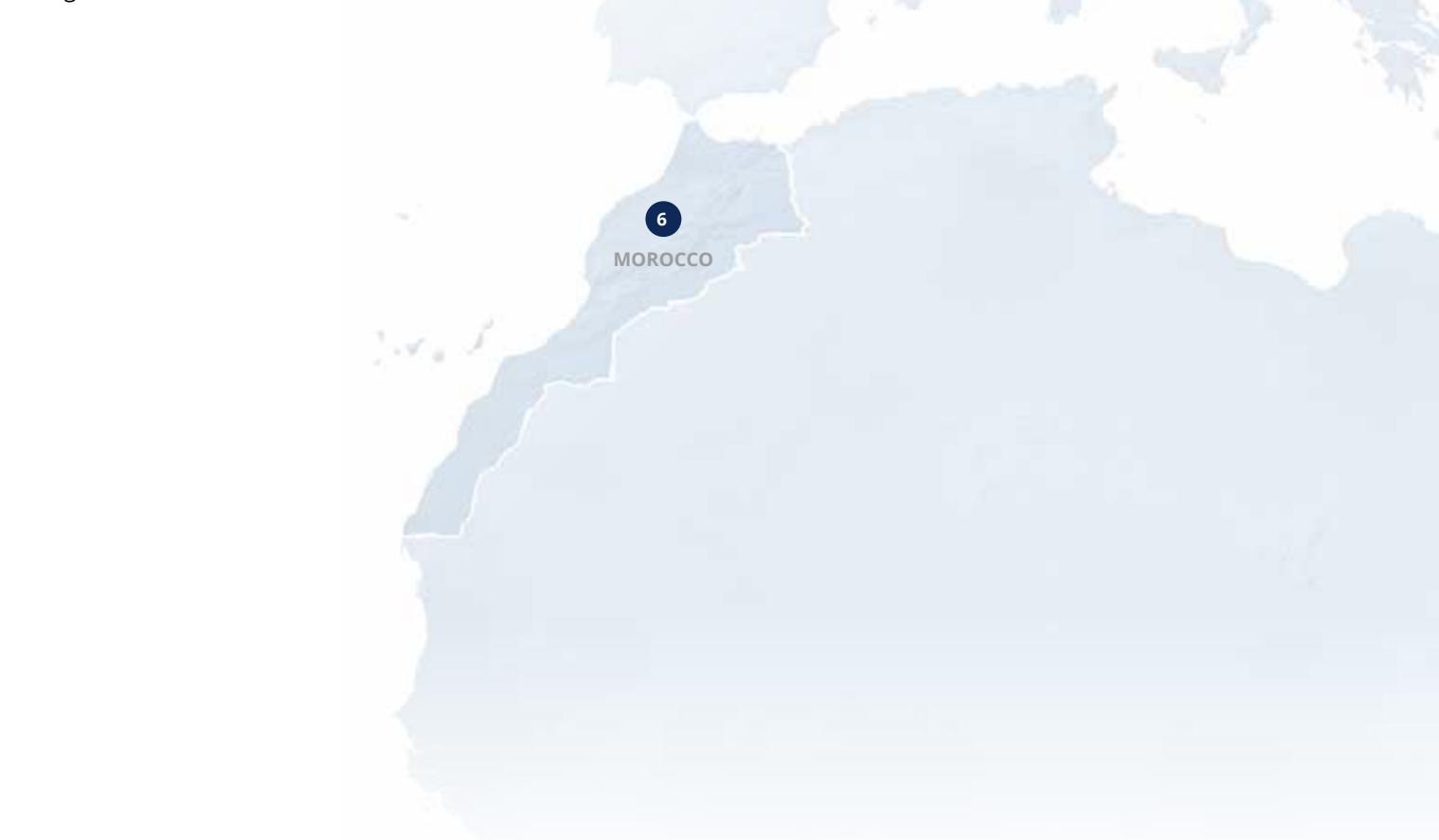
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Highlights of the region

The Middle East is a fascinating and rewarding region for the adventurous traveller. The extraordinary remnants of ancient civilisations are what draw many visitors here, but there's so much else besides. Below is a brief guide to some of the unmissable sights and experiences the region has to offer.



1 Egypt (page 52)

- The Great Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza
- Multi-duration Nile cruises
- The Egyptian Museum in Cairo, home of the iconic death mask of Tutankhamun
- Learn about the civilisations of ancient Egypt
- Travel between October and April for pleasantly warm weather



3 Israel & the OPT (page 65)

- Biblical sites around the Sea of Galilee
- Bethlehem, the supposed birthplace of Jesus
- A melting pot of religious sites in Jerusalem
- Stay in traditional kibbutz-style accommodation in northern Israel
- April to May or September to October are ideal months to visit



2 Jordan (page 60)

- The rock-hewn city of Petra
- Mars-like desert landscapes of Wadi Rum
- Impressive ruins at the Graeco-Roman city of Jerash
- Spa resorts on the shores of the mineral-rich Dead Sea
- 12th-century Crusader castles
- Best months to travel are March to May or September to November



4 Oman (page 68)

- Glorious sunsets over the rolling dunes of Sharqiya Sands
- Nesting sites for green turtles on the beaches at Ras Al Jinz
- Magnificent mountain views from Jabal Akhdar
- Islamic military architecture at Nizwa Fort
- Climate is most comfortable from October to March



5 Lebanon (page 72)

- Impressive Roman temples at Baalbek
- Spectacular limestone formations at Jeita Grotto cave complex
- Award-winning viticulture in the Bekaa Valley
- Roman remains at the once-great Phoenician city of Tyre
- March to May and September to November are ideal travel months



7 Uzbekistan (page 76)

- Monumental architecture of Samarkand
- The Ark of Bukhara, an imposing fifth-century fortress
- The Silk Road city of Khiva
- Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Tamerlane
- Climate is most temperate from April to May and from September to November



6 Morocco (page 56)

- Traditional riad accommodation in Marrakech
- Mosaics and ruins of the Roman city of Volubilis
- Vibrant blue-washed walls of Chefchaouen
- Stay overnight in the golden sands of the Sahara Desert
- Ideal months to visit are March to May and September to October



8 Kyrgyzstan (see website)

- Unspoilt mountain landscapes with stark craggy ridges and rolling summer pastures
- Stay overnight in a yurt on the shores of Lake Issyk-Kul
- Striking red sandstone cliffs of Djety-Oguz gorge
- Trekking in Ala Archa National Park
- Visit between April and June or between September and October

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.

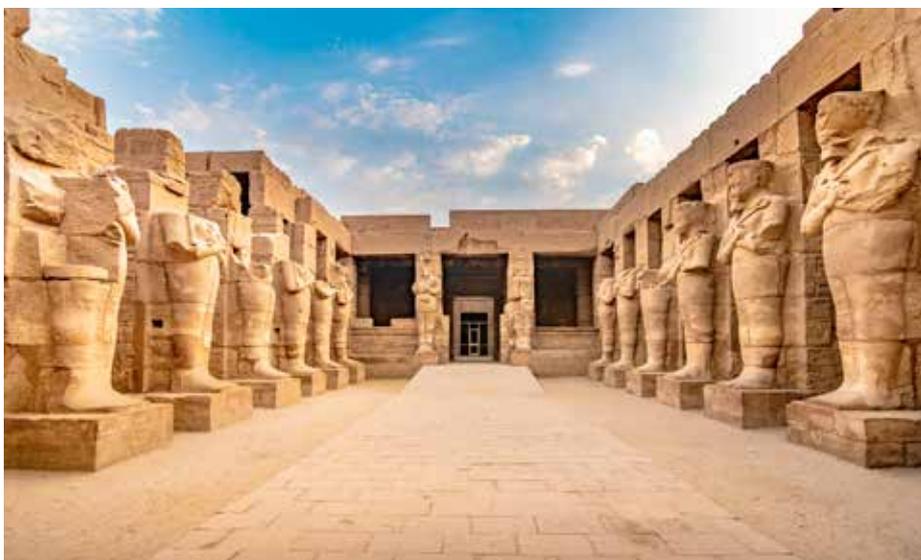
Among the city's many attractions are the ancient Khan el-Khalili souk, the towering citadel, and the many mosques, minarets and tombs of the old city. The fascinating Egyptian Museum is home to more than 120,000 ancient artefacts, including Tutankhamun's burial mask. The new, and highly anticipated, 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.

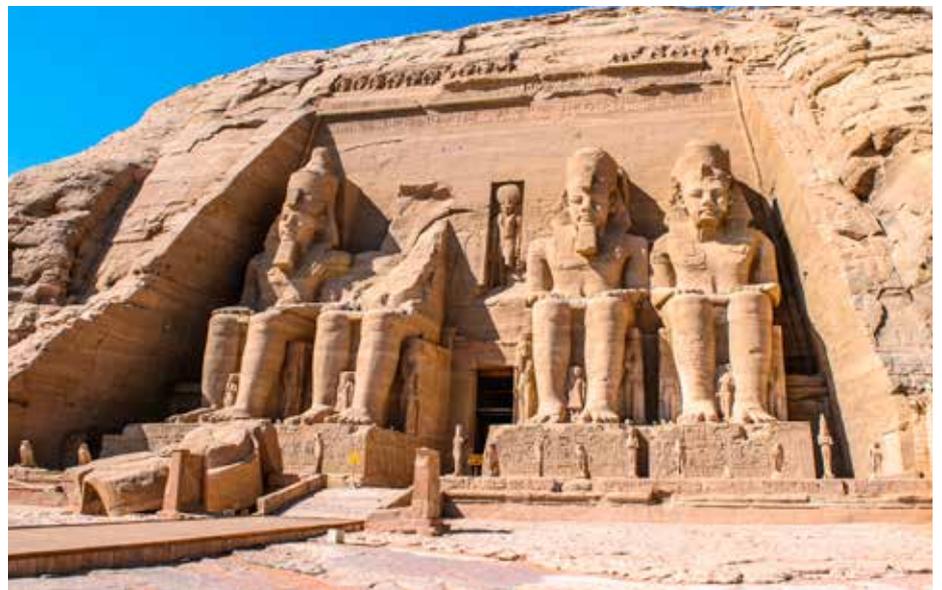
The Nubian Museum houses an excellent collection of artefacts from the nomadic tribes of southern Egypt, which have now been displaced due to the construction of the dam in the 20th century. Don't miss the chance to take a leisurely *felucca* (traditional wooden sailboat) trip on the river.

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 £3,095 (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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Splendours of Egypt

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Standard & Superior

Private tour • From £2,045 (incl. flights)

**River
Cruise**

Tour overview

This is the perfect introduction to the highlights of Egypt, combining a stay in Cairo including visits to the Pyramids and the Egyptian Museum, with a four-night Nile cruise, taking in the celebrated sights of Upper Egypt including visits to both the East and West Bank to see the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Karnak and the immense Aswan High Dam.

This river cruise features...

- ❖ 4- or 5-star accommodation in Cairo
- ❖ 4-night cruise from Luxor to Aswan in an en suite cabin
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Private tours of the Pyramids, the Sphinx & the Egyptian Museum in Cairo
- ❖ Private guide & driver in Cairo
- ❖ All meals included during cruise
- ❖ Shared excursions included on the cruise as detailed
- ❖ Accompanied by a qualified Egyptologist guide throughout

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Choice of Standard or Superior Plus cruise vessels (visit our website for further details)
- ❖ Traditional *felucca* boat ride in Aswan
- ❖ Relaxation aboard the river cruise with sightseeing along the Nile



Temple of Philae, Aswan

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Fly to Cairo and transfer to the **Holiday Inn CityStars / Four Seasons at the First Residence*** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Giza

Morning tour of Giza to see the renowned pyramids complex and the Great Sphinx of Giza. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3: Fly to Luxor

Early morning flight to Luxor. On arrival, transfer to the **Mövenpick MS Royal Lily / MS Sonesta Star Goddess*** for a 4-night cruise. Afternoon visit to the temples of Luxor and Karnak, on the East Bank. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Luxor

Morning visit to the West Bank to see the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Sail to Edfu via Esna lock. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Edfu • Kom Ombo

Visit to the Temple of Horus. Afternoon cruise to Kom Ombo and visit the Temple of Sobek and Haroeris. Cruise to Aswan. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Aswan

Morning visits to the Aswan High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk and the Temple of Philae. In the afternoon, take a *felucca* trip on the Nile. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Fly to Cairo

Disembark in the morning. Optional visit to Abu Simbel. Fly to Cairo and transfer to the **Holiday Inn CityStars / InterContinental CityStars*** for 1 night. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Morning visit to the Egyptian Museum. Transfer to Cairo airport and fly home. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

***Tour standards:** The Standard tour is based on 4-star hotel accommodation in Cairo and the cruise vessel **Mövenpick MS Royal Lily**. The Superior tour features upgraded hotel accommodation in Cairo, as indicated by the asterisks, and the cruise vessel **MS Sonesta Star Goddess**.

Non-exclusive cruise: While on board the Nile cruise, transfers and excursions are operated as a group with other passengers who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients.

Other cruise options & tailor-made travel:

A reverse 3-night cruise itinerary operates from Aswan to Luxor, departing every Wednesday. A detailed itinerary is available on request. For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards or to discuss flight options, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry



Guideline prices for 2021

Tour code: AFI / AFJ

Standard: Low season from £2,045
High season from £2,295

Superior: Low season from £2,595
High season from £3,595

Departures: This tour departs every Saturday from 6 January to 25 December 2021



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

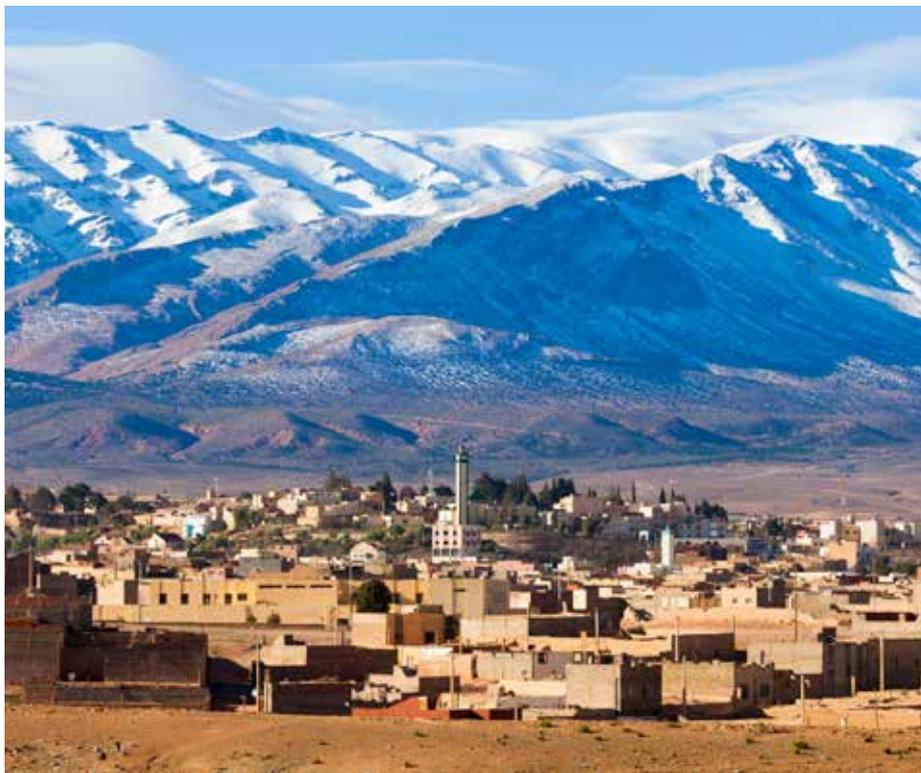
Modern capital & ancient port • Roman ruins at Chellah • Clifftop kasbah

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 as a day trip or 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 Cheddi, 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 £1,945 (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 Kandar, 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 £2,295 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,445 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions available
- ❖ International flights with Royal Air Maroc
- ❖ 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 Desert.

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 **Riad Cherifa** (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

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Explore the atmospheric Roman ruins of Volubilis and the town of Meknes**
- ❖ **Stay in traditional riad accommodation in the medinas of Chefchaouen and Marrakech**
- ❖ **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 Casablanca

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Casablanca with Royal Air Maroc. Transfer to **Sofitel Tour Blanche** (or similar) for an overnight stay. (N)

Day 2: Casablanca • Rabat

Morning tour of Casablanca including United Nations Square and the Hassan II mosque before continuing 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 Andalucian gardens



Ait Benhaddou

the Sahara Desert in 4x4 vehicles. Stop for a refreshing mint drink with a local nomad family 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 **Palais Sebban** (or similar), a traditional Moroccan guesthouse in the medina 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 via Casablanca

Transfer to the airport and fly to London, via Casablanca, with Royal Air Maroc. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre-tour extensions are available in Casablanca and post-tour extensions are available in Marrakech, Essaouira and the Atlas Mountains. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for further details.

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

Accommodation: Rooms of the same standard can vary within riads. To remain cool, rooms may also have limited natural light.

Guideline prices for 2021				Tour code: DEZ			
Group tour		Private tour					
Low season from £2,295		Low season from £2,445					
Guide price month: Sep		Guide price month: Mar					
High season from £2,545		High season from £2,645					
Guide price month: Apr		Guide price month: Apr					
Single supplement from £825		Single supplement from £825					
<p>★ No single supplement on select 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): 6 Mar, 23 Oct</p>							
Royal Air Maroc flight upgrades				Regional air connections			
Business Class from £1,195 return				Please speak to your consultant for details			
<p>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.</p>							
Departure dates for 2021							
Out (Sat)	Rtn (Tue)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Tue)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Tue)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Tue)
06 Mar 21	16 Mar 21	22 May 21	01 Jun 21	09 Oct 21	19 Oct 21	23 Oct 21	02 Nov 21
10 Apr 21	20 Apr 21	18 Sep 21	28 Sep 21				

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 £2,745 (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: The 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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Splendours of Jordan

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £1,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,095 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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 curative waters of the Dead Sea complete your exploration.

✠ 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 Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana for 2 nights. (N)

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 J.L. 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', before driving to Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion



The Treasury, Petra

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 2021

Tour code: SPJ

Group tour

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

High season from £1,995
Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £495

Private tour

Low season from £2,095
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

High season from £2,395
Guide price months: Mar – Apr, Sep – Oct

Single supplement from £495

★ **No single supplement on select 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 Feb, 28 Mar, 9 May, 19 Sep, 10 Oct

Royal Jordanian flight upgrades

Crown Class from £995 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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 2021

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)						
14 Feb 21	21 Feb 21	28 Mar 21	04 Apr 21	23 May 21	30 May 21	10 Oct 21	17 Oct 21
21 Feb 21	28 Feb 21	04 Apr 21	11 Apr 21	05 Sep 21	12 Sep 21	17 Oct 21	24 Oct 21
28 Feb 21	07 Mar 21	18 Apr 21	25 Apr 21	12 Sep 21	19 Sep 21	31 Oct 21	07 Nov 21
14 Mar 21	21 Mar 21	02 May 21	09 May 21	19 Sep 21	26 Sep 21	07 Nov 21	14 Nov 21
21 Mar 21	28 Mar 21	09 May 21	16 May 21	03 Oct 21	10 Oct 21	19 Dec 21	26 Dec 21

Jordan tour variations & extensions



Wadi Rum desert

Tour variation: Desert Adventure

8 days & 7 nights from £295
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 £495

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 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 £1,295

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 £215

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 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.



Baha'i terraced gardens, Haifa



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.

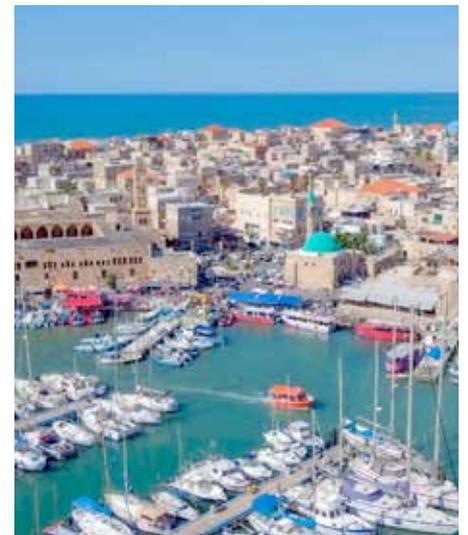


Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

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.

The Wonders of Jordan & Jerusalem

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £2,795 (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
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Roman ruins, Jerash, 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. After a tour and a basket weaving demonstration, 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)



Western Wall 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 2021

Tour code: JAJ

Group tour

Low season from £2,795
Guide price months: Mar & Oct

High season from £2,995
Guide price month: Apr

Single supplement from £795

Private tour

Low season from £3,995
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

High season from £4,195
Guide price months: Apr & Oct

Single supplement from £795

British Airways flight upgrades

Club World from £1,395 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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 2021

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
13 Mar 21	23 Mar 21	13 Sep 21	23 Sep 21	12 Oct 21	22 Oct 21
26 Apr 21	06 May 21	27 Sep 21	07 Oct 21		

Discover Oman

Combining breathtaking natural beauty with a well-preserved cultural heritage, the Sultanate of Oman is one of the least known yet most exciting tourist destinations in the Middle East. The country perches on the south-east tip of the Arabian Peninsula, overlooking the Arabian Sea, the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf.

Visit the capital, Muscat, for a glimpse of authentic Arabia; explore magnificent forts, ancient fishing villages and archaeological sites; venture into the wilderness on 4x4 excursions across rolling dunes and impressive mountain peaks; and take a *dhow* trip for snorkelling in warm turquoise waters around the Musandam Peninsula.



Nakhal Fort, Oman



Main entrance of Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Muscat

Muscat & Nizwa

[Bustling waterfronts](#) • [Ancient forts](#) • [Ambient souks](#)

The city of Muscat lies between the rugged Al Hajar Mountains and the coast. Atmospheric souks, waterfronts and alleyways offer visitors a glimpse of authentic Arabia while the Bait Al Zubair Museum is an excellent place to learn about Omani culture.

A two-hour drive from Muscat is the historic town of Nizwa, set amid palms and fringed by towering mountains. Once the capital, Nizwa is now known for the immense fortifications of its circular fort and the bustling souk where you can haggle for beautiful silver jewellery. Visit early on a Friday to see farmers bring their animals to be auctioned and sold.

Al Hajar Mountains & Sharqiya Sands

[High peaks of Jabal Akhdar](#) • [Desert campsites](#)

The Al Hajar mountain range stretches for over 500km, from the Musandam Peninsula in the north through to the eastern coastal town of Sur. Hike one of the marked trails to really enjoy the scenery, flora and fauna. At the heart of the range is the imposing Jabal Akhdar section, which contains Oman's highest point – Jabal Shams (3,000 metres).

The spectacular desert landscape of Sharqiya Sands can be explored on thrilling 4x4 drives or camel-back rides. There are also several campsites where you can watch the colours of the sunset over the desert before experiencing the silence of night beneath innumerable twinkling stars.



Jabal Akhdar



Fjord with *dhow* boats, Khasab

Salalah & the Musandam Peninsula

Variety of cultural sites • Dramatic coastline • Dhow cruises

Salalah is located in the south and the coastline is indented with long stretches of spacious beaches, bordered by a brilliant blue sea. Historic and cultural attractions include ancient forts, archaeological sites and the tombs of prophets. The province experiences a monsoon season between late June and September, when visitors can enjoy the lush landscape in cooler temperatures.

Musandam lies on a peninsula to the extreme north of Oman. Rugged mountains overlook the Strait of Hormuz, and the area has a beautiful fjord-like coastline. The waters here are teeming with wildlife, which can be seen by sailing on a traditional Omani *dhow*. Musandam's capital, Khasab, is situated in the north corner of the governorate. The port city was built by the Portuguese in the 17th century. Today, it is easily accessible from Muscat by a short flight and has become a popular holiday destination with Omanis.

Sur & Ras al Jinz

Traditional art of dhow making • Turtle nesting sites

Located on the east coast, Sur is a fishing town that was the main centre of trade with East Africa for over 1,300 years. In the past it was also known for the building of *dhow*s (traditional sailing vessels), which are still built here today and used for cruises and trade.

Approximately one hour from Sur lie the beaches of Ras Al Jinz, within the Ras Al Hadd Turtle Reserve and one of the principal sites in the world to view green turtles nesting. Turtles lay eggs all year round, however, the best viewing time is from August to September.



Green sea turtle, Ras al Jinz

A suggested itinerary...

Oman Grand Tour

9 days & 8 nights
from £3,095 (incl. flights)
Category • Standard

Combine central Oman's cultural sights with the striking Musandam Peninsula in the far north and the subtropical diversity of the Dhofar province in the south.

Day 1: Fly to Salalah via Muscat

Transfer to the Crowne Plaza for a 2-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Salalah

Visit Khor Rori creek, site of the ruined city of Samhuran and capital of ancient Arabia's frankincense trade. Continue to Nabi Ayoub,

prophet Job's tomb perched high in the mountains. (B)

Day 3: Muscat

Fly to Muscat and transfer to the Al Falaj Hotel for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Muscat

Visit the Grand Mosque, the Bait Al Zubair Museum, Muttrah Souk and the Al Alam Palace. (B)

Day 5: Nizwa

Morning drive to Oman's former capital, Nizwa. Stay overnight at **The View**. (B, D)

Day 6: Muscat

Return to Muscat via Bahla Fort, Jabrin Palace and the ruins at the village of Tanuf. Stay overnight at the Al Falaj Hotel. (B)

Day 7: Fly to Khasab

Transfer to the airport for a flight to Khasab, capital of the Musandam Peninsula. Tour the city, then take a 4x4 excursion to Jebel Harim,

the Khawr Al Najid coastline and the Birkat Khalidiya park. Stay at the **Atana Khasab** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 8: Khasab

Take a traditional *dhow* cruise, one of the most popular means of exploring the stunning coastline. (B)

Day 9: Fly home via Muscat

Transfer to the airport for a flight home via Muscat. (B)

Tailor-made travel

Contact our experts

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Oman: An Arabian Odyssey

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,945 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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)

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C: Average rainfall (mm)



Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Muscat

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 view Nakhal Fort, before driving to the warm springs of Nakhal, where a picnic lunch is served. 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)



Sharqiya Sands

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Salalah

3 days & 2 nights from £765

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 £525

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 2021

Tour code: OAO

Group tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price months: Mar & Oct

High season from £2,595
Guide price months: Apr & Sep

Single supplement from £595

Private tour

Year round from £2,945

Single supplement from £595

★ No single supplement on select 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 Feb, 30 Mar, 14 Sep, 19 Oct**

Oman Air flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,395 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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 2021

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Wed)
16 Feb 21	24 Feb 21
16 Mar 21	24 Mar 21

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Wed)
30 Mar 21	07 Apr 21
06 Apr 21	14 Apr 21

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Wed)
14 Sep 21	22 Sep 21
19 Oct 21	27 Oct 21

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Wed)
26 Oct 21	03 Nov 21

Discover Lebanon

From the impressive Roman ruins of Baalbek to the wines of the Bekaa Valley and the remnants of Lebanon's Phoenician, Persian, Arab and French-colonial past, there is much to explore in this small country. Large parts of the historical core of Beirut, Lebanon's waterfront capital, have been reconstructed, and today it's arguably the most glamorous city in the Middle East.

Elsewhere, drive past mountains covered in imposing cedar trees, wander through cathedral-like limestone caves full of stalactites and stalagmites, discover Crusader castles, visit internationally recognised wineries and spend time enjoying the Mediterranean coast.



Beirut

Beirut

Stylish, fast-paced city • Internationally renowned museums

Beirut, with its million-plus inhabitants, conveys a sense of life and energy that is immediately apparent. A city with a venerable past, 5,000 years ago it was a prosperous town on the Canaanite and Phoenician coast.

The city recovered remarkably from the ravages of the 1975-91 civil war and the historical core of the city has been reconstructed with much of its early character retained: facades have been sculpted and decorated in their original Ottoman and French colonial styles; souks have been rebuilt along the same narrow alleyways they have occupied for thousands of years; and churches and mosques have been tenderly restored.

Baalbek

Well-preserved Roman temple complex • Colossal Temple of Jupiter

Less than two hours north-east of Beirut, the complex of temples at Baalbek is one of the finest examples of Imperial Roman architecture at its apogee. The towering columns of the Temple of Jupiter are the largest of the Roman world.

From the Phoenicians to the Romans, to the Arabs till the present day, Baalbek has long been a prominent political area of Lebanon. Following the death of Alexander the Great, the region was ruled by the Egyptians, who in turn were defeated by the Romans and Byzantines before coming under Arab rule in 637AD. The modern town of Baalbek, with a population of 30,000, is located adjacent to the ruins.



Baalbek



Beiteddine Palace

Beiteddine

Stunning 19th-century palace • Ornate mosaics & archaeological treasures

An hour's drive south-east of Beirut is the magnificent Beiteddine Palace, one of the highlights of the Chouf Mountains region and now the summer residence of the Lebanese president. Perched on a steep elevation, it was built over a period of 30 years in the late 18th and early 19th centuries by Emir Bashir Chehab II, Ottoman-appointed governor of the region.

Mixing both Arab and Italian baroque styles, the palace features three main courtyards, elaborate interiors and houses an extensive collection of archaeological artefacts. During the Israeli occupation of Beirut and its environs, the palace reportedly lost most of its belongings; however, the exterior and the mosaic work inside remains intact. In 1999, following extensive restoration, it was returned to the government by the Druze militia.

The palace is home to a beautiful collection of Byzantine mosaics, many of which were excavated from the ancient city of Porphyreon.



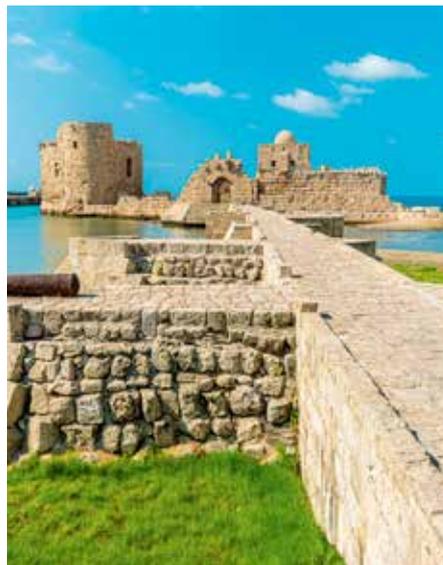
Arch of Hadrian at Al Bass, Tyre

Tyre

Al Bass archaeological site • Well-preserved Roman road & monumental archway

Situated on the Mediterranean coast in the south of Lebanon, Tyre was a major Phoenician seaport from about 2000BC through the Roman period. The area is home to several interesting archaeological sites.

Al Bass, one of the most prominent, features a 20-metre-high monumental archway dating back to Hadrian's rule in the second century, an almost intact Roman road and a well-preserved hippodrome that once held more than 20,000 spectators. Alongside the Roman road, many intricately carved sarcophagi can be found, dating from the Roman and Byzantine periods. The remains of an aqueduct and other large civic buildings are also visible.



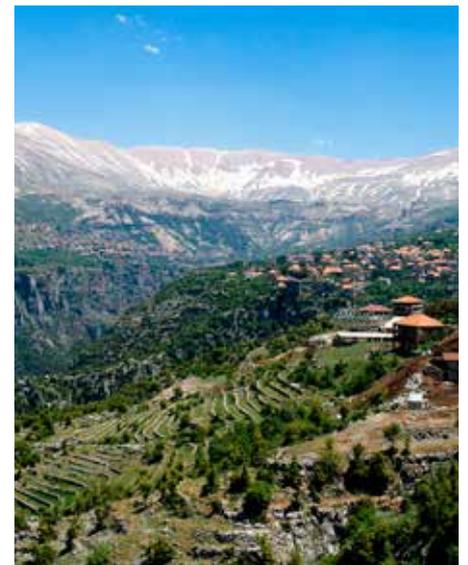
Qala'at al Bahr Castle, Sidon

Sidon

Ancient Phoenician port city • Crusader castle ruins

One of the oldest Phoenician cities, Sidon was founded in the third millennium BC and flourished during the second. Frequently mentioned in the works of Homer and in the Old Testament, the city was ruled in turn by Assyria, Babylonia, Persia, Alexander the Great, the Seleucids of Syria, the Ptolemaic dynasty of Egypt, and the Romans. In Roman times it became known for its purple dye and glassware.

Following the Crusades, Sidon fell to the Ottoman Empire before being partially destroyed in 1837 by an earthquake. Traces of history can be found all around the town, including the ruins of a 13th-century Crusader castle, Qala'at al Bahr.



Qadisha Valley

Qadisha Valley

UNESCO World Heritage Site • Ancient monasteries • Gentle hiking routes

The route from Beirut to the Qadisha Valley, approximately 100km north of the capital, takes in some of the most wonderful scenery in Lebanon. The UNESCO-listed region is home to remote rock-cut monasteries, wildflowers, and an abundance of wildlife.

The 17th-century monastery of St Anthony at Qozhaya has been built into the side of the rock face, and is surrounded by hills of pine and oak trees. Look out for the red-roofed villages perched on the mountainside and Qornet As Sawda, Lebanon's highest peak. There are some gentle hiking routes within the valley that offer splendid views of the mountain landscapes.

Lebanon: Land of the Phoenicians

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,345 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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



Cliffside monastery, Qadisha Valley

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.

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)

Day 6: Beiteddine • Beirut

Drive through the Chouf Mountains towards

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 **Gefinor Rotana** 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 St Anthony at Qozhaya, which was founded in



Temple of Bacchus, Baalbek

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 **Gefinor Rotana**. (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 2021

Tour code: HOL

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £395

Private tour

Year round from £2,345

Single supplement from £395

★ **No single supplement on select 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 Mar, 29 Apr, 16 Sep**

Middle East Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £795 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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18 Mar 21 25 Mar 21
29 Apr 21 06 May 21

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06 May 21 13 May 21
09 Sep 21 16 Sep 21

Out (Thu) Rtn (Thu)
16 Sep 21 23 Sep 21
23 Sep 21 30 Sep 21

Out (Thu) Rtn (Thu)
07 Oct 21 14 Oct 21

Discover Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan is home to a fascinating blend of arid desert, open steppe, lush oases and fertile river valleys. It is, however, the ancient history and culture that makes this the most alluring destination in Central Asia.

Set on the ancient Silk Road, for centuries Uzbekistan was besieged by waves of traders, nomads and conquerors. The architectural legacy that remains is awe-inspiring. Visit intricately decorated mosques, madrasas and mausoleums, as well as immense palaces and fortresses in Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva – once some of the most powerful cities in the world. In the capital, Tashkent, the more recent remnants of Soviet rule are equally fascinating.



Registan Square, Samarkand

Samarkand

Magnificent architecture of Registan Square • Ulugbek observatory

Samarkand is one of the world's oldest cities and has seen periods of power and decline throughout its 2,700-year history. It was destroyed by Alexander the Great, the Arabs, Genghis Khan and many other conquerors, but rose again each time. In the 14th century, when Timur made Samarkand his capital, it became one of the most powerful cities in the world.

Samarkand was also an influential scientific centre. Among the many scholars here was Ulugbek, Timur's grandson and the ruler of Samarkand. His observatory, built in the 1400s, was a model for the two famous Indian observatories of the 18th century in Jaipur and Delhi.

Tashkent

Part modern capital, part traditional Uzbek town • Colossal monuments & colourful local life

Although little remains of Tashkent's history, there has been a settlement on this site, where the western outreaches of the Tien Shen Mountains meet the Kyzylkum Desert, since at least the first century BC. In 1966 it was devastated by an earthquake, which allowed the Soviet designers free reign to rebuild the city with lots of open spaces but a lack of interesting architecture.

Visit the old city quarter, which partially escaped the planning and redesign of the city. Some of the principal attractions include the Kukeldash mosque, Barak Khan madrasa, Tillya Sheikh mosque, Kaffal Shashi mausoleum and the Chorsu bazaar.



Kukeldash Madrasa, Tashkent



The Ark, Bukhara

Bukhara

Kalyan minaret • The Ark, an imposing fortress

Lord Curzon described Bukhara as “the most interesting city in the world”. The city offers an amazing array of monuments covering 1,000 years of history, including the renowned Kalyan minaret. It is 47 metres tall and was probably the tallest structure in Central Asia when built by Arslan Khan in 1127. The oldest monument in Bukhara is the Ismail Samani mausoleum, built in the early 10th century for the founder of the Samanid dynasty. It was partially buried during Genghis Khan's visit, and so escaped his attentions.

No visit to Bukhara is complete without a tour of the Ark, an imposing fortress that was continuously occupied from the fifth century until the 1920s.

Khiva & Urgench

Remarkably well-preserved ‘museum city’ of Khiva with enormous city walls

The ancient city of Khiva lies around 450km north-west of Bukhara. Another of the Silk Road cities, Khiva has been extensively restored and is in effect a giant open-air museum. Many of the mosques and madrasas located within the old city are no longer in use, but instead contain numerous displays and collections. The old city is surrounded by an 18th-century mud-brick wall and has four main entrance gates.

Urgench is the capital of the Khorazm province, wedged between the Amu Darya River and the Turkmen border, and is mainly used by travellers as a transport hub for Khiva, which is around 40km away.



Itchan Kala, Khiva

A suggested itinerary...

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Explore two of Central Asia's contrasting countries: discover Silk Road history in the former Soviet republic of Uzbekistan, and experience the nomadic culture and green open spaces of Kyrgyzstan.

Days 1-2: Fly to Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Fly overnight to Tashkent and transfer to the **Miran International Hotel** for 1 night. Afternoon tour of the old city. (N)

Days 3-4: Samarkand

Drive to Samarkand and explore the city, including Registan Square. Stay at **Emirkhan Hotel** for 2 nights. The next day, continue your exploration on a full-day city tour. (B) (B, D)

Days 5-6: Bukhara

Travel to Bukhara and visit the silk market,

the Jewish Quarter and Poi-Kalyan complex. Sample a range of herbal teas in the old part of the city. Stay 2 nights at **Maliika Bukhara**. Continue your exploration the following day. (B, D) (B)

Day 7: Tashkent

Morning at leisure. Take the *Afrosiyob* train to Tashkent and transfer to the **Miran International Hotel** for 1 night. (B)

Day 8: Fly to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Fly to Bishkek, via Almaty, and transfer to the **Plaza Hotel** for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 9: Ala Archa National Park • Bishkek

Drive south to Ala Archa National Park, which offers a range of walking options from gentle strolls to more strenuous hikes. Return to Bishkek for a city tour. (B)

Day 10: Burana Tower • Issyk-Kul lake

Visit the Burana Tower and its surrounding ruins, an important Silk Road trading post. See the Bronze Age petroglyphs at Cholpon-Ata. Overnight at **Karven Issyk-Kul Hotel**. (B, D)

Day 11: Karakol

Drive to Karakol and visit the museum

dedicated to the Russian explorer Nikolai Przewalsky. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Amir**. (B)

Day 12: Djety-Oguz

Walk through Djety-Oguz Gorge, with its impressive red rock formations and spruce forests. See a golden eagle hunting show and join a Uighur family to learn how to cook traditional dishes. (B)

Day 13: Bokonbaevo • Bishkek

Short walk at Fairy Tale Canyon then continue to Bokonbaevo village. Visit a local handicraft centre before driving to Bishkek and staying overnight at the **Plaza Hotel**. (B)

Day 14: Fly home

Transfer to Bishkek airport and fly home. (B)

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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)



Registan Square architecture, Samarkand

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 **Miran International Hotel** (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 **Zargaron Plaza** (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 **Emir Khan 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)

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



Itchan Kala, Khiva

Gate. Transfer to the Miran International Hotel (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.

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Out (Fri)	Rtn (Tue)						
19 Mar 21	30 Mar 21	23 Apr 21	04 May 21	27 Aug 21	07 Sep 21	24 Sep 21	05 Oct 21
09 Apr 21	20 Apr 21	30 Apr 21	11 May 21	10 Sep 21	21 Sep 21	01 Oct 21	12 Oct 21
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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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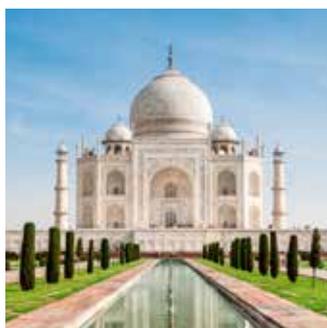
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Highlights of the region

The Indian Subcontinent is home to some of the world's most celebrated wonders, from the magnificent Taj Mahal to the awe-inspiring peaks of the Himalaya. Where else can you explore ancient temples at sunrise and seek out tigers in the afternoon? Below is our insider's guide to the region's main attractions, as well as some guidance on when to travel.



1 The Golden Triangle (page 84)

- Old Delhi's colourful bazaars
- Changing of the Guards at the President's Palace in New Delhi
- Sunrise at the Taj Mahal
- A wealth of UNESCO heritage sites
- Jaipur's majestic Amber Fort and the sprawling City Palace complex
- Visit between mid-September and mid-April



5 Western India (see website)

- Cosmopolitan Mumbai
- Rock-cut temples at Ajanta
- Gujarati tribal villages, exquisite temples and handicrafts
- Salt flats, coastal wetlands
- Sasan Gir – home to Asiatic lions
- Tropical beaches of Goa
- Visit between mid-September and mid-April



2 Rajasthan (page 86)

- Tigers in Ranthambore National Park
- Luxury heritage hotels and lake palaces
- Remote fortified cities in the Great Thar Desert
- Bishnoi tribal villages
- Exquisite Jain temples
- Sacred Ganges at Varanasi



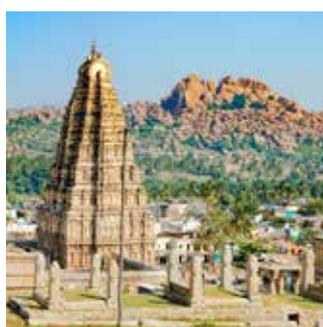
6 Central India (page 90)

- Spectacular national parks with diverse flora and fauna
- Walking safaris in Satpura
- Best place to see Bengal tigers
- Birdwatcher's paradise
- Bathing ghats and ancient temples
- For wildlife, visit from Mid-October to late April



3 Indian Himalaya (page 88)

- Scenic toy train ride to Shimla, summer capital of the British Raj
- Majestic snow-capped peaks
- Magnificent Golden Temple in Amritsar
- Tibetan culture
- Walks in the Himalayan foothills
- Visit from October to April for bright sunny days



7 The Deccan Plateau (see website)

- Mystical temples at Hampi
- Hyderabad's Golconda Fort, source of the Koh-i-Noor diamond
- Colourful Laad Bazaar with its eclectic jewellery and antiques
- Two of south India's best national parks, Nagarhole and Bandipur
- India's most charming city – Mysore
- Visit from September to May



4 Eastern India (page 89)

- Bustling and vibrant Kolkata
- Buddhist monasteries
- Tea plantations in Darjeeling and Assam
- Rhinos, tigers and elephants in Kaziranga National Park
- River cruising
- Visit March to June and September to November



8 Tamil Nadu (page 110)

- Shore temple complex at Mahabalipuram
- Blue Mountain Railway
- Rich legacy of arts and crafts
- Exquisite woodwork of Chettinad's mansions
- Stunning scenery of the Western Ghats
- Visit in the dry season from January to May



9 Kerala (page 108)

- Overnight cruising on the idyllic backwaters
- Distinctive cultural and artistic heritage with enthralling festivals
- Exotic spice plantations
- Hill stations surrounded by sprawling tea plantations
- Natural beauty of lush forests, waterfalls and tropical beaches
- Visit from November to March



11 Nepal (see website)

- Kathmandu's Royal Palaces
- Traditional Newari villages
- Buddhist monasteries and colourful prayer flags
- 4x4 or boat safaris in search of one-horned rhinos
- Spectacular day hikes and gentle walks in the Himalaya
- Visit October to November and January to April



10 Sri Lanka (page 116)

- Cultural sites including lost cities, ruined palaces and cave temples
- Tea estates and rose gardens
- Leopards, sloth bears, elephants and whales
- Delicious cuisine
- Tropical beaches and boutique resorts
- Year-round destination easily combined with the Maldives



12 Bhutan (see website)

- Tiger's Nest monastery set on a cliff overlooking the Paro Valley
- Snow-clad mountains and rhododendron forests
- Unspoilt spiritual way of life
- Ancient Buddhist temples
- Easy day walks to see traditional Bhutanese life
- Visit during one of the many religious festivals

Discover India's Golden Triangle

A journey around India's Golden Triangle reveals an exceptional wealth of cultural, historical and architectural splendour in three of northern India's most captivating cities: Delhi, Agra and Jaipur.

In Delhi's bustling old city, the mighty Mughal-built Red Fort and vast Jama Masjid mosque are divided by Chandni Chowk's teeming bazaars. In sharp contrast are the tree-lined avenues and Lutyens-designed buildings of New Delhi, at the heart of which lie the former Viceroy's house and the majestic India Gate memorial. Head for the graceful Humayun's tomb, the pre-Mughal Qutb Minar and the beautiful Gurudwara Bangla Sahib Sikh temple.



Humayun's tomb, Delhi



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 ride 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.



Amber Fort, Jaipur



Frescoed haveli, Mandawa

Shekhawati

Colourful frescoes • Ornate havelis

Shekhawati, or Garden of Shekha, is one of India's best-kept secrets. It was once an important trading post on the caravan route, but the development of ports led to the migration of merchant traders, turning Shekhawati into a deserted town. Today the region is renowned for the colourful 19th-century frescoes that decorate the ornate havelis (mansions) of the Marwari merchants. The surrounding villages collectively form an open-air art gallery that claims to have one of the largest concentrations of frescoes in the world.



Tiger, Ranthambore



Indian skimmers, Chambal River

Chambal Valley

River safaris • Dolphins, gharials & turtles

An hour's drive from Agra, the Chambal Valley is a vast terrain with rugged landscapes and rare wildlife. The best way to experience it is on a boat safari, sailing through the impressive ravines of the mighty Chambal River, which hosts an astounding variety of riverine fauna. Wildlife you may encounter includes gharials, the rare and endangered Gangetic dolphin, marsh crocodiles, turtles and jungle cats. The valley is the also ideal habitat for a myriad of migratory and resident birds, as well as being home to many thriving villages and the ancient Bateshwar temples.

Ranthambore

Tigers & other wildlife • 250 bird species

A prime example for tiger conservation efforts, Ranthambore National Park, once the private hunting ground of royalty, covers an area of 400 sq km. Celebrated for its tigers, Ranthambore is also home to a large variety of other animals including sambar deer, chital, marsh crocodiles, sloth bears and leopards. It's also a birdwatcher's paradise, with more than 250 species of birds nesting here. The best time to see wildlife is between October and May.

Experiences in the Golden Triangle

Changing of the Guard, Delhi

Witness the Changing of the Guard ceremony conducted on the lawns of Rashtrapati Bhavan, official residence of the president. A series of military displays including a brass band performance and foot drills are followed by an elegant equestrian display, all set against the backdrop of the majestic dome of the palace.

Food trail, Agra

Agra holds the accolade for serving up some of the country's best fare. Take part in an Indian food adventure on a carefully curated chaat crawl, visiting the city's most celebrated and tourist-friendly chaat and food stalls. This tour is designed to deliver the gastronomic satisfaction that real food lovers crave and is a safe and hygienic way to sample the best of Indian street food.

Balloon ride, Jaipur

Drift slowly over the 'Pink City' of Jaipur, experiencing the sights from the air on an exhilarating one-hour sunrise or sunset hot air balloon ride. Highlights include seeing the mesmerising Amber Fort from above and the hidden forts and palaces of the Rajasthan countryside. Pass over many traditional villages and see friendly locals waving from below.

Private City Palace visit, Jaipur

Jaipur's City Palace showcases a wonderful fusion of Mughal and European architecture. A private guided tour gives you access to some of its private rooms. See an exquisite gold-lacquered chamber designed by master craftsmen, and discover hidden treasures including early Mughal paintings and artefacts commissioned directly by the maharajah.

A suggested itinerary...

Taste of India

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Category • Superior

Exploring the Golden Triangle, this journey combines Delhi with the awe-inspiring sites of the Mughal capital of Agra, the deserted sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri and the 'Pink City' of Jaipur.

Days 1-2: Fly to Delhi

Overnight flight to Delhi and transfer to the Eros Hotel Nehru Place for 2 nights. (N) (D)

Day 3: Delhi

Take a guided tour of Old and New Delhi including a drive past the Red Fort; a visit to Jama Masjid; and Raj Ghat, the simple

but moving memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Later, drive past the imposing India Gate and Rashtrapati Bhawan, the president's residence. End with a visit to Qutab Minar and the tomb of Emperor Humayun. (B, D)

Day 4: Agra

Take the Express train to Agra. Check in to the Trident Agra for 2 nights and relax for the rest of the day. (B, D)

Day 5: Agra

Enjoy a guided tour of Agra, which includes a visit to Itmad-ud-Daulah, the beautiful tomb of Mirza Ghiyas Beg. Explore Agra Fort, the seat and stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. Continue to the Taj Mahal. (B, D)

Day 6: Fatehpur Sikri • Jaipur

Drive to Jaipur. En route visit Fatehpur Sikri, the beautiful deserted capital of Emperor Akbar. On arrival in Jaipur, check into Shahpura House for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Jaipur

Tour the hilltop citadel of Amber Fort, en route making a photo-stop at Hawa Mahal. In the afternoon, visit the City Palace Museum, which has a superb collection of Rajasthani costumes and Mughal and Rajput armoury, and the Jantar Mantar observatory. Walk around the colourful bazaars later in the evening. (B, D)

Day 8: Delhi

Drive back to Delhi and stay overnight at the Novotel Aerocity. (B, D)

Day 9: Fly home (B)

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Discover Rajasthan

Imposing forts, lavish palaces, desert towns, tranquil lakes and captivating temples characterise Rajasthan. 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.

The region is littered with spectacular Jain and Hindu temples, and an arid landscape peopled by local Brahmin farmers and weavers, and Raikas (shepherds) dressed in glorious costumes. The Thar Desert, 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.



Women from the Bishnoi village



Courtyard in the City Palace, Udaipur

Udaipur

[Rural cycle rides](#) • [High tea with a local family](#)

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.

Jodhpur

[Private tour of Mehrangarh Fort](#) • [Dine at Hanwant Mahal with views of Jodhpur](#)

The imposing Mehrangarh Fort looms over the city of Jodhpur, and the red sandstone palaces it contains form one of the most impressive desert citadels in Rajasthan. The Brahmins' blue-washed houses, which lie in the fort's shadow, lend the city its epithet of the 'Blue City'. Life revolves around the market, frequented by tribal people from the surrounding villages. Here you can buy anything from leather *mojaris* (shoes) and dentures to ornamental swords.

Sights in the surrounding area include the temples at Osian and the scenic villages of Rohet and Chanoud, located in the midst of the Bishnoi communities.



Jodhpur



Patwon ki Haveli, Jaisalmer

Jaisalmer

Tribal villages • Desert sunsets

The approach to the fortified 12th-century desert city of Jaisalmer is magical. Dominating the view is the stunning Golden Fort, which, even today, is home to many of the town's people. The streets are awash with havelis with beautifully carved facades, jali screens and oriel windows overhanging the streets. Patwon ki haveli is one of the best preserved of these. The city, with its labyrinthine streets, exudes an extraordinary medieval atmosphere.

For those interested in exploring the shifting sand dunes and the desert life around Jaisalmer, a camel safari visiting tribal villages and the surrounding wilderness is recommended. Suryagarh, a fort-hotel located 12km from Jaisalmer, offers a fascinating desert trail, which uncovers the stories behind the area's abandoned settlements and ruined temples.

Experiences in Rajasthan



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 prepare an exquisite meal which you can later enjoy. Learn more about the local culture and way of life in this immersive dining experience.

Bikaner

Old walled city • Junagarh Fort • Camel farm

Rao Bika, a descendant of the house of Jodhpur, founded the desert town of Bikaner and developed it as an important staging post on the great caravan trade routes. Located in western Rajasthan, Bikaner is home to the impressive structures of the Junagarh Fort, built between 1589 and 1593, and the Lalgarh Palace. Nearby, the extraordinary Karni Mata Temple houses one of the most unusual shrines in India: its sacred black rats are protected and worshipped as reincarnations of saints.

Cox & Kings recommends a stay of two nights to visit the Junagarh Fort and museum, which houses a collection of First World War aeroplanes and a camel breeding farm. An evening stroll through the old walled city rewards visitors with charming havelis adorned with exquisite carvings and some notable Jain temples.



Camel caravan

A suggested itinerary...

Boutique Rajasthan (easy pace)

14 days & 12 nights
from £5,295 (incl. flights)
Category • Luxury

Take in Rajasthan's most captivating sights. Visit quaint local villages, relax in breathtaking 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 2-night stay. (N)

Day 3: Delhi

Visit Delhi's lesser known sights from the Sikh Temple, Stepwell and Birla Temple to the delightful Haus Khas. (B)

Days 4-5: Bishangarh • Jaipur

Travel to Alila Fort Bishangarh for 2 nights, a heritage fortress with spectacular views. Following day at leisure to explore the local village or visit the 'Pink City' of Jaipur. (B)

Day 6: Nimaj

Travel to Nimaj for 3 nights in luxury tented camps perched on the dam of a reservoir at Raas Chhatrasagar. (B, L, D)

Days 7-8: Nimaj

Activities include farm or village tours, sunrise birdwatching trips and visits to Jodhpur and Mehrangarh Fort. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Jawai

Travel to Sujana Jawai, a luxury eco-friendly wilderness camp. Stay 2 nights in the remote Rajasthani wilderness. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Jawai

Full day of 4x4 safaris to seek out the leopards that roam this extraordinary landscape. Meet with the friendly local

shepherds who live in this area. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Devigarh

Travel to Devigarh, nestled in the Aravalli Hills. Stay 2 nights at the Hotel Raas. (B)

Day 12: Devigarh

Relax or explore Delwara local village, the temple complexes at Nathdwara and Eklingji, or visit the lakeside town of Udaipur and its magnificent City Palace. (B)

Days 13-14: Fly to Delhi • Fly home

Evening transfer to Udaipur and fly to Delhi. Overnight at Andaz Delhi and fly home. (B)

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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.



Golden Temple, Amritsar



Viceregal Lodge, Shimla

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



Stupa, McLeod Ganj

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 Eastern India

Stretching from the Bay of Bengal to the heights of the Southern Himalaya, eastern India encompasses Kolkata, with its heady mix of vibrant city life and majestic monuments, and the cooling foothills of the Himalaya replete with elaborate Buddhist monasteries and lush tea plantations. In the distant reaches of eastern India are more British hill stations such as Shillong, the tranquil tea estates of Assam and superb wildlife viewing in the Kaziranga National Park, home to one-horned rhinos, Bengal tigers, wild elephants and more.



Marigolds at the Kolkata flower market



Victoria Memorial, Kolkata



Tea plantation, Darjeeling



One-horned rhino, Kaziranga National Park

Kolkata

Victoria Memorial • Lively flower market • Proud cultural capital of India

Located on the banks of the Hooghly River, Kolkata is the proud cultural capital of India. Capital of British India for 140 years, many colonial buildings remain and the British legacy can still be felt in the area surrounding Dalhousie Square. The impressive Victoria Memorial, a large marble edifice planned by Viceroy Curzon, dominates the skyline. For a touch of local life, an early morning visit to the city's colourful flower market rewards the casual observer with a sea of intense colours and smells.

Darjeeling

India's summer capital during the Raj • Tea plantations • Viewing point of Kanchenjunga

Originally known as Dorje Linj ('Place of the Thunderbolt'), Darjeeling became India's summer capital during the Raj. Ride the famous Darjeeling Hill Railway, shop for crafts at the mall, and visit Observatory Hill for views of Kanchenjunga, the world's third highest mountain. Dotted among the area's colonial-era architecture are Buddhist monasteries, the fascinating Tenzing Norgay mountaineering institute, and working tea estates where lush tea plantations give way to beautiful wooded mountain scenery.

Kaziranga National Park

One-horned rhinos • Bengal tigers • Wild elephants

At the turn of the century, Kaziranga was designated a wildlife reserve to protect the nearly extinct one-horned rhinoceros. Today, Kaziranga, the oldest park in Assam, has a healthy population of the species, which may be spotted in the marshes and grasslands. The park's tall elephant grass and tropical semi-evergreen forests also provide a natural habitat for shy Bengal tigers, wild buffaloes, barasinghas, wild elephants and an enormous variety of birds. The park remains open for eight months from 1 October to 31 May.



Brahmaputra paddy fields, Assam

Cruising along the Brahmaputra, Assam

Cruise the mighty Brahmaputra, one of India's major waterways that has long been intrinsic to the social and cultural core of the state of Assam. Largely inaccessible by other means, a river cruise on the Brahmaputra offers the opportunity to discover remote villages scarcely reached by tourism, traditional tea plantations and an array of monasteries and temples displaying an extraordinary variety of architectural styles. The spectacular wildlife parks on the banks of the river are also a major draw to this remote region.

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. Take safaris in open-top 4x4s and seek out tigers and other wildlife in the company of experienced naturalists.



Holy man



Varanasi



Asafi Imambara, Lucknow

Varanasi

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

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



Devi Jagdambi Temple, Khajuraho

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.

Khajuraho

Exquisite Chandela temples • Raneh Falls

A thousand years ago, artisans of the Chandela dynasty built the spectacular temples at Khajuraho, now renowned for their exquisite carvings and erotic sculptures. Every February, the Khajuraho Dance Festival celebrates the cultural heritage of the region through the medium of classical Indian dance. Craftsmen also showcase their indigenous art and crafts against the backdrop of the majestic temples.

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.

Lucknow heritage & culinary tour

Explore the narrow alleyways of the historic city of Lucknow, taking in mosques and shops selling *chikan* embroidery work, colourful brocades, hookahs, *itar*, freshly cut flowers and silverware. Dine in the traditional eateries of the city, some of which are centuries old. Try dishes such as sun-dried lentil nuggets, chutneys, papadums and Lucknow kebabs.

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.



Tiger, Bandhavgarh National Park

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.

Wildlife Experiences



Walking safaris in Satpura

One of the best-kept secrets of central India, Satpura National Park is home to thick dry deciduous forests, the Tara reservoir and striking landscapes. This is the only park in central India where walking safaris can be organised, allowing you to get even closer to the flora and fauna.



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.

Kanha National Park

Bengal tigers • Ant-eating pangolins

One of India's largest national parks, Kanha's green meadows, lush sal and bamboo forests provided the inspiration for Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. Along with Bengal tigers, 22 animal species are regularly spotted here, including striped hyenas, leopards, ant-eating pangolins, highly endangered hard-ground barasingha – a type of deer – and the unusual three-striped palm squirrel. With more than 200 recorded bird species, Kanha is also a birdwatcher's paradise.



Leopard, Tadoba Andhari National Park

Panna National Park

Bengal tigers, leopards, sloth bears & hyenas

Dominated by lush tropical forests, picturesque gorges and cascading waterfalls, Panna, one of the few large forested habitats left in the north-central highlands of India, is the most easily accessible park in this region. Since 2010, an extensive repopulation programme has seen an increase in the numbers of Bengal tigers in the park. The park is also home to leopards, sloth bears, nilgai, chinkara and hyenas, while the open grasslands support more than 200 bird species.



Indian roller, Panna National Park

A suggested itinerary...

Wildlife & Culture of the Central Plains

13 days & 11 nights
from £2,995 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Seek out tigers in lesser-visited national parks and experience temple complexes, sacred ceremonies and exceptional architecture in historic Lucknow.

Days 1-2: Fly to Delhi

Fly to Delhi and transfer to the **Pride Plaza**. Explore some of the capital's lesser-visited sights including **Hauz Khas**, **Agrasen ki Baoli** and **Gurudwara Bangla Sahib**. (N)

Day 3: Bandhavgarh National Park

Fly to Jabalpur before driving to

Bandhavgarh, home to one of India's largest tiger populations. Stay 3 nights at the **Bandhav Vilas**. (B, D)

Days 4-5: Bandhavgarh National Park

Early morning and afternoon 4x4 safaris in search of tigers. (B, L, D)

Days 6-7: Panna National Park

Drive to Panna and transfer to the **Ken River Lodge** for a 2-night stay. Day excursion to Panna National Park with its population of tigers, leopards and nilgais. Stop at the **Ken River Lodge** for lunch. (B) (B, L)

Day 8: Khajuraho • Varanasi

Explore Khajuraho's majestic temples with their exquisite carvings. Fly to Varanasi for a 2-night stay at the **Suryaoday Haveli**. This evening, observe an aarti ceremony. (B)

Day 9: Varanasi

Morning boat ride on the Ganges then enjoy breakfast overlooking the river. Afternoon tour of Sarnath. (B)

Day 10: Lucknow

Morning train to Lucknow for a 2-night stay at the **Taj Mahal Lucknow**. Early evening heritage and culinary walk. (B)

Day 11: Lucknow

Explore Lucknow's key sites including the **Bara Imambara** and **Chota Imambara** and **La Martinière College**. (B)

Days 12-13: Fly to Delhi • Fly home

Return to Lucknow and fly to Delhi for an overnight stay at the **Pullman Aerocity**. Fly home the following day. (B, L) (B)

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The Golden Triangle & Shimla

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights
Category • Luxury

Small group tour • From £2,295 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,695 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 16 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)
- ❖ First-class carriage on the 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



Amber Fort, Jaipur

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.

Day 3: New Delhi • Agra

Tour of New Delhi, including a drive past India 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 featured on page 84¹. (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 a first-class carriage on the narrow-gauge mountain railway to Shimla. Stay 3 nights at the

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)



👑 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)



Taj Mahal, Agra

Oberoi Cecil in Shimla, the British summer capital during the Raj era. Upgrade to a Premier Valley View room from £160pp 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 Dharmi 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 £365

Spend time in Amritsar, staying at the 5-star **Taj Swarna Hotel**, to visit the sacred Golden Temple and observe the outlandish retreat ceremony at Wagah on the India-Pakistan border. See page 88 for more information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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 2021-22

Tour code: IGT

Group tour

Low season from £2,295
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,395
Guide price months: Nov – Mar

Single supplement from £795

Private tour

Low season from £2,695
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,795
Guide price months: Nov – Mar

Single supplement from £795

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 9 Jan)

★ No single supplement on select 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 Jan, 12 Mar, 8 Oct**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £195 return
Club World from £2175 return
First Class from £2995 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 2021-22

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Wed)						
15 Jan 21	27 Jan 21	08 Oct 21	20 Oct 21	21 Jan 22	02 Feb 22	11 Mar 22	23 Mar 22
05 Feb 21	17 Feb 21	15 Oct 21	27 Oct 21	04 Feb 22	16 Feb 22	14 Oct 22	26 Oct 22
26 Feb 21	10 Mar 21	29 Oct 21	10 Nov 21	18 Feb 22	02 Mar 22	21 Oct 22	02 Nov 22
12 Mar 21	24 Mar 21	05 Nov 21	17 Nov 21	25 Feb 22	09 Mar 22	04 Nov 22	16 Nov 22
01 Oct 21	13 Oct 21	12 Nov 21	24 Nov 21	04 Mar 22	16 Mar 22	11 Nov 22	23 Nov 22

The Golden Triangle & Ranthambore

Duration • 10 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £1,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,295 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 8 dinners
- ❖ Welcome drink & dinner
- ❖ 2 included safaris in Ranthambore
- ❖ Guided sightseeing
- ❖ All entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Balanced pace
- ❖ Day at leisure in Jaipur for independent sightseeing

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)



Tiger, Ranthambore

Explore the iconic sights of India's famed Golden Triangle, from the imposing forts of Amber and Agra to the marble magnificence of the Taj Mahal, and experience one of India's most beautiful national parks – Ranthambore. Extend your stay in the former summer capital of the British Raj, Shimla, and witness the spectacle of the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Stay three nights in a family-run heritage hotel in Jaipur
- ❖ Witness an aarti ceremony at a Hindu temple
- ❖ Have lunch overlooking Old Delhi
- ❖ Stay in a room with a view of the Taj Mahal
- ❖ Half-board throughout

Day 1: Fly to Jaipur via Delhi

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Jaipur, via Delhi, with British Airways. (N)

Day 2: Jaipur

Afternoon arrival in Jaipur. A former capital of the Rajput empire, Jaipur was founded in 1727 by Maharaja Jai Singh II. Transfer to **Shahpura House** for 3 nights. Evening aarti ceremony at a local Hindu temple. Welcome drink and dinner with the group. (D)

Day 3: Jaipur

Morning tour of Amber Fort, Anokhi Museum and Panna Meena ka Kund stepwell. After lunch, explore the City Palace, home of the present maharajah, the fascinating Jantar Mantar observatory and local bazaars. View the exterior of the iconic Hawa Mahal, or 'Palace of the Winds'; the five-storey structure with over 900 latticed windows was designed to allow royal women to observe street festivals without having to reveal themselves to the public. (B, D)

Day 4: Jaipur

Day at leisure to relax, explore Jaipur's many bazaars or take a sunrise balloon ride over the peaceful countryside.* For more excursion ideas, see page 85. (B, D)

Day 5: Ranthambore

Travel to Ranthambore National Park for 2 nights at **Hotel Abhyaran**. Once the private hunting ground of royalty and a fine example of tiger conservation efforts, the park is celebrated for its tiger population, currently estimated to be 80, including 18 cubs. Afternoon at leisure or explore the rural village of Devpura, home to the beautiful blackbuck deer, and visit a tie-and-dye textile artist to see some local *bandhani* and *lehriya* artworks.* (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ranthambore

Enjoy morning and afternoon safaris. Evening talk by an expert naturalist. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Agra

Take the train from Sawai Madhopur to Bharatpur. Enjoy lunch at the exquisite Laxmi Vilas Palace before visiting the ancient citadel of Fatehpur Sikri en route to Agra. Afternoon visit to Agra Fort. Overnight at **Tajview Agra** (premium Taj view room). (B, L, D)

Day 8: Delhi

Sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal. Travel to Delhi where you will spend 2 nights at the **Taj Palace**. This afternoon, explore Humayuns tomb and the magnificent red sandstone edifice of Qutb Minar. (B, D)

Day 9: Delhi

Morning tour of Old Delhi including the Jama Masjid mosque and Chandni Chowk. Lunch at Haveli Dharampura overlooking Old Delhi.



Woman at a stepwell, Jaipur

Drive through Lutyens' New Delhi passing Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate. Rest of the day at leisure to relax at the hotel or explore the local markets. Optional visit to Akshardham temple for the sunset water show.* (B, L, D)

Day 10: 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 + Shimla & Amritsar
5 days & 5 nights from £795

Combine Amritsar, the holy city of the Sikhs, with Shimla, the former British summer capital set in the beautiful Himalayan foothills.

Day 10: Shimla

Morning train from Delhi to Kalka before taking the toy train from Kalka to Shimla. Transfer to the Oberoi Cecil for 3 nights. (B)

Days 11-12: Shimla

Take a guided tour of Shimla including the historic Mall and Viceregal Lodge. Following day at leisure. (B)

Day 13: Amritsar

Drive to Ambala to board the express train to Amritsar. Spend 2 nights at the Hyatt Amritsar. (B)

Day 14: Amritsar

Visit the Golden Temple and witness the Wagah border closing ceremony. (B)

Day 15: Fly home

Fly from Amritsar to London via Delhi. (B)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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 2021-22

Tour code: GTL

Group tour

Low season from £1,895
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £1,995
Guide price months: Jan – Feb, Oct – Nov

Single supplement from £475

Private tour

Low season from £2,295
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,395
Guide price months: Jan – Feb, Oct – Nov

Single supplement from £475

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 9 Jan)

★ No single supplement on select 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): **28 Jan, 4 Mar, 28 Oct**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £195 return
Club World from £2175 return
First Class from £2995 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 2021-22

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sat)						
28 Jan 21	06 Feb 21	11 Mar 21	20 Mar 21	11 Nov 21	20 Nov 21	03 Mar 22	12 Mar 22
11 Feb 21	20 Feb 21	21 Oct 21	30 Oct 21	27 Jan 22	05 Feb 22	20 Oct 22	29 Oct 22
25 Feb 21	06 Mar 21	28 Oct 21	6 Nov 21	10 Feb 22	19 Feb 22	03 Nov 22	12 Nov 22
4 Mar 21	13 Mar 21	04 Nov 21	13 Nov 21	17 Feb 22	26 Feb 22	10 Nov 22	19 Nov 22

Passage through Rajasthan

Duration • 16 days & 14 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £2,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,095 (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
- ❖ Portorage at airports & stations
- ❖ Balanced pace



Women at a stepwell near Jaipur

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, Indian cooking class, or 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)



Jag Mandir palace, Lake Pichola

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**. (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.

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 2021-22

Tour code: PTR

Group tour

Low season from £2,695
Guide price months: Mar & Nov

High season from £2,745
Guide price months: Feb & Oct

Single supplement from £875

Private tour

Low season from £3,095
Guide price months: Mar & Nov

High season from £3,195
Guide price months: Feb & Oct

Single supplement from £875

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 £185 return
Club World from £2,095 return
First Class from £2,845 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 2021-22

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Fri)						
04 Feb 21	19 Feb 21	21 Oct 21	05 Nov 21	03 Feb 22	18 Feb 22	20 Oct 22	04 Nov 22
11 Feb 21	26 Feb 21	04 Nov 21	19 Nov 21	10 Feb 22	25 Feb 22	03 Nov 22	18 Nov 22
18 Feb 21	05 Mar 21	11 Nov 21	26 Nov 21	17 Feb 22	04 Mar 22	10 Nov 22	25 Nov 22
04 Mar 21	19 Mar 21	18 Nov 21	03 Dec 21	24 Feb 22	11 Mar 22	17 Nov 22	02 Dec 22
11 Mar 21	26 Mar 21	27 Jan 22	11 Feb 22	10 Mar 22	25 Mar 22		

Classic Rajasthan

Duration • 16 days & 14 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,095 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group tour – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Upgrade to half-board from £225 per person
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ 14 breakfasts & 1 dinner
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ Guided sightseeing
- ❖ All entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Day at leisure in Jodhpur



Junagarh Fort, Bikaner

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.

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

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 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. 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 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)



Taj Lake Palace on Lake Pichola, Udaipur

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.

Tour pace: This tour is paced to cover the major sights of Rajasthan and involves some lengthy road journeys.

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 2021-22

Tour code: ICJ

Group tour

Low season from £1,995
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,295
Guide price months: Oct – Feb

Single supplement from £795

Private tour

Low season from £2,095
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,495
Guide price months: Oct – Feb

Single supplement from £795

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 £2,175 return
First Class from £2,995 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 2021-22

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)						
20 Feb 21	07 Mar 21	06 Nov 21	21 Nov 21	26 Feb 22	13 Mar 22	12 Nov 22	27 Nov 22
13 Mar 21	28 Mar 21	20 Nov 21	05 Dec 21	12 Mar 22	27 Mar 22	19 Nov 22	04 Dec 22
09 Oct 21	24 Oct 21	29 Jan 22	13 Feb 22	15 Oct 22	30 Oct 22		
23 Oct 21	07 Nov 21	12 Feb 22	27 Feb 22	29 Oct 22	13 Nov 22		

The Grand Tour of India

Duration • 17 days & 15 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £2,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,495 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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 25kg luggage allowance
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 15 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 5 dinners
- ❖ All entrance fees and sightseeing
- ❖ 2 included wildlife safaris
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Festival departures
- ❖ Day at leisure in Rohet

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)



Hindu sadhu, Varanasi

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

Day 4: Fly to Varanasi via Delhi

Morning flight to Varanasi for an overnight stay at the **Taj Ganges**. This evening, visit the

Dasaswamedh ghats to witness the magical Ganga aarti ceremony from a boat on the Ganges. On the 15 Nov 2021 departure, 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 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 aarti ceremony at a local Hindu temple. (B)

Day 11: Jaipur

Morning tour of the ancient palace of Amber Fort. Afternoon visit to the City Palace 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 **Rohet Garh**, a family-run former fort, for 2 nights. (B,D)

Day 13: Rohet

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



Mehrangarh Fort and the 'Blue City' of Jodhpur

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 14 March 2021 and 3 March 2022 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 15 November 2021 and 4 November 2022 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 2021-22

Tour code: GNI

Group tour

Low season from £2,895
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,195
Guide price months: Oct – Feb

Single supplement from £895

Private tour

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

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

Single supplement from £895

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★ No single supplement on select 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): **5 Feb, 5 Mar, 15 Oct**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £195 return
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Regional air connections

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Departure dates for 2021-22

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
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Exotic India

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Solo group tour • From £3,295 (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



Taj Mahal, Agra

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.

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

✠ 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

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)



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)



Hawa Mahal, Jaipur

picturesque city. Visit the Jain temples at 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. (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 stretches of 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.

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 2021-22

Tour code: XOT

Group tour

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

High season from £3,395
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 £195 return
Club World from £2175 return
First Class from £2995 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 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 2021-22

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)						
28 Jan 21	10 Feb 21	18 Nov 21	01 Dec 21	24 Feb 22	09 Mar 22	17 Nov 22	30 Nov 22
11 Feb 21	24 Feb 21	27 Jan 22	09 Feb 22	03 Mar 22	16 Mar 22		
4 Mar 21	17 Mar 21	10 Feb 22	23 Feb 22	03 Nov 22	16 Nov 22		

Journey through the Himalayan Foothills

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights
Category • Standard

Small group tour • From £2,295 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,695 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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



Shimla

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.

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 36 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. On arrival, check in for 3 nights at the **Oberoi**

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)



Golden Temple, Amritsar

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, L*: Packed 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 2021-22

Tour code: HTT

Group tour

Low season from £2,295
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,395
Guide price months: Sep – Feb

Single supplement from £625

Private tour

Low season from £2,695
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,795
Guide price months: Sep – Feb

Single supplement from £625

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec - 9 Jan)

★ No single supplement on select 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): **23 Feb, 28 Sep, 2 Nov**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £195 return
Club World from £2,175 return
First Class from £2,995 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 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 2021-22

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Sun)						
09 Feb 21	21 Feb 21	28 Sep 21	10 Oct 21	08 Feb 22	20 Feb 22	27 Sep 22	09 Oct 22
23 Feb 21	07 Mar 21	05 Oct 21	17 Oct 21	22 Feb 22	06 Mar 22	05 Oct 21	17 Oct 21
23 Mar 21	04 Apr 21	19 Oct 21	31 Oct 21	08 Mar 22	20 Mar 22	18 Oct 22	30 Oct 22
06 Apr 21	18 Apr 21	02 Nov 21	14 Nov 21	22 Mar 22	03 Apr 22	01 Nov 22	13 Nov 22

An Indian Wildlife Odyssey

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £2,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,145 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 8 people (max 12)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights & internal flights in India
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guides
- ❖ 10 wildlife safaris accompanied by experienced naturalists
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 8 dinners
- ❖ All meals & safaris in Pench, Kanha & Satpura national parks
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Balanced pace



Cheetal deer, Pench National Park

This tour explores some of central India's wildlife-rich national parks in search of tigers. Kanha is known for its tigers, wild dogs, leopards and sloth bears, Satpura offers walking safaris and nights under canvas, while Pench inspired Rudyard Kipling's celebrated novel *The Jungle Book*.

the Prince of Wales Museum. Drive past the Hanging Gardens and Parsi Tower of Silence, including a photo-stop at the Dhobi Ghat. (B)

Day 4: Fly to Nagpur • Pench National Park

Take a morning flight to Nagpur and transfer to Pench National Park for 2 nights at **Pench Jungle Camp**, stunningly located 1km from the Turia Gate. Pench National Park is named after the Pench River, meandering through the park from north to south. After lunch, visit a local village. Evening talk by an expert naturalist followed by a night walk. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Pench National Park

Morning and afternoon wildlife drive in the company of resident naturalists. Pench tiger reserve has the highest density of herbivores in India. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Kanha National Park

This morning drive to Kanha National Park for 3 nights at **Chitvan Jungle Lodge**, a luxury resort situated 3.5km from the Mukki Gate. The park was created in 1955 and today is among the most scenic wildlife reserves in Asia. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Kanha National Park

Early morning wildlife drive. There are 175 varieties of birds in Kanha, although most visitors are looking out for Kanha's major attraction – the tiger. Return to the hotel for breakfast. In the afternoon take a further wildlife drive in the park. (B, L, D)

Weather

Kanha

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	26	29	33	38	40	36	30	29	30	31	28	26
B	11	13	18	22	26	25	23	23	22	19	14	11
C	21	22	23	12	15	179	423	452	219	42	11	20

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **4x4 safaris accompanied by experienced naturalists**
- ❖ **Embark on boat and walking safaris in Satpura**
- ❖ **Hear a talk given by an expert naturalist in Pench**
- ❖ **Join a stargazing session in Satpura**

Days 1-2: Fly to Mumbai

Depart on the overnight British Airways flight from London (regional connections available) to Mumbai (Bombay). On arrival, transfer to the **Trident Nariman Point** (or similar) for a 2-night stay. Afternoon at leisure. (N)

Day 3: Mumbai

Today you will see some of the city's landmarks including the Gateway of India and the High Court. Visit the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, formerly





Young Bengal tiger, Bandhavgarh

Day 8: Kanha National Park

Early morning wildlife drive. Return to the hotel for breakfast. Further wildlife drive in the afternoon. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Satpura National Park

This morning drive to Satpura National Park and stay 3 nights at **Forsyth Lodge**, a stylish lodge set in 18 hectares of wildlife-filled jungle. The park's limited exposure to humans, and optional walking safaris, means Satpura is the only place in India that offers an intimate wilderness experience. The park is home to tigers, leopards, wild dogs, sloth bears, wild boars, langurs and Indian gaurs. Birding here is also excellent and many raptors, as well as kingfishers and terns, can be spotted. Evening stargazing session. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Satpura National Park

Accompanied by a naturalist and a tracker, go on a morning 4x4 safari. After lunch enjoy an afternoon walking safari. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Satpura National Park

Morning 4x4 safari. Afternoon safari by boat. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Bhopal

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning drive to Bhopal for the flight to Delhi. Overnight at the **Pullman Aerocity**. (B)

Day 13: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London with British Airways. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Taj Mahal extension

3 days & 2 nights from £195

Extend your time in India with a 2-night visit to Agra to see the celebrated Taj Mahal followed by a tour of the tomb of Itmad-ud- Daulah and the impressive Agra Fort.

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 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2021-22

Tour code: JBK

Group tour

Low season from £2,895
Guide price months: Jan & Mar

High season from £2,995
Guide price months: Feb & Oct

Single supplement from £875

Private tour

Low season from £3,145
Guide price months: Jan & Mar

High season from £3,245
Guide price months: Feb & Oct

Single supplement from £875

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 £185 return
Club World from £2,095 return
First Class from £2,845 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 2021-22

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Sun)						
19 Jan 21	31 Jan 21	09 Nov 21	21 Nov 21	08 Feb 22	20 Feb 22	08 Nov 22	20 Nov 22
09 Feb 21	21 Feb 21	16 Nov 21	28 Nov 21	08 Mar 22	20 Mar 22		
09 Mar 21	21 Mar 21	18 Jan 22	30 Jan 22	22 Mar 22	03 Apr 22		
19 Oct 21	31 Oct 21	01 Feb 22	13 Feb 22	01 Nov 22	13 Nov 22		

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.



Traditional Theyyam dancer, Kasargod



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

Experiences in Kerala



Kumbalangi village visit, near Kochi

Visit the rural village of Kumbalangi and experience a traditional way of life, unchanged for generations. Travel along pristine backwaters in a country boat; visit a crab farm; watch coir yarn making and coconut leaf weaving; visit a farm and see various plantations; and discover ancient Chinese fishing techniques. After seeing day-to-day life in action, enjoy a traditional lunch in the village.



Spices of Kerala, Thekkady

The Western Ghats are abundant with spice plantations and the region evokes a romantic ambience embalmed in the aroma of cinnamon, cardamom, pepper, ginger and vanilla. Stroll through a profusion of greenery, seeing, smelling and tasting a variety of spices. See how the different spices are grown, harvested, processed and packed at an authentic plantation.



Art forms of Kerala

Sanskrit theatre is one of India's oldest living traditions, originating over 2,000 years ago. Spend time with masters of the art form to learn about the facial expressions, language and body movements that are used to convey meaning. Afterwards, witness a Tholpavakoothu performance, a traditional form of shadow puppetry based on stories from the religious epics.



Tea plantations near Munnar, Kerala

Wayanad

Edakkal caves • Wildlife sanctuaries

Along the edge of the stunning Western Ghats, Wayanad is a region of immense beauty with lush tropical forests, deep valleys, waterfalls and sprawling plantations. Explore the many trekking trails snaking through forests with a rich biodiversity, including lesser-known wildlife sanctuaries such as Muthanga which supports a variety of flora, endemic birds and wildlife including elephants, bison and wild dogs. Alternatively, discover ancient monuments, including the Edakkal Caves with its Neolithic relief carvings.

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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Meenakshi Temple, Madurai



Mysore Palace, Mysore

Mysore

Ornate architecture • Exquisite temples of Somnathpur

Mysore, a charming city, is the former capital of an important princely state. Magnificent palaces and royal gardens offer a glimpse of its past grandeur. The Wodeyars, the rulers of the state under British protection, were connoisseurs of art and architecture.

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 exquisite temples of Somnathpur.

Nagarhole National Park

Tropical forests • Wild elephants, tigers & leopards

Nagarhole is a combination of the Kannadiga words *nagara*, meaning cobra, and *hole*, meaning streams, for the myriad streams that snake through the lush tropical forests. The jungle is home to over 300 bird species, including Malabar trogons, Malabar pied hornbills, crested hawk eagles, as well as elephants, gaurs (Indian bison), four-horned antelope, wild boars and common langurs. The prey density of the park is one of the highest in Asia and the ecosystem naturally supports a thriving population of predators such as tigers, leopards and wild dogs.



Leopard, Nagarhole National Park



Interior of Meenakshi Temple, Madurai

Madurai

Ancient & bustling city • The lively Meenakshi Temple

Legend has it that a few drops of nectar fell from Shiva's locks onto the city of Madurai, giving it its name, which means 'city of nectar'. The frenetic centre of the city's activity is the main temple – the mighty Meenakshi-Sundareswarar. An important centre for Hindu pilgrimage and covered in a profusion of brightly coloured stucco figures, it is one of India's liveliest temples. The dimly lit pillared halls are filled with pilgrims, priests and exotic fragrances.



Indian mansion, Chettinad

Chettinad

Chettiar merchant mansions • Intricate architecture

Chettinad, named after the Chettiar merchants, is a small town in rural Tamil Nadu. Between the mid-19th century and early 20th century, the Chettiars accumulated much wealth and created lavishly decorated, fortress-like mansions. Today, the semi-arid region is dotted with grand houses and palatial mansions, notable for their intricately carved woodwork as well as arts and crafts from different parts of the world.

Experiences in South India



Mylapore heritage walk, Chennai

Visit Mylapore, a town that predates Chennai by at least 2,000 years. Explore the bustling alleyways and see the jewellers, silk merchants and flower vendors in the bazaars while your guide shares stories about local life and rituals, providing you with a greater understanding of the region.



Arts & crafts

Tamil Nadu showcases a number of crafts that have been practised over thousands of years. Visit a bronze-casting studio to see the process of statue making. See colourful and traditional south Indian tiles being made in a small rural village, and observe the intricate detail required to make saris using the archaic *pattu* technique.



Rickshaw, Puducherry

Puducherry

French legacy • Colonial 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 evident in many of the town's grand colonial mansions, beautiful boulevards and its numerous restaurants. Other sites of interest include the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, founded by one of India's greatest philosopher-poets; the Government Park; and the Gandhi memorial.

A suggested itinerary...

Grand Tour of South India

15 days & 13 nights
from £2,745 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Travel across southern India savouring the flamboyant temples of Tamil Nadu, the Kerala backwaters and charming Kochi.

Day 1: Fly to Bengaluru (Bangalore) (N)

Day 2: Srirangapatna • Mysore

Transfer to the LaLit, Bengaluru for immediate occupancy. After breakfast, travel to Mysore, visiting Srirangapatna en route. Stay 2 nights at the Radisson. (B)

Day 3: Mysore

Morning visit to the Nandi Bull and the Maharaja's Palace. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Ooty • Coonoor

Drive to Ooty. Afternoon tour of the botanical

gardens. Continue to Coonoor and stay 2 nights at the Gateway Hotel. (B)

Day 5: Coonoor

Scenic narrow-gauge train trip to Ooty. (B)

Day 6: Kochi

Full-day drive to Kochi (Cochin). Stay 2 nights at the Forte Kochi. (B)

Day 7: Kochi

Morning cruise in scenic Kochi harbour, followed by a visit to Jew Town. In the evening, visit a Kalaripayattu studio. (B)

Days 8-9: Alleppey • Kumarakom

Visit Mattancherry Palace then drive to Alleppey for a cruise through the backwaters. Transfer to Aveda Kumarakom for 2 nights. Evening sunset boat trip on Lake Vembanad. Following day at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Thekkady

Morning transfer to Thekkady. After lunch, visit a spice garden. Overnight at the Shalimar Spice Garden. (B)

Day 11: Madurai

Drive to Madurai. Visit the Meenakshi Temple

and stay at the Heritage Madurai. (B)

Day 12: Tiruchchirappalli • Thanjavur

Morning drive to Tiruchchirappalli to visit the Rock Fort Temple. Continue to the nearby town of Thanjavur for a 2-night stay at Svatma. (B)

Day 13: Thanjavur

Morning visit to Brihadeeswara Temple in Thanjavur (Tanjore) and Darasuram, a temple noted for its fine sculpture. Continue to a bronze-casting centre. (B)

Days 14-15: Chennai

Full-day drive to Chennai (Madras). Stay at the Trident until departure to the airport. (B)

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Treasures of Southern India

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £2,295 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,895 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – 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



Chinese fishing nets, Kochi

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



Meenakshi Temple, Madurai

Kumarakom (Poolside Premium Cottage). Upgrade to a Lakefront Luxury Villa with plunge pool from £95pp 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 £625

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 2021-22

Tour code: CMK

Group tour

Low season from £2,295
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,495
Guide price months: Oct – Feb

Single supplement from £995

Private tour

Low season from £2,895
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,995
Guide price months: Oct – Feb

Single supplement from £995

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices (20 Dec – 9 Jan)

★ **No single supplement on select 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 Oct, 14 Nov**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £235 return
Club World from £2,165 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 2021-22

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sat)						
24 Jan 21	06 Feb 21	07 Nov 21	20 Nov 21	23 Jan 22	05 Feb 22	06 Nov 22	19 Nov 22
21 Feb 21	06 Mar 21	14 Nov 21	27 Nov 21	06 Feb 22	19 Feb 22	13 Nov 22	26 Nov 22
07 Mar 21	20 Mar 21	21 Nov 21	04 Dec 21	20 Feb 22	05 Mar 22		
24 Oct 21	06 Nov 21	16 Jan 22	29 Jan 22	30 Oct 22	12 Nov 22		

Passage through Kerala

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

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

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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
- ❖ Portage at airports & stations
- ❖ Included safari & national park fees
- ❖ Balanced pace



Langur monkey, 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 Keralan 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

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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 light bulbs
- ❖ 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 Bangalore. 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 on board 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.

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Guideline prices for 2021-22

Tour code: PKR

Group tour

Low season from £2,595
Guide price month: Jan

High season from £2,795
Guide price months: Oct – Feb

Single supplement from £925

Private tour

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

High season from £3,095
Guide price months: Oct – Feb

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 select 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 Mar, 21 Oct, 11 Nov**

Emirates flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,565 return
First Class from £4,995 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 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 2021-22

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)						
14 Jan 21	27 Jan 21	18 Mar 21	31 Mar 21	27 Jan 22	09 Feb 22	20 Oct 22	02 Nov 22
28 Jan 21	10 Feb 21	21 Oct 21	03 Nov 21	10 Feb 22	23 Feb 22	03 Nov 22	16 Nov 22
11 Feb 21	24 Feb 21	04 Nov 21	17 Nov 21	17 Feb 22	02 Mar 22	10 Nov 22	23 Nov 22
25 Feb 21	10 Mar 21	11 Nov 21	24 Nov 21	17 Mar 22	30 Mar 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 picker, 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 £2,695 (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

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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Leopard, Yala National Park

Wilpattu National Park

Leopards, sloth bears & elephants • Luxury camping

Lying along the north-west coast of Sri Lanka, Wilpattu, unspoilt and relatively unknown, is home to a variety of wildlife including leopards, sloth bears, mugger crocodiles and endemic birds. Its landscape consists of open grasslands and dense scrub jungle interspersed with lakes that fill with rainwater. The chance of leopard sightings are second only to Yala. Less busy than Yala, it offers a range of accommodation options including comfortable ecolodges and tented camping, and is easily combined with the ancient citadel of Anuradhapura.



Sloth bear, Wilpattu National Park



Painted storks, Yala National Park

Yala National Park

Leopards, sloth bears & elephants • Numerous migratory bird species

Punctuated with rocky outcrops, thorny scrubland, small patches of riverine forests and dry grasslands, the beautiful wildlife reserve of Yala is one of Sri Lanka's highlights for wildlife spotting. The park has one of the highest densities of leopards living in the wild and the subspecies found here, known as *panthera pardus kotiya*, is unique to Sri Lanka. Yala is also one of the best places in Sri Lanka to see Asiatic elephants, sloth bears, Hanuman langurs, golden jackals, crocodiles and many migratory birds in their natural habitat.



Elephant, Gal Oya National Park

Gal Oya National Park

Boat safaris on Sri Lanka's largest reservoir

Gal Oya National Park is an area of outstanding beauty with evergreen forests and mountainous grasslands surrounding Sri Lanka's largest reservoir, Senanayake Samudraya, where boat safaris can be taken in search of endemic birdlife and mammals that come to the water's edge to drink. This is the perfect opportunity to observe hidden behaviours of certain animals and it may be possible to see elephants swimming from island to island in search of food. The park is home to more than 32 species of mammals including leopards, sloth bears and water buffaloes.

Experiences in Sri Lanka



Elephant transit Home, Uda Walawe

Uda Walawe National Park in southern Sri Lanka covers a vast area of shallow grasslands where wildlife spotting is made easier by the lack of dense vegetation. It is also home to the Elephant Transit Centre which, helps care for orphaned and sick elephants until they are ready to return to the park. There are no boundaries to the transit home and the calves have the freedom to roam openly.



Whale watching

The waters around Sri Lanka are teeming with marine life including whales, dolphins and tropical fish. Sail Lanka offers cruises of varying durations, casting off from locations along the north, south and east coasts of the island. They offer the perfect balance between whale watching and the opportunity to enjoy incredible coastal landscapes including secluded coves and historical sites along the coastline.



Birdwatching, Bundala & Kumana National Parks

Bundala's untouched landscape, interspersed with many lagoons, plays host to 200 species of bird from traditional egrets, herons and storks to the exotic flamingos which are the park's main attraction. Kumana - formerly known as Yala East - is no less of an ornithologist's paradise with its spoonbills, white ibis, little cormorants and Malabar pied hornbills.

A suggested itinerary...

Wonders of the Wild

13 days & 11 nights
from £2,555 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Discover the remarkable natural diversity of Sri Lanka, from large mammals in the national parks to the abundant marine life in the waters off the south coast.

Day 1: Fly to Colombo (N)

Day 2: Colombo

Morning arrival and transfer to Horathapola Estate for 1 night. (D)

Day 3: Knuckles mountain range

Travel to the edge of the Knuckles mountain range for a 2-night stay at Rangala House, set amid tea plantations. En route, stop for lunch in Kandy and visit the Temple of the Tooth and the Peradeniya botanical gardens. (B)

Day 4: Knuckles mountain range

Venture into the Knuckles range to catch

sight of the abundance of birdlife, with the area containing 75% of Sri Lanka's endemic bird species. (B)

Days 5-6: Gal Oya National Park

Head for the sublimely beautiful Gal Oya National Park and check in to the Gal Oya Lodge for a 2-night stay. Safaris by boat and 4x4 open up a world of Asian elephants and birdlife. A morning boat safari and breakfast by Senanayake Samudra Lake in the company of elephants is not to be missed. (B)

Day 7: Wellawaya

Late morning drive to Wellawaya for a 4-night stay at Jetwing Kaduruketha, located amid lush paddy fields in the foothills of the central highlands. (B)

Days 8-10: Uda Walawe & Yala N.P.

Day trips can be taken from Wellawaya to both the Uda Walawe and Yala national parks, two of the best spots to observe Sri Lanka's wonderful array of wildlife. In the neighbouring regions, the Handapanagala Tank is another hotspot for elephants, while the Weheragala section of Yala is known for being one of the best places in the world to

spot the elusive Sri Lankan leopard.

Day 11: Mirissa

Drive to the south coast of Mirissa, one of the world's hot spots for whale and dolphin watching. Visit the Bundala bird sanctuary en route. Stay 2 nights at Parrotfish Bay. (B)

Day 12: Mirissa

Head to Dondra Head in search of whales aboard a Sail Lanka catamaran.* The continental shelf is at its narrowest near Dondra Head, making it one of the best places to see blue whales and sperm whales. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 13: Fly home (B)

*Whale watching: Available from November to April.

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Sri Lanka: The Enchanted Island

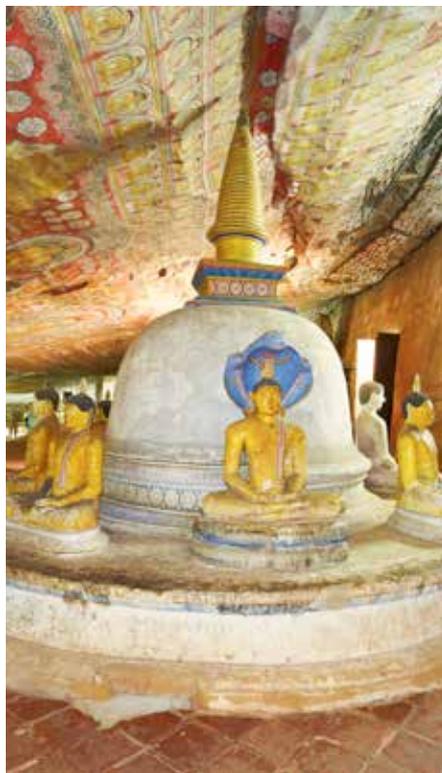
Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £1,795 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,095 (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



Buddhist cave temple, Dambulla

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

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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.



Tea plantation, Nuwara Eliya

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

The Maldivian archipelago of 1,190 islands stretches across the Indian Ocean. These tropical hideaways offer pure relaxation in exquisite surroundings. This extension price is based on a short flight from Colombo to Malé and a seaplane to the charming **Fushifaru**, which offers an idyllic stay on a beautiful island surrounded by verdant foliage and a tropical house-reef. A selection of our preferred Maldives properties can be found on our website.

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 2021-22

Tour code: CET

Group tour

Low season from £1,795
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,895
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

Single supplement from £495

Private tour

Low season from £2,095
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,295
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 £2,195 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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 2021-22

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sat)						
10 Jan 21	23 Jan 21	28 Feb 21	13 Mar 21	06 Feb 22	19 Feb 22	13 Nov 22	26 Nov 22
24 Jan 21	06 Feb 21	17 Oct 21	30 Oct 21	20 Feb 22	05 Mar 22		
07 Feb 21	20 Feb 21	14 Nov 21	27 Nov 21	27 Feb 22	12 Mar 22		
21 Feb 21	06 Mar 21	23 Jan 22	05 Feb 22	16 Oct 22	29 Oct 22		

Splendours of Sri Lanka

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Solo group tour • From £2,595 (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 Sri Lankan Airlines
- ❖ 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



Beach, Wadduwa

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

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



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)



Reclining Buddha, Anuradhapura

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

* **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 2021-22

Tour code: SCN

Group tour

Low season from £2,595 High season from £2,695
Guide price months: Jan – Nov Guide price month: Feb

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 £2,195 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, 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 2021-22

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03 Feb 21	16 Feb 21	17 Nov 21	30 Nov 21	02 Feb 22	15 Feb 22	16 Nov 22	29 Nov 22



The Far East

Small group tours • Tailor-made travel

Intriguing, exotic and spiritual, the Far East is a destination where even the most seasoned traveller can discover something new. The calming allure of temples is contrasted by the bright lights and fast pace of its cities; verdant green rice paddies are offset by glorious, isolated beaches; and tranquil villages by bustling street food markets, chock full of delicious food. Visitors can wonder at the Great Wall of China and Halong Bay, drift above the stupas of Pagan, Burma in a hot air balloon, and stay in traditional accommodation such as ryokans in Japan.

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Highlights of the region

From the gleaming modern cityscapes of Japan to the untouched beaches of Cambodia, our range of holidays to the Far East cover this part of the world in depth. Below is a small selection of the region's treasures, handpicked by our regional experts, including some advice on the best times to visit.



1 Japan (page 128)

- Dazzling, energetic metropolis of Tokyo
- Ancient temples, Shinto shrines and exquisite gardens in Kyoto
- Shinkansen bullet train travel
- Traditional Japanese tea ceremonies
- Delicious and varied local cuisine
- For cherry blossom viewing, travel in March or April



2 Vietnam (page 132)

- Overnight cruises in spectacular Lan Ha Bay
- Vietnam War history in Ho Chi Minh City and the Cu Chi tunnels
- Learn about Vietnam's Imperial Dynasties
- Historic riverside town of Hue
- Boat trips and walking tours in the Mekong Delta
- Climate is most temperate from January to February and October to November



3 Laos (page 133)

- UNESCO-protected old town of Luang Prabang
- Buddhist temples and alms-giving ceremony
- Boat trips up the Mekong River to the Pak Ou Caves
- Climate is most temperate from January to February and October to November



5 China (page 138)

- Lesser-visited sections of the Great Wall
- Terracotta Warriors archaeological site in Xian
- Scenic overnight cruises on the Yangtze
- Cutting edge cities of Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong
- Panda sanctuary near Chengdu
- March to May and September to November are ideal months to visit



4 Cambodia (page 133)

- Magnificent Angkor temple complex
- Exciting food scene in Siem Reap
- Palaces and museums of riverside Phnom Penh
- Khmer Rouge history
- Coastal island beach retreats
- Climate is most temperate from January to February and October to November



6 Taiwan (see website)

- Ancient Chinese treasures at Taipei's National Palace Museum
- Walking trails in Taroko Gorge and Alishan Forest Park
- Hills, caves and beaches of Kenting National Park
- Regional delicacies at Taipei's street food markets
- Stay overnight at Fo Guang Shan monastery



1 JAPAN

5 CHINA

6 TAIWAN

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BURMA

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BORNEO

8 Borneo (see website)

- Up-close encounters with orang utans at the Sepilok feeding centre
- River cruises and jungle walks to see monkeys, birds and elephants
- Wild orang utans in the pristine Danum Valley Conservation Area
- Exotic flora in the jungles of Kinabalu National Park
- Tribal communities in Sarawak



7 Burma (see website)

- Temples and shrines of Pagan
- Luxury Sanctuary cruise along the Irrawaddy River
- Buddhist monasteries and pagodas of Mandalay
- Floating villages of Inle Lake
- Colonial history in Rangoon
- Climate is most temperate from January to February and October to November



9 Thailand (see website)

- Cultural sites in Bangkok
- Superb range of beach destinations and luxury hotels
- Delicious cuisine
- Second World War history at Kanchanaburi and the River Kwai
- *Eastern & Oriental Express* train from Bangkok to Singapore
- Jungles, tribal villages and markets of the north



Discover Japan

Japan is a country like no other, at once futuristic and high tech but also with a strong sense of tradition and exceptional natural beauty. Cities that set the trend for the modern world rub side by side with timeworn temples and gardens, snowy volcanic peaks, valleys of spring cherry blossom, remote mountains and subtropical islands.

Experience the modern buzz of Tokyo, discover the imperial past of Kyoto, retreat to a Buddhist temple on Mount Koya, see the snow monkeys in Yudanaka, or take part in a traditional tea ceremony. High-speed rail links mean that you can discover much of the diversity of this country in comfort.



Rainbow Bridge, Tokyo Bay



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 £6,495 (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



Himeji Castle

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. Stay 2

Weather

Tokyo

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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





Kiyomizu-dera temple, Kyoto

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.

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

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

Guideline prices for 2021-22

Tour code: JCT

Group tour

Low season from £6,495
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £6,595
Guide price month: Apr

Single supplement from £1,795

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller from £995 return
Club World from £3,695 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5233 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2021-22

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
22 Mar 21	02 Apr 21	05 Apr 21	16 Apr 21	02 Nov 21	13 Nov 21	28 Mar 22	08 Apr 22
29 Mar 21	09 Apr 21	05 Oct 21	16 Oct 21	21 Mar 22	01 Apr 22	04 Apr 22	15 Apr 22

Discover Indochina

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. The home and final resting place of the political leader Ho Chi Minh, visitors to the city can see various sites connected with his life. 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 £2,995 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 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
- ❖ 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

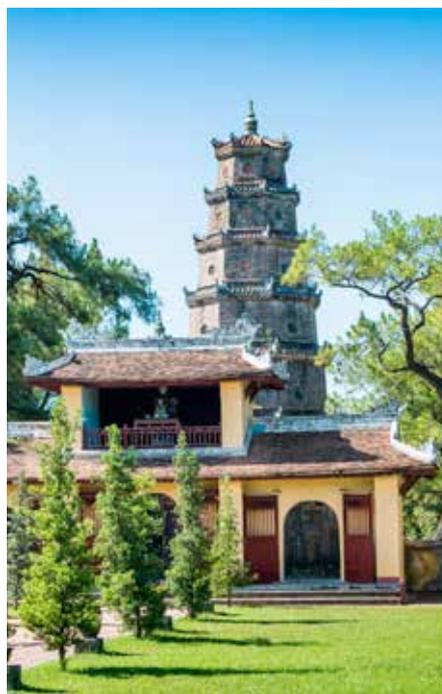
Ho Chi Minh City

	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)



Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue

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 with 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 Airlines. (N)

Day 2: Hanoi

Morning arrival. Transfer to the Mövenpick Hotel / Sofitel Legend Metropole* 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 for tour and meeting with 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)



Hoi An

Day 11: Mekong Delta

Full-day exploration of the Mekong Delta, including a boat trip to Cai Be, a sampan ride exploring 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 £395

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 £545

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.

† Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum: Each year, Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum is closed between 4 September and 4 November for re-embalment of the body and can only be viewed from outside.

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 2021-22

Superior group tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price month: Jan

High season from £2,495
Guide price month: Nov 2021

Single supplement from £595

Luxury group tour

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

High season from £3,195
Guide price month: Nov 2022

Single supplement from £1,095

Superior private tour

Low season from £2,795
Guide price months: May – Jun

High season from £2,995
Guide price months: Nov – Dec

Single supplement on request.

★ No single supplement on select 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 Feb, 14 Nov**

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 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.

Superior group tour departure dates for 2021-22

Tour code: SPV

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)						
24 Jan 21	06 Feb 21	17 Oct 21	30 Oct 21	23 Jan 22	05 Feb 22	20 Feb 22	05 Mar 22
21 Feb 21	06 Mar 21	14 Nov 21	27 Nov 21				

Luxury group tour departure dates for 2021-22

Tour code: VLD

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sat)						
14 Feb 21	27 Feb 21	07 Nov 21	20 Nov 21	13 Feb 22	26 Feb 22	06 Nov 22	19 Nov 22

Grand Tour of Indochina

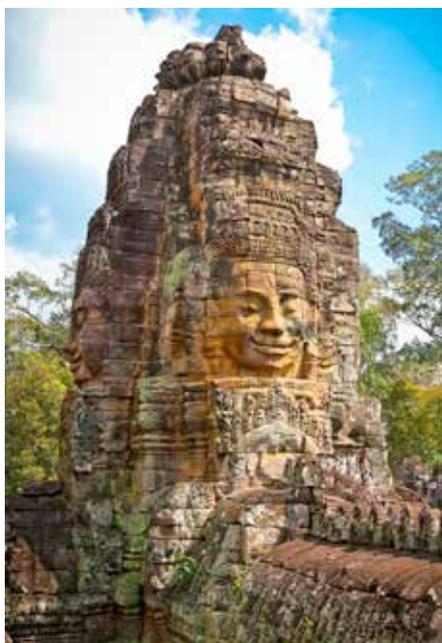
Duration • 18 days & 15 nights
Category • Superior

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 dinner
- ❖ Day at leisure in Hoi An for independent exploration



Bayon Temple, Siem Reap, Cambodia

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.

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)



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 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 £565

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

*** Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum:** Each year, Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum is closed between 4 September and 4 November for re-embalment of the body and can only be viewed from outside.

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 2021-22

Tour code: LVX

Group tour

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

High season from £3,195
Guide price month: Feb 2022

Single supplement from £725

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 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 2021-22

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Wed)						
10 Jan 21	27 Jan 21	07 Mar 21	24 Mar 21	07 Nov 21	24 Nov 21	20 Feb 22	09 Mar 22
21 Feb 21	10 Mar 21	17 Oct 21	03 Nov 21	09 Jan 22	26 Jan 22	06 Mar 22	23 Mar 22

China Experience

Duration • 10 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,495 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal trains as specified
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome dinner



Terracotta Warriors, Xian

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

Shanghai

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	7	8	12	18	23	27	31	31	27	22	17	10
B	0	1	5	10	16	20	25	25	21	14	9	2
C	43	60	84	103	115	159	135	136	152	58	52	37

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



Enjoy a taste of China on this outstanding tour of the country's principal sights. In Beijing, explore the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and an excursion to the Great Wall. See the famous Terracotta Warriors in Xian and the ancient city of Nanjing. Finish in vibrant Shanghai and witness the huge economic changes taking place in China today.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Great Wall of China
- ❖ Discover ancient Ming dynasty history in the city of Nanjing
- ❖ See the famous Terracotta Warriors in the ancient city of Xian
- ❖ Take a scenic cruise on the Qinhuai River in Nanjing

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) for 3 nights. The rest of the day is at leisure. A welcome dinner will be held this evening. (D)

Day 3: Beijing

Morning visit to the key historic sites of Tiananmen Square and the adjacent Forbidden City. After lunch, visit one of Beijing's traditional hutong neighbourhoods. (B)

Day 4: Great Wall

Full-day excursion to the Great Wall at Mutianyu, a scenic section of the wall north of Beijing. (B, L)

Day 5: Xian

Morning at leisure. Afternoon high-speed train journey to Xian, then transfer to the Grand Noble Xian hotel for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors • Xian

Morning excursion to the legendary Terracotta Warriors, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon visit to the city's atmospheric Muslim quarter and the Great Mosque. Optional evening performance of Tang dynasty show. (B, L)

Day 7: Nanjing

Morning high-speed train to the city of Nanjing, then stay overnight at the Grand Trustel Mandarin Garden. Afternoon visit to the imposing Zhonghua city gate and the Confucius temple, then take a cruise along the Qinhuai River. (B)

Day 8: Shanghai

Morning visit to the Memorial Hall of the Nanjing Massacre, then continue to Ming Xiaoling, the mausoleum of the Hongwu Emperor, founder of the Ming Dynasty. Afternoon high-speed train to Shanghai. Stay at the Merry Hotel for 2 nights. (B)

Day 9: Shanghai

Morning visit to the Jade Buddha temple, the Yu garden and a walk along the historic Bund. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Fly to London

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

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



Shanghai skyline at dusk

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Hong Kong

5 days & 3 nights from £1,095

Fly from Shanghai direct to Hong Kong, a city celebrated for its culture, cuisine, shopping and magnificent skyline. It also holds many surprises, including spectacular rural scenery, the bays of Sai Kung and many quiet outlying islands. Stay 3 nights at the **InterContinental Grand Stanford**, then board a direct flight back to London.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

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Guideline prices for 2021-22

Tour code: CXP

Group tour

Low season from £1,995
Guide price months: Apr

High season from £2,175
Guide price months: Oct

Single supplement from £425

Private tour

Low season from £2,495
Guide price months: Mar

High season from £2,745
Guide price months: Sep

Single supplement on request

★ No single supplement on select 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): **06 May, 07 Oct**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £695 return
Club World from £1,995 return

Regional air connections

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Departure dates for 2021-22

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sat)
15 Apr 21	24 Apr 21	02 Sep 21	11 Sep 21	14 Apr 22	23 Apr 22
06 May 21	15 May 21	07 Oct 21	16 Oct 21		

China: The Grand Tour

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

Small group tour • From £3,295 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,195 (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



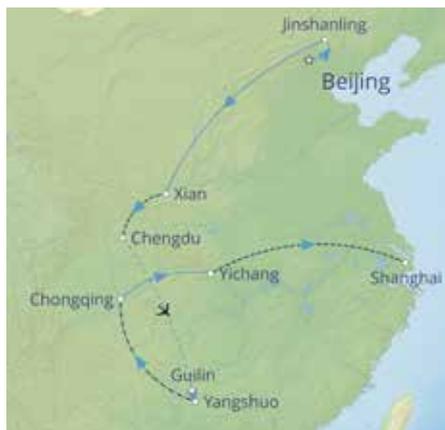
Temple of Heaven, Beijing

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.

**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
- ❖ Stay overnight near 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 2 nights.

Afternoon visit to the Temple of Heaven. Welcome dinner at a Peking duck restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Beijing

Morning visit to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, then stroll through the historic Liulichang district and the hutongs (narrow streets). 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. Stay one night at the Dhawa Jinshanling hotel near the Great Wall. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Xian

Option to visit the wall again this morning. After breakfast, drive back to Beijing and board a high-speed train* to Xian and stay at the Grand Noble Xian / Sofitel on Renmin Square* 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)



Great Wall of China, Jinshanling

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.

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.

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Guideline prices for 2021-22

Superior group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £895

Luxury group tour

Low season from £4,495
Guide price month: May

High season from £4,995
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £1,795

Superior private tour

Low season from £4,195
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £4,395
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement on request

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £695 return
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Regional air connections

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TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Hong Kong

5 days & 3 nights from £1,175

Fly from Shanghai direct to Hong Kong, and stay 3 nights at the **InterContinental Grand Stanford**. 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

Superior group tour departure dates for 2021-22

Tour code: CGS

Out (Fri) 09 Apr 21 14 May 21	Rtn (Sat) 24 Apr 21 29 May 21	Out (Fri) 03 Sep 21 08 Oct 21	Rtn (Sat) 18 Sep 21 23 Oct 21	Out (Fri) 22 Oct 21	Rtn (Sat) 06 Nov 21	Out (Fri) 18 Mar 22	Rtn (Sat) 02 Apr 22
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Luxury group tour departure dates for 2021-22

Tour code: CGR

Out (Mon) 05 Apr 21 31 May 21	Rtn (Tue) 20 Apr 21 15 Jun 21	Out (Mon) 16 Aug 21	Rtn (Tue) 31 Aug 21	Out (Mon) 06 Sep 21	Rtn (Tue) 21 Sep 21	Out (Mon) 18 Oct 21	Rtn (Tue) 02 Nov 21
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Africa

Small group tours • Tailor-made travel

Africa is a vast, beautiful and contrasting continent, packed with wildlife, culture and pristine beaches. It is home to some of the most remote regions in the world, with a large number of lodges offering exclusive excursions into areas where encounters with other tourists are rare and brief, leaving you to focus on the natural splendours that will await you at every turn.

Whether your travel plans are inspired by history or relaxation, luxury or adventure, wildlife or wine, Africa has something for everyone. And with increasingly modern and well maintained infrastructures in place, each journey can be tailored to your exact requirements.

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Highlights of the region

Africa is the world's second largest continent and so choosing which small corner you should explore next can seem overwhelming. Each country has a unique blend of experiences to offer visitors, with wildlife, culture, history, landscape and luxury all featuring to varying degrees throughout. This is our insider's guide to the main attractions presented by each country.



1 South Africa (page 146)

- Scenic, cost effective self-drive itineraries
- Top quality 'Big Five' game drives
- Luxury rail journeys and lodges
- Beautiful beaches and notorious battlefields
- World-class wine tasting
- Cosmopolitan, cultural and historic cities
- Year-round destination



5 Zambia (see website)

- Home of the walking safari
- Exceptional leopard and hippo sightings
- One of the safest African nations
- Access to Victoria Falls
- Uncongested national parks and reserves
- An intriguing history of witchcraft
- Year-round options available



2 Namibia (page 152)

- Spectacular self-drives on good quality roads
- Towering sand dunes and ancient deserts
- Big cat safaris with dramatic backdrops
- Small, high-end, remote lodges
- Epic, photogenic landscapes
- World's second largest canyon
- Year-round destination



6 Kenya (page 158)

- Wildebeest migration and river crossings
- Quintessential safari scenes
- Pioneering community conservancies
- Excellent safari and beach combinations
- Encounters with iconic tribes
- Great Rift Valley views
- Year-round destination



3 Botswana (page 154)

- The best water-based safaris on the continent
- A third of all of Africa's elephants
- Colossal zebra migrations
- Tourism based on exclusivity and luxury
- Unique mobile tented camps
- Reputation as world leaders in conservation
- Year-round options available



7 Tanzania (page 156)

- Host to the majority of the great migration
- Two outstanding wildlife circuits
- Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest mountain
- Post-safari relaxation on Zanzibar
- The planet's largest intact volcanic crater
- Year-round destination



4 Zimbabwe (see website)

- Good value 'Big Five' safaris
- The best views of Victoria Falls
- Important ancient archaeological sites
- Large elephant numbers
- Friendly locals and superb expert guides
- Meet the wild dog stars of BBC's *Dynasties* series
- Year-round options available



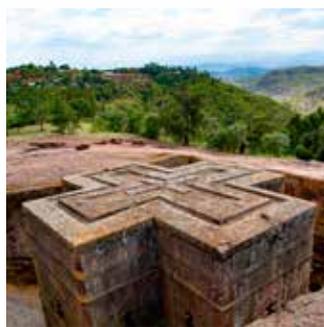
8 Uganda (see website)

- Well-priced mountain gorilla hikes
- World's largest group of chimpanzees
- 'Big Five' safaris
- Waterfalls and streams that feed the River Nile
- Great birding, including the shoebill
- Best visited June to February



9 Rwanda (see website)

- Many mountain gorilla trek permits
- Chimpanzees, colobus and golden monkeys
- Top-end, luxury accommodation
- One of the cleanest countries in the world
- Excellent road and helicopter networks
- Best visited June to February



11 Ethiopia (page 159)

- Africa's largest selection of UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Fascinating tribal culture
- Earliest evidence of human existence
- Walia ibex and gelada monkeys
- Vibrant religious festivals
- Reputed home of the Ark of the Covenant
- Year-round destination



10 Madagascar (see website)

- Multiple lemur species, all endemic
- Extraordinary examples of evolution in action
- Diverse range of unique environments
- Outstanding varieties of birdlife
- Unspoilt white sand beaches
- Happy and welcoming locals
- Year-round options available



12 Sudan (see website)

- Home to more ancient pyramids than Egypt
- Many other archaeological sites
- The meeting of the Blue and White Niles
- Colourful cultural displays
- Desert landscapes and nomad inhabitants
- Nuba wrestling shows
- Best visited October to April

Discover South Africa

With some of the world's best wildlife experiences, a fascinating mix of indigenous inhabitants and long-established settlers, a collection of stunning beaches, and a history full of enthralling battles and celebrated social transformation, South Africa has something to fulfil almost every holiday wish list.

Modern airports and countless airstrips dot the landscape, making access to, from, and around the nation easier than ever before, while a fantastic infrastructure of well-maintained and well-connected roads make the country one of Africa's few true self-drive destinations. Should self-driving not appeal, private and group tours are also very viable options.

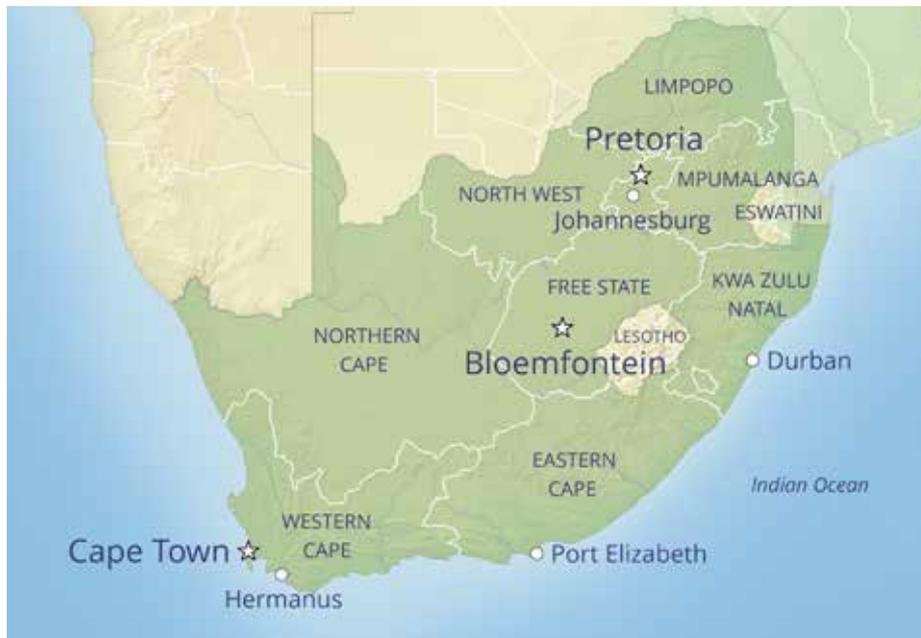


Table Mountain, Cape Town

Cape Town

Spectacular setting • Table Mountain • Robben Island

Cosmopolitan, relaxed and with a comfortable Mediterranean climate, Cape Town is sandwiched between Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean, making it one of the world's most recognisable cities. It offers a captivating mix of modern living and old-world charm.

Highlights include the vibrant V&A Waterfront, Robben Island, the Cape Peninsula, Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden and, of course, Table Mountain. Other excursions delve deeper into South Africa's political past and engage with the local communities. The chic and leafy suburbs to the south are worth considering for more relaxed stays.

The Western & Northern Capes

Winelands • Whale watching • Safaris • History • Dramatic scenery

The Western and Northern Capes offer rich cultural delights and a combination of Cape Malay cuisine and world-class wine. 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.



Whale breaching, Hermanus



Knysna, Garden Route

The Garden Route & Eastern Cape

Beautiful coastal roads • Imposing caves • Malaria-free safaris

The Garden Route, running from George to the Tsitsikamma National Park, is a picturesque stretch of wide beaches, lakes, rivers, indigenous forests and impressive mountain passes. Visit Oudtshoorn, where you can tour the dramatic Cango Caves or an ostrich farm. Further east is 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 lies at the feet of the Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma mountains.

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 grazing land during the time of the settler farmers, have been rehabilitated to support a huge variety of wildlife and are now perfect for malaria free safaris.



Lion & cubs, Eastern Cape

A suggested itinerary...

Cape Town, the Garden Route & Safari

14 days & 11 nights

Self-drive tour from £2,815 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

This scenic self-drive ticks off many of South Africa's highlights in one well-paced itinerary. Begin in Cape Town, then head to the Winelands. Continue east to the 'Garden Route' and end in a 'Big Five' reserve.

Days 1-2: Fly to Cape Town

Fly overnight to Cape Town and transfer to the Trevoyan Guesthouse for a 3-night stay. (N)

Day 3: Cape Town

At leisure to explore or take part in optional

excursions. (B)

Day 4: Cape Town

Collect your hire car and explore the Cape Peninsula. (B)

Days 5-6: Winelands

Drive to the Winelands and stay 2 nights at the Angala Boutique Hotel & Guest House. (B)

Day 7: Oudtshoorn

Drive to Oudtshoorn and stay overnight at Surval Boutique Olive Estate. Popular activities include visits to the Cango Caves and local ostrich farms. (B)

Day 8: The Garden Route

Optional meerkat excursion, then drive east to Christiana Lodge, near Plettenberg Bay and stay for 3 nights. (B)

Days 9-10: The Garden Route

Days at leisure to explore the Garden Route. (B)

Day 11: Eastern Cape

Continue east to Port Elizabeth. Drop off your

hire car before transferring to Woodbury Lodge in the Amakhala Private Game Reserve for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 12: Amakhala Game Reserve

The malaria-free Amakhala Game Reserve offers world-class 'Big Five' safari experiences. Guided wildlife drives and bush walks are both included with your accommodation. (B, L, D)

Days 13-14: Fly home from Port Elizabeth, via Johannesburg (B) (N)

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Female white rhinoceros with calf, Hluhluwe-iMfolozi

KwaZulu-Natal

Magnificent scenery • Uncrowded wildlife reserves • Hippo-filled wetlands

Forming South Africa's eastern shore, KwaZulu-Natal is made up of sub-tropical coastline with unspoilt beaches, underrated wildlife areas, magnificent mountain scenery and the rich cultural traditions of the Zulu people. The province is home to Durban, two UNESCO World Heritage Sites and numerous Anglo battlefields.

Originally two separate entities, Hluhluwe-iMfolozi offers some superb wildlife viewing in truly diverse landscapes. iMfolozi is flat and dissected by huge rivers, while Hluhluwe is hillier, meaning wildlife across the now combined park is very wide ranging; wild dogs, antelope, cheetahs and giraffes are all present, as well as the 'Big Five'.

The St Lucia Wetlands, part of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, are a wonderful place for hippo spotting. Whale watching and turtle encounters are also sometimes possible from the coastline to the north. There are also several well-known private game reserves in the area, including Thanda and Phinda.

The Battlefields & Drakensberg Mountains

Battlefield tours • Zulu villages • Hiking • Bushmen rock art

In the late 19th century, several ferocious conflicts occurred on the vast plains of KwaZulu-Natal between the British, the Boers and the Zulus. The battles of Rorke's Drift, Isandlwana, Spionkop and the siege of Ladysmith all took place in the region and there are some excellent guided tours which provide the best way to appreciate the history and characters of the time.

The Drakensberg Mountains are home to some spectacular natural features and magnificent hiking opportunities. The area is also home to a rich collection of San Bushmen rock-art sites.



Battlefield of Isandlwana, KwaZulu-Natal

A suggested itinerary...

Mountains, Safaris, Battlefields & Beaches

12 days & 10 nights

Self-drive tour from £4,095 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Take in the mountain scenery and walking trails of the Drakensberg, then discover the many-layered history of 'The Battlefields'. A supreme 'Big Five' safari experience follows, before a relaxing beach break in Umhlanga Rocks.

Days 1-2: Fly to Johannesburg • Drakensberg Mountains

Fly overnight to Johannesburg, then drive to

Three Tree Hill Lodge in the Drakensberg Mountains for a 3-night stay. (N) (D)

Days 3-4: Drakensberg Mountains

Enjoy 2 full days of optional excursions such as wildlife walks, horse riding, nature hikes, mountain biking and birding. (B, L, D)

Days 5-6: The Battlefields

Drive to the historic region known as 'The Battlefields'. It was here, in 1879, that the British fought the native Zulus in the famous battles of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift, among others. Stay 2 nights at **Fugitives' Drift Lodge** and join an included guided tour of the major sites. (B, D) (B, L, D)

Days 7-9: Phinda Private Game Reserve

Drive to Phinda Private Game Reserve, one of South Africa's most revered safari locations, known for its abundance and range of wildlife which includes the 'Big Five'. Spend 3 nights

at **Phinda Mountain Lodge** and choose from a host of included activities. (B, L, D)

Days 10-11: Umhlanga Rocks

Drive to the affluent coastal resort town of Umhlanga Rocks and stay 2 nights at **The Oyster Box**. (B)

Day 12: Fly home

Drive the short distance to Durban Airport, where you will drop off your hire car and fly home. (B)

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Johannesburg

Cultural history • Township tours

Johannesburg is alive with artists and professionals collaborating to re-brand a city that has risen out of notoriety. It offers uplifting experiences that can help visitors to understand the complexities of its past and the struggle for the freedom and equality that its community enjoys today. Attractions include the famed Apartheid Museum; Constitutional Hill, a former prison complex but now a museum; Nelson Mandela Bridge; the township of Soweto; and, beyond the city limits, the Cradle of Humankind.



Downtown Johannesburg

Kruger & Limpopo

Iconic wildlife parks • Panorama Route

Kruger National Park is South Africa's flagship wildlife area, with 140 different mammal species and over 500 varieties of bird. The Lowveld escarpment to the west has some of South Africa's most striking scenery with canyons, waterfalls and quaint historical towns. The Limpopo is a large region of vivid contrasts, covering the north-east of South Africa. The region's Highveld is known for its picturesque mountains, while the Lowveld is a wildlife-rich area that includes the lesser-visited northern reaches of Kruger National Park.



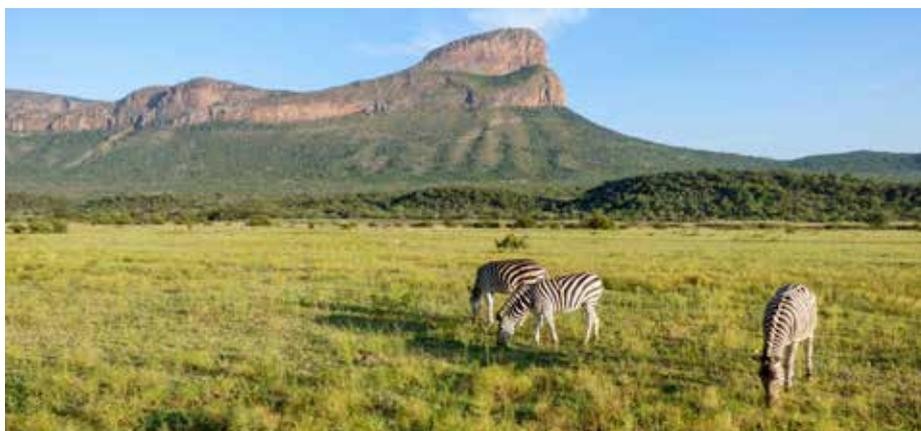
Elephants, Kruger National Park

The Waterberg & Madikwe

Walking safaris • 'Big Five' wildlife

The Waterberg, just north of Johannesburg, is an area of soaring craggy mountains, sweeping grasslands and spectacular rock formations. Although there are not the same quantities of 'Big Five' sightings as in the Kruger, there is a huge range of wildlife and landscapes.

Madikwe Game Reserve is situated on the South African border with Botswana. The reserve is home to 66 large mammal species, including the 'Big Five', and is one of the best places to see wild dogs in South Africa.



The Waterberg

A suggested itinerary...

Culture, Conservation & Safaris

14 days & 12 nights

Self-drive tour from £4,445 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Visit the lesser explored north-eastern region of South Africa, including game reserves that offer superb wildlife viewing without the crowds. Conservation, cultural heritage and community-based projects are also themes throughout.

Days 1-3: Fly to Johannesburg • Lapalala

Fly overnight to Johannesburg, then drive to the Lapalala Wilderness Reserve, home to

diverse wildlife and numerous conservation projects. Stay 2 nights at Tintswalo Lapalala, with game drives included. (N) (D) (B, L, D)
Days 4-6: Soutpansberg Mountains
Travel towards the Soutpansberg Mountains for scenic hiking, birdwatching and community project involvement. Stay 3 nights at Madi a Thavha Mountain Lodge. (B, D)
Days 7-8: Mapesu Game Reserve
Drive to the Mapesu Game Reserve, another conservation project in action with cheetahs, rhinos and elephants just some of the species to have been released there. Stay 2 nights at Mopane Bush Lodge. (B, L, D)

Days 9-10: Makuleke Concession - Kruger National Park

Journey to the Makuleke Concession which offers fantastic game viewing. Activities include game drives and bush walks. Stay 2

nights at Pafuri Camp. (B, L, D)

Days 11-13: Khaya Ndlovu Game Reserve

Head south to the Khaya Ndlovu Game Reserve to enjoy self-driven game drives in the reserve and nearby Kruger National Park. You may also want to explore the Panorama Route. Stay 3 nights at the Khaya Ndlovu Manor House. (B, D)

Days 14-15: Fly home

Fly home from Hoedspruit, via Johannesburg. (B) (N)

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Safari, Garden Route & the Western Cape

Duration • 14 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £3,495 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,895 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Modern, air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 11 dinners
- ❖ 4 guided game drives
- ❖ Multiple included excursions such as: a visit to the Cango Caves; a Knysna Lagoon cruise; and a cable car ascent of Table Mountain
- ❖ Time to enjoy optional activities such as: a meerkat adventure; and a Cape Peninsula exploration

Weather

Port Elizabeth

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	26	26	26	24	22	21	20	20	21	22	23	25
B	18	18	17	14	11	8	8	9	11	13	14	16
C	35	39	50	52	51	49	42	58	54	55	49	34

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)



Sandstone tide pools at the base of Knysna Heads

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. Begin with safari drives in a 'Big Five' private game reserve in the Eastern Cape, before making your way along the picture-perfect 'Garden Route'. Take a welcome deviation to the vineyards of the world-class Winelands, ending up in the captivating city of Cape Town, steeped in momentous history and bordered by dramatic landscapes.

and an assortment of antelope species also roam these lands. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tsitsikamma • Knysna

Early morning wildlife drive, before travelling to the Tsitsikamma National Park. Here you can take a picturesque walk and cross the suspension bridge that spans the gorge at the mouth of the Storms River. Then continue west to Knysna and stay 3 nights at the **Knysna Hollow** (or similar). (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. (B, D)

Day 8: Oudtshoorn

Drive to Oudtshoorn, 'the feather capital of the world'. Take a guided tour of the Cango Caves, one of Africa's most spectacular natural rock formations. Its vast caverns are adorned with beautiful and 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 former captives, accompanied by an expert guide. Then continue along Route 62, a scenic roadway that leads through the Karoo. Stop at the quirky town of Barrydale for lunch (payable locally) at Karoo Art Hotel. Stay 2 nights in the Winelands at the **Devon Valley Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 10: Cape Winelands

Full-day tour of the Cape Winelands. Drive through mountain ranges, vineyards and

✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Wildlife drives in a private game reserve**
- ❖ **Explore the Cango Caves**
- ❖ **World-class wine tasting**
- ❖ **Visit a local household and enjoy a home-cooked meal**
- ❖ **Farewell dinner and drumming at the Gold Restaurant**

Days 1-2: Fly to Port Elizabeth

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Port Elizabeth, via Johannesburg. Transfer to the **Beach Hotel** for an afternoon at leisure and an overnight stay. (N) (D)

Day 3: Kariega Game Reserve (or similar)

Transfer to the **Kariega River Lodge** (or similar), where you will stay for 2 nights. Join a late afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Kariega Game Reserve (or similar)

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



Safari drive, Garden Route

Cape Dutch homesteads between the golden triangle of Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl. Then join a Land Rover wine tasting safari at Warwick Wine Estate, tasting 'Big Five' grape varieties. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Cape Town

Morning guided 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. Stay 2 nights at the **Cape Milner Hotel**, which lies in the shadow of Table Mountain. Dinner in a local home in the Bo-Kaap neighbourhood, tasting traditional Cape Malay cuisine. (B, D)

Day 12: Cape Town

Day at leisure or join a full-day tour of the Cape Peninsula during which you will drive along the Atlantic seaboard passing authentic fishing villages and the pretty seaside suburbs of Camps Bay and Hout Bay, before continuing to Cape Point, and returning via the penguin colony at Boulders Beach and Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. In the evening, a farewell dinner is included at Gold Restaurant, accompanied by an interactive drumming experience. (B, D)

Days 13-14: Fly to London

Morning cable car ascent to the top of Table Mountain (weather permitting). Transfer to the airport for your flight to London, arriving the following day. Alternatively, contact our travel consultants to discuss extending your holiday. (B) (N)

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 guided basis, for which guideline prices are shown. When

private, it can be tailored to your exact requirements or taken as a self-drive tour. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2021-22

Tour code: SGC

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £530

Private tour

Low season from £4,895
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £5,350
Guide price month: Nov

Single supplement from £530

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on select 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): **10 Sep**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £445 return
Club World from £2,495 return
First Class from £3,395 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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 2021-22

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
29 Jan 21	11 Feb 21	08 Oct 21	21 Oct 21	04 Mar 22	17 Mar 22	18 Nov 22	01 Dec 22
12 Mar 21	25 Mar 21	19 Nov 21	02 Dec 21	09 Sep 22	22 Sep 22		
10 Sep 21	23 Sep 21	28 Jan 22	10 Feb 22	07 Oct 22	20 Oct 22		

Discover Namibia

Namibia is home to the world's most ancient desert, its highest sand dunes and its second largest canyon. It is a ruggedly beautiful country, of which around 44% is under some form of conservation, resulting in a unique range of wildlife and a feeling of remoteness found almost nowhere else on Earth.

As a safe and well connected country, Namibia is perfect for self-drive itineraries, but can also be explored with a private driver guide, a small escorted group or even via a combination of light aircraft flights, depending on your preference and budget.



Oryx, Sossusvlei



Dead camelthorn trees, Deadvlei, Sossusvlei, Namib-Naukluft National Park

Namib-Naukluft, Lüderitz & Kolmanskop

Towering sand dunes • Deadvlei clay pan • Canyons • Ghost towns

Namibia is possibly best known for its enormous sand dunes and the biggest of these can be found at Sossusvlei in the Namib-Naukluft National Park. The region is also home to Deadvlei, a bright white clay pan dotted with eerie sun scorched trees, and the Sesriem Canyon, another strange but photogenic wonder.

To the south of the national park's extensive borders are the sleepy Germanic coastal settlement of Lüderitz and the abandoned ghost town of Kolmanskop. Once at the heart of the 1900s diamond rush, this is now a living case study of how nature can reclaim a land once lost to mankind.

Swakopmund & Walvis Bay

Wildlife cruises • Living desert tours

Swakopmund is a quaint Germanic town that spreads outwards from the mouth of the Swakop River and into the surrounding desert. It has pretty palm-lined avenues, immaculate historic buildings, shops and plenty of places to stay and eat.

Walvis Bay (meaning 'Whale Bay') is more spaced out and slightly lacking in character. However, it is a springboard for some excellent desert trips and superb water-based wildlife watching excursions. A couple of hours' drive north of Swakopmund is Cape Cross, home to 200,000 Cape fur seals and well worth a day trip.



Cape fur seals, Cape Cross

Etosha National Park

Self-drive or guided safaris • Waterholes that attract large groups of wildlife

Etosha, meaning 'great white place', is Namibia's prime safari location. Much of it is covered by a silvery-white chalk that shimmers in the heat and is dotted by mirage-like waterholes that act as a magnet for large herds of animals, especially during the dry season. Elephants, giraffes, kudus, gemsbok, springbok, zebras, impala and elands are common, as are good numbers of lions, leopards and cheetahs. Both black and white rhinos may also be seen.



Animals at a watering hole, Etosha National Park



Spitzkoppe, Damaraland

Damaraland & the Skeleton Coast

Rock art • Rare desert elephants • Shipwrecks

Damaraland has a rugged landscape, with huge granite boulders adorned by a wealth of Bushman rock art, and is also home to elusive desert-adapted elephants and black rhinos. Further north lies the Skeleton Coast, where you can explore the remains of numerous shipwrecks, fascinating geological rock formations and more rare desert adapted wildlife. This is a wild and remote region with limited access and accommodation, so early booking is a must.

The Caprivi Strip

Visit the Popa Falls • Fishing & boat cruises

Often likened to Botswana's Chobe National Park before the 'crowds' arrived, the Caprivi Strip runs east along the top of neighbouring Botswana and ends near Livingstone in Zambia. Lush vegetation supports an array of wildlife including elephants, buffaloes, lions, hippos and crocodiles. The strip is bordered by four rivers and is therefore popular for fishing and wildlife-watching boat trips. We recommend combining the strip with a visit to Victoria Falls.



Popa Falls, Caprivi Strip

A suggested itinerary...

Highlights of Namibia

13 days & 10 nights

Self-drive tour from £3,085 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

This self-drive itinerary is a flexible, cost-effective way to discover the best of Namibia. Visit the sand dunes of Sossusvlei, Germanic Swakopmund, the impressive landscapes of Damaraland and the safari hotspot of Etosha.

Days 1-2: Fly to Windhoek, via Johannesburg

On arrival, you will be met and assisted with your car hire collection. Overnight at Villa Violet. (N)

Days 3-4: Sossusvlei

Travel south to Sossusvlei and visit some of the world's largest sand dunes, the scorched trees of Deadvlei and the stunning Sesriem Canyon. Stay 2 nights at **Desert Homestead Outpost**. (B, D)

Days 5-6: Swakopmund

Drive to Germanic Swakopmund, famed for its excursion opportunities and wildlife encounters. Join a catamaran cruise to see a host of bird and marine animals, or enjoy a living desert experience. Stay 2 nights at the **Villa Margherita**. (B)

Days 7-8: Damaraland

Drive to Damaraland, one of the most scenic and untamed regions on Earth. Hidden among the wild landscapes, and well worth a visit, are the fascinating ancient rock paintings and engravings of Twyfelfontein.

Stay 2 nights at **Camp Kipwe**. (B, D)

Days 9-10: Etosha

Drive to Etosha and take self-driven safaris in this iconic national park, where common sightings include elephants, lions and leopards. Stay 2 nights at **Okaukuejo Camp**. (B)

Day 11: Okahandja

Drive to Okahandja for a leisurely overnight stay at **The Elegant Farmstead**. (B, D)

Days 12-13: Fly home, via Johannesburg (B) (N)

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Discover Botswana

Similar in size to France but home to less than two million inhabitants, about 40% of Botswana has been given over to national parks and private wildlife reserves, which often remain totally unfenced. As a result, the wildlife roams freely, making Botswana one of Africa's premier destinations for first time safari-goers and wildlife aficionados alike.

Camps and lodges are usually of a high standard and are often only accessible by light aircraft, which fly low over the magical landscapes below. Botswana's seasonal abundance of water attracts large amounts of wildlife, particularly elephants, and makes the region perfect for water-based safaris.



Okavango Delta



Mokoro trip, Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta

Safaris by mokoro • Helicopters over the delta

The Okavango is the world's largest inland delta, and is caused by rainfall in Angola that flows south to Botswana. From May to October the floodwaters attract animals from the Kalahari Desert, resulting in wildlife viewing that's unrivalled in the rest of Africa. The area is full of flora and fauna and has large populations of animals that are otherwise rare. Botswana has more than 570 bird species and the delta is a particularly good place to see them.

Night drives, bush walks, motorboat safaris, *mokoro* (dugout canoe) rides and helicopter flights are just some of the experiences available. Some activities can be subject to the rains, but stays near permanent water, combined with overnights at a land-based camp, are possible year-round.

Chobe National Park

Boat cruises • 4x4 safaris

Within easy reach of Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park 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, as well as great herds of buffalo and prolific birdlife.

Chobe is a busy park and lacks the exclusivity of the private concessions in the Okavango Delta. However, our consultants will guide you towards selected camps that offer more isolation. Floating lodges, such as the *Zambezi Queen* and the *Chobe Princess* fleet can provide an interesting added dimension to an itinerary.



Elephant, Chobe National Park

Linyanti

Walking safaris & night drives • Wild dogs

Linyanti is divided into three first-rate private concessions – Linyanti, Kwando and Selinda. These areas offer a more exclusive experience than most, and both walking and night drives are generally allowed. The environment encompasses wooded areas, open plains, marshlands and floodplains, and, as a result, sustains a wide variety of wildlife. Buffaloes, wild dogs, cheetahs, lions and leopards are all present in abundance, particularly during the drier months (May to October).



Leopard, Linyanti



Meerkat family, Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

Salt pans • Meerkat & hyena sightings

Surrounded by the Kalahari Desert, the Makgadikgadi is made up of several salt pans with sandy areas in between. The scenery is spectacular and very picturesque. The Makgadikgadi Pan is the largest of the salt pans and all that remains of a lake that once covered an area larger than Switzerland. The smaller Nxai Pan reaches its prime between December and April, with frequent sightings of cheetahs, brown hyenas and zebras, along with a variety of migratory birds.

Central Kalahari Game Reserve

Walk with Bushmen • Seek out predators & unusual wildlife

The Central Kalahari is the second largest wildlife reserve in the world and incredibly remote. It is particularly outstanding between December and April, when it comes alive with thick bush and lush grass, which overlay the rolling dunes. The increased vegetation attracts some unusual species, providing a great contrast to the Okavango Delta. Bushmen have inhabited the land for thousands of years and you can explore on foot with the San, while learning about their culture and survival skills.



Bushmen, Kalahari

A suggested itinerary...

Botswana's Wildlife Wonders

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

Experience four of Botswana's best safari spots on this rewarding journey that includes a number of scenic flights. The mixture of water- and land-based adventures, which make Botswana so unique, are superbly showcased in a tour ideal for wildlife seekers.

Days 1-2: Fly to Makgadikgadi

Fly to Maun, via Johannesburg. Then take an

onward flight to the Makgadikgadi National Park for a 2-night stay at Leroo La Tau Lodge. (N) (L, D)

Day 3: Makgadikgadi National Park

A full day of included safari activities, such as game drives and boat trips. (B, L, D)

Days 4-5: Okavango Delta

Take a light aircraft flight to the Okavango Delta, and stay 2 nights at Camp Okavango. Travel by motorboat or *mokoro* (canoe) to track animals such as elephants, rhinos, hippos and lions. Birdwatching, bush walks and fishing are also possible. (B, L, D)

Days 6-7: Chobe National Park – Savute

Another scenic flight, this time to Chobe National Park. Stay 2 nights at the Savute Safari Lodge, which arguably offers Botswana's best

game viewing experiences. (B, L, D)

Days 8-9: Fly to Kasane • Chobe Game Lodge

Fly to Kasane and transfer to the Chobe Game Lodge for a 2-night stay. Although still within Chobe National Park, the lodge's location near the Chobe River means it offers a distinctly different experience to Savute. (B, L, D)

Days 10-11: Fly home, via Johannesburg
(B) (N)

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Discover Tanzania

Tanzania's vast landscapes, both vibrant and beautiful, are a photographer's dream. From snow-capped Kilimanjaro to exotic Zanzibar, via the plains of the Serengeti, the amphitheatre of the Ngorongoro Crater and the chimpanzee populated forests of the remote west, every region is different, but equally capable of wowing even the most seasoned wanderers. Because of its size, we recommend that travellers with limited time focus on just one or two areas, meaning Tanzania also lends itself to second, third and even fourth-time visits, offering something new on each occasion. It's also home to the annual wildebeest migration, one of the greatest natural spectacles on Earth.



Herd of zebras, Ngorongoro Crater



Wildebeest, Serengeti National Park

Northern Safari Circuit

World-class national parks • The great wildebeest migration

Northern Tanzania contains a group of national parks which together form the 'Northern Circuit', one of the most impressive safari areas in the whole of Africa. Although you can fly into these parks, they are so close together that a private driver-guide in a 4x4 vehicle works well.

The Serengeti is known for huge savanna plains, excellent year-round wildlife and the great migration. Lake Manyara contains an exceptional variety of wildlife. Tarangire, with its ancient baobab trees, excels in the dry season, with the river attracting many large animals. The Ngorongoro Crater, a fertile volcanic feature, is home to one of the world's greatest concentrations of wildlife.

Southern Tanzania

Pristine wilderness • Laid-back safaris

Southern Tanzania offers experiences quite different from those found in the busy north, as the pristine wildernesses and low visitor numbers make it feel more adventurous.

The Selous Game Reserve is close to sea level and, with the Great Rufiji River flowing through it, has a tropical ambience. All lodges offer wildlife viewing in open 4x4 vehicles, on foot and by boat, where you are likely to drift past pods of hippos and huge numbers of crocodiles. Selous also has a healthy population of wild dogs and over 450 bird species. Ruaha National Park is higher and more mountainous, and the animals here are very relaxed. Wildlife highlights include elephants, lions, leopards and wild dogs.



Hippos, Selous Game Reserve



Chimpanzees, Mahale Mountains National Park

Western Tanzania

Chimpanzee trekking • Remote & little visited

Western Tanzania is a remote region, much less visited than the north or south. Camps here are usually visited via fly-in safaris, which use light aircraft to fly between the parks and camps. The flights are relatively expensive, but the rewards you get in terms of wildlife and scenery are well worth it. Once at the camps, guides will use 4x4 vehicles and boats to get you around the parks. In keeping with the raw nature of this environment, the properties mainly take the form of small, low-impact, luxury permanent tented camps or lodges.

Mahale Mountains National Park, on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, combines stunning white beaches with a superb chimpanzee interaction experience. The park is home to Tanzania's densest population of primates, which includes red colobus monkeys, yellow baboons and vervet monkeys.

The tropical forests in Gombe Stream National Park and on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, are even more remote, but are well known for the pioneering chimpanzee research conducted by primatologist Jane Goodall. Other wildlife such as vervet and colobus monkeys, baboons, small antelopes and forest pigs also inhabit the area.

Zanzibar & Pemba

Sun, sea & sand • Spice & slave history

The very name Zanzibar conjures up exotic and romantic images of an idyllic beach scene. In fact, there are two main islands that make up the Zanzibar archipelago – Unguja and Pemba, plus numerous smaller islands and islets. Zanzibar Town is situated on Unguja Island, hence this is more commonly referred to as Zanzibar. Once a hub for the slave trade and an important trading post for spices and cloves, Zanzibar is now a thriving tourist destination with many visitors looking to relax after the excitement of their safari experiences on the mainland.



Beach, Zanzibar

A suggested itinerary...

Highlights of Tanzania

10 days & 8 nights
from £4,435 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Explore Tanzania's 'Northern Circuit' on this tour of the country's most renowned wildlife reserves. Visit the plains of the Serengeti, the grasslands of the Great Rift Valley and the beautiful Ngorongoro Crater.

Days 1-2: Fly to Arusha, via Nairobi
Transfer to the Arusha Serena Resort for an overnight stay. (N) (D)
Day 3: Lake Manyara
Drive to Lake Manyara and stay 1 night at

Lake Manyara Serena Lodge. Afternoon safari drive in the park, known for tree-climbing lions and pink flamingos. (B, L, D)
Day 4: Ngorongoro Crater
Morning safari drive around Lake Manyara, then head to the Ngorongoro Crater, where the fertile soil attracts huge wildlife numbers. Stay 2 nights at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge. (B, L, D)
Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater
Descend into the crater and spend a full day exploring the woodlands, lakes and plains of the crater floor. (B, L, D)
Day 6: Serengeti National Park (central) via Olduvai Gorge
Drive to the Olduvai Gorge, then continue to the Serengeti. Stay 2 nights at Serengeti Serena Lodge. (B, L, D)
Day 7: Serengeti National Park (central)
Morning and afternoon safari drives.

Optional evening guided nature walk. (B, L, D)
Day 8: Serengeti National Park (west)
Take a safari drive to the western Serengeti for a different perspective of the park. Stay overnight at the luxurious Kirawira Serena Camp. (B, L, D)
Day 9: Fly to Arusha
Enjoy a final safari drive before flying to Arusha. Overnight at Arusha Serena Resort. (B, L)
Day 10: Fly home, via Nairobi (N)

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Discover Kenya

Kenya is renowned for its wide-open spaces, dramatic wildlife viewing, golden beaches and fascinating indigenous cultures such as the Masai and Samburu peoples. The place where the concept of the safari first originated, Kenya offers some of the most thrilling game viewing in Africa, including the annual great migration of two million wildebeest into the Masai Mara.

However, Kenya is much more than just 'The Mara', and its numerous national parks, game reserves and conservancies provide equally spectacular wildlife encounters, with just a fraction of the crowds.



Elephant with Mount Kilimanjaro in the background, Kenya



Cheetahs, Masai Mara



Samburu warrior



Impala grazing, Laikipia

Masai Mara

Wildebeest migration (Jul – Oct) • Big cats

The Masai Mara is Kenya's most celebrated reserve. All of the 'Big Five' are here, as well as cheetahs, giraffes and hippos. The ecosystem is growing in size as new conservancies emerge, offering further protection to animals on their migration routes. These also provide the opportunity to escape the crowds, take night drives and go on guided walks.

Meru & Samburu

Remote safari drives • Inspiring stories

Meru National Park has been transformed from a wasteland into one of Africa's most successful conservation projects. It is now a remote, but beautiful, park offering abundant wildlife. The Samburu National Reserve is composed of wild acacia scrub and open savanna, with the Ewaso Nyiro River flowing through, filled with hippos and Nile crocodiles.

Laikipia

Quality lodges • Meet the locals

Laikipia is a beautiful region that covers a wide range of landscapes and has become a sanctuary for elephants, lions, leopards, buffaloes and a wealth of plains wildlife. Its lodges are among the most opulent in Kenya, and the involvement of Samburu and Masai communities allows visitors a rare opportunity to meet local people.

A suggested itinerary...

Classic Kenya

11 days & 9 nights

from £5,995 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

This itinerary combines three of Kenya's most sensational safari hotspots into a well-paced, awe-inspiring journey that culminates with three nights in the famous Masai Mara.

Day 1: Fly to Nairobi

Stay overnight at Ole Sereni Hotel. (N)

Day 2: Nairobi • Laikipia

Fly to the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, famed for its large population of black rhinos and

uncrowded 'Big Five' game viewing. Stay 3 nights at the Kicheche Laikipia Camp. Afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

Days 3-4: Laikipia

Two full days of safari activities. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Oserengoni Wildlife Sanctuary

Drive through remarkable landscapes into the Great Rift Valley. Enjoy a game drive in Lake Nakuru National Park, before a 2-night stay at Kiangazi House in the Oserengoni Wildlife Sanctuary. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Oserengoni Wildlife Sanctuary

Join a guided bush walk, a boat trip on Lake Naivasha and a night game drive as you search for white rhinos, buffaloes, leopards, lions, aardvarks and many other species. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Masai Mara

Fly to the Masai Mara and take a game-drive-

style transfer to the Kicheche Mara Camp for a 3-night stay. Afternoon safari drive. (B, L, D)

Days 8-9: Masai Mara

Full-day game drive in the Mara North Conservancy, which teems with wildlife throughout the year. Next day, enjoy a guided wildlife walk, visit a Masai village or join another game drive. (B, L, D)

Days 10-11: Fly home, via Nairobi (B) (N)

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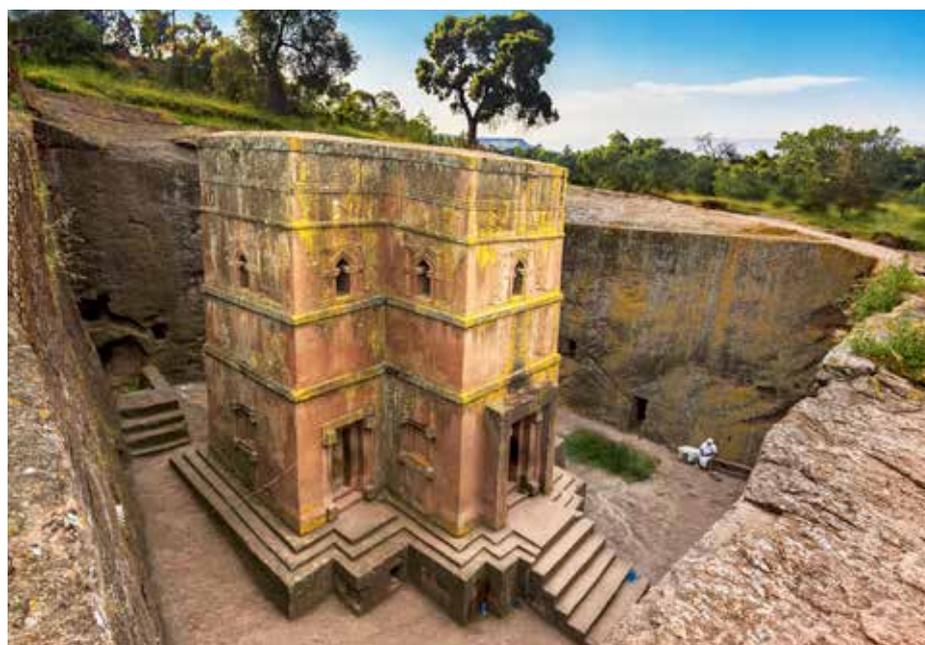
Discover Ethiopia

The only country on the continent never to be colonised and rich in Orthodox Christian heritage, Ethiopia is culturally and scenically enthralling. The nation's 74 different tribes all have their own distinct language, music and dance, so each region offers a different experience. And with the highest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Africa, it's a historical and architectural marvel.

Ethiopia's flora and fauna is another draw. More than 850 bird species have been recorded and endemic gelada monkeys, walia ibex and Ethiopian wolves can all be spotted in the mountainous regions.



Simien Mountains National Park



Church of St George, Lalibela

The Historical North

Rock-hewn churches • Blue Nile Falls • Medieval castles • Jagged peaks

The historical northern circuit is Ethiopia's most visited region. The most famous site is Lalibela, the 'new Jerusalem', which was built "with the help of angels" in the 12th century and is home to a group of iconic churches carved out of solid rock. Similar, but less visited, are the rock-hewn churches of the Tigray region, while Axum, once the seat of an enormous empire, is now the purported home of the Ark of the Covenant.

Gondar, a former capital, is strewn with medieval style castles and Bahir Dar sits on the banks of Lake Tana, source of the Blue Nile. The Simien Mountains National Park is a region of jagged peaks and incredible views. The park is also known for its endemic walia ibex and gelada monkeys, and provides a perfect contrast to the man-made wonders elsewhere.

A suggested itinerary...

Highlights of Ethiopia

14 days & 11 nights
from £4,155 (incl. flights)
Category • Discovery

Visit sites of enormous historical and religious importance, traverse landscapes of astonishing natural beauty, and see wildlife that is found nowhere else on Earth.

Days 1-2: Fly to Addis Ababa

Take a city tour and stay overnight at the Golden Tulip Hotel. (N) (L, D)

Days 3-4: Fly to Makelle • Gheralta

Fly to Makelle, then transfer to Gheralta.

Then explore the Tigray region's landscapes, caves and ancient relics. Stay 2 nights at Gheralta Lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Axum

Transfer to Axum, via the Yeha Temple ruins. Fascinating sites here include the purported house of the Ark of the Covenant. (B, L, D)

Days 6-7: Simien Mountains

Drive to the Simien Mountains, home to gelada monkeys, walia ibex, waterfalls and superb hiking opportunities. Spend 2 nights at the Simien Mountain Lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Gondar

Head to Gondar, often dubbed the 'Camelot of Africa' due its many medieval style castles. Overnight at the Goha Hotel. (B, L, D)

Days 9-10: Lake Tana • Bahir Dar

Journey to Lake Tana and board a boat trip

(high season only) to an island monastery. Spend 2 nights at the Kuriftu Resort. (B, L, D)

Days 11-12: Lalibela

Fly to Lalibela. Visit the collection of rock-hewn churches and join an Ethiopian cooking class. 2 nights at the Maribela Hotel. (B, L, D)

Days 13-14: Fly to London via Addis Ababa

Day at leisure in Addis Ababa, before an early flight to London the following day. (B) (N)

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Ethiopian Odyssey

Duration • 14 days & 11 nights
Category • Discovery

Small group tour • From £3,395 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,675 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 12 dinners
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Special festival departures, including Timkat



Traditional coffee ceremony

The only African country that has never been colonised, Ethiopia is also unusual for its Orthodox Christian heritage. This journey travels through this enthralling and beautiful country to discover the layers of history that have shaped the land.

Days 4-5: Axum

Morning drive to Axum. Stay 2 nights at **Sabeen Hotel** (or similar). The next day visit the tombs of King Kaleb and Gebra Meskel, the Queen of Sheba's swimming pool and palace, King Ezana's Stone and the magnificent stele (obelisks). Afternoon visit to the Cathedral of St Mary of Zion and the Chapel of the Tablet, said to contain the Ark of the Covenant, as well as the Axum Museum. (B, L, D)

👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Explore the impressive Tigray and Lalibela rock-hewn churches**
- ❖ **Spend two nights immersed in the spectacular Simien Mountains scenery**
- ❖ **Take a boat trip on Lake Tana and visit the Blue Nile Falls**

Days 6-7: Fly to Lalibela via Gondar

Fly to the world heritage site of Lalibela, via Gondar. The site features 11 rock-hewn churches. Afternoon visit to the north-west cluster of churches, including the Church of St George. Stay 2 nights at the **Mezena Lodge** (or similar). Morning walk the following day up to Ashoton Maryam (weather permitting). Alternatively, visit the cave church Nakutelab, accessible by car. Afternoon visit to the south-east cluster of churches. (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)



Day 1: Fly to Addis Ababa

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

Day 2: Addis Ababa

Arrive in the third-highest capital in the world. Afternoon city tour, including the Ethnographic Museum and the Holy Trinity Cathedral. Overnight at the **Golden Tulip Hotel** (or similar). Pre-dinner welcome drink. (L, D)

Day 3: Fly to Mekelle • Hawzien

Morning flight to Mekelle. Short tour of Mekelle, including Bete Yohannes. Drive to Hawzien. En route, visit the rock-hewn churches of Wukro Cherkos and Abraha Atsbeha. Stay overnight at the **Gheralta Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Days 8-9: Fly to Gondar • Simien Mountains

Fly to Gondar, located at the foot of the Simien Mountains. Visit the Church of Debre Berhan Selassie to see its murals. Drive to the **Simien Mountain Lodge** (or similar) and stay for 2 nights. Evening talk on gelada monkeys, endemic to this area. Morning drive the following day to Chennek, home to the endemic walia ibex. Stop to view gelada monkeys and walk to a waterfall. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Gondar

Drive to Gondar and stay 1 night at the **Mayleko Lodge** (or similar). Afternoon tour of the castles of Emperor Fasiladas and the Palace of the Queen Mentuab. (B, L, D)



Royal enclosure of Fasiladas' Castle, Gondar

Day 11: Gorgora • Zege peninsula • Bahir Dar

Drive to Gorgora and visit the monastery of Debre Sina Mariam. Cross Lake Tana by boat and visit Narga Selassie. Continue to Ura Kidane Mihret and Azwa Mariam on the Zege peninsula. Stay 2 nights at the **Kuriftu Resort & Spa** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 12: Blue Nile Falls • Bahir Dar

Visit the Blue Nile Falls at Tissisat. Afternoon visit to the Bezawit Palace and the market in Bahir Dar. Optional spa treatments available. (B, L, D)

Days 13-14: Fly to London via Addis Ababa

Morning flight to Addis Ababa. Day room at the **Golden Tulip Hotel** (or similar). Short visit to the Mercato. Dinner at a cultural restaurant and transfer to the airport. Fly to London, arriving the next day. (B, L, D) (N)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Discovery tour: This tour is best suited to the hardier traveller, as it includes some rough road journeys and some basic accommodation. Hotels, while sometimes not reaching Western standards, are clean and comfortable and the country's cultural wonders more than make up for occasional deficiencies. Please note that some churches not listed on this itinerary are not open to female travellers. Ethiopia is mountainous and altitude may be a problem for some visitors.

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Festivals of Ethiopia

Some of our group tour departures have been scheduled to coincide with Ethiopia's most celebrated festivals, as marked with a symbol in the departure dates table.

* **Timkat:** Taking place in January, Timkat is the Ethiopian Orthodox celebration of Epiphany. Timkat festival departures have a longer duration of 15 days and 12 nights.

† **Meskel:** Celebrated in Addis Ababa in September, Meskel commemorates the finding of the true cross by Queen Helena. September departures include time to enjoy this festival.

* **Hidar Tsion:** Celebrated in November, Hidar Tsion is associated with the presence of the Ark of the Covenant and is a joyous annual pilgrimage. Our November departures coincide with this celebration.

Guideline prices for 2021-22

Tour code: ETH

Group tour

Low season from £3,395
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £3,625
Guide price months: Mar & Nov

Single supplement from £665

Private tour

Low season from £3,675
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

High season from £4,785
Guide price months: Sep – Jun

Single supplement from £665

The guideline high season prices may be significantly lower than the peak season prices.

★ No single supplement on select 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 Sep**

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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 2021-22

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
* 07 Jan 21	21 Jan 21	19 Mar 21	01 Apr 21	† 26 Nov 21	09 Dec 21	04 Feb 22	17 Feb 22
05 Feb 21	18 Feb 21	† 15 Sep 21	28 Sep 21	* 08 Jan 22	22 Jan 22	18 Mar 22	31 Mar 22



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Highlights of the region

Vibrant and geographically diverse, full of intriguing legacies, fascinating wildlife and varied cultures, Latin America delights and surprises at every turn. Below are some of the region's most compelling highlights that make each of its countries unique and memorable.



1 Peru (page 166)



- Machu Picchu ruins and ancient pre-Columbian remains
- Varied scenery: Andean mountains and altiplano, striking Lake Titicaca, coastal desert and rainforest
- Spanish colonial heritage
- Colourful traditional communities
- Luxury train travel at its best
- Acclaimed innovative cuisine
- Fabled Inca Trail

2 Argentina (page 180)



- Stunning natural beauty: tropical jungle, mountains, lakes, waterfalls and plains
- Buenos Aires, the 'Paris of the Americas'
- Patagonia's vast wilderness and breathtaking glaciers
- Visit to 'the end of the world'
- Estancias and legendary gauchos
- Wildlife of Península Valdés and Iberá wetlands
- Superb food and wine

3 Chile (page 176)



- Striking Atacama Desert
- Spectacular scenery of Patagonia's lakes and granite peaks
- World-renowned wine valleys
- Bustling Santiago and bohemian Valparaíso
- Mysterious Easter Island
- Rewarding scenic self-drives
- Sustainable luxury hotels
- Outstanding walks and hikes



4 Brazil (page 186)

- Countless natural wonders including the Amazon and thundering Iguazu Falls
- Rio's unbeatable setting and vibe
- Pantanal, home to jaguars and a birdwatchers' paradise
- Lively Afro-Brazilian culture and invigorating rhythms
- Historic colonial towns
- Endless tropical beaches



5 Ecuador & the Galapagos (page 174)

- Galapagos Islands – astonishing year-round wildlife
- Andean highlands and scenic snowcapped volcanoes
- Visit to the 'Middle of the World'
- UNESCO-listed Quito and Cuenca
- Authentic indigenous markets
- Superb biodiversity in the cloud forests and the Amazon



8 Mexico (page 194)

- Magnificent Mayan and Aztec pyramids
- Delightful colonial towns
- Vibrant Mexico City and its Museum of Anthropology
- Local culinary delights
- Traditional Mayan villages
- Yucatán white sand beaches
- Train journeys through dramatic Copper Canyon



6 Bolivia (page 192)

- Otherworldly Uyuni salt flats
- Fascinating Witches' market and women in bowler hats
- Lake Titicaca and sacred Sun Island, birthplace of the Incas
- Beautiful colonial whitewashed city of Sucre
- Remote Altiplanic lagoons and rare flamingos
- Off-the-beaten-track Madidi



9 Cuba (page 195)

- Havana's faded grandeur, classic cars and handmade cigars
- Lush tobacco plantations
- Pastel-coloured Trinidad and colonial Cienfuegos
- Ever-present live music scene
- Revolutionary heritage
- Cays and turquoise Caribbean seas
- *Paladars* and *casas particulares* – genuine insight into Cuban life



7 Colombia (page 187)

- Superbly preserved Cartagena
- Coffee country, a unique cultural landscape
- Bogota's outstanding Gold Museum
- Palm-fringed Caribbean beaches
- Medellín's social transformation
- Intriguing archaeological sites of San Agustín and Tierradentro
- Los Llanos tropical savannas



10 Costa Rica (page 198)

- Small and amazingly diverse
- Home to monkeys, sloths, turtles, butterflies and a myriad of wildlife
- Active volcanoes and relaxing hot springs
- Canopy walkways and eco-friendly adventures
- Superb birdwatching – striking trogons and hummingbirds
- Barefoot luxury experiences



11 Central America – Panama, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras & El Salvador (page 204 and see website)

- Travel off the grid and easy multi-country combinations
- Renowned Mayan ruins of Tikal and Copan
- Engineering masterpiece, the Panama Canal
- Colonial gems of Antigua and Granada
- Rainforest and mangroves teeming with wildlife
- Indigenous cultures of Panama and Guatemala
- Unspoilt tropical beaches and crystal-clear seas
- Coffee tours and chocolate workshops

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.



Traditional festival celebrations



Plaza Mayor, Lima

Lima

Colonial history • Excellent museums • Innovative gourmet cuisine

Founded by the Spanish conquistadores on the Pacific coast, Lima was the wealthiest city in the Americas for more than 300 years. Today, this bustling modern city retains a large colonial heritage of fine churches, plazas and beautiful mansions. Sightseeing highlights include the San Francisco monastery, famous for its catacombs, and Casa Aliaga, a historic colonial house. Excellent museums, such as the Larco Museum and the Enrico Poli Private Collection, house the treasures of various pre-Hispanic cultures.

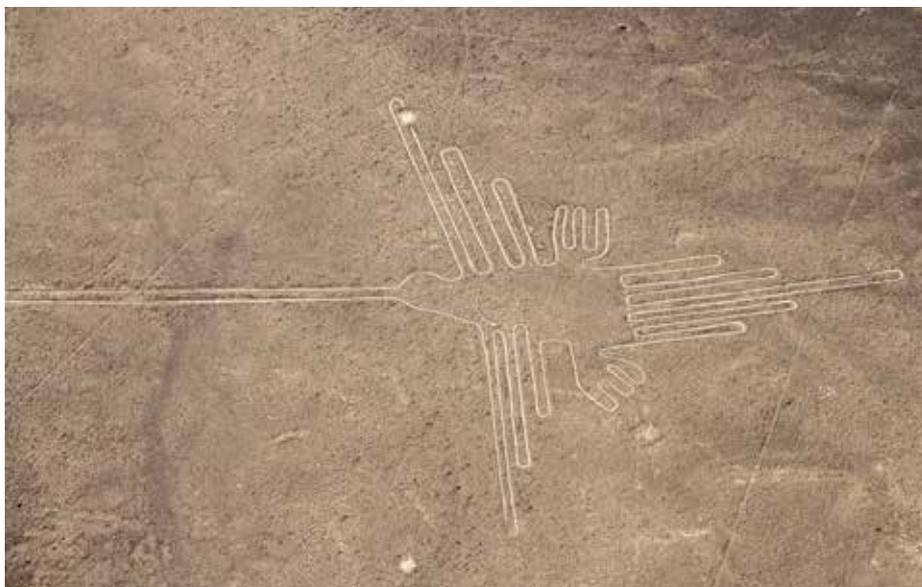
Learn how to make ceviche, a delicious national dish of raw fish marinated in fresh lemon juice, or sample gourmet Peruvian cuisine in an increasing number of highly recognised restaurants in the residential area of San Isidro and the upmarket Miraflores.

Paracas & the Nazca Lines

Boat trip to the Ballestas Islands • Mysterious desert drawings

Paracas, in Peru's southern coastal desert a couple of hours by road from Lima, offers some excellent hotels for relaxation in the sunny climate. Visitors can explore the nearby desert nature reserve or take a boat trip to the Ballestas Islands, home to large numbers of seabirds including Peruvian boobies, Humboldt penguins and cormorants, as well as sea lions.

Further south, the sprawling geometric figures of Nazca were etched into the dry desert more than 1,500 years ago. Hundreds of metres long, they are hard to identify from the ground, but a 90-minute scenic overflight from Pisco airport reveals the outlines of a giant spider, monkey, hummingbird etc and the true splendour of these ancient creations.



The Hummingbird Nazca line



Santa Catalina convent, Arequipa

Arequipa

Set beneath El Misti Volcano • Colonial churches & convents • Inca ice maidens

Lying at the foot of the snow-capped El Misti Volcano, Arequipa is perhaps the most strikingly beautiful city in Peru. It is often referred to as the White City, with leafy squares, fine colonial architecture and many old and interesting churches built of sillar, a pearly-white volcanic stone. Highlights include La Compañía church and the Santa Catalina convent, a walled city within the city itself with beautiful courtyards and colourful buildings. Wander through its narrow, twisting, cobbled streets and try snacks and pastries baked by the nuns.

Arequipa also has a small but fascinating museum displaying jewellery and weavings together with remarkably well-preserved bodies of Inca sacrifices found frozen on the summits of nearby mountains, including the famous Juanita, a 500-year-old 'Ice maiden'.

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. Covering more than half the country, the sprawling carpet of rainforest stretches into the horizon with meandering coffee-coloured rivers weaving their way through the green expanse. Giant ceiba trees emerge from the tree canopy and an incredible variety of wildlife hides beneath.

In the south near Puerto Maldonado, accessible by air from both Lima and Cuzco, it is possible to stay in comfortable ecolodges and explore the jungle on guided walks and boat trips. Spot tiny lizards, colourful frogs, howler monkeys, black caimans, giant river otters, toucans and macaws. Alternatively, take a three-, four- or seven-night cruise along the upper reaches of the Amazon River from Iquitos in the north. Watch the Amazon world pass by your window, explore the outstanding array of flora and fauna on shared excursions, and visit small villages to interact with isolated riverside communities.



Andean condor, Colca Canyon

Colca Canyon

Dramatic scenery • Thermal springs • Andean condor spotting

The Colca Canyon, one of the deepest in the world, makes for an ideal stop on the way between Arequipa and Lake Titicaca. It is an area of outstanding scenic beauty with huge patchworks of pre-Inca terracing set against the backdrop of distant snow-capped volcanoes and unspoilt Andean villages lying on both sides of the canyon. The valley has many thermal springs, with some hotels offering private facilities for guests – the perfect way to relax after a day of exploration.

The majestic Andean condor can be spotted at very close range at a number of scenic lookouts of this dramatic canyon. Recommended is an early morning excursion to Condor Cross to see these sacred creatures gliding effortlessly on thermal currents, circling far below in the depths of the canyon and soaring above visitors' heads.



Lake Titicaca

Lake Titicaca

Striking lake & altiplano scenery • Boat trips to floating islands • Local communities

One of the world's highest navigable lakes, the serene and vast Lake Titicaca straddles the border between Bolivia and Peru. Its dark-blue waters are home to indigenous fishing and farming 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 take a boat trip to Taquile Island, where fishermen and weavers maintain their ancient trades or to visit the Sillustani stone burial towers.

Close to Puno, modern hotels offer panoramic views, while further away are intimate lodges, including the luxurious Titilaka. The Sun and Moon Islands on the Bolivian side of the lake can also be visited as a day trip or as an overnight stay en route to La Paz.



Scarlet macaws, Puerto Maldonado

Cuzco & Surrounds

Colonial & Inca architecture • Inti Raymi

Once a capital of the mighty Inca empire, Cuzco is a charming Andean city and the departure point for Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley. Highlights include the main square, the cathedral with valuable masterpieces from the renowned Cuzco school of art, the artisan district of San Blas and the Temple of the Sun (Koricancha) with its original Inca walls. There are fascinating museums, such as the Pre-Columbian Art Museum, excellent Novoandina restaurants and opportunities to stay in converted colonial houses and monasteries.

Overlooking the city are the impressive ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a former ceremonial centre with enormous stones carved and fitted to incredible precision. The annual Inti Raymi Sun festival is held here on 24 June.



Koricancha, Cuzco



Weaving, Sacred Valley

The Sacred Valley

Inca ruins & terraces • Traditional markets

Located between Cuzco and the UNESCO-listed sanctuary of Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley of the Incas is an area of outstanding natural beauty set against the backdrop of the Andes mountains. There are many sites of cultural and historical interest such as colourful local markets, the circular terraces of Moray, the dazzling Maras salt pans and the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo.

First-class hotels, many with excellent spas, make the region ideal for combining exploration and relaxation. The pleasant climate and beautiful scenery create the perfect setting for soft adventure activities such as hiking to local communities, horseback riding, mountain biking and lake kayaking.

Machu Picchu

Impressive Inca citadel • Orchids & birds • Day hikes

One of the new Seven Wonders of the World, this spectacular Inca citadel has remarkably well-preserved terraces, temples and dwellings. Situated on top of a mountain, high above the Urubamba River, Machu Picchu can only be reached by train and a bus up a serpentine road, or via a guided trek. The ruins' natural setting was as important to the site as the ancient structures themselves, with the sun rising and setting behind sacred peaks on important days of the Inca calendar. To preserve the ancient citadel, the flow of tourists is regulated and booking a second entry in advance is recommended for those wishing to revisit.

Visits to Machu Picchu can be combined with hikes on nearby trails for fantastic bird's-eye vistas and alternative views of the impressive site below. The Sun Gate (Inti Punku) is reached via a 60- to 90-minute trail, while the iconic mountain spike of Huayna Picchu involves a steep one-hour hike up. Spaces are limited and advance booking is required.



Machu Picchu



Belmond Andean Explorer

Peru Rail Journeys

Luxury sleeper train • Scenic Andean day trips • Trains to Machu Picchu

Train journeys are a highlight of travel in Peru. The stylish *Belmond Andean Explorer* is the only luxury sleeper train in South America and offers a true once-in-a-lifetime experience. One or two-night journeys follow one of the world's highest rail routes between Cuzco, Lake Titicaca and Arequipa and include excursions to local sites. Guests can enjoy gourmet meals in one of the dining carriages, or sip refreshing cocktails in the elegant piano lounge or the observation car.

The *PeruRail Titicaca* train follows in the footsteps of the Incas from Cuzco to the shores of Lake Titicaca, and vice versa. The scenic 10-hour day trip through spectacular scenery of towering Andean mountains, deep valleys and rolling high plains, where vicuñas and alpacas may be seen, includes a three-course lunch, as well as afternoon tea served in the sophisticated dining car.

Various trains run daily from Cuzco and the Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu, passing small villages and mountain scenery along the Urubamba River. The *Vistadome* train enables passengers to enjoy magnificent views through its panoramic windows, while the *Belmond Hiram Bingham* reflects the sumptuous luxury of the 1920s Pullman era and transports visitors in style to one of the greatest wonders of the world.



Chan Chan archaeological site

Northern Peru

Ancient pre-Inca civilisations • Colonial towns • Off the beaten track • Pacific retreats

The north of Peru was home to numerous ancient civilisations, including the Moche and Chimu cultures. Close to colonial Trujillo, discover Chan Chan, the largest adobe city in the Americas; the Sun and Moon pyramids; or the colourful murals of the El Brujo complex. Near Chiclayo are the pyramids of Tucume and many excellent museums, including the Royal Tombs of Sipan. Hidden inland are the spectacular Chachapoyas walled city of Kuelap, the cliff-top funerary sites of Revash and Karajia, and little-known Gocta Falls.

Experiences in Peru

Casa Aliaga visit

This superbly preserved colonial mansion, the oldest in Lima, dates back to 1535 when the city was founded. This unassuming building, continuously occupied by the same family, has ornately decorated interiors with original tiles, fine furnishings, tapestries and centuries-old art, as well as the sword used by Aliaga in the conquest of Peru.

Local markets & communities

The picturesque villages of the Sacred Valley are home to Inca descendants wearing traditional attire and a visit 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

Inti Raymi, the most important Inca celebration in honour of the Sun god, coincides with the winter solstice. The present-day festivities 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.

Inca Trail experience

Trace the footsteps of the Incas on a four-day trek with mesmerising views and fascinating archaeological sites. Hike accompanied by porters along ancient footpaths, up mountain passes and through cloud forest, and stay overnight in tented camps. There is a shorter one-day express trek from KM 104 and an alternative longer Salkantay trail along a lesser-trodden route with comfortable lodges.

A suggested itinerary...

Classic Peru

11 days & 9 nights

Standard from £1,995 (incl. flights)

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

Days 1-2: Fly to Lima

Fly to Lima direct with British Airways (Apr – Oct). Stay 2 nights and take a city tour, including the colonial centre. (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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- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Inti Raymi† & Easter departures



Peruvian woman, the Sacred Valley

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

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



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** 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 £425

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 £205 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 £105. 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 (see p166).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

† Inti Raymi festival

The 16 June 2021 departure coincides with the Inti Raymi festival (see p169) 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.

***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. Departures between November and April will fly to Peru via Madrid.

Optional upgrades: On day 11, upgrade to **Belmond Sanctuary Lodge** from £295, subject to availability. On day 12, the supplement to stay at **Belmond Hotel Monasterio** is from £165 per person.

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 2021

Superior group tour

Low season from £2,995
Guide price month: Mar, Nov

High season from £3,095
Guide price months: Apr – Sep

Single supplement from £995

Luxury group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £1,395

Superior private tour

Low season from £3,395
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £3,495
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 from £425 return
Club World from £1,495 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. **Please visit our website for 2022 departure dates.**

Superior group tour departure dates for 2021

Tour code: TMP

Out (Wed) Rtn (Thu)
31 Mar 21 15 Apr 21
14 Apr 21 29 Apr 21
28 Apr 21 13 May 21
05 May 21 20 May 21
19 May 21 03 Jun 21

Out (Wed) Rtn (Thu)
26 May 21 10 Jun 21
*16 Jun 21 01 Jul 21
30 Jun 21 15 Jul 21
14 Jul 21 29 Jul 21
28 Jul 21 12 Aug 21

Out (Wed) Rtn (Thu)
11 Aug 21 26 Aug 21
25 Aug 21 09 Sep 21
01 Sep 21 16 Sep 21
15 Sep 21 30 Sep 21
22 Sep 21 07 Oct 21

Out (Wed) Rtn (Thu)
29 Sep 21 14 Oct 21
13 Oct 21 28 Oct 21
27 Oct 21 11 Nov 21
10 Nov 21 25 Nov 21

Luxury group tour departure dates for 2021-22

Tour code: TML

Out (Wed) Rtn (Thu)
12 May 21 27 May 21
09 Jun 21 24 Jun 21

Out (Wed) Rtn (Thu)
07 Jul 21 22 Jul 21
08 Sep 21 23 Sep 21

Out (Wed) Rtn (Thu)
06 Oct 21 21 Oct 21

Out (Wed) Rtn (Thu)
11 May 22 26 May 22

Treasures of Peru

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Standard

Solo group tour • From £2,495 (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
- ❖ Direct 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
- ❖ Porterage 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.

a wealth of Inca sites and great natural beauty. Stay for 2 nights at the **Hatun Valley** hotel. (B)

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)

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



Uros reed islands, Lake Titicaca

Day 9: Lake Titicaca

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

Days 10-11: Fly to London via Lima

Transfer to Juliaca airport for a flight to Lima and on to London 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.

*** Optional rail journey:** On day 8 it is possible to travel to Puno aboard the stylish *Titicaca* train (see page 169). 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 2021-22

Tour code: PSG

Group tour

Low season from £2,495
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,495
Guide price months: Apr – Sep

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £425 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 UK pounds, 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 2021-22

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)
28 Apr 21	08 May 21	08 Sep 21	18 Sep 21	27 Apr 22	07 May 22
02 Jun 21	12 Jun 21	06 Oct 21	16 Oct 21		

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.



Cuenca cathedral



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 frigatebirds, 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.



Giant tortoise, 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.



Marine iguanas, Santiago Island

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 an increasingly popular island hopping, or multi-centred combinations.

A suggested itinerary...

Classic Ecuador

12 days & 9 nights
from £4,495 (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 Bogotá (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 Bogotá (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.



Torres del Paine



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 cafes 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



Guanaco, 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

A suggested itinerary...

Essence of Chile

14 days & 11 nights

Superior from £4,395 (incl. flights)

*Luxury from £5,495 (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



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.

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)

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.

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

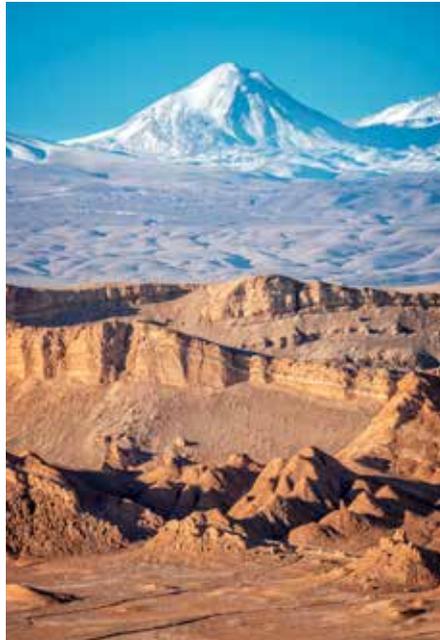
Duration • 15 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £3,595 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,195 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

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



Valley of the Moon, Atacama Desert

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.

market and Sky Costanera, the tallest building in South America, for views across the city and the Andes beyond. Afternoon drive into the countryside to the Undurraga vineyard for a tour and wine tasting. (B)

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 in a Superior room with views of the glacier (optional for 2022 departures*). (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 in a superior room with views at Torres del Paine***
- ❖ **Visit a traditional Patagonian estancia**

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



Torres del Paine

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 **Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa**, overlooking the ocean. Explore 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. Your stay is inclusive of three half-day shared excursions provided by the hotel. (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 £2,495

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 2021-22

Tour code: SOC

Group tour

High season from £3,595
Guide price months: Jan – Mar, Oct – Dec

Single supplement from £895

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 (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 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 2021-22

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)						
17 Jan 21	31 Jan 21	17 Oct 21	31 Oct 21	15 Dec 21	29 Dec 21	27 Feb 22	13 Mar 22
07 Feb 21	21 Feb 21	07 Nov 21	21 Nov 21	16 Jan 22	30 Jan 22		
28 Feb 21	14 Mar 21	21 Nov 21	05 Dec 21	06 Feb 22	20 Feb 22		

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.



Perito Moreno Glacier



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

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.

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.

A suggested itinerary...

Classic Argentina

14 days & 11 nights

Superior from £2,995 (incl. flights)

*Boutique from £3,495 (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 £4,295 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 13 breakfasts & 1 lunch
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees*
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Sea lions, Beagle Channel

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

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) direct 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)

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)





Perito Moreno Glacier

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 £595

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

Day 15: Fly to Iguazú

Transfer to the airport and fly to Iguazú. Half-day tour of the falls before transferring to

the **Gran Meliá Iguazú / Belmond Hotel das Cataratas** 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 / Iguazú 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 2021-22

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 £1,095

Private tour

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

High season from £4,395
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 – 6 Jan)

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £450 return
Club World from £2,895 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 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 2021-22

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)						
23 Jan 21	07 Feb 21	06 Mar 21	21 Mar 21	06 Nov 21	21 Nov 21	12 Feb 22	27 Feb 22
13 Feb 21	28 Feb 21	23 Oct 21	07 Nov 21	22 Jan 22	06 Feb 22	05 Mar 22	20 Mar 22

Wonders of the New World

Duration • 11 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Small group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 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



Sugar Loaf Mountain, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

This journey offers an outstanding introduction to Argentina and Brazil with stays at some of the countries' most luxurious hotels. Combine the elegance of Buenos Aires with exotic and flamboyant Rio de Janeiro, and visit the awe-inspiring waterfalls of Iguazú, thundering amid tropical jungle along the border.

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 the most iconic 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

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 opulent **Belmond Copacabana Palace** (Superior 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 the **Belmond Copacabana Palace** from £85). 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.

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 £895

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



Iguazú Falls, Argentina

and then join the *Splendours of South America* group at El Calafate (see pages 190-191).

Santiago & Mendoza + tour
6 days & 4 nights from £1,095

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 190-191.

† Iguazu / Iguazu: Departures between January and March 2021 will stay at the luxurious **Belmond Hotel das Cataratas** and include a half-day tour of the Argentinian side of the falls instead of the Brazilian side.

*** Park fees:** Entry fees at the Iguazú / Iguazu National Parks are not included.

*** Rio de Janeiro:** The 17 February 2022 departure includes 3 days/2 nights in Rio due to Carnival. 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 or it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Guideline prices for private travel are based on a stay at the **Miramar Hotel by Windsor** in Rio. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk for further details.

Guideline prices for 2021-22

Tour code: WNW

Group tour

Low season from £1,995
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £2,095
Guide price months: Jan – Mar, Oct – Nov

Single supplement from £595

Private tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price month: Apr

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 (Carnival & New Year)

★ No single supplement on select 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): **28 Jan, 21 Oct, 2 Dec**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £450 return
Club World from £2,795 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 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 2021-22

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)
28 Jan 21	07 Feb 21	29 Apr 21	09 May 21	18 Nov 21	28 Nov 21	03 Mar 22	13 Mar 22
18 Feb 21	28 Feb 21	16 Sep 21	26 Sep 21	02 Dec 21	12 Dec 21	17 Mar 22	27 Mar 22
04 Mar 21	14 Mar 21	21 Oct 21	31 Oct 21	27 Jan 22	06 Feb 22		
18 Mar 21	28 Mar 21	04 Nov 21	14 Nov 21	*17 Feb 22	26 Feb 22		

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.



Pelourinho, Salvador de Bahia



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 *cariocas* (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 Iguazu

A thrilling 10-minute overflight provides a unique bird's-eye view of the entire park and the magnificent tumbling waterfalls that make up Iguazu. 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.



Tayrona National Park



Villa de Leyva



Cartagena

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 cobble streets lined with crimson bougainvillea and whitewashed houses.



Coffee plantations

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 £2,195 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,595 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select 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



Cocora Valley

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 Spanish fort, San Felipe and the charming neighbourhood of Getsemani, and see San Pedro Claver church with its fine stained-glass windows. (B)



Cartagena

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 £695

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 £545

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.

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 2021-22

Tour code: TCO

Group tour

Low season from £2,195
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,295
Guide price months: Feb, Sep – Nov

Single supplement from £465

Private tour

Low season from £2,595
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £2,695
Guide price months: Jan – Feb, 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 select 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): **6 Feb, 6 Nov**

Avianca flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,195 return

Regional air connections

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

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 2021-22

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)
06 Feb 21	18 Feb 21	04 Sep 21	16 Sep 21	05 Feb 22	17 Feb 22
20 Mar 21	01 Apr 21	06 Nov 21	18 Nov 21	19 Mar 22	31 Mar 22

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...

- ★ **No single supplement on select departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 20)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- ❖ 15 breakfasts & 2 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees*
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Iguazu Falls, Brazil

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 true 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**
- ❖ **Legendary luxury hotel experience on 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 and stay 3 nights at **Hotel Remota** with extensive views of the Last Hope Sound and its surroundings. (B)

Day 5: Torres del Paine

Full-day excursion to Torres del Paine National Park to see its peaks, glacier lakes and Patagonian wildlife. (B, L)

Day 6: Puerto Natales

Morning drive to Milodon, where remains of a prehistoric animal were found and take a walk to the three caves soaking in the Patagonian landscape. Lunch at a local ranch and afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

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)

Day 10: Buenos Aires

Half-day tour of the elegant capital city and the colourful La Boca district. (B)

Day 11: Buenos Aires

At leisure or 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 sumptuous **Belmond Copacabana Palace** (Superior 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)



Torres del Paine National Park, Chile

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Atacama Desert + tour
5 days & 3 nights from £1,095

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

Visit the Atacama salt flat and the Andean desert village of Toconao and in the afternoon tour 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 £475

The beach resort of Búzios provides a relaxing stay at the end of your journey. Please refer to page 193 for further details.

Tour + Amazon
5 days & 3 nights from £945

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 en route by a local tour guide.

***Park Fees:** Entry fees at the Iguazú and Iguazu National Parks are not included.

†**Iguazú:** January to March 2021 departures will stay at the **Belmond Hotel das Cataratas** and include a half-day tour of the Argentinian side of the falls instead of the Brazilian.

‡**Rio de Janeiro:** The 10 February 2022 departure includes 3 days and 2 nights in Rio due to

Carnival. 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. †The 25 February 2021 departure will run as per our old 2020 itinerary (see website).

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you or it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Guideline prices for private travel are based on a different hotel in Rio and day 6 at leisure. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk for further details.

Guideline prices for 2021-22

Tour code: SPG

Group tour

Low season from £3,795
Guide price months: Mar, late Nov

High season from £3,895
Guide price months: Jan – Feb, Oct – Nov

Single supplement from £1,195

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)

★ No single supplement on select 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 Jan, 14 Oct**

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £425 return
Club World from £2,595 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 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 2021-22

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)
21 Jan 21	07 Feb 21	11 Mar 21	28 Mar 21	11 Nov 21	28 Nov 21	†10 Feb 22	26 Feb 22
11 Feb 21	28 Feb 21	14 Oct 21	31 Oct 21	25 Nov 21	12 Dec 21	24 Feb 22	13 Mar 22
‡25 Feb 21	14 Mar 21	28 Oct 21	14 Nov 21	27 Jan 22	13 Feb 22	10 Mar 22	27 Mar 22

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
- ❖ 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
- ❖ 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**
- ❖ **Opulent landmark 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 Kallaway 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 Hotel Europa. (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 / Iguazú[†]

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 stylish Belmond Copacabana Palace (partial



Machu Picchu, Peru

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 £85). 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 £85 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 + tour

8 days & 6 nights from £3,595

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 en route by a local tour guide.

***Park fees:** Entry fees at Iguazú and Iguazu National Parks are not included.

***Easter departures:** The 31 March 2021 and 13 April 2022 departures will spend Easter Sunday at Machu Picchu and Cuzco.

***Iguazú:** Departures between January and May 2021 will stay at the luxurious **Belmond Hotel das Cataratas** and include a half-day tour of

the Argentinian side of the falls instead of the Brazilian.

Itinerary: This tour includes some early morning starts and long days. Departures in November 2021 and March 2022 will fly to Lima via Madrid.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, or it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Guideline prices for private travel are based on the **Miramar Hotel by Windsor** in Rio. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk for further details.

Guideline prices for 2021-22

Tour code: GTA

Group tour

Low season from £3,995
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £4,095
Guide price months: Apr – Oct

Single supplement from £1,295

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 from £495 return
Club World from £2,095 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 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 2021-22

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)
*31 Mar 21	17 Apr 21	09 Jun 21	26 Jun 21	06 Oct 21	23 Oct 21	*13 Apr 22	30 Apr 22
14 Apr 21	01 May 21	21 Jul 21	07 Aug 21	13 Oct 21	30 Oct 21	27 Apr 22	14 May 22
28 Apr 21	15 May 21	01 Sep 21	18 Sep 21	20 Oct 21	06 Nov 21	11 May 22	28 May 22
12 May 21	29 May 21	15 Sep 21	02 Oct 21	03 Nov 21	20 Nov 21	25 May 22	11 Jun 22
26 May 21	12 Jun 21	29 Sep 21	16 Oct 21	23 Mar 22	09 Apr 22		

Discover Mexico

Mexico has a vast and varied terrain, rich history and an extraordinary pre-Columbian legacy. Its Spanish past is best explored in the colonial towns and cities in the centre and north of the country, while stunning Mayan and Aztec sites and pyramids can be discovered across the Yucatan and the south. The spectacular natural scenery encompasses tropical rainforests, volcanoes, dramatic mountain canyons, desert coastlines, waterfalls and pristine white sand beaches. Carefully restored character hotels offer distinctive places to stay, further enriching the experience.



Teotihuacán



Oaxaca



Chichén Itzá

Mexico City & Oaxaca

Superb anthropological museum • Ancient pyramids • Regional cuisine

The urban sprawl of Mexico City contains the country's finest art galleries and museums, alongside superb restaurants and vibrant nightlife. Visit the vast main plaza (Zócalo) and the impressive Museum of Anthropology, and venture north-east to the magnificent Sun and Moon pyramids of Teotihuacán. Oaxaca is one of the country's most beautiful colonial towns with baroque churches, cobbled streets and graceful arcades. In the surrounding valleys discover small indigenous villages and the ancient Zapotec sight of Monte Albán.



Agua Azul, Chiapas

Yucatan Peninsula

Impressive Mayan ruins • Luxury colonial haciendas • Caribbean coastal retreats

The Yucatan Peninsula is covered in jungle and dotted with ancient ruins, while its white sand beaches are perfect for relaxation. Explore inland using the delightful colonial city of Mérida as a base, or stay in a beautifully converted rural hacienda. Discover the awe-inspiring pyramids and temples of Mayan sites such as Uxmal, Chichén Itzá and Coba or make a side-trip to the historic walled town of Campeche. Swim in a *cenote*, a unique freshwater sinkhole, visit Celestún coastal reserve with abundant birdlife, and little Holbox island.

Chiapas

Indigenous communities • Stunning jungle • Mayan ruins • Rivers, canyons & waterfalls

The cool mountain highlands and lush rainforest of Chiapas are dotted with mysterious Mayan ruins like Palenque or remote Yaxchilán and Bonampak, with vividly coloured murals. Visit colonial San Cristóbal de las Casas and traditional Mayan communities, and marvel at the spectacular Sumidero Canyon or the beautiful waterfalls of Agua Azul and Misol-Ha.

Experiences in Mexico

Palenque Mayan ruins

The ruins of this magnificent ancient city are considered among the most spectacular in Mexico and feature fine Mayan architecture and painted stucco decorations in a stunning jungle setting. Wonder at the eight-storey Temple of the Inscriptions, and listen to the cries of howler monkeys echoing in the trees.

Visit indigenous villages

The fascinating Tzotzil Mayan villages of Zinacantan and San Juan Chamula in Chiapas have a distinct identity. See local people proudly wearing traditional outfits with elaborate decoration and ribboned hats, and witness older pre-Hispanic customs mixed with Catholicism in various rituals.

Copper Canyon train ride

The Chihuahua Pacific Railway (El Chepe) offers one of the most breathtaking train journeys in the world, travelling from the town of Chihuahua all the way to the coast, or vice versa, with stops at Divisadero and El Fuerte. Admire dramatic views of spectacular rugged and forested canyons, some deeper than the Grand Canyon.

Mayan Riviera stay

The beautiful Mayan Riviera runs along the Caribbean coast south of Cancun and is blessed with white sandy beaches and turquoise seas. Relax at an intimate beachside resort and visit the cliff-top ruins of Tulum. Snorkel offshore from the world's largest reef or search for wildlife by boat in the Sian Ka'an Reserve.

Discover Cuba

Cuba offers colourful heritage, intriguing history, a lush interior and glorious beaches, yet it is no ordinary Caribbean island. Classic American cars, rum and cigars, intoxicating Cuban music, crumbling colonial buildings and Che Guevara murals all add to the charm and character of this special destination. Private homes, some with original colonial artwork, open their doors as family-run *paladar* restaurants or *casas particulares* and provide an opportunity to experience the local culture. Tourist infrastructure in Cuba remains less developed and a flexible approach to travel is recommended.



Musician, Trinidad



Grand Theatre and vintage cars, Havana



Trinidad

Havana

Mysterious time-warp city • Faded grandeur
• Direct flights from London

A former port of call for ships to the New World, Havana is built on a sweeping bay. The UNESCO-protected old city, *Havana Vieja*, is currently being restored to its former glory with beautiful baroque churches, palaces and convents lining its cobbled streets and squares. The state of decay of some of the colonial buildings only adds to the charm of this enigmatic city. Soak up the atmosphere strolling along the streets, visit one of many museums in converted colonial mansions, dance to salsa and rumba, or just relax with a mojito on your hotel's rooftop terrace.



Viñales Valley

Trinidad & Surrounds

Beautiful colonial town • Valley of the Sugar Mills • Che Guevara's memorial

Colonial Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has pastel-coloured buildings and serene cobbled streets that seem frozen in time. Visit the Cantero Museum, an old merchant's home, and the local Casa de la Musica. Not far from town there are fine stretches of beach, ruins of the former sugar plantations and the verdant slopes of the Escambray Mountains. A trip to Trinidad is often combined with stops at French-influenced Cienfuegos; nearby Playa Giron, nestled on the infamous Bay of Pigs; and historic Santa Clara, site of the Che Guevara memorial.

The Viñales Valley

Peculiar limestone outcrops • Traditional rural life & tobacco plantations

The fascinating landscape of this fertile valley is dotted with palm trees and peculiar *mogotes*, rounded limestone outcrops. There are countless caves and green plantations where tobacco growing has remained unchanged for centuries. In the nearby Sierra del Rosario, the eco resort of Las Terrazas offers another authentic glimpse into Cuba's rural life.

Experiences in Cuba

Classic American car ride

These lovingly maintained vintage vehicles from the 1940s and 50s roll up and down the streets of Havana. For a memorable experience, take a ride through the city and along the famous Malecón, Havana's oceanfront promenade that bustles with couples and fishermen.

Music & cigars

A dazzling array of infectious music and iconic cigars are Cuba's most celebrated exports. Admire the expert skills of a cigar roller at a tobacco factory or catch a live performance of the extravagant Cabaret Parisien, the Buena Vista Social Club or the Legendarios del Guajirito in Havana.

A taste of Revolution

Havana's Museum of the Revolution, housed in former dictator Batista's palace, is a perfect introduction to Cuba's contradictory history. The large Revolution Square has an oversized bronze silhouette of Ernesto 'Che' Guevara and the final resting place of the famous revolutionary in Santa Clara, as well as the museum dedicated to his life, are essential stops on any tour.

Cuba's Cays

Cuba's northern coast is dotted with numerous small islands and cays, some connected to the mainland by long causeways. The less crowded Cayo Santa Maria, with long white swathes of sand, crystal-clear waters and offshore reefs teeming with marine life offer excellent opportunities to relax. We recommend the Melia Buenavista adults-only resort set on a peninsula away from other hotels.

Splendours of Cuba

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Discovery

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 select 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*



Havana

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 (or similar). 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 (or similar) 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



Trinidad

***Oriente departures**

16 days & 14 nights from £2,695

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)

Day 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 Iberostar Parque Central. (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 2021-22

Tour code: CUB / CUO

Group tour

Low season from £1,995
Guide price months: Jan, late Oct

High season from £2,095
Guide price months: Feb – Mar

Single supplement from £395

Private tour

Low season from £2,595
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,695
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 select 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): **7 Mar, 31 Oct**

Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £545 return
Upper Class from £1,695 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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 2021-22

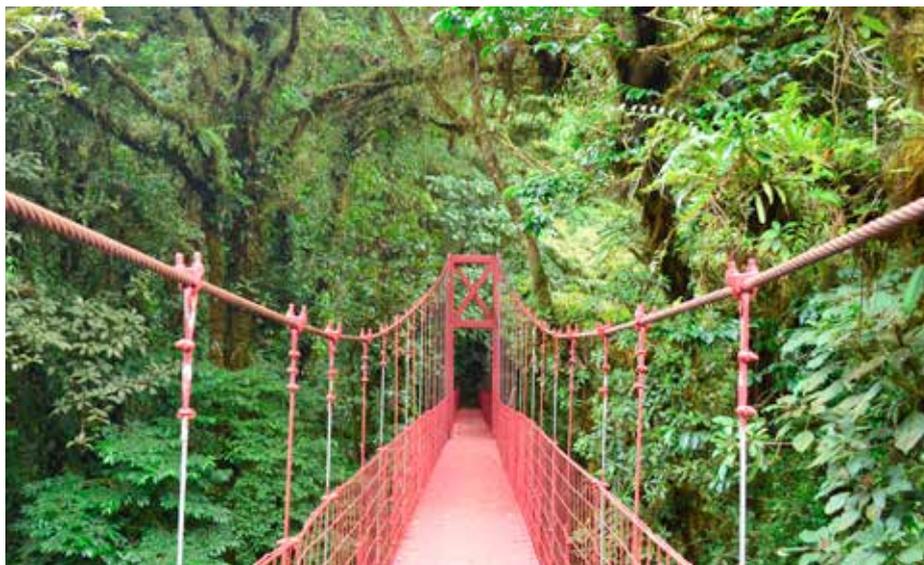
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07 Feb 21	17 Feb 21	21 Mar 21	31 Mar 21	*01 Feb 22	16 Feb 22	13 Mar 22	23 Mar 22
21 Feb 21	03 Mar 21	31 Oct 21	10 Nov 21	13 Feb 22	23 Feb 22	27 Mar 22	06 Apr 22

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 plant varieties, numerous kinds of colourful butterflies and more than 800 bird species. The country's relatively small size, combined with unspoilt beaches and tropical forests, provides opportunities for self-drive exploration, memorable family holidays and a perfect balance of adventure and relaxation.



Keel-billed toucan



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)

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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 £2,395 (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



Arenal Volcano

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.

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 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.

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Manuel Antonio

6 days & 4 nights from £525

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



Resplendent quetzals, Monteverde

ocean, beach and jungle. Days at leisure or take optional excursions, such as rainforest walks and boat tours in search of dolphins. (B)

Days 13 & 14: Fly to London

Transfer to San José airport (approx 2.5 hours) for an overnight flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

Tour + Tamarindo

6 days & 4 nights from £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 £195. 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 £1,395

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 £695

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 Hilton Garden Inn (or similar). Take a half-day transit on the Panama Canal and tour the 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.

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.

Itinerary: Departures in April are based on indirect flights via the US or Bogotá.

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 2021-22

Tour code: NSR

Group tour

Low season from £1,895
Guide price months: Jan

High season from £2,095
Guide price months: Feb – Apr, Nov

Single supplement from £375

Private tour

Low season from £2,395
Guide price month: Late Apr

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 & 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 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 2021-22

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)						
14 Jan 21	24 Jan 21	18 Mar 21	28 Mar 21	27 Jan 22	06 Feb 22	10 Mar 22	20 Mar 22
28 Jan 21	07 Feb 21	08 Apr 21	18 Apr 21	03 Feb 22	13 Feb 22	17 Mar 22	27 Mar 22
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Panama & Costa Rica Experience

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Standard

Solo group tour • From £3,295 (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, D)

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)

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 **Hotel Best Western Panama Zen** (or similar) 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



Sloth, 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 2021-22

Tour code: CSG

Group tour

High season from £3,295
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

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

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, 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 2021-22

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)
21 Jan 21	03 Feb 21	28 Oct 21	10 Nov 21	24 Feb 22	09 Mar 22
25 Feb 21	10 Mar 21	20 Jan 22	02 Feb 22	07 Apr 22	20 Apr 22

Splendours of Central America

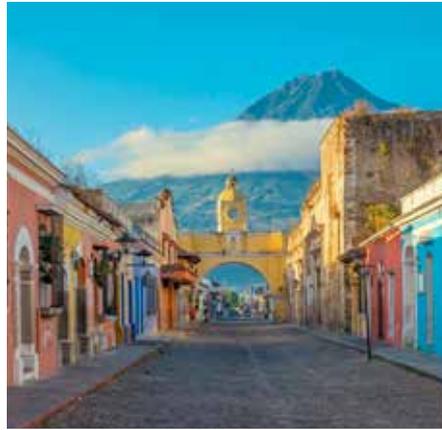
Duration • 19 days & 17 nights
Category • Standard

Small group tour • From £3,195 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,495 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on select departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 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



Antigua, Guatemala

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 with 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 **Hotel Best Western Panama Zen** (or similar) 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**. (B)

Day 10: Route of the Flowers

Explore the cobble 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 on the picturesque Route of the Flowers. Overnight at **Hotel Misión de Angeles** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 11: Copán, Honduras

This morning visit the traditional artisan town of Ataco and stop at Santa Ana en route to Honduras (approx 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 £125. Relax on white sandy beaches or swim in calm, turquoise Caribbean waters.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Locally escorted tour: This tour is led in each country by an experienced local tour guide.

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

Guideline prices for 2021-22

Tour code: GCA

Group tour

Low season from £3,195
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,395
Guide price months: Jan – Feb, Nov

Single supplement from £745

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)

★ No single supplement on select 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 Jan, 3 Nov**

United Airlines flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £795 return
Business Class from £2,295 return

Regional air connections

Prices on request: United Airlines Houston or Newark to/from Manchester or Edinburgh

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 2021-22

Out (Wed) Rtn (Sun)
20 Jan 21 07 Feb 21
10 Feb 21 28 Feb 21

Out (Wed) Rtn (Sun)
03 Mar 21 21 Mar 21
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Booking conditions

Created: 25 November 2020

Your contract is 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. The following conditions, together with our privacy policy, the relevant information set out on this website and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, will form the basis of your contract with the Company. Please read them carefully before you book.

By making a booking, the first named person on the booking agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that:

- a. he/she has read these Booking Conditions and has the authority to and does agree to be bound by them;
- b. he/she consents to our use of information personal data in accordance with our Privacy Policy and is authorised on behalf of all persons named on the booking to disclose their personal details to us, including where applicable, special categories of data (such as information on health conditions or disabilities and dietary requirements);
- c. he/she is over 18 years of age and where placing an order for services with age restrictions declares that he/she and all members of the party are of the appropriate age to purchase those services;
- d. he/she accepts financial responsibility for payment of the booking on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking.

1. BOOKING YOUR HOLIDAY

(a) Our aim is to provide the right holiday to suit your requirements. You can call us on +44 (0)203 813 2966 or email: sales@coxandkings.co.uk and we will tailor make an itinerary for you and provide you with a price per person. In order to maintain our customer services standards and to assist with the on-going training of our staff we may record or monitor our telephone conversations or emails with you.

(b) To secure your booking we require a minimum deposit of 15% of your total holiday cost (20% for Australasia), or such other amount as advised by the Company. If you are booking within 60 days of departure, then full payment is required at the time of booking. Payment can be made by cheque or by most major credit cards in favour of Cox & Kings. If for any reason we do not accept your booking your deposit will be returned. Some suppliers and holidays over peak seasons may require higher deposits at the time of booking. You will be notified of these requirements before you pay your deposit.

(c) Many airlines now require the full name of all passengers travelling. We will therefore ask you at the time of booking to confirm the number of members in your party and to provide us with the first forename (as shown in each passport) as well as the title and surname of each member.

(d) Special Requests, such as diet, room location, twin or double bedded room, a particular facility or flight seat which are an important factor in the choice of holiday, should be indicated in writing at the time of booking. We will pass your request on to the hotel or airline but cannot guarantee that it will be accommodated. We will also pass on any dietary requests to airlines but we recommend that you check directly with the airline once your tickets have been issued. The Company will try to arrange for Special Requests to be met, but cannot guarantee that they will be, nor will the Company be liable if any Special Request is not met. The provision of any Special Request does not constitute a term of your contract with us unless we have

confirmed in writing that your requirement will be met.

(e) On receipt of your correct deposit we will book your arrangements and issue a Confirmation Invoice. A contract will come into existence on the date on which we issue a Confirmation Invoice. If your confirmed arrangements include a flight, we (or if you booked via an authorised agent of ours, that agent) will also issue you with an ATOL Certificate.

(f) It is important for you to check the details on the Confirmation Invoice, and ATOL Certificate where applicable, as soon as you get it, as these set out the services we have agreed to provide. In the event of any discrepancy please contact us (or if you booked via an authorised agent of ours, that agent) immediately. If you arrange your holiday direct with the Company all correspondence and other communications will be sent to the address of the person who made the initial payment unless you specify otherwise. If you request correspondence through a business address, a residential address will also be required for emergency and security reasons.

(g) If your booking is made through a travel agent, the Company will address all communications to that travel agent, who will act as agent for you in regard to all communications from us to you. All monies paid by you to a travel agent under or in contemplation of this contract will be held by the travel agent for the Company until such monies are forwarded to the Company.

(h) The balance is due 60 days before departure. If it is not paid in time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges set out in clause 2 below will become payable.

2. AMENDMENTS & CANCELLATION

(a) Amendments by you

The Company will make every effort to assist you if you wish to alter your arrangements, but it may not always be possible. Requests for an amendment must be in writing, signed by the person who made the initial payment. If it is possible to make the amendment, it will be subject to an amendment charge of £50 per booking, together with all communication charges or other expenses incurred by the Company as a result of the change. These charges will be payable whether or not the Company succeeds in confirming your requested amendment. Scheduled airlines normally regard name changes as a cancellation and rebooking, and any alteration may incur a 100% cancellation charge in respect of the air fare. Please note that save for the transfer of a booking, it will not be possible to make changes within 28 days of your departure date. Your request may be treated as a cancellation and re-booking and the normal cancellation charges detailed in clause 2(c) below will apply dependent upon the conditions imposed by our suppliers.

If you wish to change your arrangements whilst on your holiday, all costs are payable by you.

Date amendments: Should you wish to amend the date of departure of your trip this will follow the rules outlined in part 2(a) above. The new departure date must be initiated within six months of the original date of departure. If travel commences after six months of the original holiday departure date this will be treated as a cancellation and rebook and the normal cancellation charges detailed in clause 2(c) will apply.

Destination amendments: Should you wish to change the destination (unless for reasons of extraordinary circumstances outlined below) of your confirmed holiday before departure this shall be treated as a cancellation and rebook and the normal cancellation charges detailed in clause 2(c) will apply.

(b) Transfer of booking:

If you or any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else, subject to the following conditions:

- a. that person is introduced by you and satisfies all the conditions applicable to the holiday;
- b. we are notified not less than 7 days before departure;
- c. you pay any outstanding balance payment, an amendment fee of £50 per person transferring, as well as any additional fees, charges or other costs arising from the transfer; and
- d. the transferee agrees to these booking 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 2(c) will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

(c) Cancellation by you

All cancellations must be advised in writing, signed by the person who made the initial payment and sent to the Company at St George's House, Ambrose Street, Cheltenham, Glos. GL50 3LG. Cancellations are effective on the day they are received by the Company. Recorded delivery is strongly recommended. Since we incur costs in cancelling your travel arrangements, the following cancellation charges will be payable, depending upon the number of days prior to departure the Company receives your notice of cancellation.

Written advice of cancellation received

Days prior to departure	% of total holiday cost
60 days or more	Loss of deposit
46-59 days	30% of total holiday cost
30-45 days	60% of total holiday cost
15-29 days	90% of total holiday cost
0-14 days	100% of total holiday cost

We will deduct the cancellation charge(s) from any monies you have already paid to us.

Important Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration or cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements in addition to the charge above.

Please note that at certain times of year, for example peak season, or for certain products, for example some game lodges and cruises, stricter cancellation conditions may apply. Any such revised conditions will be notified to you prior to booking.

Partial Room Cancellation: If guest cancels or leaves a journey and a roommate remains, an additional supplement may apply to the price for the remaining guest.

We strongly recommend that you secure adequate travel insurance as per clause 6 below.

Cancellation by you due to unavoidable & extraordinary circumstances

You have the right to cancel your confirmed holiday before departure without paying a cancellation charge in the event of "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" occurring at your holiday destination or its immediate vicinity and significantly affecting the performance of the holiday or significantly affecting the transport arrangements to the destination. In these circumstances, we shall provide you with a full refund of the monies you have paid but we will not be liable to pay you any additional compensation. Please note that your right to cancel in these circumstances will only apply where the Foreign, Commonwealth and 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,

pandemic, epidemic and/or 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.

(d) Re-booking following a cancellation

Should you wish to cancel a holiday and re-book an alternative this will be subject to the cancellation terms within these booking conditions. If the alternative booking requires a greater deposit than has already been paid (after deducting cancellation fees) then the balance between what is required as a deposit and any sums already paid becomes due.

(e) Accuracy of information

We check the information which we provide about our holidays very carefully. However, tour, excursion or cruise itineraries may change as a result of local conditions. Circumstances such as these, or weather conditions, may cause some of the amenities we have described to be unavailable or different from those advertised. When we are told of any significant or long term changes we will always endeavour to advise you prior to your departure.

(f) Amendments by the Company

Great care is taken to ensure that the description and prices given in our brochures and on our website are accurate at the time of publication. However, changes can occur, and the Company reserves the right to change any of the details in company literature, including prices, in which case the Company will advise you of any such change before accepting your booking. After a Confirmation Invoice has been issued, the Company makes every effort to operate all holidays as advertised. We plan arrangements a long time in advance of your holiday using independent suppliers such as airlines, hotels, local transport operators and guides, over whom we have no direct control. In very rare circumstances, the Company may have to modify a holiday before you depart. Most of these changes are insignificant. If we make an insignificant change to your holiday, we will make reasonable efforts to inform you or your travel agent as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure but we will have no liability to you. Examples of insignificant changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard and changes of carriers.

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.

Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements. Examples of "significant changes" include the following, when made before departure: a change of flight time by more than 12 hours, a change of international airport (except between airports serving the same city), a change of destination or a change to a lower standard accommodation, and/or price. If we have to make a significant change, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will provide you with three alternatives. You may accept the modification, you may change your booking to another available and comparable holiday, or you may cancel and receive a full and prompt refund. If you choose another holiday which is cheaper, the Company will make the appropriate refund.

You must notify us of your choice within seven days of our offer. If we do not hear from you within 7 days, we will contact you again to request notification of your choice. If you fail to respond again, we

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will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

If you cancel and receive a full refund following a significant change made for any reason other than Force Majeure or Low Bookings you will receive the following compensation, calculated according to the number of days prior to departure that you are notified of the change.

Compensation when notification of change is sent

Days prior to departure	Compensation per person
More than 42 days	£10
29-41 days prior	£20
15-28 days prior	£25
0-14 days prior	£30

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** We will not pay you compensation in the following circumstances:

- (a) where we make an insignificant change;
- (b) where we make a significant change or cancel your arrangements more than 60 days before departure;
- (c) where we make a significant change and you accept those changed arrangements or you accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements;
- (d) where we have to cancel your arrangements as a result of your failure to make full payment on time;
- (e) where the change or cancellation by us arises out of alterations to the confirmed booking requested by you;
- (f) where we are forced to cancel or change your arrangements due to Force Majeure.

'Low Bookings' means that an insufficient number of people have booked the arrangements to make their operation financially viable in the advertised form.

If there is an insignificant change before you depart (that is, any change not included in the definition of a significant change set out above), the Company will try to notify you, although it is not obliged to pay any compensation. If the Company becomes unable to provide a significant proportion of your holiday after it has commenced, every effort will be made to provide suitable alternative arrangements, which will be made for you at no extra charge to you (save in the case of Force Majeure) or, alternatively, you will be returned to your point of departure and the company will, where appropriate, pay compensation. No compensation is payable in the case of Force Majeure.

(g) Cancellation by the Company

We reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your holiday for any reason. However, we will not cancel your hotel arrangement less than 8 weeks before your departure date, except for reasons of Force Majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. If you fail to pay the balance of the holiday price at least 60 days before departure, the Company will treat your booking as cancelled and levy the cancellation charges set out in clause 2(c). If the Company is obliged to cancel your holiday in any other circumstances before departure, the Company will use its best endeavours to offer alternative arrangements of equivalent or very closely similar standard and price, if available; travel arrangements of a lower standard and a refund of the difference in price; or will give you a full and prompt refund of all monies paid. In addition, unless the cancellation has been caused by Force Majeure, a failure by you to pay the balance or low bookings, the Company will pay you compensation as set out in clause 2(f).

3. COX & KINGS PRICE POLICY

(a) We reserve the right to alter the prices of any of the holidays shown in our brochure or on our website. You will be advised of the

current price of the holiday that you wish to book before your contract is confirmed.

(b) When you make your booking you must pay a deposit, see section 1b for relevant deposits. The balance of the price of your travel arrangements must be paid by the date indicated on your confirmation. If the deposit and/or balance is not paid in time, we shall cancel your travel arrangements. If the balance is not paid in time, we shall retain your deposit.

(c) In respect of any booking covered by our ATOL, all monies you pay to the travel agent are held by them, on behalf, and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times. This is subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to us for so long as we do not fail. If we fail, any money held at that time by the agent, or subsequently accepted from you by him, is and continues to be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us.

(d) The Company is under no obligation to give a breakdown of the costs involved in a holiday.

(e) The Company reserves the right to notify you of an increase in the brochure or advertised price before accepting your booking and prices may go up or down. While we do our utmost to avoid such a scenario, due to human or computer error there may on occasion be an incorrect price shown in a brochure or online. When we become aware of any such error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake) or within 7 days of the time of booking, or as soon as reasonably possible. We do have to reserve all our rights in a situation such as this which may include cancelling a holiday if the actual price applicable to the holiday is not acceptable to you. We will of course allow you to amend your holiday with us, if you so wish, to an alternative holiday at the correct price.

(f) We reserve the right to increase the price of confirmed holidays solely to allow for increases which are a direct consequence of changes in:

- a. the price of the carriage of passengers resulting from the cost of fuel or other power sources;
- b. the level of taxes or fees chargeable for services applicable to the holiday imposed by third parties not directly involved in the performance of the holiday, including tourist taxes, landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports; and
- c. the exchange rates relevant to the package.

Such variations could include but are not limited to airline cost changes which are part of our contracts with airlines (and their agents), cruise ship operators and any other transport providers.

(g) We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to two per cent of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements. You will be charged for the amount over and above that. However, if this means that you have to pay an increase of more than eight per cent of the price of your confirmed holiday (excluding any insurance premiums, amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements), you will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if we are able to offer one (if this is of equivalent or higher quality you will not have to pay more but if it is of lower quality you will be refunded the difference in price), or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid to us, except for any insurance premiums and any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements. Should you decide to cancel for this reason, you must exercise your right to do so within 7 days from the issue date printed on your final invoice. We will consider an appropriate refund of insurance premiums paid if you can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your policy.

(h) Should the price of your holiday go down due to the changes mentioned above, then any refund due will be paid to you less

an administrative fee of £10. However, please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place.

(i) There will be no change made to the price of your confirmed holiday within 20 days of your departure nor will refunds be paid during this period.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMPANY

(a) The Company applies all reasonable checks to ensure that those involved in the preparation and provision of your holiday maintain the appropriate standards.

(b) 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. The descriptions, information and opinions given in our brochures or on the website by the Company in respect of the airlines, hotels and other suppliers whose services are used are given in good faith, based on the latest information available at the time of printing. The Company accepts liability for any loss you may suffer if due to fault on our part, or that of our agents or suppliers, any part of the holiday arrangements you book with the Company before your departure is not as described in our brochure, on our website, or itinerary or not of a reasonable standard. The Company limits its liability in respect of these claims to a maximum of three times the holiday cost. Subject to the conditions set out below, The Company also accepts liability if you or any member of your party suffers death or personal injury as a direct result of these holiday arrangements failing to be as described and of a reasonable standard. However, these acceptances of liability do not apply if there has been no fault on the part of the Company or its servants, agents, or suppliers and the loss, death or personal injury suffered is attributable to your own acts or omissions or to the acts or omissions of a third party not involved in providing the services which make up your holiday, or to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances or Force Majeure. They are also conditional upon you following the procedures for notification of complaints set out in clause 11, and upon you assigning to the Company any right you may have against any other person whose acts or omissions have given rise to the Company's liability. Nothing in the above shall limit or exclude the Company's liability for fraud or for death or personal injury caused by negligence, or to the extent otherwise not permitted by law.

(c) The Company's liability to compensate you and the amount of such compensation is subject to the following limitations. First, in the case of damage other than death, illness or personal injury, compensation is restricted to a reasonable amount having regard to such factors as, inter alia, the holiday cost and the extent to which the enjoyment of your holiday can be said to have been affected. Second, if any failure in your holiday arrangements relates to, or if you or any member in your party is killed, injured or becomes ill during or as a result of, carriage by aircraft, ship, train or coach forming part of the holiday arrangements booked with us before your departure from the UK, our liability to pay compensation and/or the amount of compensation we will pay is limited in accordance with the liability of the carrier under any international convention which governs such services. International Conventions which may apply include: in respect of carriage by air, the Montreal Convention 1999 or the Warsaw Convention 1929 (including as amended by The Hague Protocol of 1955 and by any of the Montreal Additional Protocol of 1975); in respect of carriage by sea, the Athens Convention 1974; in respect of rail carriage, the Berne Convention 1961; and in respect of carriage by road the Geneva Convention 1973. The terms of these conventions are incorporated into and form part of your contract with us. In respect of death or personal injury, the liability of an air carrier under the Montreal Convention and the Warsaw Convention is limited to damage sustained caused by an accident which takes place onboard the aircraft or in the course of any of the operations of embarking or disembarking. You can get copies of the relevant conventions if you ask us for them. You should also note that these

conventions may limit or remove the carrier's liability to you and the amount which the carrier has to pay you. You should also know that the carrier will rely upon its 'conditions of carriage' which may limit or remove the carrier's liability to you and limit compensation under international conventions.

(d) Our suppliers (such as accommodation or transport providers) have their own booking conditions or conditions of carriage, and these conditions are binding between you and the supplier. Some of these conditions may limit or remove the relevant transport provider's or other supplier's liability to you. You can get copies of such conditions from our offices, or the offices of the relevant supplier.

(e) If we make any payment to you or any member of your party for death, personal injury or illness, you must co-operate fully with us in seeking recovery of any payment we make.

(f) Operational decisions may be taken by air carriers and airports resulting in delays, diversions or rescheduling. Cox & Kings has no control over such decisions and is therefore unable to accept responsibility for them. Where, as a result of circumstances beyond our control we are obliged to change or end your holiday after departure, but before the end of your holiday, we will not pay compensation or reimburse you for expenses incurred. We strongly recommend you have adequate travel insurance for your holiday and should claim via your insurance company for any loss or damage to luggage and/or personal possessions. In the event that any claim is made directly with us, our liability to pay compensation and/or the amount of compensation will be limited in accordance with the conventions referred to in (c) above.

(g) If you suffer death, injury or illness during your holiday arising out of an activity which does not form part of the inclusive arrangements booked with the Company, the Company will offer assistance where appropriate and in its sole discretion. This assistance must be requested within 90 days of your misadventure and will be limited to general advice and/or assistance with legal fees up to £5,000 per party, such contributions to be repaid to the Company out of any judgment or insurance payment you subsequently obtain.

(h) Where it is impossible for you to return to your departure point as per the agreed return date of your package, due to "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances", we shall provide you with any necessary accommodation (where possible, of a comparable standard) for a period not exceeding three nights per person. If the circumstances continue beyond a three-night period our responsibility under this clause will cease and you will need to claim upon your travel insurance where you are able to do so. Please note that the three-night cap does not apply to persons with reduced mobility, pregnant women or unaccompanied minors, nor to persons needing specific medical assistance, provided we have been notified of these particular needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" mean warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as pandemic, epidemic and/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 back to your departure point.

(i) Please be aware that the Company accepts no responsibility or liability for any destination that imposes access restrictions or otherwise hinders peaceful enjoyment of destination services and facilities based upon race, gender or sexual preference. The Company will provide general information in line with its obligations, however, you accept that it is your responsibility to thoroughly research your intended destination to ensure that it satisfactorily meets your holiday needs and requirements.

5. YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Make yourself travel aware - Before making a booking, please consult the travel advice produced by the government of your home jurisdiction, the government who issued the passport and/or visa you intend to travel under and the government of your destination.

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Also ensure you make yourself familiar with the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advice on staying safe and healthy on your trip – www.gov.uk/travelaware. Advice can change, so always check regularly for the latest updates.

(b) If the Foreign Office advises that people should not visit a particular country, we will act on this advice.

(c) In the event of active government advice and warnings against travel to a specific destination or location(s) of a trip, should the traveller still choose to travel, notwithstanding such travel advisory or warning, the traveller assumes all risks of loss, personal injury, death or property damage from any event that may arise out of or associated with the travel advice or warnings given. The Company strongly recommends you do not travel against Foreign Office Travel or US State Department Travel advice and warnings as they are given for your safety and security.

(d) It is important that you check the details on your Confirmation Invoice when you receive it. In the event of any discrepancy, you should contact the Company or your travel agent.

(e) General information concerning passport, visa and health requirements applicable to UK Citizens is set out in our literature. However, such requirements are subject to change and you must check current requirements before departure. Passports for British Citizens are valid for travel to any EU country up to and including the passport expiry date. Many countries outside of the EU require that passengers' passports are valid for at least six months after the completion of their journey, and/or contains blank pages (for visas). Please visit www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice for advice by country. Some destinations also require visas and additional documentation and you should contact the Embassy or Consulate of the country which you are planning to visit in good time before you travel, please click here to visit Visa Central. You should also contact your medical advisor or a specialist vaccination centre for details of the measures you will need to take prior to departure. All children should travel on full passports. It is your responsibility to obtain all documents required for your holiday, including passports, visas, health certificates and international driving licenses, to ensure that these are in proper order and to take them with you. We recommend that if you are travelling with a child (particularly one that does not share your surname or if travelling without one or both parents), you check the entry requirements for your destination. Certain countries have introduced additional requirements, such as documentation that proves your relationship to the child as well as documentation that proves you have permission to travel with them. The Company cannot be held responsible should you or any member of your travelling party be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements. Please consult the travel advice produced by the government of your home jurisdiction, the government who issued the passport and/or visa you intend to travel under and the government of your destination for further details. We will not be liable to make any refund or pay compensation if you or any member of your party is unable to proceed with the holiday as planned because of incorrect or missing personal documents, or any other failure to meet passport, visa or immigration requirements.

(f) Approximately 7 days before departure you will receive your flight tickets together with other information concerning your holiday. Please ensure that you check the names and flight timings on your tickets carefully and contact us immediately if you have any queries. The correct timings, using the 24-hour clock system, may have been adjusted since you received your Confirmation Invoice.

(g) You are responsible for checking-in for flights at the correct time and for presenting yourself to take up all pre-booked components of your holiday. The Company cannot accept responsibility for clients missing flights as a result of late check-ins and no credit or refunds will be given if you fail to take up any component of your holiday. No credit or refunds will be given for lost, mislaid or destroyed travel documents.

(h) Most people go on holiday for rest and relaxation, so if in our reasonable opinion or that of any airline pilot, hotel manager, tour

leader or other person in authority, your behaviour is causing danger, damage to property or persistently affecting the enjoyment of others, we reserve the right to terminate your holiday. Should this happen no refund or compensation would be paid.

(i) If you lose any personal items whilst on holiday, please obtain a written report from the police, to help with any insurance claim upon your return.

(j) You are responsible for the costs of any damage to the accommodation and/or any extra charges incurred with our suppliers during your holiday. Should you fail to make such payment at the time the charges and/or costs are incurred, you will be liable to reimburse us for these and you authorise the Company to automatically debit your credit card to the value instructed by the supplier for any such costs and/or charges.

6. INSURANCE

We cannot emphasise enough the importance of purchasing comprehensive travel insurance prior to date of travel. This insurance should be commensurate to the value of your booking, and cover cancellation and curtailment, all medical expenses including evacuation/repatriation, personal baggage, personal liability, death and permanent disability and travel document insurance. If you suffer from a disability or medical condition you should disclose this to insurers. For those who participate in sports and activities whilst on holiday that have been organised and arranged independently of us, it should be understood that participation is at the individual's own risk and it is your responsibility to obtain the relevant insurance. Note that special insurance may be required if you intend to scuba dive or undertake any other dangerous or sports activities. Please keep your insurance details with you whilst on holiday.

7. AIRLINES & OTHER SUPPLIERS

(a) As between you and the suppliers of the transport, accommodation and other components making up your holiday, the conditions of the supplier will apply. These conditions may be subject to international Conventions which limit and/or restrict the suppliers' liability. (Copies are available on request - please allow 28 days). Under EU law you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from your airline. Reimbursement in these cases is the responsibility of the airline and will not automatically entitle you to refund of your holiday cost from the Company. Your rights to compensation from the Company is set out in clause 2(e). If your airline does not acknowledge your rights, you should complain to the Civil Aviation Authority at www.caa.co.uk/

(b) Transport timings are provided by the carrier concerned and are subject to such matters as weather conditions, maintenance requirements, the ability of passengers to check-in on time and, in the case of flights, to air traffic control restrictions. Accordingly, the times of flights and other forms of transport are estimates only and cannot be guaranteed.

(c) As airlines regularly overbook, we recommend that you check in on-line as soon as you are notified by the airline that check-in is available or 24 hours before departure. If you do not check-in online or unable to, we recommend that you arrive at the airport 3 hours prior to departure as airlines have been known to re-allocate seats in the event of late arrival. The Company is unable to check you in and it is your responsibility to ensure that you are checked in within the appropriate time. The Company is not responsible or liable if you are downgraded an airline class as a result of the airline overbooking the class in which you are booked. Seat reservations are at the discretion of the airline and may be changed at any time without notice.

(d) The majority of airlines have introduced a total smoking ban on most or all of their flights. Please ask before booking if this information is important to you.

(e) The European Commission publishes a list of airlines that are subject to an operating ban within European air space. To view the list, go to http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/index_en.htm or search for "banned airlines" at www.europa.eu.

Some itineraries may include one of the following airlines;

Air Dyanasty Heli. S.
Air Kasthamandap
Buddha Air
Costal Aviation
Fishtail Air
Goma Air
Himalaya Airlines
Makalu Air
Manang Air PVT Ltd
Mountain Helicopters
Muktinath Airlines
Nepal Airlines Corporation
Saurya Airlines
Shree Airlines
Simrick Air
Simrick Airlines
Tara Air
Yeti Airlines Domestic

(f) Some activities carry inherent risks and if you are participating in such activities you may be asked to sign an additional form by the local supplier. In rare cases beginners may have to take lessons at a charge before being permitted to use hotel equipment otherwise offered free.

8. EXCURSIONS

Please note that when you book an excursion locally you contract with the local company providing that excursion and not the Company. The Company has no legal liability for anything that goes wrong on such an excursion and any claim which you might have arising out of the excursion will be against the relevant local company and subject to the local company's terms and conditions. The Company will, at its discretion offer advice, guidance and assistance if you or any member of your party suffer death, illness or injury arising out of an activity which does not form part of your holiday with the Company, or an excursion arranged locally. Where legal action is contemplated and you want the Company's assistance, you must obtain the Company's written consent prior to commencement of proceedings. The Company's consent will be given subject to you undertaking to assign any costs, or benefits received and any relevant insurance policy to the Company. We limit the cost of the Company's assistance to you or any member of your party to £5,000.

9. DATA PROTECTION

(a) In order to process your booking and to ensure that your travel arrangements run smoothly and meet your requirements, we need to use the information you provide such as your name, and address, any special needs/dietary requirements etc. We take full responsibility for ensuring that proper security measures are in place to protect your information. We must pass the information on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements such as airlines, hotels, transport companies and so on. The information may also be provided to security or credit checking companies, public authorities such as customs and immigration if required by them, or as required by law. Additionally, where your holiday is outside the European Economic Area (EEA), controls on data protection in your destination may not be as strong as the legal requirements in this country. We will not however, pass any information on to any person not responsible for part of your travel arrangements. This applies to any sensitive information that you give to us such as details of any disabilities, or dietary/religious requirements. If, however, we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, whether in the EEA or not, we cannot accept your booking. In making a booking, you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons. Please note that

where information is also held by your travel agent, this is subject to your agents own data protection policy. You are entitled to a copy of your information held by us. If you would like to see this, please contact the Company during normal working hours.

(b) The information you are required to provide may include debit/credit card details. As set out above, we take full responsibility for ensuring that proper security measures are in place to protect this information. In accordance with applicable legal, regulatory and business requirements this information will be securely deleted as soon as it is no longer required. However, it is necessary for the Company to retain your debit/credit card details for a reasonable period of time after the conclusion of your holiday, and you consent to such retention, in the event that any costs referred to in clause 5(j) above are incurred and you fail to settle these directly with the supplier, in order that the Company can debit your card for the relevant amount. This will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that the information is not kept longer than is strictly necessary for the purposes set out above.

10. ILLNESS AND DISABILITY

If you or any member of your party suffer from a disability or other medical condition, please tell us before you book. Cox & Kings, is happy to give you advice and to try to assist you in choosing a holiday that will meet your requirements. However, most of our holidays are in destinations which are off the beaten track and lack even the simplest facilities for disabled guests such as ramps for wheelchairs, lifts and so on. Many of our holidays require a fair degree of physical fitness. Medical facilities may not be readily available. In order to assist you we must be provided prior to booking with full written details regarding your medical condition and any special requirements which result from this. An appropriate medical form will be sent to you for this purpose. Air travel can cause problems for some people with circulatory or bronchial problems, such as deep vein thrombosis. It is inadvisable for anyone with high blood pressure or respiratory problems to visit high altitudes. You should consult your doctor for advice before you book and in good time before your departure.

11. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM

(a) If you are unhappy with any aspect of the Company's arrangements while you are on holiday, you must address your complaint immediately to the Company's local representative (or, if none, to the Company by contacting the Duty Manager on +44 7831 328500) and to the management of the hotel or other supplier whose services are involved. They will do their best to rectify the situation. It is unreasonable to take no action whilst on holiday, but then to write a letter of complaint upon return. If the problem cannot be resolved locally and you wish to complain, full details must be sent to the Company in writing to arrive within 30 days of your return. We will do our best to investigate and reply to you within 28 days of receipt of your letter. Failure to take either of these steps will deny the Company the opportunity to resolve the problem immediately and/or investigate it properly. In consequence, this may affect your rights under this contract.

(b) In the rare event of a dispute which cannot be amicably settled, you may (if you wish) use ABTA's approved Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) scheme, available through www.abta.com which, though devised by arrangement with the Association of British Travel Agents, is administered quite independently by Hunt ADR. The scheme (details of which will be supplied on request) provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone, with restricted liability on holidaymakers in respect of costs. The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person or £25,000 per party, neither does it apply to claims which are solely or mainly in respect of physical injury, illness, nervous shock, death or their consequences. The scheme can, however, deal with compensation claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Application for arbitration under this scheme must be made within 18 months of the

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date of return from the holiday, otherwise it will only be available if we agree, but the ABTA Code does not require such agreement from us. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA Mediation Procedure and we have the option to agree to mediation.

12. PROMPT ASSISTANCE

If, whilst you are on holiday, you find yourself in difficulty for any reason, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is appropriate in the circumstances. In particular, we will provide you with appropriate information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance, and assistance with distance communications and finding alternative travel arrangements. Where you require assistance which is not owing to any failure by us, our employees or sub-contractors, we will not be liable for the costs of any alternative travel arrangements or other such assistance you require. Any supplier, airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them. Subject to the other terms of these Booking Conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements. Furthermore, we reserve the right to charge you a fee for our assistance in the event that the difficulty is caused intentionally by you or a member of your party, or otherwise through your or your party's negligence.

13. GOVERNING LAW

This contract and any matters arising from it are governed by the laws of England and Wales and are subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales.

14. DESCRIPTIONS

Every effort is made to ensure that the details, descriptions and prices contained in company literature are correct, based on inspections, and information passed to the Company by its suppliers. However, changes do occur, sometimes at short notice and therefore the Company will advise you at the time of booking, or if after booking as soon as possible of any such changes to our published information. It is not always possible for the Company to control all elements of the holiday whereby advertised facilities can sometimes become unavailable at short notice due to inclement weather conditions, lack of demand, emergency repair works etc.

15 FINANCIAL PROTECTION

We provide financial security for flight-inclusive packages and ATOL protected flights by way of our Air Travel Organiser's Licence number 2881, issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK, telephone 0333 103 6350, email: claims@caa.co.uk.

When you buy an ATOL protected product 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. For further information, visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk. The price of our flight inclusive arrangements includes the amount of £2.50 per person as part of the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. Not all holiday or travel services offered and sold by us will be protected by the ATOL Scheme. ATOL protection extends primarily to customers who book and pay in the United Kingdom and European Economic Area (EEA).

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 the services you have bought (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.

When you buy a package holiday that doesn't include a flight, protection is provided by way of a bond held by ABTA Ltd, The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ www.abta.co.uk.

Cox & Kings is a member of ABTA (number Y6678) and holds an ATOL Licence (number 2881) issued by the Civil Aviation Authority. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. For further information about ABTA, The Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you, or if you have a complaint, contact ABTA, 30 Park Street, London SE1 9EQ. Tel: 0203 117 0500 or www.abta.com. For further information visit www.abta.com.

16. FORCE MAJEURE

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Booking Conditions we will not be liable or pay you compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by "Force Majeure". For the purposes of these Booking Conditions, Force Majeure means any event beyond our or our supplier's control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Examples include warfare and acts of terrorism (and threat thereof), civil strife, significant risks to human health such as 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 and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned's control.

Brexit Implications: please note that certain travel arrangements may be affected as a result of the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union. This could include an unavailability of certain flight routes, access to certain ports and airports and changes to the visa requirements of British citizens travelling to, within or through the EU. Please rest assured that this is something we will continue to monitor and will advise our customers as soon as possible if we become aware of any confirmed bookings that will be affected. However, since this is something which is completely unprecedented and outside our control, we would treat any such changes as Force Majeure, and whilst we will endeavour to provide suitable alternative arrangements or refunds where possible, we will not be liable to pay you any compensation.

17. 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. Noncompliance 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.

18. PRICING POLICY

The prices shown in company literature are per person in pound sterling (unless otherwise shown) from the UK based on two people sharing.* (If we are quoting a price for a tailor made holiday, the total price quoted will include all known price increases and decreases and any special offers that we are making at that time).

WHAT YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE INCLUDES

- Flights – Where flights are included, they will be return economy class air travel unless otherwise specified. (World Traveller Plus, Business and First Class travel supplements available).
- United Kingdom Passenger Duty - Included where levied in connection with flights booked by Cox & Kings.
- Free Baggage Allowance - Full details will be supplied with your itinerary. Normally on Intercontinental flights, Economy Class passengers are allowed 20kg of luggage, 30kg per person in Business Class and 40kg per person in First Class.
- Normal Local Flight Baggage Restrictions - Some of our arrangements utilise local domestic airlines and charter flights operating small aircraft with restrictions on baggage allowance. Full details will be supplied with your itinerary.
- Transportation Between Airports & Hotels - Round-trip transport by private or shared vehicle, boat or charter aircraft between airports and hotels.
- Accommodation - In rooms with private facilities (shower and/or bath) inclusive of hotel service charges and local taxes.
- Meals - Meals as specified on a table d'hote basis. 'Full Board' indicates breakfast, lunch and dinner; 'Half Board' is breakfast and dinner. 'Breakfast' includes full breakfast unless otherwise indicated.
- Sightseeing - As detailed in each itinerary on a private guide basis (shared in most camps, lodges and cruise programmes). Entrance fees to national parks and game reserves are included where applicable.
- Cox & Kings Representative - Services of a Cox & Kings representative or appointed local agent in your country of destination.

YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Passport or Visa costs, Porterage & Holiday Insurance
- Overseas Departure Taxes - Where these are levied and payable locally by the client.
- Sightseeing Tours - Except where specified in the itinerary.
- Personal Expenditure - On such items as drinks, laundry, room service, telephone calls etc., and any related tax and service charge.
- Gratuities - Discretionary gratuities to drivers, guides, hotel or boat staff etc.
- Government Levies or Taxes - Any Government levies or taxes introduced after the publication of company literature.

*Please note durations shown for single centre holidays are based on the number of hotel nights booked excluding overnight flights. If you are travelling alone additional supplements over the above single room supplements apply.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is an important part of any booking. Cox & Kings requires that everyone who books with us has travel insurance which includes cover for all activities featured as part of their trip at the time of booking.

If you have not already arranged appropriate cover, our preferred travel insurance provider is Campbell Irvine.

Worried about Covid-19 travel insurance?

Campbell Irvine offers cover for many Covid-19 situations, including:

- Cover if you are diagnosed with Covid-19 before travel
- Cover if you are instructed to isolate following a track and trace notification
- Cover if you get Covid-19 in destination and require medical emergency treatment and repatriation

Cover does not apply if travelling to a country or region against FCO advice. Terms and conditions apply.

C&K Luxury Travel Ltd is an Introducer Appointed Representative of Campbell Irvine Ltd, who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

To obtain a quotation or to arrange cover, please contact Campbell Irvine.

**campbellirvinedirect.com/coxandkings
**info@campbellirvine.com
 0207 938 1734****



Cox & Kings holidays explained

Our prices

We go to great lengths to ensure that our tours represent excellent value for money, taking into account the quality of accommodation and the services included. Our guideline prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room.

The pricing for all our escorted group tours includes the international airfare from the UK. However, in an era when airlines regularly change their fares due to fuel costs and other factors, the cost of a tour can change after the publication of our brochures. Therefore, in this brochure all our prices are guideline prices.

For each tour we publish a lead-in price for the low season, which is indicative of the lowest price at which the tour is available, and the lead-in price for the high season. In some cases, the prices for peak season departures – over the Christmas and New Year period for example – may be significantly higher than the guideline high season price. Due to short-term promotions in the market, prices may also be lower than our published guideline prices.

For both group and private tours, please contact one of our travel consultants for an accurate price quote for a specific departure date.

Escorted group tours

To enhance your enjoyment of the tour, we like to keep our groups small and manageable. Therefore, numbers are normally restricted to a maximum of 18 people, with an average group size of 14.

No single supplements – Solo Travellers

Our Solo Travellers tours are designed for individual travellers who enjoy exploring fascinating parts of the world in the company of like-minded people. All accommodation on these tours is based on single occupancy of twin / double rooms and there are no single supplements. A selection of Solo Travellers tours is included in this brochure and the full range can be viewed at CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers.

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

Arts & Culture tours

In addition to our general interest tours, we offer a range of expert-led Arts & Culture tours. Art, architecture, archaeology and gardens are covered in this programme, and the tours will suit all culture-lovers, enthusiasts and experts alike. To learn more about these tours visit CoxandKings.co.uk/art.

Tour categories

Our tours fall into one of four categories, based on the level of comfort you can expect on the tour, as outlined below. For certain tours, we include some departures in one category and some in another.

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.



Chefchaouen, Morocco

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

Discovery: 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, such as trekking.

Private travel

Private travel refers to trips taken independently and includes both set itineraries and tailor-made holidays. All of our group tours can be taken on a private basis and some itineraries are available for private travel only. The 'suggested itineraries' featured in this brochure are intended to demonstrate how multiple places can be connected together, giving an idea of how long you might like to spend in each place and also a guideline price. All our itineraries can be tailored to suit your particular requirements.

Accommodation ratings

The properties featured in this brochure and on our website are each given one of the following six ratings, listed in order of comfort:

Exceptional: Truly exclusive and exceptionally luxurious.

Luxury: Very high class accommodation with superb facilities and service.

Superior: High standard accommodation, service and facilities.

Good Standard: Good standard accommodation, service and facilities.

Simple: Clean and comfortable with en suite bathrooms, but limited facilities.

Basic: Very modest, typically with shared bathrooms and minimal facilities.

Visit our website to view our full range of hotels, including those used in the tours featured within this brochure.

Upgrades & supplements

Regional air connections: Most Cox & Kings holidays are based on flights from London Heathrow or Gatwick, and in most cases it is possible to connect with those flights from regional British airports for a small supplement. Please ask your travel consultant for details.

Flight upgrades: For those wishing to fly in greater comfort, we offer favourable prices for upgrading to Premium Economy, Business and First Class. Guideline prices for these upgrade supplements are included on the tour page. Please contact your travel consultant for a price quote based on your specific date of departure, the latest availability and best prices.

Room upgrades: On both group tours and private holidays there may be opportunities to upgrade to a higher standard of room in many hotels. Please ask your travel consultant to explain the upgrade options to you and provide you with a price quote.

Single room supplements: If you are a single traveller joining a group tour there will generally be a supplementary charge. This is because hotels typically charge more per person for single occupancy as the cost of maintaining a room for one person can be almost as high as it is for two. On many of our group tours we are offering the first three places with no single supplement to pay – please enquire for availability. Some of the group tours in this brochure are dedicated Solo Travellers tours, for which the prices include single occupancy of a double / twin room, so there is no additional supplement.

Land-only travel

Although guideline prices for the tours in this brochure include the international airfare, if you would prefer to book your own flights, whether to join a group tour or for private travel, your Cox & Kings travel consultant will be happy to quote you the price for taking the tour on a land-only basis.

However, before booking your own flights please always contact your travel consultant because there are important issues to be aware of. For example, if a tour includes internal flights there can be an impact on the cost of those flights if they are booked separately from the

international flights, or on a different airline from the one mentioned in the itinerary.

If booking on a group tour you would also need to be aware of the tour timings and there may be supplementary costs if you require private transfers or additional hotel nights on arrival or departure.

We strongly advise against booking flights independently of Cox & Kings for group tours, as you would incur significant charges in the event that a group tour is cancelled. Finally, it is important to be aware that, if you choose to book your international flights independently of Cox & Kings, you would no longer benefit from the full ATOL holiday protection provided by a packaged air and land holiday.

Mobility & accessibility

Many Cox & Kings tours visit places that require quite a lot of walking. In the case of historical / archaeological sites in particular, surfaces can be uneven and there may be a lot of steps. If you have any concerns about how strenuous a particular itinerary may be, please speak to one of our expert travel consultants prior to booking to get a realistic sense of what is involved.

Peace of mind

By its nature, even the best-planned travel has a degree of unpredictability. Aside from our expert planning and our network of carefully selected representatives around the world, one of the great benefits of travelling with Cox & Kings is what happens in the event of the unexpected. If a flight is cancelled, medical assistance is required, or a strike affects local services, the peace of mind that comes from the support we provide to sort out the necessary arrangements is priceless.

Ensuring your enjoyment

When making a booking, if you feel that there is anything Cox & Kings should know about that is essential to your enjoyment of your holiday, please ensure that we have been made aware of this, preferably in writing, at the time of booking.



Aymara women, Peru

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