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Inspiring travel for over 260 years


In an age that has witnessed an explosion in the popularity of travel, when new travel companies appear and disappear with bewildering frequency, Cox & Kings is, above all else, a travel company you can trust. Our experience, knowledge, service and business ethics are all underpinned by more than 260 years of heritage.

Cox & Kings' illustrious history is extraordinary, not just in its longevity but in how it has reinvented itself as the world around it has changed. You can read more about our company's story online at CoxandKings.co.uk/history.

A common strand running through the entire history is the spirit of innovation, which has remained a driving force for the business to this day. Our company may be old but it's full of youthful energy.

We are proud that we continue to build on the tradition of high quality service, attention to detail and innovation that made our founder, Richard Cox, so successful 260 years ago. We very much hope that this brochure will inspire and that you will entrust your next adventure to Cox & Kings.

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Why entrust your holiday to Cox & Kings?

- Our extraordinary heritage – founded in 1758
- Award-winning holidays
- Big company value & small company service
- The expert advice of your personal travel consultant
- Equal expertise at organising small group tours & private tailor-made travel
- The best guides to bring a destination to life

What we offer to Europe

- Private tailored travel
- Small group tours
- Special group tours for solo travellers
- Family adventures
- Expert-led Arts & Culture tours
- Luxury train journeys
- Serene river cruises
- Multi-country itineraries
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- Short breaks





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Europe's Best-kept Secrets



1 Russia (page 12)

A country so vast it spans 11 time zones, Russia is a destination like no other. Its two principle cities, Moscow and St Petersburg, are packed with history, art treasures and architectural delights, while the idyllic countryside offers a taste of a very different Russia.



3 Ukraine (page 42)

Ukraine is a huge country in which many vestiges of the Soviet era sit alongside a wealth of older architectural treasures. Marvel at Kiev's countless golden domes and immerse yourself in the cafe culture of Chernivtsi and Lviv, while surrounded by layers of fascinating history.



2 Belarus (page 44)

Finally on the European tourist map after a relaxation of visa requirements, Belarus is one of the continent's emerging destinations – with a rich history, a buzzing new arts scene and friendly locals. Don't miss Unesco-listed Mir Castle and Brest Fortress.



4 Moldova (page 42)

One of the least visited countries in Europe, Moldova is a delight for anyone with a taste for adventure. The capital, Chişinău, would not win a beauty contest, but it's the charm of the countryside and the friendliness of the locals that make this such a special place to visit.



5 Southern Caucasus (page 60)

Once an important stretch of the ancient Silk Road, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia are three countries that offer three very different experiences. Explore vast rocky deserts; rich farmland dotted with vineyards; and ancient Christian, Muslim and pagan history.



9 Umbria & Marche (page 76)

Often overlooked by travellers heading to better-known Tuscany, these two regions of Italy are no less of a delight, with picturesque medieval hilltop towns such as Perugia and Urbino, a rich culinary history and attractive white-pebble beaches.



6 Eastern Turkey (page 144)

One of Turkey's emerging destinations, the Black Sea region combines temperate rainforests and tea plantations with walled coastal towns. A highlight is the Sumela Monastery, set on a high cliff on the side of Mount Mela.



10 Sicily (page 80)

Often referred to as the crossroads of the Mediterranean, Sicily is a heady mix of diverse landscapes, a rich cultural history and a lively street food scene. Be sure not to miss beautiful Taormina, Mount Eta and the pretty seaside town of Cefalù.



7 Greece (page 134)

Popular with travellers since the days of the Grand Tour, Greece is a timeless destination. Ancient ruins, wonderful cuisine, endless beaches lapped by the blue Aegean and abundant archaeological sites – Greece is a destination to revisit time after time.



11 Andalusía (page 100)

For eight centuries Andalusía sat on a volatile frontier between two faiths and ideologies: Christianity and Islam. This heritage can be seen in the three major cities of Seville, Granada and Cordoba, with their ancient mosques and fine Moorish palaces.



8 North Macedonia & Kosovo (page 130)

Rich in Greek, Roman and Ottoman heritage – yet not Balkan or Mediterranean – these two small nations are both new to Europe's tourist map. They offer visitors scenic lakes, soaring mountains, and cities steeped in history and culture.



12 Extremadura (page 102)

Lesser-known Extremadura is a region famous for its fine Iberian ham, Roman ruins and remote hilltop towns. Sparsely populated and with relatively few tourists, the region is a far cry from the busy Costas and ever-popular Andalusía.



Escorted Group Tours

Designed by Experts

- **Small Group Sizes**

We keep our groups compact and manageable, with an average group size of 14 and a maximum of 26 (a maximum of 18 for Solo Travellers tours).

- **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, Cox & Kings tours offer superb value for money.

- **High Quality Accommodation**

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

- **C&K Signature Experiences**

Each tour includes a number of exceptional experiences, revealing hidden wonders and cultural secrets.

- **All Entrance Fees Included**

All sightseeing entrance fees are included where possible, as well as local taxes.

- **Balanced Pace**

Opportunities to relax or explore independently are built into most tours.

- **Tailored to You**

We are delighted to organise extensions before or after your tour, as well as room and flight upgrades.

- **Flight Flexibility**

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.

- **Solo Travellers Tours**

This brochure includes a selection of tours specially created for individual travellers (see page 178 for further details).

- **Arts & Culture Tours**

This brochure includes a selection of expert-accompanied tours, designed for all art enthusiasts (see page 178 for further details).

- **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 (see pages 172-176 for details).

Please see pages 4-5 for a list of all the group tours featured in this brochure. If you would like to find out more about how our holidays operate, please refer to Cox & Kings Holidays Explained on pages 178-179 of this brochure.



Private Travel

Tailored for You

- **100% Flexibility**

All our itineraries can be tailored to suit your needs, or we can create an itinerary for you entirely from scratch, no matter how complex your requirements.

- **Planned by Experts**

Throughout the planning process you will be guided by your personal travel consultant, who will design an itinerary around your particular interests and requirements.

- **Support on the Ground**

At each new destination on your journey, you will be welcomed by a Cox & Kings representative who will accompany you to your hotel and ensure you are happy with all the arrangements.

- **Private Car Travel**

For road journeys, you will typically be driven by private car, allowing the flexibility to make stops en route. Where suitable, we can arrange car hire.

- **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.

- **C&K Signature Experiences**

From market tours and cooking classes to helicopter rides and glacier hikes, we can arrange a whole variety of experiences.

- **Wide Choice of Accommodation**

Whether it's a sophisticated city centre hotel or a 'back-to-nature' wilderness lodge, 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.

- **Family Holidays**

We arrange seamless itineraries that include experiences to inspire older and younger generations alike (see overleaf for further details).

- **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.

- **24-Hour Emergency Support**

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Tailor-made Travel

Cox & Kings has been organising private tailor-made travel for generations. All our expert travel consultants are regional specialists with a wealth of first-hand travel experience.

They will listen to your requirements and then design an itinerary tailored to suit your particular interests, no matter how complex or unique they may be.

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.



Gergeti Trinity church, Georgia

Family Adventures

Cox & Kings family holidays are ideal for families seeking adventure and discovery without compromising on comfort and peace of mind. All families are unique, so the ideas we have put together in our *Family Adventures* range are intended purely as suggestions – our specialist travel consultants are experts in designing holidays completely tailored to each family's interests, ages and varying spirit of adventure. In this brochure we have included some ideas for adventures in Europe. To see a full list of all our suggestions, however, please visit CoxandKings.co.uk/family.

Slow-paced Travel

If you have the time, slow-paced travel can be exceptionally rewarding. Visiting fewer places and spending longer in each allows you to immerse yourself into local culture, gaining a deeper understanding of the way of life, the food, the local issues and the environment. Venturing off the beaten track with a guide, exploring on foot away from tourist sites and trying your hand at activities with local people can bring many joyful surprises and provide an authentic experience of the country. Our travel consultants delight in organising easier-paced, less conventional itineraries to fit in with particular interests.

Adventurous Honeymoons & Special Occasions

If your idea of the trip of a lifetime extends beyond the confines of a beach resort, Cox & Kings' travel consultants offer you a wealth of experience and ideas for combining cultural exploration and wildlife encounters with a dash of adventure, as well as some well-deserved down-time. If you are planning a honeymoon, a special anniversary holiday, or the journey of a lifetime to mark retirement, we pride ourselves on attention to detail and personal service, both at the planning stage and during the holiday itself, to make the experience carefree and unforgettable.

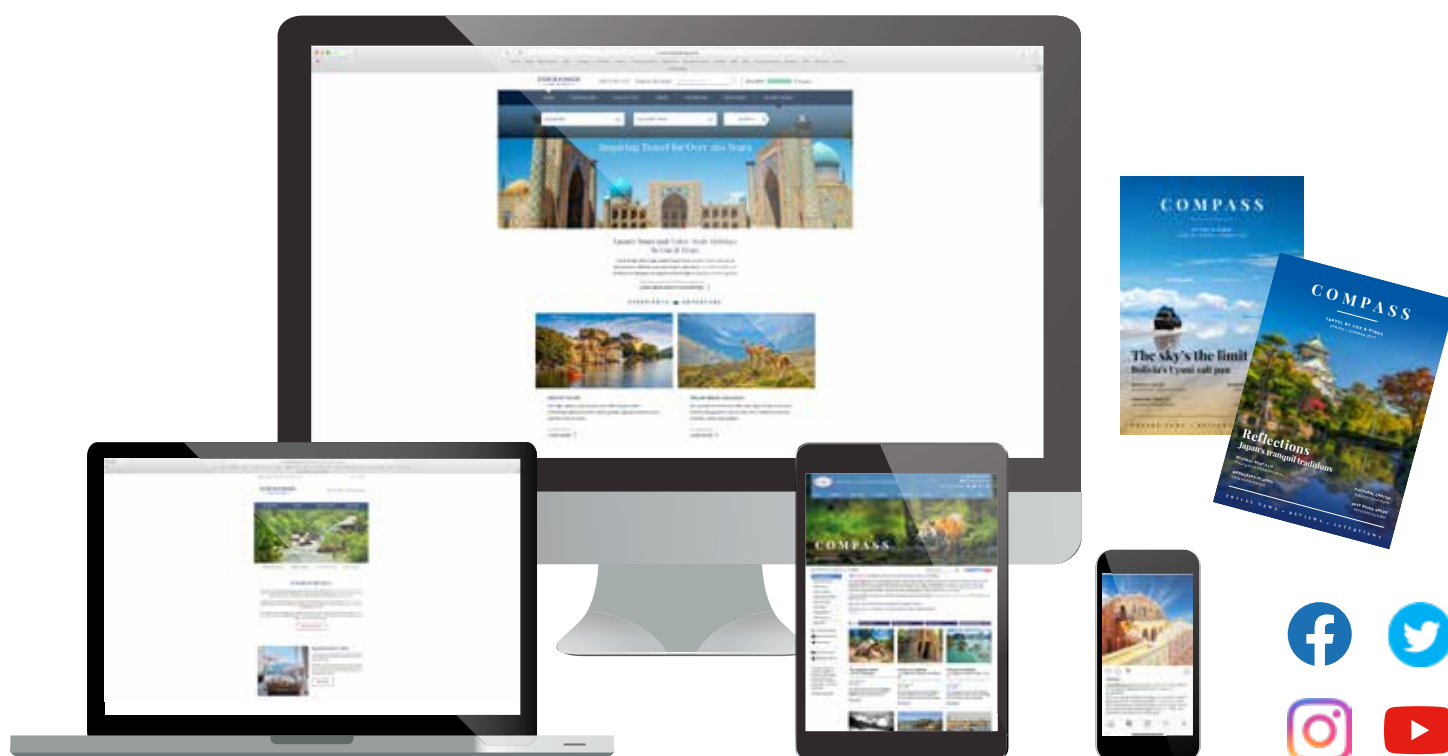
Private Groups

Whether you are a member of a club or society, or you want to organise a trip for a group of like-minded friends, Cox & Kings has years of experience at researching and creating tours for groups of people with specific interests. We can source the best local guides for a particular subject, provide access to businesses and institutions not usually open to the public and suggest the most suitable hotels in terms of location, costs and services. In essence, we take all the stress out of arranging a private group holiday.

Travel Inspiration – Online

This brochure contains a wealth of information about our tours and tailor-made travel options throughout Europe. The world keeps turning, however, and for the very latest information about our holidays and destinations, or inspiration about where you could visit next, there are a number of Cox & Kings resources available to you online.

For us, travel is all about experiencing and understanding cultures and nature. With that in mind, we are constantly on the lookout for interesting television programmes, films, books, websites, recipes and exhibitions that relate to the destinations we cover, which we share with our online followers to provide inspiration and stimulation when considering future travel plans.



The Cox & Kings Website

The Cox & Kings UK website is found at **CoxandKings.co.uk**. In addition to the information found in our brochures, you can find extra itineraries, hotels and activities; up-to-date prices and special offers; live group tour availability and booking; country guides full of images, videos and detailed destination information; and our seasonal travel guide for those who know when they want to travel, but would like some inspiration about where.

Email Newsletters

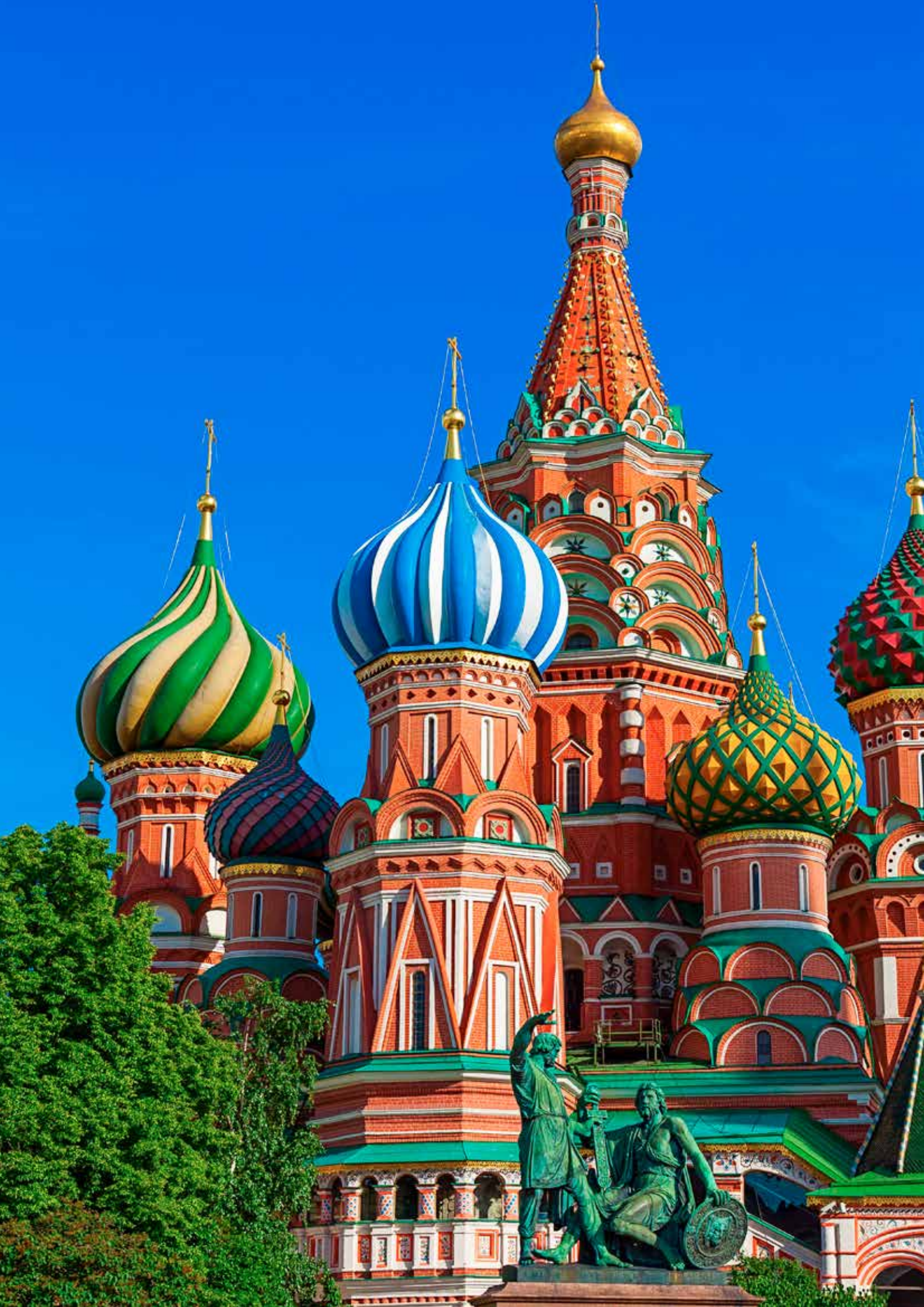
If you would like to be among the first to hear our latest news, you can subscribe to receive our regular email newsletters at **CoxandKings.co.uk/publications/newsletter**. These will keep you up to date with new product launches and special offers, as well as providing travel inspiration if you have yet to decide where to take your next adventure. From time to time we also offer tickets to events and tip you off about television programmes and films that are relevant to travel.

Compass Online

CoxandKings.co.uk/compass, the online sister of our acclaimed *Compass* magazine, is a treasure trove of articles, blogs, competitions and destination guides in which you can find travel features penned by professional journalists, Cox & Kings' clients and our own staff. There are also interviews with well-known travellers plus our 'One Giant Leap' feature, in which personalities from Raymond Blanc to Wilbur Smith recount their first experiences of being abroad.

Social Media

Follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** (both @coxandkingsUK) for an entertaining combination of photography and comments; the latest news from Cox & Kings; links to interesting travel articles; news about TV programmes, films and other travel-related cultural events; plus fun competitions and some light-hearted exchanges. For photographic inspiration, try **Instagram** (coxandkings_uk) while our **YouTube** channel showcases inspirational videos of destinations around the world and introduces some of our expert tour leaders.



Russia



Group tours • Tailor-made travel
• River cruises • Rail journeys •
Exclusive short breaks

Russia is a vast country, stretching from eastern Europe all the way across to northern Asia, covering 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 and deepest freshwater lake; crumbling industrial towns; and thousands of rivers.

Moscow and St Petersburg are the major political and cultural centres. Moscow is the Russian powerhouse, where ancient monasteries mix with Soviet-era tower blocks and modern skyscrapers, while St Petersburg was founded just 300 years ago and is perhaps one of the most elegant cities in the world, with tranquil canals, magnificent palaces and world-class museums. Whether it's a short city break in St Petersburg, a leisurely cruise along the Volga river, or the trip of a lifetime on the Trans-Siberian railway, you are sure to be amazed by the beauty and history that Russia has to offer.

Discover Russia

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Small group & private tours

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24	St Petersburg: Pictures & Palaces • Arts & Culture tour
26	Russia's Golden Ring • Non-exclusive group tour
27	St Petersburg's Highlights • Non-exclusive group tour

32	Exclusive short breaks Moscow & St Petersburg
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Climate

The weather in Russia varies from cold Arctic conditions to hot desert and subtropical lands, where tea and rice are grown. The major cities of Moscow and St Petersburg have some of the country's most variable weather, ranging from hot summers to freezing cold winters.

St Petersburg

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-5	-4	1	8	16	20	22	20	15	8	2	-3
B	-11	-10	-6	0	6	11	14	12	8	3	-2	-8
C	39	31	35	36	40	59	75	83	70	64	60	50

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

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

Inspired to venture further afield? Browse our website to discover additional destinations, places to stay and itineraries; or speak to our Europe experts.

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Image left: St Basil's Cathedral, Moscow

Discover Russia



International Business Centre, 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 the heart of Moscow, overlooking majestic Red Square, the magical St Basil's Cathedral and Lenin's tomb. Moscow's celebrated metro survives in all its constructivist glory, with an opulent design featuring chandeliers and marble that has led to 44 of its stations being designated as architectural landmarks. Moscow is also home to the world-renowned Bolshoi theatre, which stages leading ballet and opera performances.

If you plan to make a trip to Moscow, be sure to visit over a weekend, as room rates are considerably cheaper than during mid-week.



St Basil's Cathedral & Kremlin, Moscow



Kremlin at sunrise, Moscow



Belorusskaya metro station, Moscow



Swan Lake performed by the Bolshoi Ballet

C&K Recommends...

The Bolshoi theatre

Renowned as one of the foremost opera and ballet companies in the world, the Bolshoi reopened after a six-year refurbishment in 2011, which has restored the original acoustics of the theatre at a cost of more than \$500m. Production is split between operas, with the emphasis on Russian classics, and ballet, which includes *Swan Lake*, *Giselle* and *The Nutcracker*.

Gorky Park

Named in honour of one of Russia's most famous writers, Maxim Gorky, this riverfront park is a haven of tranquillity in a city of 12 million inhabitants. Within walking distance of Red Square, the park comes alive on sunny afternoons as Muscovites head out to relax, meet friends and enjoy a drink in one of the many cafes that line the promenade. It's an ideal spot to relax with the locals and take in the views of the Kremlin and the beautiful gold dome of the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour.

Museum of Cosmonautics

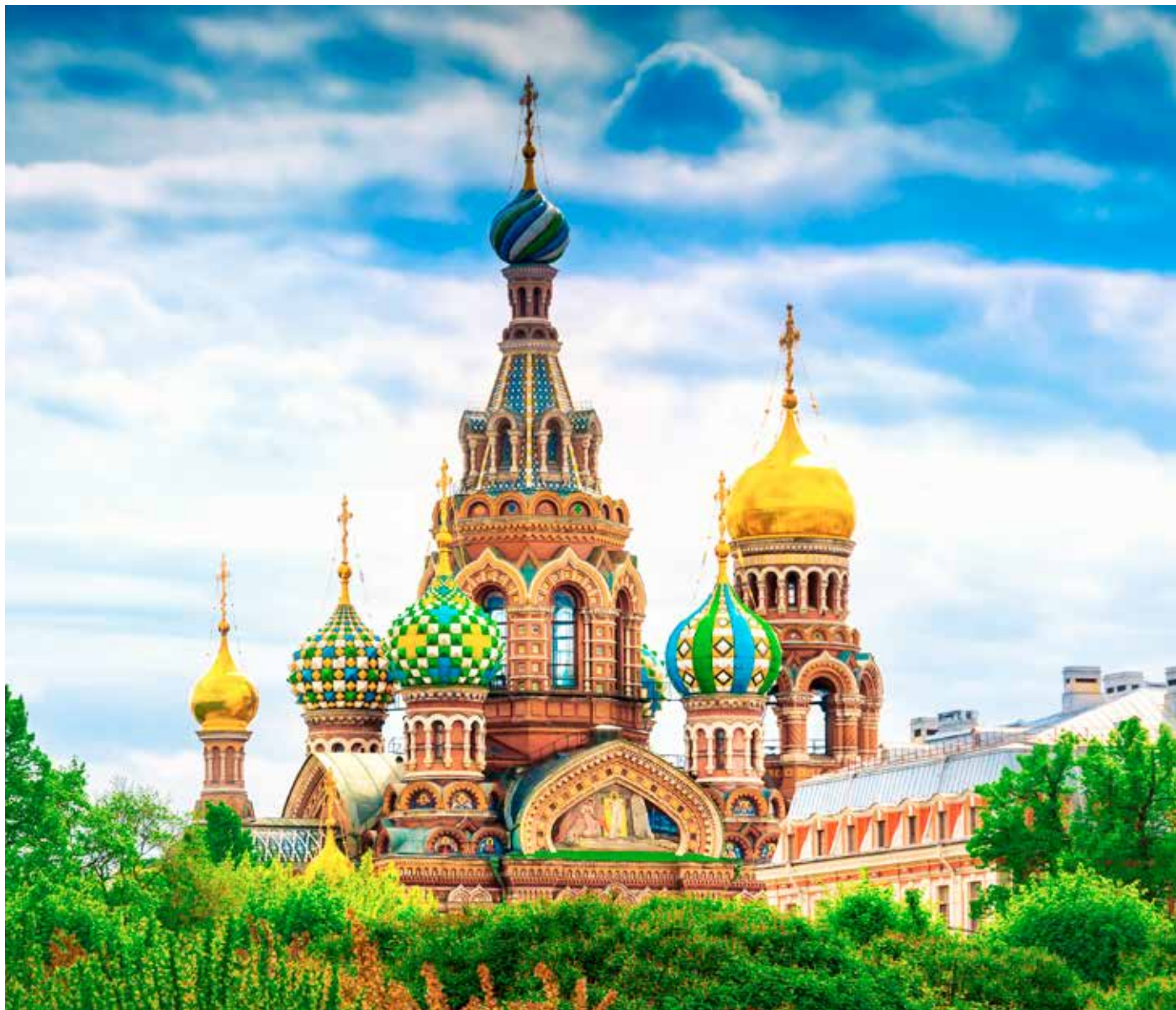
A short metro ride north from Red Square, the Museum of Cosmonautics is at the base of the imposing 107-metre-high Monument to the Conquerors of Space. The museum is home to a huge variety of Soviet and Russian space-related exhibits, including some of the first satellites, and robots that landed on Mars and the Moon. A fascinating collection of space-themed Soviet propaganda posters evokes the era of the space race.

New Tretyakov Gallery

Located at the northern end of Gorky Park, the vast New Tretyakov, sister gallery to the famous and much busier Tretyakov Gallery, is one of the city's most underrated museums. Lovers of modern art can go beyond the stereotypical Soviet depictions of men and women wielding scythes and enjoy the works of avant garde artists such as Malevich, Kandinsky, Chagall, Goncharova and Popova, as well as the nonconformists of the 1960s and 70s, who refused to accept the official style laid down by the communist government of the time.



Lenin and Workers Monument outside Gorky Park, Moscow



Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, St Petersburg

St Petersburg

Peaceful canals & imperial palaces • Extensive collections of the Hermitage museum

Created 300 years ago by Peter the Great as his 'window on the west', St Petersburg is a city unlike any other in Russia or, indeed, the whole of Europe. Its grand beauty, wealth of cultural treasures and the intrigue of its rich history make it unforgettable.

Dubbed the 'Venice of the north' for its palace-lined waterways, St Petersburg escaped the architectural incursions of Stalinism and its grandiose relics of tsarist days are virtually intact. The waterside walkways and elegant streetscapes are best seen on foot. Several excellent museums are to be found here, including the immense displays of the Hermitage and the glittering treasures of the Fabergé Museum.

Located on the Gulf of Finland, the stunning Peterhof Palace lies in 200 hectares of ornate landscaped gardens and is most 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 features the renowned Amber Room, lovingly restored over a 25-year period.



Canal, St Petersburg



Grand Cascade fountains, Peterhof

Fabergé Eggs

Possibly the most famous jewelled objects ever created, the Fabergé eggs were manufactured under the supervision of Peter Carl Fabergé between 1885 and 1917, as gifts from Tsars Alexander III and Nicholas II to the Romanov family. New, increasingly elaborate eggs were created every year as Easter gifts, each decorated with gold and studded with precious stones. In total it is believed that 69 were created, of which 57 have survived. 10 of these can be seen at the Kremlin Armoury and a further 13 at the Fabergé Museum in St Petersburg. A trip to Russia is not complete without seeing at least one of these fabulous collections.



Fabergé egg, St Petersburg

C&K Recommends...

The Hermitage (The Winter Palace)

The Hermitage is Russia's finest art gallery and one of the great art museums of the world. Its collections include works by masters such as da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael and Titian; collections by Rembrandt and Rubens; many French impressionist works; numerous canvasses by Van Gogh, Matisse and Gauguin; and several sculptures by Rodin.

The Singer building

One of St Petersburg's grandest buildings, Singer House lies at the heart of Nevsky Prospekt, opposite the Kazan Cathedral. Completed in 1904 and formerly the headquarters of the Singer sewing machine company, this six-storey art nouveau building has served as a bookshop since 1919 and even remained open during the devastating Siege of Leningrad. It remains one of Russia's largest bookstores and its beautiful first-floor cafe attracts visitors and locals alike, serving up traditional Russian snacks and homemade cakes.



Singer building, St Petersburg

A suggested itinerary...

Russia in Style

7 days & 6 nights from £2,199

Category • Luxury

Combine stays in some of Russia's most luxurious hotels with visits to its most celebrated attractions including the Kremlin, the vast Hermitage museum and Catherine Palace at Pushkin. Travelling between Moscow and St Petersburg on the Sapsan train, this itinerary is well balanced for the self-exploration of both cities.

Day 1: Fly to Moscow

Fly to Moscow. Arrive and transfer to the Baltshug Kempinski for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Moscow

Full-day city tour including visits to Novodevichy convent and the Kremlin Armoury. (B)

Day 3: Moscow

Full day at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Moscow • St Petersburg

Morning at leisure. Take a late afternoon train to St Petersburg (4 hours). Transfer and stay at the Hotel Astoria (Deluxe room) for 3 nights. (B)

Day 5: St Petersburg

Full-day city tour including visits to the Peter and Paul Fortress and the Hermitage museum. (B)

Day 6: St Petersburg

Morning tour of Catherine Palace at Pushkin, including the Amber Room. (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Transfer to the airport and fly home. (B)

Guideline Prices

From £2,199 (incl. flights) (Year round)

Tour code: ROP

Tailored travel
Contact our experts

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Transfiguration Cathedral, Kizhi island

Kizhi Island

Unique collection of wooden architecture •
Transfiguration Cathedral

Beyond the main cities of Moscow and St Petersburg, Kizhi is one of Russia's main attractions. A Unesco world heritage site, this small island in Lake Onega features some of the world's finest wooden buildings, ranging from windmills and barns to churches and houses. The principal sites are the Intercession Church, the bell tower and the Transfiguration Cathedral, which has 22 domes and is one of the largest wooden structures in the world. Next to this is the Intercession Church, or Winter Church, which was built in 1764. The exterior features 10 domes while the interior has a well-preserved iconostasis. The bell tower, which was built in 1874, has walls of horizontally fitted logs, though they are covered by exterior wooden planks and cannot be seen.

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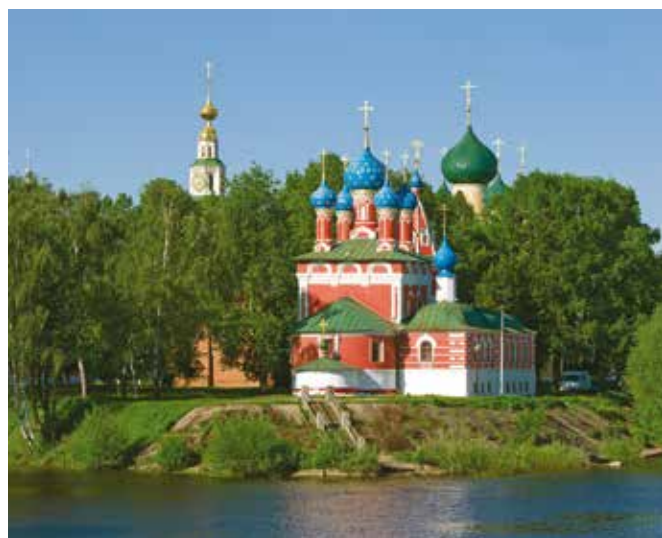
Golden Ring town • Church of St Dmitry • The
Assumption Cathedral of the Alexeievsky monastery

The small town of Uglich is located in the 'Golden Ring' region of northern Russia, a ring of ancient towns that all witnessed significant events in Russian history. Uglich dates back to 937AD, and it was in the turbulent times following the reign of Ivan the Terrible that the town became the site of one of the most significant deaths in Russian history. Ivan the Terrible's young son Dmitry was killed in Uglich in 1591, marking both the end of the Rurik dynasty and the advent of the 'Time of Troubles', Russia's most turbulent political era. The Romanovs canonized Dmitry and in 1690 built the Church of St Dmitry, a blue-domed cathedral located on the spot of the boy's death. Uglich also features many other examples of ancient Russian architecture, notably the Assumption Cathedral of the Alexeievsky Monastery, a pearl of the Russian medieval period.

Goritsy

Vast Kirillov-Belozersky monastery • Traditional
wooden izba dwellings

The small village of Goritsy is home to Europe's largest monastery, the immense 14th-century Kirillov-Belozersky monastery. Founded in 1397 by St Cyril, throughout its history it was visited by tsars seeking forgiveness for past transgressions or hoping to store their many treasures in the safety of the monastery's huge walls. The village of Goritsy itself is populated by just 600 people, who live in traditional painted wooden *izbas*, or log cabins, and continue to make a living through fishing and farming. If you walk around the back roads of the village you will find dozens of beautiful houses decorated with intricate wooden carvings and places to buy local crafts and homemade snacks.



Church of St Dmitry, Uglich

Volgograd

Formerly Stalingrad • Second world war history • 'Red October' tractor factory

Situated on the west bank of the Volga river, the city of Volgograd will always be renowned for the siege of the city, which took place during the second world war, and for its former name, Stalingrad. Seen as one of the pivotal moments of the war, heavy fighting over a seven-month period reduced the city to rubble but inflicted the first defeat on the Axis powers. Today, the city is an important industrial centre and a major railway junction.

Novgorod

Kremlin • Museum of Wooden Architecture • Church of Transfiguration

At the confluence of the Volga and Oka rivers, between Moscow and St Petersburg, Veliky Novgorod is the site of the first permanent settlement for the Varangian Norsemen who established the embryonic Russian state. This former capital was Russia's largest city in the 12th century and spent more than 600 years as the country's political and artistic centre. Explore the monasteries, churches, museums and one of the country's oldest kremlins.



Trans Baikal Railway

Irkutsk

Gateway to Lake Baikal • Trans-Siberian railway

Irkutsk is one of the largest cities in Siberia and the capital of the Irkutsk region. The history of the city can be traced back to the beginning of the 17th century, but the town came to prominence with the introduction of the Trans-Siberian railway and the exile of members of the Decembrist Revolt. Today, the town is a thriving city and a popular tourist spot due to its proximity to Lake Baikal.



The Motherland Calls monument, Volgograd

Matryoshka dolls

Also known as Russian nesting dolls, these popular souvenirs traditionally consist of a hollow wooden doll painted to resemble a Russian peasant woman in a traditional sarafan dress. This doll separates to reveal further dolls inside – anywhere between five to 30 – in diminishing size, usually the smallest being a baby. Made predominantly from lime trees, one doll is made from a single block of wood to ensure a snug fit, starting with the innermost doll. The first Matryoshka doll was made in 1890 and was inspired by a doll from Japan. The dolls were presented at the Exposition Universelle in Paris in 1900, and from then on became popular. Today, matryoshka dolls have branched out to follow different themes, including anything from fairy-tale characters and animals to caricatures of Russian politicians.



Matryoshka dolls

A suggested itinerary...

Moscow & Volgograd

7 days & 6 nights from £2,090

Category • Superior

A pivotal moment in the German invasion of Russia, the Battle of Stalingrad was one of the bloodiest campaigns seen in modern history. This tour combines a stay in the Russian capital with the modern-day city of Volgograd, formerly Stalingrad.

Day 1: Fly to Moscow

Fly to Moscow. Arrive and transfer to the

Marriott Tverskaya Hotel for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Moscow

Morning tour of the city. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Moscow

Visit to the Kremlin and Armoury museum.

Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Fly to Volgograd

Morning transfer to the airport and fly from Moscow to Volgograd. Transfer and stay at the Hotel Volgograd for 3 nights. (B)

Day 5: Volgograd

Morning tour of the city, including Mamayev Kurgan and Volgograd tractor factory. (B)

Day 6: Volgograd

Day at leisure or optional tour to the

Panorama Museum of the Battle of Stalingrad. (B)

Day 7: Fly home (B)

Guideline Prices

From £2,090 (incl. flights) (Year round)

Tour code: MAV

Tailored travel

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Classic Russia

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,535 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £2,140 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 22 people (max 26)
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 7 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Portage at airport & stations
- ❖ Festival departure*

Weather

Moscow

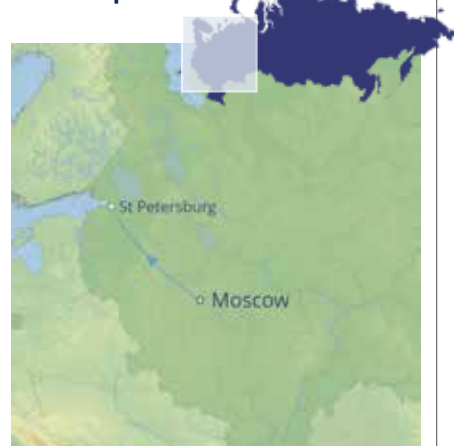
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A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Red Square, Moscow

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.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in the National Hotel in Moscow, just off Red Square & Taleon Imperial Hotel, a former palace, in St Petersburg
- ❖ Guided tour of the opulent Moscow metro
- ❖ Visit Peterhof palace & gardens by hydrofoil
- ❖ Lecture 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 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 has an unrivalled collection of European masterpieces. (B)

Day 7: Pushkin • St Petersburg

Morning tour of Catherine Palace at Pushkin,



The Hermitage, St Petersburg

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.

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.

*** Festival departure:** The 28 August departure includes evening tickets to the Spasskaya Tower festival, a military music festival and tattoo held in Moscow on Red Square.

Participating in the festival are Russian and international military bands, honour guard units and folk groups.

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 2020

Tour code: RUS

Group tour

Low season from £1,535
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £1,655
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £470

Private travel

Low season from £2,410
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

High season from £2,240
Guide price months: May – Jun

Single supplement from £470

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 current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
07 Feb 20	14 Feb 20	15 May 20	22 May 20	07 Aug 20	14 Aug 20	02 Oct 20	09 Oct 20
17 Mar 20	24 Mar 20	22 May 20	29 May 20	14 Aug 20	21 Aug 20	09 Oct 20	16 Oct 20
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Majestic Russia

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior

Solo group tour • From £1,595 (incl. flights)

Solo Travellers

This solo group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 16 people (max 18)
- ❖ 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

Weather

St Petersburg

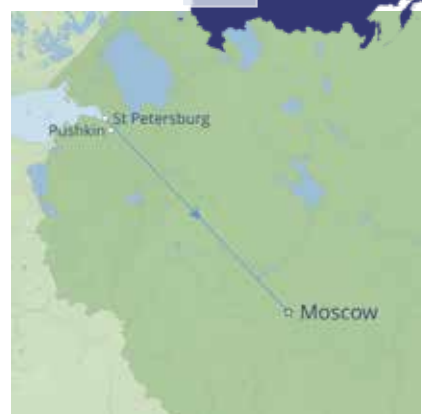
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Area map



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.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Evening vodka tasting in St Petersburg
- ❖ Visit to the Eliseevsky food store in Moscow, sampling traditional Russian delicacies
- ❖ Guided tour of some of Moscow's ornate underground 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 now has an unrivalled collection of 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)

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



Catherine Palace, Pushkin

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.

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

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 2020

Tour code: HOR

Group tour

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

High season from £1,625
Guide price months: Apr – Sep

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

Aereoflot flight upgrades

Business Class from £645 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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09 Jun 20	15 Jun 20	25 Aug 20	31 Aug 20	06 Oct 20	12 Oct 20

St Petersburg: Pictures & Palaces

Duration • 6 days & 5 nights

Category • Superior

Expert-led group tour • From £1,595 (incl. flights)

Art • Architecture • History

**Arts &
Culture**

Tour overview

St Petersburg has remained almost unchanged since it was built in the 18th and 19th centuries. Conceived by Peter the Great as a 'window to the west', the city became a living exhibit of Russia's status as an important European nation. Designed to impress visitors, St Petersburg is home to sumptuous palaces, impressive cathedrals and numerous museums, including one of the world's largest and finest – the Hermitage.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit the Fabergé Museum to marvel at the tsars' jewels
- ❖ Learn about the restoration of the Amber Room at Catherine Palace
- ❖ Full day at the Hermitage museum & private tour of the Gold Room
- ❖ Visit Yusupov Palace for a special viewing of the lavish gala rooms

Expert lecturers

Lydia Bauman is an art historian and professional artist with an MA in art history from the Courtauld Institute of Art. She has lectured at the National Gallery and has wide experience of teaching the history of western art.



Andrew Spira graduated from the Courtauld Institute of Art before working at the Temple Gallery, London, and as a curator at the Victoria & Albert Museum. He was a programme director at Christie's Education for 14 years and has led numerous cultural tours to Europe and beyond.



Winter Palace interior, St Petersburg

Day 1: Fly to St Petersburg

Fly from London (regional connections available) to St Petersburg with Areoflot and transfer to the hotel. After an introductory lecture and welcome dinner, stay 5 nights at the centrally located **Ambassador Hotel** (or similar), which offers comfortable accommodation in a historic 19th-century building. (D)

Day 2: St Petersburg

Morning city tour, starting at Peter and Paul's Fortress, which is the oldest building in St Petersburg and contains the tombs of the tsars and tsarinas from Peter the Great onwards. Continue to the Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood. Built on the spot where Tsar Alexander II was assassinated in 1881, the church is noted for its riot of colour, with more than 20 types of mineral used in its decoration. In the afternoon, visit the State Russian Museum, which contains a magnificent collection of Russian art, beautifully displayed in one of Rossi's finest neoclassical creations, the Mikhailovsky Palace. (B)

Day 3: St Petersburg

Full-day visit to the Hermitage, with its opulent staterooms and exceptional collection of European masterpieces and impressionist paintings. The visit will include a private tour of the Treasure Gallery (Gold Room), subject to confirmation. (B, D)

Day 4: St Petersburg

Morning visit to the neoclassical Shuvalov Palace, home to the Fabergé Museum, the world's largest single collection of Fabergé artefacts. Continue to the baroque Menshikov Palace, built for Peter the Great's advisor. Afternoon at leisure or revisit the Hermitage independently. (B)

Day 5: Pushkin • Pavlovsk

Drive to Pushkin on the outskirts of the city to visit Catherine Palace (Tsarskoe Selo), including the Amber Room. Listen to the story of the room's restoration and watch amber being worked while enjoying a glass of wine. Continue to the Palace at Pavlovsk, designed by Charles Cameron and subsequently expanded by several highly accomplished architects, including Quarenghi and Rossi. Return to your hotel for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Fly to London

Morning visit to Yusupov Palace, which sits on a quiet stretch of the Moika river and was the scene of Rasputin's murder. A special visit to the private apartments of Zinaida and Felix has been arranged (subject to confirmation). Transfer to the airport for a flight to London. (B)

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



Interior of the Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood, St Petersburg

Extensions

Tour + St Petersburg

3 days & 2 nights from £195
Extension starts on day 6 of tour

Extend your stay in St Petersburg with 2 nights at the **National Hotel** (or similar). Includes airport transfer.

Tour + Moscow

3 days & 2 nights from £520
Extension starts on day 6 of tour
Tour code: RSPMOW

Travel by train to Russia's capital and stay for 2 nights at the **National Hotel**. Includes rail journey and transfers.

Important information

Arts & Culture tours: A collection of expert-accompanied tours focusing on creativity in its many forms. No prior knowledge of the subject matter is required. All tours can be viewed at CoxandKings.co.uk/Art

Expert-led tour: This tour is fully escorted throughout by the lecturer, as well as an experienced local guide where necessary.

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Accessibility: This tour involves some long walks over uneven ground and therefore requires a good level of fitness.

Theatre: Optional opera or ballet performances can be pre-booked. Please contact Cox & Kings for details.

Itinerary: Please note that due to the fluid nature of opening and closing times of the

palaces and museums in St Petersburg, the specified day for each excursion may need to be altered closer to the departure date.

Private visits: Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means that they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Also, churches, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be re-arranged, please be assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

Dates & guideline prices for 2020-21

Tour code: RSP

19 Apr 20 – 24 Apr 20	with Andrew Spira	from £1,595	single supp from £405
12 Jul 20 – 17 Jul 20	with Lydia Bauman	from £1,895	single supp from £645
04 Oct 20 – 09 Oct 20	with Andrew Spira	from £1,645	single supp from £395
25 Apr 21 – 30 Apr 21	with Lydia Bauman	from £1,665	single supp from £405
11 Jul 21 – 16 Jul 21	with Andrew Spira	from £1,950	single supp from £640
03 Oct 21 – 08 Oct 21	with Andrew Spira	from £1,665	single supp from £405

Aereoflot Airways flight upgrades
Business Class 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 current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Russia's Golden Ring

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Standard

Non-exclusive group tour • From £1,890 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

Onion-domed churches, medieval monasteries, traditional crafts and beautifully unspoilt countryside characterise the string of ancient settlements to the north-east of Moscow, known as the Golden Ring. Starting in Moscow, take a detour via these quaint towns and villages en route to St Petersburg – the final stop on the tour.

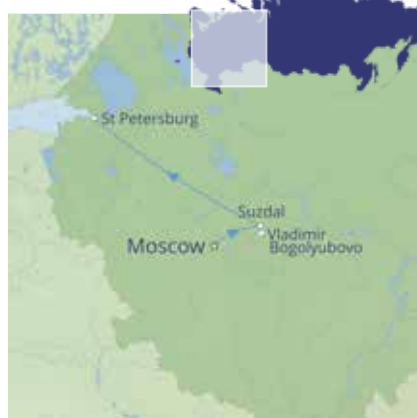
This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ First Class overnight rail travel to St Petersburg
- ❖ Average group size – 15 people (max 25)
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Special experiences

- ❖ Visits to the Golden Ring towns of Vladimir, Suzdal & Bogolyubovo
- ❖ Included visits to the Kremlin in Moscow & the Hermitage in St Petersburg
- ❖ View the magnificent Amber Room in Catherine Palace at Pushkin

Area map



Saint Elijah Church, Suzdal

Day 1: Fly to Moscow

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Moscow with Aeroflot. Transfer to the **Holiday Inn Lesnaya** (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Moscow

Morning tour of Gorki Leninskiye, a museum complex in the estate where Vladimir Lenin lived until his death in 1924. Afternoon tour of Moscow. (B)

Day 3: Moscow • Suzdal

Morning tour of the Kremlin grounds and armoury. Afternoon transfer to the train station for departure to Suzdal. On arrival in Suzdal, transfer to the **Sokol Hotel**. (B, D)

Day 4: Suzdal • Vladimir • Bogolyubovo

Morning tour of Suzdal, including the Kremlin, the Cross-Vaulted Chamber, Cathedral of Nativity and the Spaso-Efimievsky monastery, famous for its delightful bell ringing. Conclude with a visit to the Museum of Wooden Architecture (summer departures) or the Gold Room (winter departures). Proceed by road to the town of Vladimir for a tour. Continue to the town of Bogolyubovo to view its outstanding medieval monuments. After dinner, transfer to the station for First Class rail travel overnight to St Petersburg in a two-berth compartment. (B, L, D)

Day 5: St Petersburg

Arrive in St Petersburg and take a city tour. Afternoon visit to Peter and Paul Fortress. Continue to the **Radisson Sonya Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B)

Day 6: St Petersburg

Morning visit to the vast collection of artwork in the Hermitage museum. Your guide will ensure you see the best of the exhibits. (B)

Day 7: Pushkin

Morning visit to the immense Catherine Palace in the town of Pushkin including the beautiful Amber Room. (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.

Important information

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

Non-exclusive tour: This tour will have transfers and excursions shared with one or more other parties who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients. The maximum number of passengers per departure is 25. Cox & Kings is acting as an agent on behalf of Intourist and its cancellation conditions will apply. Please contact Cox & Kings for details.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: FVK

Low season from £1,890
Guide price months: Jan – Mar, Oct – Dec

High season from £2,190
Guide price month: Jun

Departure dates: This tour departs from Jan to Dec on selected Saturdays. Please refer to our website for more details.

St Petersburg's Highlights

Duration • 5 days & 4 nights

Category • Standard

Non-exclusive group tour • From £990 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

Built over 300 years ago by Peter the Great as his 'window on the west', St Petersburg is a city unlike any other. In between the peaceful riverside walkways and canals the city is packed with the grandiose relics of tsarist days: visit grand parks, imperial palaces, the former citadel and museums bursting with treasures.

This group tour features...

- ❖ City centre, 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ Average group size – 16 people (max 25)
- ❖ Transfer in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ 4 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Special experiences

- ❖ Tour of the city's highlights, including the Peter & Paul Fortress
- ❖ Visit the vast Hermitage museum
- ❖ Excursion to see Catherine Palace & the Amber Room

Area map



Catherine Palace, Pushkin

Day 1: Fly to St Petersburg

Morning flight from London (regional connections available) to St Petersburg with Aeroflot. Transfer to the **Novotel St Petersburg City Centre** (or similar) for 4 nights. (N)

Day 2: St Petersburg

This morning, tour some of the highlights of St Petersburg including the city's main street, Nevsky Prospekt, the Admiralty buildings, the immense Kazan Cathedral, the glittering domes of the Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood and Anichkov Bridge. In the afternoon, visit Peter and Paul Fortress, the original citadel and a museum. (B)

Day 3: St Petersburg

After breakfast, spend the morning admiring the art collections in the Hermitage museum, which houses an enormous array of treasures and artwork by great masters. Your guide will ensure that you see the best of the exhibits. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Pushkin

Today, travel to the town of Pushkin just outside St Petersburg for a guided tour of Catherine Palace. Marvel at the opulence of this immense rococo palace and visit the legendary Amber Room, which famously disappeared during the second world war and has only recently been reconstructed. (B)

Day 5: 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.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: Tlj

Low season from £990
Guide price months: Jan – Mar

High season from £1,290
Guide price month: May

Departure dates: This tour departs from Jan to Dec on selected Saturdays. Please refer to our website for more details.

Volga Dream Cruise

Duration • 13 days & 12 nights

Category • Superior

River cruise • From £3,195 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

Visit the more rural settings of Russia and the major sights of its two key cities – Moscow and St Petersburg – on this cruise along the scenic rivers, lakes and canals of the Volga. Set amid the countryside of the upper Volga region are the magical medieval towns of Russia's Golden Ring – a string of ancient settlements – as well as the mystical Kizhi island with its fabulous wooden architecture.

This river cruise features...

- ❖ 5-star hotel & cruise accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Local tour escort in each destination
- ❖ All meals aboard the cruise, with complimentary wine & drinks served with lunch & dinner

Special experiences

- ❖ Cruise the picturesque Russian waterways, stopping at medieval towns & Kizhi island
- ❖ Cruise topped & tailed with 3 nights in Moscow & 3 nights in St Petersburg, allowing plenty of time to see the sights
- ❖ Visits to the Kremlin, Hermitage, Pushkin & Peterhof included

The cruise ship

The *Volga Dream* has 56 superbly appointed cabins, all with exterior views. Panoramic windows are in all cabins except on the Cabin deck, which features portholes. Double beds are only available in the Promenade and Sun deck cabins. All meals are included on the cruise. Daily lectures on Russian cuisine, politics and lifestyles are available as well as film screenings and language classes.



Chapel of Dmitry, Uglich

Day 1: Fly to Moscow

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Moscow with Aeroflot. Transfer to the **Ararat Park** (or similar) for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Moscow

Morning tour of Moscow, including Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral and the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour. Continue to Novodevichy cemetery, the final resting place for a number of great cultural and political figures, including Chekhov and Shostakovich. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Moscow

Morning visit to the Kremlin. The tour includes Cathedral Square and the Armoury Museum, which houses an opulent collection of treasures collected by the Russian state and church. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Moscow • Board the Volga Dream

Morning at leisure. Afternoon visit to the Tretyakov Gallery, the largest collection of Russian art in the world. Continue to the Moscow metro, known for its architectural splendour. Board the *Volga Dream* for a 6-night cruise. (B, D)

Day 5: Uglich

Walking tour of Uglich, including the Chapel of Dmitry and Church of Transfiguration. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Yaroslavl

Explore the oldest city on the Volga and visit the Saviour Transfiguration Cathedral in the Spassky monastery and the Church of Elijah the Prophet, which features intricate frescoes. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Goritsy

Stop in the town of Goritsy to visit the enormous 17th-century Kirillov-Belozersky

monastery with its magnificent frescoes and icons. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Kizhi

Explore the Unesco world heritage site of Kizhi island. Visit the open-air museum of history and architecture, and the Transfiguration Cathedral; featuring 22 carved domes, it is made entirely from wood, without a single nail. (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 the **Belmond Grand Europe** (or similar) for 3 nights. City tour of St Petersburg to view the Peter and Paul Fortress and Nevsky Prospekt. (B)

Day 11: St Petersburg

Morning tour of the Hermitage. Lunch is followed by a tour of the Peterhof to view the exterior of Peter the Great's Summer Palace, the Bath Cottage and stunning gardens. (B, L)

Day 12: Pushkin • St Petersburg

Morning at leisure to join one of the optional tours or explore St Petersburg at your own pace. Afternoon tour of Catherine Palace at Pushkin, including the Amber Room. (B)

Day 13: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. 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.

Important information

Non-exclusive tour: This tour will have transfers and excursions shared with one or more other parties who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients. Cox & Kings is acting as an agent on behalf of Volga Dream Cruises and its cancellation conditions will apply. Please contact Cox & Kings for details.

Itinerary: The cruise itinerary is subject to change due to weather conditions, varying water levels and lock passage. Some departures operate in reverse order.

Other cruise options: Volga Dream Cruises also operates specialist cruises including a Moscow to Astrakhan cruise, which features visits to the Russian cities of Kazan, Samara and Volgograd.



Transfiguration Cathedral, Kizhi island



Owner's Suite, Volga Dream

Platinum & Imperial packages

Upgrade to the Volga Dream **Platinum package**, which caters for guests who prefer to travel in smaller groups and enjoy more inclusions as part of their trip. Additional excursions include the Leo Tolstoy House-Museum in Moscow, a canal boat ride and entry to the Fabergé Museum in St Petersburg. More lunches and an early entrance to the Kremlin is also included. **Imperial packages** include all extras and stay at the **Four Seasons Hotel** in both cities. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for details.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: VDS

Group tour

From £3,195
Guide price months: Jul – Sep
Single supplement from £1,500

*Dates run in reverse from St Petersburg to Moscow

Cabin upgrade supplements from:

Superior stateroom on the Main deck: £500
Deluxe stateroom on the Promenade deck: £800
Deluxe stateroom on the Sun deck: £900
Junior suite on the Promenade and Sun decks: £1,500
Deluxe junior suite on the Sun deck: £2,000
The Owner's Suite on the Promenade deck: £3,400

Single rooms:

Deluxe single on the Promenade deck: £1,500
Deluxe single on the Sun deck: £2,000

Aeroflot flight upgrades

Business Class from £720 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 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
04 Jun 20	16 Jun 20	*13 Jul 20	25 Jul 20	20 Aug 20	01 Sep 20	24 Jun 20	06 Jul 20
18 Jun 20	30 Jun 20	*25 Jul 20	06 Aug 20	*03 Sep 20	15 Sep 20	26 Aug 20	07 Sep 20
01 Jul 20	13 Jul 20	*07 Aug 20	19 Aug 20	21 Mar 20	02 Apr 20	27 Sep 20	09 Oct 20

Moscow to Murmansk by Rail

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights

Category • Superior

Rail journey • From £5,290 (excl. flights)

NEW TOUR

Tour overview

An exciting adventure across Russia in the depths of winter, this tour takes in the highlights of the two great cultural centres of Moscow and St Petersburg and heads north to explore the wilderness of the Russian Arctic. Meet the indigenous Sami people and venture out in search of the northern lights on a reindeer sledge.

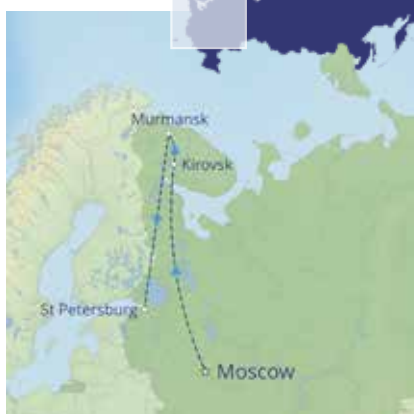
This rail journey features...

- ❖ Superior hotel accommodation in Moscow, St Petersburg & Murmansk
- ❖ Standard-Plus accommodation aboard the train
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Cabin upgrades to Gold suites available
- ❖ All meals aboard the train

Special experiences

- ❖ See the northern lights over Russia
- ❖ View the remote scenery of Arctic Russia
- ❖ Explore the Kirovsk ice village
- ❖ Tours in Moscow and St Petersburg

Area map



Church of the Holy Face of the Lord Jesus Christ

Day 1: Moscow

On arrival in Moscow, transfer to the **Radisson Blu Olympiyskiy** (or similar) for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Moscow • Board the train

Full-day tour of Moscow including the Kremlin, Red Square, GUM department store and Sparrow Hill. In the afternoon, board the train. (B, D)

Day 3: On board

Full day on board the train, gaining an appreciation of just how big Russia is. Afternoon talk from the guide about life in Russia. Evening vodka tasting after dinner. Overnight on the train. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Kirovsk

Visit to the ice village at Kirovsk, built in the shape of an Igloo with blocks of ice. Time at leisure to explore the ice sculptures. Evening northern lights tour. Stay 1 night at the **Hotel Severnaya**. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Kirovsk • Murmansk

Morning excursion to the town of Saami, for an introduction to the culture and life of the indigenous inhabitants of Lapland, including a sleigh ride through the forest. Continue to Murmansk on board the train. Second excursion to seek out the northern lights. Stay

2 nights at the **Hotel Azimut**. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Murmansk

City tour of Murmansk, the largest city in the Arctic Circle, and ice-free in winter due to the currents of the Gulf Stream. Afternoon at leisure. Evening northern lights excursion. (B, L, D)

Day 7: On board

Return to the train and enjoy the journey south towards St Petersburg. Overnight on the train. (B, L, D)

Day 8: St Petersburg

Late morning arrival in St Petersburg, one of the grandest cities in Europe and even more spectacular in mid-winter. Take a city tour including the Winter Palace, St Isaac's Cathedral and the Peter and Paul Fortress. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Corinthia** (or similar). (B)

Day 9: St Petersburg

Morning visit to the Hermitage, one of the world's greatest art galleries and former residence of the tsars. Continue to Catherine Palace at Pushkin. Return to St Petersburg in the early evening. (B)

Day 10: Fly home

Transfer to the airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Flights: The itinerary does not include international or internal flights. Please contact Cox & Kings for prices.

Non-exclusive tour: This tour will have transfers and excursions shared with one or more other parties who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients. Cox & Kings is acting as an agent on behalf of Golden Eagle Luxury Trains Limited and its cancellation conditions will apply. Please contact Cox & Kings for details.

Guideline prices for 2020-21

Tour code: MMJ

Standard Plus: £5,290

Gold: £7,340

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
27 Dec 19	05 Jan 20	31 Jan 21	09 Feb 21
24 Jan 20	02 Feb 20	07 Feb 21	16 Feb 21

The Trans-Siberian Railway aboard the Tsar's Gold

Duration • 16 days & 15 nights

Category • Superior

Rail journey • From £7,540 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

Often viewed as the ultimate rail journey, this 16-day itinerary along the Trans-Siberian Railway aboard the *Tsar's Gold* will take you from the majesty of the Red Square in Moscow, through the remote Russian steppes to the heart of Siberia and then onwards to Mongolia, finally arriving into Beijing in the north-east of China.

This rail journey features...

- ❖ 4-star hotel accommodation
- ❖ Classic cabin aboard the *Tsar's Gold*
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Cabin upgrades to Superior, Nostalgic & Bolshoi cabins available

Special experiences

- ❖ Visits to the provincial Russian cities of Kazan, Yekaterinburg & Novosibirsk
- ❖ Explore the picturesque village of Listvyanka & take a boat ride on Lake Baikal
- ❖ Tour the remarkable sights of the Great Wall of China & the Forbidden City in Beijing

Area map



Gandan monastery, Ulan Bator

Day 1: Fly to Moscow

Fly to Moscow and transfer to a 4-star hotel for 1 night. Evening city tour followed by dinner. (D)

Day 2: Moscow • Board the train

Morning visit to the imposing Kremlin to view the renowned Cathedral Square. In the afternoon, board the *Tsar's Gold* for the 5-night journey to Irkutsk. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Kazan

Morning arrival in Kazan, the capital of Tatarstan. Visit the Unesco-listed kremlin. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Ekaterinburg

Cross the Europe-Asia divide and arrive in Yekaterinburg, capital of the Urals. Visits include the Romanov execution site. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Novosibirsk

Stop in Novosibirsk and see the Trans-Siberian Monument. (B, L, D)

Day 6: On board

Day at leisure on board the train.

Day 7: Irkutsk

Arrive into Irkutsk and visit the traditional wooden houses and the Ethnographic Museum. Stay 1 night at a 4-star hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Lake Baikal

Morning visit to the picturesque village of Listvyanka and take a boat ride to Port Baikal. In the afternoon, board the *Tsar's Gold* for the 2-night journey to Ulan Bator. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ulan Ude

Morning arrival in Ulan Ude, capital of the Buryat Republic, where there will be a tour. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Ulan Bator

Morning arrival in Ulan Bator, the capital of Mongolia. Visit the Gandan Buddhist

monastery and the Choijin Lama temple. Stay overnight at a 4-star hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Terelj National Park

Morning visit to the Terelj National Park. In the afternoon, board the *Tsar's Gold* for the 2-night journey to Beijing. (B, L, D)

Day 12: On board

At leisure. See the Gobi desert while crossing the border from Mongolia to China. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Beijing

Morning arrival into the capital of China. Afternoon at leisure. Stay for 3 nights at a 4-star hotel. (B, L)

Day 14: Beijing

Full-day tour of Beijing including Tiananmen Square, the Temple of Heaven and the Forbidden City. (B, L)

Day 15: Beijing

Visit the Great Wall of China and the renowned Ming Tombs. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Fly home

Transfer to the airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Non-exclusive tour: This tour will have transfers and excursions that may be shared with one or more other parties who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients. Cox & Kings is acting as an agent on behalf of Lernidee Trains & Cruises and its cancellation conditions will apply. Please contact Cox & Kings for details.

Alternative itineraries: This journey can also be taken in reverse, from Beijing to Moscow (westbound).

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: TFU

Moscow to Beijing from £7,690
Guide price months: May – Sep

Beijing to Moscow from £7,540
Guide price months: May – Sep

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
09 May 20	24 May 20	25 Sep 20	10 Oct 20
06 Jun 20	21 Jun 20	20 Aug 20	04 Sep 20
02 Jul 20	17 Jul 20	12 Sep 20	27 Sep 20

Moscow & St Petersburg

Exclusive Short Breaks

Short break inclusions

Per person prices include international flights; return private car transfers; and accommodation, including breakfast.

Flights

London Heathrow: British Airways & Aeroflot
London Gatwick: Aeroflot

Additional regional flights are available via Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Munich, Helsinki and Copenhagen with Air France, KLM, Lufthansa, Finn Air and SAS.

Please speak to a travel consultant for further details and a personalised quote, or additional hotel options, on 020 3411 2135.

Alternatively, visit our website:
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Optional private excursions

Moscow Metro tour
From £58 per person

Private Tretyakov Gallery tour
From £65 per person

Tour of the Fabergé Museum
From £260 per person / half day (private)
From £90 per person / half day (non-exclusive)

Tour of the Summer Palace at Pushkin
From £108 per person / half day

Tour of Peterhof Palace
From £96 per person / half day

Excursions are pre-bookable and include private guide and driver.

Weather

St Petersburg

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-5	-4	1	8	16	20	22	20	15	8	2	-3
B	-11	-10	-6	0	6	11	14	12	8	3	-2	-8
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)



Grand Cascade fountain, Peterhof, St Petersburg

Excursions included in all our Exclusive Short Breaks



Moscow
Half-day tour of the Moscow Kremlin and Armoury

Private tour of Moscow's mighty Kremlin, including transfer from your hotel. Tour includes visits to Cathedral Square, Ivan the Great Bell Tower and the State Kremlin Palace. Continue to the State Armoury, with its collection of imperial treasures and the famous Fabergé eggs. Finish on Red Square, with St Basil's Cathedral.



St. Petersburg
Half-day city tour including Peter and Paul Fortress

Morning tour of St Petersburg, including the main shopping street of Nevsky Prospekt, home to the Kazan Cathedral and the opulent Singer Café. Continue to see the Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood and the Peter and Paul Fortress. Finish on Palace Square in the shadows of the State Hermitage, the world's biggest art gallery.

This is a selection of our recommended accommodation. Please see our website for more options.



Exceptional

Lotte Hotel, Moscow
4 days & 3 nights from £935

The opulent Lotte Hotel Moscow is ideally situated near to the shops, bars and restaurants of the Arbat quarter. The grand reception area with glass chandeliers and marbled columns leads to modern guestrooms. Dine at OVO, the two Michelin-starred Italian restaurant and relax at the exquisite Mandara Spa.

Features:

300 rooms & suites, 2 bars, 2 restaurants, gym, indoor swimming pool, spa & wellness centre.



Luxury

Hotel Baltshug Kempinski, Moscow
4 days & 3 nights from £995

The Hotel Baltshug Kempinski is located on the banks of the Moskva river just a short walk from the the iconic Kremlin, Red Square and GUM Department Store. The hotel has been refurbished to blend its traditional architectural design with modern facilities, showcasing incredible views of the Russian capital's most famous sights.

Features:

227 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, cafe, indoor swimming pool, spa, sauna, gym.



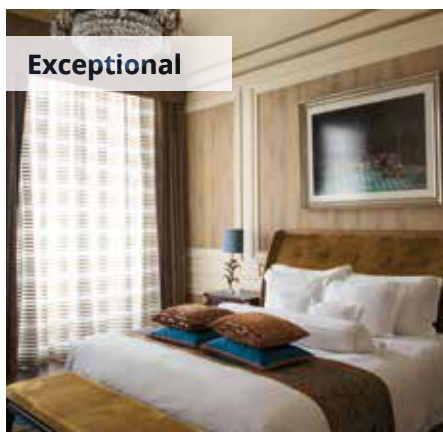
Superior

Akvarel Boutique Hotel, Moscow
4 days & 3 nights from £935

The Akvarel Boutique Hotel is in the heart of Moscow's historic centre, close to Red Square and many of the city's main sites. The staff are friendly, welcoming and willing to help. Spacious guestrooms are individually decorated, featuring works by contemporary Russian artists. The hotel has a spacious lobby bar and a small on-site restaurant.

Features:

24 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, gym, library, outdoor terrace.



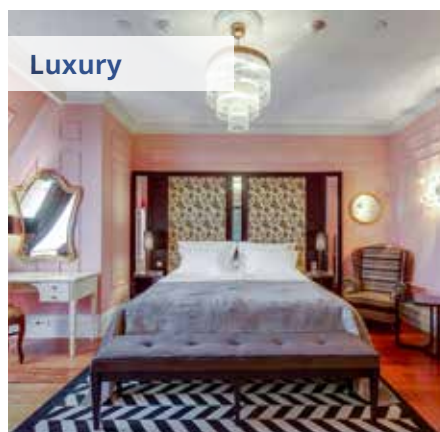
Exceptional

Belmond Grand Europe, St Petersburg
4 days & 3 nights from £695

The Grand Hotel Europe was the first 5-star hotel to open in the Soviet Union, but dates back to 1824. Today, under the management of the prestigious Belmond group, it is one of the world's great luxury hotels, occupying a prime location at the centre of the city's main attractions.

Features:

301 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants, 2 bars, beauty salon, gym, gift shops.



Luxury

Dom Boutique Hotel, St Petersburg
4 days & 3 nights from £625

Housed in a converted 19th-century mansion, the Dom Boutique is only a few minutes' walk from the city centre. All rooms are designed in a modern style with plush fabrics, antiques and wooden flooring. The restaurant serves a fine selection of Italian cuisine and is situated in the hotel's atrium, providing plenty of natural light.

Features:

60 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, library, lounge.



Superior

Taleon Imperial, St Petersburg
4 days & 3 nights from £795

Housed in a Tsarist-era palace, the Taleon Imperial is located in the heart of St Petersburg, with the Hermitage museum only a few minutes' walk away. The hotel offers a rooftop spa with indoor pool overlooking the city, and two gourmet restaurants, one offering traditional Russian cuisine.

Features:

89 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants, 2 bars, cafe, rooftop indoor swimming pool, spa facilities.



Eastern Europe



Group tours • Tailor-made travel

Eastern Europe is made up of a patchwork of countries, each possessing its own culture, traditions and language. All feature ancient history and beautiful scenery yet, despite their proximity, display incredible diversity and individuality. The Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania offer charming historic old towns; landlocked Belarus remains almost totally off the tourist map with its castles, primeval forests and unusual wildlife just waiting to be discovered; while mighty Ukraine and often overlooked Moldova contain some compelling historic cities including the Unesco-listed Lviv, as well as rolling countryside dotted with dachas, haystacks and vineyards.

On the western shores of the Black Sea, Romania offers an imposing landscape of forests, fortified Saxon churches, fairy-tale castles and rural villages. Bulgaria is dominated by the Balkan mountains, long sandy beaches, pretty old towns and monumental communist relics. Across the Black Sea lie the Caucasus nations of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan; connected historically by the Silk Road, this is the region where Christianity first flourished and where fire was worshiped millennia before.

	Discover Eastern Europe	44	Belarus Uncovered • Group or private
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Climate

The climate in Eastern Europe changes from high temperatures during the summer months to freezing conditions in the winter. The best time to travel is during the spring and autumn, when the temperatures are optimum for visiting the region's numerous attractions.

Riga, Latvia

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	2	4	9	15	20	23	26	26	23	16	10	4
B	-5	-3	0	5	9	12	14	14	11	6	2	-3
C	34	36	40	52	81	78	60	51	41	38	54	46

Tbilisi, Georgia

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	5	6	11	18	23	27	30	29	25	18	12	7
B	-3	-2	2	7	11	15	18	17	14	8	3	-1
C	23	29	36	58	89	89	52	53	42	43	37	26

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

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Discover Eastern Europe



'The Three Brothers', Riga, Latvia



The Baltic States

Historic cities of Tallinn, Riga & Vilnius • Tranquil coastal resorts • Comprehensive transport links

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.

Aside from the capital cities of Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius, there are a number of smaller destinations of interest. On the Baltic coast of Lithuania lies the Curonian Spit, a wildlife and conservation sanctuary bordering Kaliningrad. The island of Muhu, off the Estonian coast, is a peaceful haven with an excellent hotel – the **Pädaste Manor** – while the Latvian beach resort of Jurmala is famous for its spa hotels and white sand beaches. A comprehensive bus network links the three countries and private transfers are easily arranged. Low-cost airlines fly to the capitals on direct routes while SAS Scandinavian Airlines fly via Stockholm or Copenhagen from the UK.



Hill of Crosses, Lithuania



Old town, Tallinn, Estonia

Belarus

New visa-free travel • Primeval forest • Agritourism experience

Having long been off the mainstream tourist maps of Europe, Belarus is now one of the continent's emerging destinations, helped significantly by the new relaxed visa regulations. 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, native wildlife, Unesco-listed castles and manor houses, and cosy agritourism farm stays, giving the opportunity to learn traditional Belarussian cooking.

The historic city of Brest in the south-west of the country is another highlight. The city was the epicentre of the war between Nazi Germany and the USSR and was witness to some of the most brutal warfare of the 20th century. Today, this dark period of history is captured in the imposing 'Courage' and 'Thirst' monuments at Brest Fortress – a powerful reminder of the region's tragic past.



Courage monument, Brest Fortress, Belarus



Nesvizh Castle, Belarus

A suggested itinerary...

Belarus Mini Break

4 days & 3 nights from £2,090

Non-exclusive group tour

Category • Superior

This 4-day mini break to Belarus takes in the city of Minsk and the highlights of the surrounding region.

Day 1: Fly to Minsk

Fly from London Gatwick (regional connections available) to Minsk direct with Belavia. Visit the Mount of Glory en route to Minsk city centre. Stay at Hotel Minsk (or similar) for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Minsk • Optional excursions

Morning tour of the Belarussian capital. Highlights include the National Library, Victory Square, the Afghanistan War Monument on the Island of Tears and the small old town. The afternoon is at leisure; optional excursions include the museum of old Belarussian folk crafts or the BELAZ truck factory, where the largest trucks in the world are made. (B)

Day 3: Mir & Nesvizh castles

Full-day excursion to the Unesco-listed Mir and Nesvizh castles. The latter dates back to the 16th century and was owned by the powerful Polish-Lithuanian Radziwill family. You will also visit the Farny Church, the oldest baroque style building in Eastern Europe. (B)

Day 4: Fly home

Transfer to the airport and fly home. (B)

Guideline Prices

From £2,090 (incl. flights) (Year round)

Single supplement £375

Tour code: BMB

Tailored travel
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Ukraine

Unesco-listed Lviv • Ancient monasteries • Chernobyl excursions

Since gaining independence in 1991, Ukraine has found itself in an uneasy position between the influences of east and west. The mighty capital of Kiev is an interesting mix of concrete modernist architecture and ancient onion domes of Orthodox monasteries and cathedrals. It was here that the Russian nation was founded centuries ago, but it's where the Ukrainian national identity is at its strongest today. In contrast, the strikingly pretty Unesco-listed city of Lviv, near the border with Poland, has a distinctly European feel with cobbled streets, fine town houses and a young, vibrant cafe culture. Between these two cities, time stands still, with dachas and haystacks still scattered across the open landscape of this vast country.

A compelling option is a visit to the infamous Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant and the town of Pripjat, the site of one of the most notorious man-made disasters of the 20th century. Tours here are perfectly safe and give visitors a fascinating insight into the world behind the Iron Curtain.



Old ferris wheel. Chernobyl



Old town, Lviv



Old Orhei Monastery, Moldova



Castel Mimi winery, Moldova

Moldova

Europe's least-visited nation • World's largest wine cellars • Self-declared republic of Transnistria

The tiny nation of Moldova, sandwiched between Romania and Ukraine, is one of the least-visited countries in the world, but people are finally starting to give it the credit it is due. The capital, Chişinău, is not a traditionally pretty European city but its communist relics, friendly people, and wonderful restaurants and bars more than compensate.

East of the capital is the breakaway republic of Transnistria, an idiosyncratic region that has retained a strong Soviet character and whose people hark back to the days of the USSR. Moldova is home to two of world's largest wine cellars. The Cricova winery, the world's second largest, is located in a town of the same name, and offers a fascinating insight into the country's long and impressive viticulture. Today these are considered some of the world's finest boutique wines, most notable of which are their 'ice wines', a type of dessert wine produced from grapes that have been frozen while still on the vine.

A suggested itinerary...

Viticulture of Moldova

5 days & 4 nights from £1,620
Category • Superior

A 5-day tour exploring the tiny nation of Moldova, with a focus on its wine-making history, and culture.

Day 1: Fly to Chişinău

Fly to Chişinău and transfer to the Hotel Bristol (or similar) for 4 nights. (N)

Day 2: Chişinău • Castel Mimi winery

Morning tour of Chişinău. After lunch, visit the Assumption of the Mother of God church in Hirîşeni, the only wooden church in Moldova that preserves the medieval architecture of the region. Dinner at Castel

Mimi winery; try six premium wines, including ice wine. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Cricova winery • Orheiul Vechi

Guided tour and wine tasting at the Cricova winery, one of the world's largest wine cellars. Lunch with local family including Moldovan folk dancing. Afternoon visit to archaeological and ecclesiastical complex at Orheiul Vechi, a cave monastery dating back to the 13th century. Dinner in Chişinău. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Transnistria

Full-day excursion to the breakaway republic of Transnistria. City tour of Tiraspol, caviar tasting at the Aquatir sturgeon farm and a tour and tasting at the Kvint cognac factory. Dinner on return to Chişinău. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Fly home

Transfer to the airport and fly home. (B)

Guideline Prices

4-star option: £1,620 (incl. flights)

5-star option: £1,740 (incl. flights)

Guide price months: Jan – Dec

Tour code: VCM

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Journey through the Baltic States

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,195 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,990 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 15 people (max 26)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 7 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

Weather

Riga

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-2	-2	3	10	17	20	21	21	16	11	4	0
B	-8	-7	-4	1	6	10	12	12	8	4	0	-5
C	36	27	32	41	48	58	77	76	73	61	61	49

Vilnius

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-3	-2	3	11	18	21	22	22	16	10	4	-1
B	-9	-8	-4	1	7	11	12	11	8	3	-1	-6
C	40	35	38	46	59	75	77	72	65	51	56	53

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

Area map



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.

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)

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)

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ **Stay in centrally located, characterful 4-star hotels**
- ❖ **Visit Riga Central Market & enjoy some traditional Latvian delicacies**
- ❖ **Discover the baroque & art nouveau architecture of the Baltic capitals**

Day 1: Fly to Tallinn, Estonia
Fly from London (regional connections available) to Tallinn, via Riga, with airBaltic. 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 towns. Founded in the early 13th century, Tallinn has been influenced by periods of Danish, German, Swedish and Russian control.



Ratslaukums Square, Riga, Latvia

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.

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 2020

Tour code: BAL

Group tour

Low season from £1,195
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,295
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £495

Private travel

From £2,990
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £390

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

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
01 May 20	08 May 20	10 Jul 20	17 Jul 20	11 Sep 20	18 Sep 20
29 May 20	05 Jun 20	14 Aug 20	21 Aug 20	18 Sep 20	25 Sep 20
12 Jun 20	19 Jun 20	04 Sep 20	11 Sep 20	02 Oct 20	09 Oct 20

Moldova & Ukraine: A Journey to Europe's Edge

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights

Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,945 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £3,240 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size (max 26 people)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

Weather

Chişinău

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	0	2	7	16	22	25	27	27	22	16	8	3
B	-6	-4	-1	6	11	15	16	15	11	6	2	-3
C	35	35	30	40	52	74	67	48	45	26	39	37

Kiev

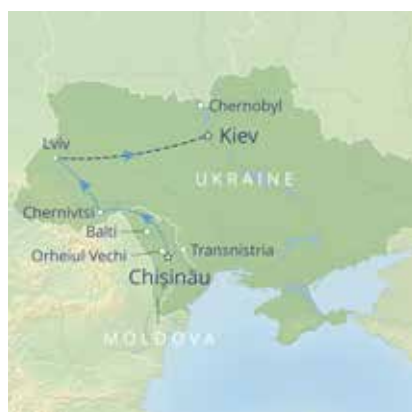
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-2	-1	5	14	21	24	25	24	20	13	5	0
B	-8	-7	-2	5	11	14	15	14	10	5	0	-4
C	41	37	35	43	51	72	78	64	46	36	47	45

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Area map



Lenin statue, Tiraspol, Moldova

Discover one of the least-visited regions of Europe on this journey to the continent's eastern edge. Moldova may be small, but it is a proud nation, keen to show off its world-class viticulture, while its quirky capital, Chişinău, is like no other city on the continent. Ukraine was once known as the breadbasket of the Soviet Union for its fertile fields of wheat. The atmospheric cities of Chernivtsi and Lviv are brimming with historical treasures and its mighty capital, Kiev, is a wonderful blend of ancient and modern architecture.

visit to one of the world's largest wine cellars at Cricova for a tour and tasting. (B, L)

Day 3: Transnistria

Full-day excursion to the self-declared republic of Transnistria, stopping en route at Tighina Fortress. Tour of the 'capital' Tiraspol, including Lenin's statue and tanks from the second world war, before heading to the Aquatir Complex for caviar tasting. Evening visit to the Asconi winery for dinner and wine tasting. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Balti • Chernivtsi

Leave Chişinău today and travel to Chernivtsi in western Ukraine. En route, stop for lunch in Bălţi, Moldova's second city. Visit the Barza Alba brandy factory and taste some of their fine cognacs. Overnight in Chernivtsi at the Allure Inn (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 5: Chernivtsi • Lviv

Explore Chernivtsi, often referred to as 'Little Vienna', and once ruled by the Habsburg Empire, including a visit to the Unesco-listed Chernivtsi National University. Continue to Lviv via the historic city of Ivano-Frankivsk. Stay for 2 nights at the Nobilis Hotel (or similar). (B, L)

Day 6: Lviv

Full day to explore the Unesco-listed city of Lviv, Ukraine's cultural centre. Sites include the numerous Catholic and Orthodox churches, the Jewish quarter, and the oldest functioning pharmacy in the city, which occupies a 16th-century building on Market Square, the hub of life in Lviv. Also visit the Lviv Chocolate Factory. Afternoon at leisure to explore further. (B, L)

Day 7: Kiev

Transfer by high-speed train to Kiev, Ukraine's mighty capital. Afternoon city tour taking in the Golden Gate, Michael's Cathedral and the

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ **Wine & caviar tasting in Moldova**
- ❖ **Explore 'independent' Transnistria, with its strong soviet character**
- ❖ **Visit the Unesco world heritage city of Lviv**
- ❖ **Optional excursion to Chernobyl**

Day 1: Fly to Chişinău

Fly from London to Chişinău, via Kiev, with Ukraine International Airlines. Transfer to the Bristol Hotel (or similar) for 3 nights. Welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Chişinău • Orheiul Vechi • Cricova

Morning walking tour of Chişinău, taking in the main cultural and historical sites. Enjoy a culinary masterclass at Butuceni guesthouse before lunch and then travel to Orheiul Vechi, an ancient cave monastery. Late afternoon



Historical city centre, Lviv

Unesco-listed Saint Sophia Cathedral. Stay at the **Hotel Alfavito** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B, L)

Day 8: Kiev

Morning visit to the Kiev-Caves Lavra Monastery, founded in the caves above the Dnipro river in 1051. Afternoon visit to the Lower Town and Chernobyl Museum. Time at leisure to explore further. (B, L)

Day 9: Kiev • Chernobyl or Mamaeva Sloboda Cossack Village

Day at leisure in Kiev or choose between two optional excursions: visit Mamaeva Sloboda Cossack Village open-air museum or the abandoned city of Pripyat and Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, site of one of the most infamous disasters of the Soviet period. (Both excursions are at an additional cost, to be paid at the time of booking.) Farewell dinner in a traditional Ukrainian restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Fly to London

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

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

Extensions

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Chişinău and Kiev.

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 2020

Tour code: MWU

Group tour

Low season from £1,945

Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,995

Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £690

Private travel

From £3,240

Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £690

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

Ukraine International flight upgrades

Business Class from £525 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
09 May 20	18 May 20	04 Jul 20	13 Jul 20	19 Sep 20	28 Sep 20
13 Jun 20	22 Jun 20	05 Sep 20	14 Sep 20	10 Oct 20	19 Oct 20

Belarus Uncovered

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Standard

Group tour • From £1,295 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £2,140 (incl. flights)

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This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
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- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

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)

Area map



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.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Explore one of Europe's least-known destinations
- ❖ Visit to Brest Hero-Fortress
- ❖ Optional canal boat ride in Grodno
- ❖ Traditional bread making 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 **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 Gate, two symmetrical Stalinist skyscrapers. Free time before dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Minsk

Morning optional excursions to either the BelAZ Factory 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 en route 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 the 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 a 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 and traditional singing. Return to Minsk, staying at the **Manastyrski Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, L)



Nesvizh Palace, Minsk Province

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.

Extensions

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Minsk and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers. 1 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 2020

Tour code: BYB

Group tour

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

High season from £1,425
Guide price month: Jul

Single supplement from £0

Private travel

From £2,140
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £190

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

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 2020

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17 May 20	24 May 20	05 Jul 20	12 Jul 20	20 Sep 20	27 Sep 20
14 Jun 20	21 Jun 20	06 Sep 20	13 Sep 20		

Discover Romania

Bucharest

Palace of Parliament • Belle époque architecture

Known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards and belle époque buildings, Bucharest, Romania's capital, is sometimes known as 'Little Paris' due to its 19th-century architecture. Designed by French-trained architects, the city features a triumphal arch and a boulevard reminiscent of Paris' famed Champs-Élysées. Communist rule interrupted Bucharest's cosmopolitan days, but today the capital and Romania's largest city is experiencing renewed vigour. One building that can be seen from nearly any part of Bucharest is the immense Palace of Parliament; this pinnacle of Nicolae Ceaușescu's communist regime is now the world's third largest building. Ceaușescu bulldozed one sixth of the city in order to make space for this 12-storey building that has 3,100 furnished rooms, over 60 galleries and more than 60 reception halls.



Sighisoara, Romania

Sighisoara

Burgher houses of Sighisoara • Medieval fortified churches nearby

The town of Sighisoara is the most enchanting of all the Transylvanian towns. Its medieval buildings, gilded roofs and towers have been unspoiled by war or modern industry. Of particular interest is the 60-metre-tall clock tower, which rises above the town and is preserved as a museum; and 'Casa Vlad Dracula', where Vlad the Impaler was supposedly born, which is now a cosy restaurant.

Located within an hour's drive of Sighisoara are several Unesco-listed, gothic, fortified churches. One of the best examples can be viewed at Biertan. In spite of the Reformation, its fine late medieval painted and sculpted altarpiece still remains.



Sucevița monastery, Bucovina

Painted Monasteries

Monasteries of Voroneț, Humor & Sucevița • Vivid medieval frescoes

Southern Bucovina's painted monasteries are undoubtedly among the greatest artistic monuments of Europe. Erected in the 15th and 16th centuries at a time when Moldavia was threatened by Turkish invaders, local people would gather inside the monasteries' strong defensive walls. Either to educate and entertain or for aesthetic reasons, iconography illustrating the Old and New Testaments are frescoed on the church walls. Although some of the frescoes have been damaged by centuries of rain and wind, more often than not the vivid colours have been well preserved. The most interesting and significant monasteries are Voroneț, Humor, Sucevița and Moldovița. The town of Gura Humorului is a perfect base from which to explore the region.



Braşov, Transylvania

Braşov

The Black Church • Palaces of Pelişor and Peleş •
Bran castle

Braşov's old town is filled with striking baroque architecture, fortified churches, defensive towers and medieval dwellings, which are the legacy of its German past. The Piaţa Sfatului, or the central square, is rated as the finest in the country, lined with baroque facades and streetside cafes. View the Black Church, the largest gothic church between Vienna and Istanbul.

Beyond the city are Peleş castle, the magnificent royal palace of King Carol I, Romania's first and longest serving monarch; and the palace of Pelişor, which is in the grounds of Peleş and has a simple art nouveau design. The town of Bran is also within an easy 45-minute drive of Braşov, with its celebrated castle, incorrectly believed to have been built by Vlad Tepes, the 15th-century Wallachian prince upon whom the novelist Bram Stoker based his vampire, Count Dracula.



Danube Delta

The Danube Delta

Biosphere Reserve • 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, with over half making their nests here. The delta is also renowned for pelican watching. The best method of transportation to view this 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 2 to 3 days, staying in the villages of Uzliņa, Murighiol or Beştepe.

Vampires & Vlad the Impaler

The landscape of Transylvania features dense, dark and ancient forests, rural villages where traditional life still continues and grand, turreted castles, all hemmed in by the deep valleys and towering peaks of the Carpathian mountains. This magical location was the perfect setting for the gothic horror novel *Dracula*. Written in 1897 by Bram Stoker, the infamous vampire in the story, Count Dracula, was inspired by Vlad III, son of Vlad II Dracul and Prince of Wallachia from 1456-1462. He staunchly defended Romanian territory against the Ottoman invasions and earned the nickname 'Vlad the Impaler' for the brutal methods he used to kill his enemies. There are many legends as to where his remains are buried, and which Transylvanian castle Stoker used as inspiration for the home of this brutal prince-turned-vampire. Tenuous locations include Bran castle, Poenari castle and Hunyad castle.

A suggested itinerary...

The Transylvanian Properties of the Prince of Wales

7 days & 6 nights from £1,870
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 the Parliament, which is the third largest building in the world. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Zalanpatak

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

Day 4: Braşov • Bran

Full-day tour to the medieval town of Braşov to view the Piaţa 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)

Guideline Prices

From £1,870 (incl. flights) (Year round)

Tour code: PRIN

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Timeless Romania

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,645 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,340 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
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- ❖ Average group size – 20 people (max 26)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts & 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)

Area map



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.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in the 5-star Intercontinental in Bucharest
- ❖ Full-day tour of northern Romania's painted monasteries
- ❖ Visit the royal palaces of Peleş & Pelișor
- ❖ Tickets to the Athenaeum, 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

Morning 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

Morning tour of the old town followed by time at leisure or visit the Brukenthal Museum. In the evening, visit the picturesque village of Sibiul. 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 • Braşov

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

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 Pelișor, the former royal residences of King Carol I, another beautifully resorted Unesco world heritage site. Return to Braşov. (B)

Day 9: Brasov • Bucharest

Morning tour of the medieval town of Braşov 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



Brasov, Transylvania

and explore Romania's first school. Return 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.

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

August 7, 21 & 28 departures: 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 2020

Tour code: ROA

Group tour

Low season from £1,645
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,695
Guide price month: Aug

Single supplement from £495

Private travel

From £2,340
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £495

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

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 current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
08 May 20	18 May 20	26 Jun 20	05 Jul 20	28 Aug 20	06 Sep 20	18 Sep 20	27 Sep 20
15 May 20	24 May 20	24 Jul 20	02 Aug 20	04 Sep 20	13 Sep 20	25 Sep 20	04 Oct 20
29 May 20	07 Jun 20	07 Aug 20	16 Aug 20	11 Sep 20	20 Sep 20	09 Oct 20	18 Oct 20
12 Jun 20	21 Jun 20	21 Aug 20	30 Aug 20				

Romanian Explorer

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Solo group tour • From £1,655 (incl. flights)

Solo Travellers

This solo group tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size (max 18 people)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Bucharest

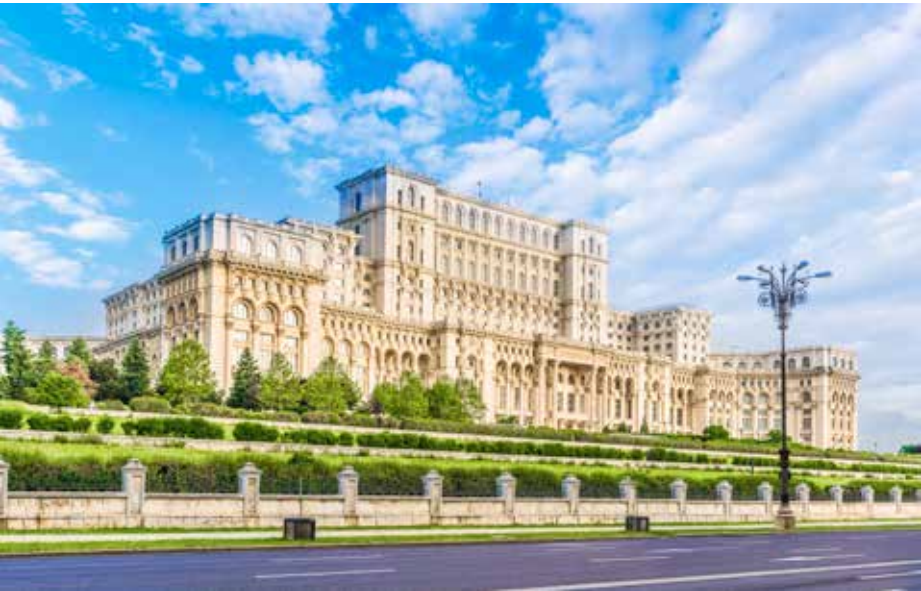
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A	1	4	10	18	24	27	29	29	25	18	10	4
B	-6	-3	0	6	11	14	16	15	11	6	2	-3
C	41	39	39	46	70	77	58	59	44	32	51	45

Brasov

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	0	1	6	12	17	20	21	21	18	13	7	1
B	-9	-8	-4	1	5	8	10	9	6	1	-2	-7
C	42	41	41	65	102	125	120	89	63	48	48	48

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

Area map



Palace of Parliament, Bucharest

Taking in a wealth of cultural attractions and magnificent mountain scenery, this group tour for solo travellers centres around the region of Transylvania and its neighbouring states. Highlights include visits to royal palaces, fortified churches, monasteries and a bear sanctuary.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ View the properties of the Prince of Wales in Viscri
- ❖ Included visits to the fortified churches of Transylvania
- ❖ See rescued bears at the Liberty Bear Sanctuary
- ❖ Explore Horezu monastery, the finest in Romania

Day 1: Fly to Bucharest

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bucharest with British Airways. Transfer to the Novotel for 1 night. Welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Sinaia • Braşov

Morning drive to Sinaia to visit the palaces of Peleş and Pelişor, the former royal residences of King Carol I. These magnificent German Renaissance-style palaces are a complex of

magnificent turrets rising above swathes of green meadows. Continue to Braşov and stay 2 nights at the Hotel Avro Palace (or similar). (B)

Day 3: Zarneşti • Viscri • Bran

Morning visit to the Liberty Bear Sanctuary in Zarneşti, the only sanctuary for rescued bears in Romania, with more than 80 bears currently under care. Continue to the atmospheric Saxon town of Viscri where HRH the Prince of Wales has bought and restored several properties. Visit the 12th-century church, one of the oldest in Transylvania. End the day with a visit to Bran castle, which is famously associated with Dracula, the legendary character from Bram Stoker's gothic novel. Return to Brasov. (B)

Day 4: Prejmer • Saschiz • Sighişoara • Târgu Mureş

Morning drive to Sighişoara, visiting the fortified church of Prejmer and the Saxon houses of Saschiz en route. Tour of Sighişoara, 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. Continue to Târgu Mureş and stay overnight at the Hotel Plaza. (B)

Day 5: Târgu Mureş • Salina Praid • Alba Lulia • Sibiu

Morning city tour of Târgu Mureş including a visit to the Palace of Culture. Continue to Salina Praid, a salt mine complex and the city of Alba Lulia to view the Roman ruins and the citadel. Overnight at the Golden Tulip (or similar) in Sibiu. (B)



Sighişoara

Day 6: Sibiu • Horezu • Râmnicu Vâlcea

Morning city tour of Sibiu including a visit to the 14th-century Evangelical church and the Brukenthal Art Museum. Afternoon drive to Râmnicu Vâlcea. En route, visit Horezu monastery, considered to be one of the finest in Romania. Stay for 1 night at the **Hotel Grand Sofianu**. (B)

Day 7: Curtea de Argeş • Bucharest

Morning drive to Curtea de Argeş, the former capital of Wallachia. Visit the Episcopal church, where the Romanian Kings are buried. Continue to Bucharest and stay overnight at the **Intercontinental**. Farewell dinner in the evening. (B, D)

Day 8: Bucharest • Fly to London

Morning tour of Bucharest, known as the 'Paris of the east', due to its boulevards and belle époque buildings. View the Old Princely Court, the Royal Palace and visit 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.

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

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: RKL

Group tour

Low season from £1,655
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,695
Guide price months: May – Sep

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

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £125 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
15 May 20	22 May 20	11 Sep 20	18 Sep 20	02 Oct 20	09 Oct 20
05 Jun 20	12 Jun 20	25 Sep 20	02 Oct 20		

Romania: Mountains, Monasteries & Medieval Cities

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights

Category • Superior

Expert-led group tour • From £2,195 (incl. flights)

Architecture • Art • History

Arts & Culture

Tour overview

Visit Transylvania and Bucovina, two of the most beautiful areas in Romania. This tour focuses on the country's wonderful architectural tradition, exemplified in the baroque town squares, palaces, fortified Saxon churches and medieval Orthodox monasteries with vivid exterior frescoes.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Private visit to Peleş castle
- ❖ Meeting with representatives of Mihai Eminescu Trust
- ❖ Lunch in a private house in Viscri
- ❖ Special visit to Cotroceni Palace

Expert lecturers

Dr William Taylor is an Anglican priest, chairman of the Anglican and Eastern Churches Association, and a writer and broadcaster on the Islamic world and the Orthodox churches. He has worked and lived in Jordan, Cairo and Turkey, and travelled and lectured in the Middle East and Central Asia.



Rowena Loverance is a Byzantine art historian. She has worked at the British Museum and is a visiting research fellow at King's College, London.



Area map



Sucevița monastery

Day 1: Fly to Bucharest

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bucharest with British Airways. Stay at the **InterContinental Bucharest** (or similar) for 2 nights. Evening welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Bucharest

Tour of Bucharest, a city of wide Parisian-style boulevards and belle époque buildings. Visits include Cotroceni Palace, by special permission, and the exterior of Ceaușescu's palace. (B)

Day 3: Sibiu

Morning drive through the Făgăras mountains to Sibiu, the main city of the Saxons that combines gothic, Renaissance, baroque and classical architecture. Afternoon walking tour of the city, including visits to the Protestant and Orthodox cathedrals, and the Brukenthal Art Museum – the oldest and finest art gallery in Romania. Stay at the **Hotel Exclusive & More** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 4: Biertan • Sighișoara

Drive to Sighișoara, stopping at Biertan to visit the gothic fortified church. Afternoon tour of Sighișoara, a beautifully preserved medieval citadel set in rolling countryside. Visit the walls and defending towers that encircle cobbled streets and ancient houses, the citadel and the old clock tower. Spend 2 nights at the **Hotel BinderBubi** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 5: Viscri

This morning, a meeting has been arranged

with a representative of the Mihai Eminescu Trust, an association dedicated to the conservation of the villages and the Saxon heritage in Transylvania, one of the most unspoiled regions of Europe (this meeting is subject to confirmation). Travel to the atmospheric Saxon village of Viscri and see the Unesco-listed 12th-century church with its scenic views of the rolling Transylvanian countryside. Walk down the main street where the Mihai Eminescu Trust, supported by HRH The Prince of Wales, has restored many of the medieval houses. Lunch today will be in a private house in Viscri. (B, L)

Day 6: Târgu Mureș • Bistrița • Gura Humorului

In the morning, drive to the city of Târgu Mureș, which has Romanian, Hungarian and Habsburg influences. See the hall of the Palace of Culture with art deco stained-glass windows illustrating traditional Hungarian themes and tales. Continue via the small market town of Bistrița to Gura Humorului. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel La Conac** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 7: Painted monasteries

Morning tour of the remarkable painted monasteries, considered to be among Europe's greatest artistic monuments. The monasteries include Sucevița, Voroneț and Moldovița, which feature amazingly well-preserved frescoes that cover the walls with vivid images of saints and biblical scenes. Afternoon visit to the painted egg museum and workshop at Vama. (B)



Fresco, Voronet monastery

Day 8: Agapia • Braşov

Drive to Agapia and visit the monastery and village. Stop for lunch at Lacu Rosu, then continue to Braşov and stay 2 nights at the **Aro Palace Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 9: Braşov • Prejmer

In the morning, see Piaţa Sfatului, one of the finest baroque squares in the country. Visit the gothic Black Church, a focal point of the Lutheran Reformation; St Nicholas Church; and the first Romanian school. Afternoon visit to the impressive fortified church of Prejmer. With more than 270 rooms and buildings, the fortress was attacked more than 50 times by the Mongols, Turks, Tartars, Cossacks and Moldavians during the middle ages, but was only conquered once. (B, D)

Day 10: Peleş castle • Bucharest • Fly to London

Drive south through the Bucegi mountains and visit Peleş castle, the former royal residence of King Carol I, built in the German Renaissance style. After a private tour of the second floor of the castle to discover the quarters of the royal family, continue to the George Enescu Memorial House, a living museum to this great musician whose folk-influenced classical style of music elevated Romania onto the international stage. Continue to Bucharest airport and fly to London (B, L).

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

Extension

Tour + Bucharest

3 days & 2 nights from £255
Extension starts on Day 10 of tour
Tour code: RMCBUH

Extend your stay in Bucharest with 2 nights at the **InterContinental Bucharest** (or similar) to discover the city's Orthodox churches and art nouveau villas. Includes airport 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.

Superior tour: This tour is based in 4- and 5-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. 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 2020-21

Tour code: RMC

23 Apr 20 – 02 May 20	with Dr William Taylor	from £2,195	single supp from £330
28 Aug 20 – 06 Sep 20	with Rowena Loverance	from £2,345	single supp from £555
03 May 21 – 12 May 21	with Dr William Taylor	from £2,295	single supp from £325

British Airways flight upgrades
Club Europe from £125 return

Regional air connections
Please speak to your consultant for details

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Discover Bulgaria



Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Sofia



Sofia

Onion-domed churches • Ottoman mosques

Sofia may not be a traditionally pretty historical capital, but it certainly offers enough to interest any visitor for a few days. One of the city's most recent attractions is the Serdica excavation site, showing the remains of a Roman city and amphitheatre that were discovered when excavation began on the city's metro system. Other highlights include the multi-domed Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and Banya Bashi Mosque.



Plovdiv

Plovdiv

Roman ruins • Stylish cafe culture

Plovdiv, Bulgaria's second city, was the European Capital of Culture for 2019 and is the oldest continuously inhabited city in Europe. It is best known for its romantic old town of colourful 19th-century mansions and cobbled streets lined with shops, galleries and trendy coffee houses. One of the city's most interesting sites is the Roman amphitheatre, which was discovered after a freak landslide in 1972 and is back in use today for summer plays and concerts.



Rila monastery, Sofia

Rila Monastery

Priceless manuscripts • Historic frescos

The Unesco-listed Rila monastery is situated on the western slopes of the Rila mountains, and was founded in the 10th century by the Bulgarian monk Ivan of Rila. The monastery is the most treasured artistic monument in Bulgaria and includes the 14th-century Hreljo Tower, the five-domed Birth of the Blessed Virgin church and the original monastery kitchens from the 19th century. It is worth visiting the museum, with its collection of priceless manuscripts, icons and carpets.



Buzludzha monument, Shipka

Shipka

Steeped in Bulgarian history • Communist monuments
• Shipka memorial church

Inland from the coast, in the foothills of the Central Balkan mountains, is the small village of Shipka. Somewhat unassuming, the history of this region spans the breadth of Bulgarian history. It was here that the Russians pushed back the Ottoman Empire in 1877, creating the nation we know today. It was also here that the communist party chose to construct the Buzludzha monument, a colossal saucer-shaped conference hall, in 1974. Today, the monument lies crumbling, a remnant of a period of history fading in the memories of many Bulgarians.

Nessebâr & Varna

Ruined medieval churches • Beachside bars & cafes • Roman baths

The tiny town of Nessebâr is located on a small island connected to the mainland by an artificial isthmus and is known for its numerous medieval churches. This Unesco-listed site can get very busy, but is certainly worth exploring. Along the coast from Nessebâr lies Varna, Bulgaria's maritime capital. Varna is a smart, cosmopolitan city with a long sandy beach lined with bars and cafes just minutes from the centre. The city is rich in history, with a large Roman bath complex and a world-class archaeological museum.

A suggested itinerary...

Vineyards of Zornitza

6 days & 5 nights from £1,655
Category • Luxury

Explore the history and viticulture of Bulgaria, visiting the Zornitza Family Estate in southern Bulgaria, the first Bulgarian property to be a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux collection.

Day 1: Fly to Sofia or Thessaloniki

Fly to Sofia, or Thessaloniki in Greece, and transfer to the Zornitza Family Estate for a 5-night stay. Enjoy a welcome drink on arrival. (N)

Day 2: Zornitza Family Estate • Wineries

Free morning to enjoy the hotel facilities, including an outdoor pool and spa.

Afternoon excursion to three wineries, including tasting. Four-course dinner at Zornitza. (B, D)

Days 3–5: Optional excursions

Three days to relax and explore the local area. Optional excursions include hot air ballooning over the estate, or day trips to Thessaloniki, Greece's second city; Ouranoupolis, a pretty village on the Halkidiki peninsula; or the Unesco-listed Rila monastery. (B)

Day 6: Fly home

Transfer to the airport and fly home. (B)

Guideline Prices

Low season from: £1,655 (incl. flights)

Guide price months: Feb – Apr
Oct – Dec

High season from: £2,155 (incl. flights)

Guide price months: May – Sep

Tour code: ZBU

Tailored travel

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Ancient & Modern Bulgaria

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights

Category • Superior

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

Private tour • From £2,990 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – (max 26 people)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

Weather

Varna

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	4	5	8	14	19	24	26	26	23	17	12	7
B	-2	-1	1	6	11	15	17	16	13	9	5	1
C	43	44	38	47	47	52	41	36	34	41	55	50

Sofia

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	2	4	9	15	20	23	26	26	23	16	10	4
B	-5	-3	0	5	9	12	14	14	11	6	2	-3
C	34	36	40	52	81	78	60	51	41	38	54	46

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Roman theatre of Philippopolis, Plovdiv

From frescoed domes to cubist concrete sculptures, Bulgaria is a nation where ancient and modern collides in a truly dramatic way. This varied tour takes in Roman ruins in Plovdiv, beautiful medieval monasteries and three of Europe's largest communist monuments. Includes time at leisure to enjoy the mountain air and the sandy shores of the Black Sea.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ **Explore Plovdiv – European Capital of Culture for 2019**
- ❖ **Visit three of Europe's biggest communist relics**
- ❖ **Private tour of the Unesco-listed Rila monastery**
- ❖ **Tour & wine tasting in Brestovitsa**

Day 1: Fly to Sofia

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Sofia with British Airways. Transfer to the **Rosslyn Central Park Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. Free time to explore the city. Evening welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Sofia

Morning walking tour including a visit to the Roman ruins of **Serdica** and the multi-domed

Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Afternoon at leisure. Perhaps visit the **National Historical Museum**, with its collection of Thracian treasures of gold and silver. (B)

Day 3: Rila monastery • Plovdiv

Full-day visit to the **Rila monastery**. This Unesco-listed 10th-century complex consists of a church decorated in colourful medieval frescos and an imposing courtyard of wooden galleries and balconies. Continue to Plovdiv, Bulgaria's second city and European Capital of Culture for 2019. Stay at the **Ramada Plovdiv Trimontium** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Plovdiv

Walking tour of Old Plovdiv. As Europe's oldest continuously inhabited city, it is an intriguing mix of ancient Roman ruins, 19th-century mansions and modern coffee houses. A highlight is the second-century Roman amphitheatre, discovered after a freak landslide in 1972. Afternoon visit to the 10th-century **Bachovo monastery**, followed by wine tasting and dinner in the nearby village of **Brestovitsa**. (B, D)

Day 5: Nessebâr • Varna

Early departure from Plovdiv to the Black Sea and the pretty, historical town of **Nessebâr**. Located on an islet just off the coast, it is known for its collection of ruined churches. Transfer to the city of **Varna**, staying overnight at the **Rosslyn Dimyat Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Varna

Morning sightseeing tour of Bulgaria's



Rila monastery, Rila, Bulgaria

maritime capital, including the Dormition of the Mother of God Cathedral, the Archaeological Museum and the huge Monument of Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship, high above the city. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Shumen • Veliko Târnovo

Transfer to Veliko Târnovo via Shumen and the Monument to 1,300 Years of Bulgaria. This colossal cubist monument was completed in 1981 and depicts kings and heroes from Bulgarian history. Continue to Veliko Târnovo, staying at the Meridian Hotel Bolyarski (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 8: Veliko Târnovo

Morning walking tour of Veliko Târnovo, including Tsarevets fortress, citadel of the Second Bulgarian Empire, and a visit to the village of Arbanassi. Afternoon at leisure to relax and enjoy this laid-back university town. (B)

Day 9: Shipka • Sofia

Return to Sofia via the Shipka Pass, visiting the ghostly Buzludzha monument. This huge saucer-shaped building at the summit of Buzludzha peak was originally conceived as a socialist assembly hall. Built between 1974 and 1981, during the height of Soviet influence in Bulgaria, it now lies abandoned and crumbling. Overnight in Sofia at the Rosslyn Central Park Hotel (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Sofia • 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.

Extensions

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Sofia.

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 2020

Tour code: BHY

Group tour

Low season from £1,495
Guide price date: 19 Sep

High season from £1,575
Guide price date: 05 Sep

Single supplement from £495

Private travel

From £2,990
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £495

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

British Airways flights upgrade

Club Europe from £135 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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16 May 20	25 May 20	04 Jul 20	13 Jul 20	19 Sep 20	28 Sep 20
13 Jun 20	22 Jun 20	05 Sep 20	14 Sep 20		

Discover The Southern Caucasus

Baku, Azerbaijan

Unesco-listed Old City • Caspian-front Bulvar promenade • Fire Worshippers' temple

On the shores of the Caspian Sea lies the exotic and mysterious capital of Azerbaijan, Baku. It is a rapidly changing city where Europe and Asia, ancient and modern collide. The 10th-century Unesco-listed Old City is a charming mix of narrow alleyways, workshops and caravanserais, with the tapered Maiden Tower at its heart. Outside this are the grand tree-lined boulevards of 19th-century Baku, which sprang up during the times of the first oil booms and could easily pass for Paris or Vienna.

The modern Baku cityscape is a heady mix of Soviet relics and jaw-dropping modern masterpieces including the late Zaha Hadid's Heydar Aliyev Centre, and the trio of Flame Towers. Beyond the city limits are the Ateshgyakh Fire Worshippers' temple, which pre-dates the arrival of Islam, and the 40,000-year-old rock carvings at Gobustan National Park.



Old town, Tbilisi

Tbilisi, Georgia

Buzzing cafe culture • Distinct architecture & cuisine • Ancient monasteries

In the past decade, the Georgian capital has come a long way; the once crumbling old town has been carefully resorted and is now home to inviting cafes, shops and a lively arts scene. 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 world heritage 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.



Flame Towers, Baku, Azerbaijan



Ikaltio monastery and traditional clay wine jars, near Telavi

Telavi, Georgia

Centre of Georgia's viticulture • Tuscan-style setting

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 when visiting Telavi. This pretty hilltop town is surrounded by rolling hills strewn with vines. 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. It is a great base for exploring the local viticulture, including wine tasting at Marani cellar door. The small hilltop town of Signaghi is also worth a visit, having been beautifully restored in 2010.

Yerevan, Armenia

Neoclassical Soviet architecture • Views of Mount Ararat • Museum of Ancient Manuscripts

In the early 1920s the Armenian Soviet architect Alexander Tamanian was given the task of transforming Yerevan from a small provincial town to the capital it is today. He envisaged a city of wide boulevards and neoclassical buildings. The end result was a fine, compact city, with uniquely Armenian touches such as the pink stone and traditional carvings, yet still distinctly Soviet. Of the many museums in Yerevan, the Museum of Ancient Manuscripts is undoubtedly the highlight. Armenia's turbulent history has meant that many objects have been lost from the collection over the years, but 1,800 exquisitely illustrated and bound manuscripts have survived and make up the centerpiece of an extraordinary collection.

30km outside Yerevan lies the temple of Garni and the Christian monastery of Geghard. The only Hellenistic colonnaded building in Armenia, Garni dates from the first century AD. It was built as a temple to the sun god Mithra but was converted to a royal summer house when the nation converted to Christianity. The Unesco-listed Geghard is one of the oldest Christian monasteries in the world, dating from the fourth century. The complex was partially carved out of the mountainside, while the main chapel was constructed in 1215.



Zvartnots temple & Mount Ararat, Yerevan, Armenia

A suggested itinerary...

The Golden Triangle of Georgia

9 days & 8 nights from £2,290
Category • Superior

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

Day 1: Fly to Tbilisi

Afternoon flight from London Gatwick to Tbilisi, via Kiev, with Ukraine International Airlines. 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

Morning visit to Mtskheta. Visit the Jvari and the Samtavro church, and the Svetitskhoveli cathedral, built on the grave of Sidonia, who allegedly died clutching Christ's robe. (B, L)

Day 4: Signaghi

Morning 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 en route. Stay 2 nights at the Rooms Hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Kazbegi

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

Day 8: Tbilisi

Drive south from Kazbegi to Tbilisi via Gori, the birthplace of Josef Stalin. View the house where he was born and a museum dedicated to his life. Continue to Uplistsikhe to visit the cave town, inhabited since pre-Christian times. Transfer to the Courtyard by Marriott. (B, L)

Day 9: Fly home

Transfer to the airport and fly to London Gatwick, via Kiev, with Ukraine International Airlines. (B)

Guideline Prices

From: £2,290 (incl. flights) (Year round)

Tour code: GTOG

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Across the Southern Caucasus

Duration • 14 days & 13 nights

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Group tour • From £2,295 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £2,990 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

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- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
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- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 13 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

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)

Area map



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.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit the beautiful Khan Palace in Sheki, Azerbaijan
- ❖ Wine & cognac tastings
- ❖ Enjoy a performance of Armenian spiritual music
- ❖ Masterclass in making *arishka*, 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 Ateshyakh 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)

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 qevri 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)



Old town, Tbilisi, Georgia

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)

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 *sudzhukh*. (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.

Extensions

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Baku or Yerevan. Please speak to a Cox & Kings tour 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 2020

Tour code: AZA

Group tour

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

High season from £2,425
Guide price months: Sep – Oct

Single supplement from £575

Private travel

From £2,990
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £710

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

Ukraine International Airlines flight upgrades

Business class from £695

Regional air connections

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Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
02 May 20	15 May 20	27 Jun 20	10 Jul 20	19 Sep 20	02 Oct 20
16 May 20	29 May 20	05 Sep 20	18 Sep 20	03 Oct 20	16 Oct 20
06 Jun 20	19 Jun 20	12 Sep 20	25 Sep 20	17 Oct 20	30 Oct 20

Armenia & Georgia: Treasures of the Caucasus

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights

Category • Standard

Expert-led group tour • From £2,695 (incl. flights)

History • Art • Archaeology

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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.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit awe-inspiring medieval monasteries
- ❖ Private guided visit by a senior curator at the Georgia Museum of Art
- ❖ Exclusive visits to monasteries & 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.



Area map



Altar at Etchmiadzin cathedral, 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, with 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 Haghpata 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 • Utsi • 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



Saint Nino at Bodbe monastery near Signaghi, 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 wine lands 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.

Extension

Tour + Tbilisi

3 days & 2 nights from £265
Extension starts on day 11 of tour
Tour code: AYGTBI

Spend 2 further nights at the **Museum Hotel** (or similar) for more time to explore. Includes private 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 2020-21

Tour code: AYG

25 May 20 – 04 Jun 20	with Dr William Taylor	from £2,695	single supp from £570
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Georgia in Luxury

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £2,655 (incl. flights)

NEW TOUR

Tour overview

This fully escorted private tour explores the spectacular Caucasus nation of Georgia, staying in the stylish Rooms Hotels in Tbilisi and Kazbegi. The journey includes an exploration of Tbilisi's Old Town, tastings at some of the country's finest wineries and guided visits to ancient Unesco-listed cathedrals and monasteries.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
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- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in luxury design hotels throughout
- ❖ Private tour of the Zakaria Paliashvili Tbilisi Opera & Ballet Theatre
- ❖ Scrub treatment at a sulfur bathhouse in Tbilisi
- ❖ Wine tasting at Tsinandali Estate
- ❖ Traditional *mtsvadi* barbecue lunch

Area map



Gergeti Trinity Church, Kazbegi

Day 1: Fly to Tbilisi

Fly to Tbilisi and transfer to the **Rooms Hotel**, a member of the Design Hotels group, for 2 nights. Enjoy a complimentary welcome cocktail. (N)

Day 2: Tbilisi

Morning tour of Tbilisi's Old Town including the 12th-century Metekhi Church and a 19th-century Jewish synagogue. Private tour of the newly renovated Zakaria Paliashvili Opera and Ballet Theatre. Get acquainted with Georgian cuisine at a cooking class in a traditional restaurant, followed by lunch. Afternoon visit to the Tbilisi Sulfur Bathhouse for a traditional scrub treatment, followed by tea. Free time before dinner at one of the city's best restaurants. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tbilisi • Signaghi • Tsinandali

Explore the Kakheti region, birthplace of viticulture and winemaking in Georgia. Stop at the ninth-century Bodbe Convent before arriving at the pretty fortified town of Signaghi, famous for its wine and carpet making. Meander through the narrow streets before lunch with a local family serving traditional dishes from the region. Stay at the **Radisson Collection, Tsinandali Estate** for 1 night. Tour of the estate with wine tasting, followed by dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Alaverdi • Grebi • Shilda • Tbilisi

Morning visit to the 11th-century Alaverdi Cathedral and continue to the 16th-century Grebi complex. Lunch and wine tasting at Shilda Winery in Kvareli. Demonstration of traditional bread making and how to prepare

a *mtsvadi* (pork barbecue). Return to Tbilisi in time for dinner. Overnight at **Rooms Hotel**. (B, L)

Day 5: Mtskheta • Ananuri • Kazbegi

The world heritage site of Mtskheta is the first stop today, Georgia's cultural and religious centre. Here, visit the early medieval Jvari Church and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. Continue to Ananuri fortress complex, with churches and towers dating back to the 16th century. Continue to Kazbegi, staying at the **Rooms Hotel Kazbegi** for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 6: Kazbegi

Visit the 14th-century Gergeti Trinity Church, set high on a hill overlooking the town and surrounded by mountains. Get up close by 4WD or, for the more energetic, on foot. Enjoy a coffee break on the top of the hill. Return for a traditional lunch with a local family. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7: Uplistsikhe • Gori • Tbilisi

Visit the ancient rock-hewn town of Uplistsikhe, one of the oldest urban settlements in Georgia and an important centre of pagan worship. Continue to Gori, birthplace of Josef Stalin, with optional visit the museum dedicated to his life. Lunch at the 19th-century Château Mukhrani. Return to Tbilisi, staying overnight at **Rooms Hotel**. (B, L)

Day 8: Fly home

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

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

Important information

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: GIL

Low season from £2,655
Guide price months: Jan – Apr

High season from £2,755
Guide price months: May – Oct

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Authentic Armenia

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior

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

NEW
TOUR

Tour overview

This private journey through the ancient and proud nation of Armenia explores a different aspect of the country's distinctive culture each day. Tour ancient temples and monasteries, visit brandy and carpet factories, and have a go at baking traditional *lavash* flatbread. This tour is ideal for those looking to explore the Caucasus region in more depth and can be easily combined with *Georgia in Luxury* (see opposite page).

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Airport transfers
- ❖ Daily private guide & driver
- ❖ All meals included

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in historic, locally-owned Tufenkian hotels
- ❖ Ride the world's longest cable car
- ❖ Try baking traditional *lavash* bread
- ❖ Explore Yerevan & visit the Ararat brandy factory

Area map



Spices in a market, Yerevan

Day 1: Fly to Yerevan

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Yerevan, via Kiev, with Ukraine International Airlines. Transfer to the Tufenkian Historic Yerevan Hotel (or similar) for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Yerevan

Tour the Armenian capital, visiting Republic Square, the Museum of Ancient Manuscripts, the Armenian Genocide memorial complex, and Ararat brandy factory. Dinner at a local restaurant with a folk music performance. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Ejmiatsin • Zvartnots • Yerevan

Visit the Unesco world heritage-listed Ejmiatsin Cathedral. Continue to Zvartnots temple, built in the seventh century. After lunch at a local restaurant, return to Yerevan and visit the Megerian carpet factory, where you will also have dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Khor Virap • Yeghegnadzor • Noravank • Goris

Drive to Khor Virap monastery and enjoy spectacular views of Mount Ararat. Continue to a nearby house for a culinary class, making Armenian vodka and *gata* (pastry). On to Noravank monastery, dating from the 13th century and situated among sheer rocks in a twisty gorge. Finish in Goris for dinner and stay at the Mirhav Hotel (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tatev • Selim • Sevan • Dilijan

After breakfast, drive to the ninth-century Tatev monastic complex, reached by the world's longest double-track cable car.

Continue to the Selim caravanserai. After lunch continue to Dilijan. Dinner and overnight in at the Tufenkian Old Dilijan Complex. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Garni • Geghard • Yerevan

Drive to Garni, a pagan temple dating from the first century AD. Continue to Geghard monastery. Visit a local house to make traditional *lavash* bread. Return to Yerevan. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Fly to London

Early transfer to Yerevan airport and fly to London, via Kiev, with Ukraine International Airlines. (B)

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

Important information

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: AMM

From: £1,695

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Climate

Italy has a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. In the north, summers can be very hot and humid, while the winters can be very harsh and cold. In the south, winters are mild and the spring, summer and autumn temperatures are relatively similar.

Rome

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	12	13	16	18	23	27	30	30	27	22	17	13
B	3	4	5	8	11	15	17	17	15	11	7	4
C	83	75	68	62	45	37	19	35	75	97	117	98

Lake Como

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	5	7	11	15	19	23	26	25	22	16	10	6
B	-2	-1	2	6	10	13	16	15	12	8	3	-1
C	72	71	98	124	158	135	108	137	122	135	120	63

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

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Canal, Venice



Venice & Veneto

Romantic canals & islands of the Venetian lagoon •
Unesco-listed architecture of Verona & Padua

Venice has inspired many of the world's greatest artists and writers. Whether exploring it on foot or by boat, it is a source of constant inspiration; every tiny canal leads to another grand palace or piazza, a secret courtyard or hidden church. St Mark's Square, its magnificent Italo-Byzantine basilica, the opulent architecture of the Doge's Palace and the Rialto Bridge crossing over the Grand Canal are the obvious sights but there are also further islands to explore out in the lagoon, such as Murano, where the world-renowned Venetian glass is blown.

Directly to the west of Venice is Verona, a city that will forever be associated with Shakespeare, who set three of his plays here, most famously *Romeo and Juliet*. The Roman amphitheatre here is so well preserved that it hosts daily concerts throughout the summer. Beyond these two famous cities is delightful Padua, known for the frescoes by Giotto in its Scrovegni Chapel, dating back to the 13th century.

Rome

'The Eternal City', dating back over 2,500 years •
St Peter's Basilica & the Vatican City

No other city lays bare its soul quite as Rome does; the legacies of its 3,000-year history are visible almost everywhere. Ruins such as the Roman Forum and Colosseum still display the might and power of Ancient Rome, early Christian churches and medieval bell towers continue to stand tall, lavish Renaissance palaces and wide piazzas adorn the city, and the imposing architecture of the Fascist era remains in evidence. Among all this are peaceful gardens and parks, fountains with elaborate sculptures, aqueducts, statues, obelisks and columns.

Within this city lies an independent country – the Vatican City. The headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church contains numerous treasures of its own. The immense St Peter's Basilica dominates, while the Papal Palace holds the vast collections of the Vatican Museums as well as the Sistine Chapel and its stunning frescoes by Michelangelo.



Roman forum, Rome

Amalfi

Tranquil atmosphere • Impressive Norman-Arabic cathedral • Chic hotels

Formerly a maritime superpower with a population of more than 70,000, Amalfi suffered a devastating earthquake in 1343, which resulted in much of the town being lost to the sea. Today Amalfi is a small seaside town set around a small cove with just over 5,000 inhabitants, famous for its fine beach, restaurants, cafes and shops. The highlight for any visit is to explore the impressive 11th-century Norman-Arabic Sant' Andrea cathedral. Built in the Romanesque style, its exterior bronze carved doors were cast in Constantinople.



Positano, Amalfi



Faraglioni cliffs, Capri island

Capri

An idyllic island retreat • Villa San Michele • Beautiful villas & glittering grottoes

Situated just 5km from the mainland in the Bay of Naples, the island of Capri with its rich flora and fauna, serene atmosphere and breathtaking views has been a haven for travellers since the days of the Roman Republic. Often visited on day trips from Sorrento and the Amalfi coast, the island has numerous attractions. Visit Villa San Michele, which was built on the ruins of the villa of the Roman Emperor Tiberius, and the Gardens of Augustus, a series of flower-decked terraces overlooking the *faraglioni* rock formations on one side and the Bay of Marina Piccola and Via Krupp on the other. The Blue Grotto is also a popular site to visit, a sea cave where the waters are illuminated by an underwater cavity, creating a magical blue glow.

A suggested itinerary...

Sorrento, Capri & Ravello

9 days & 8 nights from £2,270
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

Full 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)

Guideline Prices

Low season from: £2,270 (incl. flights)
Guide price month: Apr

High season from: £2,090 (incl. flights)
Guide price months: May – Sep

Tour code: SIU

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Piedmont



Piedmont, Turin

Turin

Impressive Mole Antonelliana • Art nouveau cafes

The capital of the Piedmont region and gateway to the Italian Alps, Turin is a city of grand proportions. Its tree-lined boulevards are reminiscent of Paris, while its wonderful art nouveau cafes give a Viennese feel. Food, coffee and wine are a huge part of Torino culture, with coffee 'laboratories' and artisan gelato shops springing up in post-industrial areas of the city, once abandoned and now thriving again. Cultural highlights not to be missed include the Mole Antonelliana, a colossal museum with a wonderful panoramic lift that dominates the skyline, and Turin Cathedral, dating back to 1505 and home to the Turin Shroud.



San Carlo square, Turin



Langhe vineyards



The Langhe

Wine, cheese & truffles • Traditional borghi

The Langhe is a hilly area to the south and east of the river Tanaro in the province of Cuneo, famous for its wines, cheeses, and truffles – particularly the white truffles of Alba. The picturesque village of Neive retains all the characteristics of a medieval Italian town, with its winding streets, churches, elegant palaces and old mansions. The castle of Grinzane Cavour contains the Cavour Regional Enoteca, a depository housing wines from the Piedmont region. It also houses the Museum of the Langhe and is the base for the Order of the Knights of the Truffle and Wines of Alba, a food and wine confraternity that aims to protect and re-introduce local gastronomic traditions and customs.

Borghi Italia Tour Network – *discover the most beautiful villages in Italy*

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

New for 2020, Cox & Kings is working in partnership with Borghi Italia Tour Network, allowing you to experience some of these historical villages on an escorted group tour *Discover Marche & Umbria* (see page 76) and on two new private journeys that cover Veneto and Friuli (page 89), and Piedmont (page 86), both of which can be taken as a private tour or self-drive package.



Assisi, Umbria

Umbria & Marche



Piazza IV Novembre, Perugia



Urbino, Marche



Guaita Fortress, Mount Titano, San Marino



Umbria

The green heart of Italy • Early Renaissance architecture

Umbria is often overlooked by tourists who favour better-known Tuscany, but the region is no less interesting to explore. Often referred to as the 'green heart of Italy', Umbria is famed for its production of almost every staple of Italian cuisine including cheese, wine, olive oil and pasta. Historic and architectural gems include the regional capital, Perugia, known for its defensive walls around the historic centre and its medieval fountains. South of Perugia lies the pretty hilltop town of Deruta, famous for its beautiful ceramics and *majolica* – tin-glazed pottery dating from the Renaissance period.

Marche

One of Italy's least-visited regions • Adriatic coast & mountain peaks.

The region of Marche sits between the Apennine mountains and the Adriatic Sea. The attractive hilltop town of Urbino is undoubtedly a highlight; the birthplace of Raphael, it is notable for a remarkable historical legacy of independent Renaissance culture, especially under the patronage of Federico da Montefeltro, duke of Urbino from 1444 to 1482. The smaller yet equally impressive borgo of Gradara is home to a monumental Renaissance fortress which houses important 15th-century artworks including the *Madonna with Child and Saints* by Giovanni Santi. Away from the towns, the Sibillini mountains offer great hiking opportunities and incredible views.

San Marino

World's oldest republic • Imposing Mount Titano

No visit to Umbria and Marche is complete without a stopover in San Marino. Among the world's oldest republics, this tiny independent nation is the sole survivor of Italy's once powerful network of city states. Its imposing setting, towering above the Marche countryside, gives the country a fairy-tale like quality. Once inside, it's easy to get lost among the charming cobbled lanes of the main town, while the views from the Guaita Fortress are some of the most dramatic in the region.

Tuscany



Siena

Siena

View the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo • Home of the renowned Palio horse race

Set in the heart of Tuscany, Siena is one of Italy's best-preserved medieval towns. Built on three hills and surrounded by well-preserved ramparts, the city is filled with fine examples of impressive gothic architecture. Central to the city is the elegant 14th-century town hall and the 12th-century, shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, which is where Il Palio, a thrilling bareback horse race, takes place each year. Overlooking the city is the striking cathedral, built in stripes of white and black marble, the symbolic colours of Siena. Also worth a visit is the Piccolomini Library, with its beautiful frescoes by Pinturricchio.

Lucca

Imposing Renaissance city walls • Torre del Lago music festival

Encircled by thick Renaissance city walls, the city of Lucca is one of the most charming in Tuscany. As the birthplace of Giacomo Puccini, the city is steeped in musical history and honours its favourite son with an annual music festival in the months of July and August at the lakeside theatre, Torre del Lago. Visit Puccini's former house, the elegant Piazza San Michele, the 12th-century Church of San Michele and the Romanesque San Frediano Basilica, which has a splendid golden Byzantine mosaic on its facade. In the evening, the intact city walls are perfect for a leisurely promenade.



San Gimignano

San Gimignano

Unesco-listed medieval hilltop town • Typical Tuscan rural setting

Dating back to the 10th century, San Gimignano is a small walled hill town overlooking the Elsa valley in the province of Siena. The town was named after the Holy Bishop of Modena, St Gimignano, who is said to have saved the village from barbarian hordes. Today it is famous for its medieval architecture, in particular the many towers that were built by wealthy families to flaunt their power. There were once 72 towers in this 'medieval Manhattan' while today there are just 14, which still makes for an impressive sight. Be sure to try the local white wine, Vernaccia di San Gimignano, which is grown in the surrounding vineyards.



Lucca

Puglia & Basilicata



Trulli house, Alberobello, Apulia



Lecce

Florence of the south • Baroque architecture

Located in the heel of the Italian peninsula in the region of Puglia and known as the 'Florence of the south', Lecce is rich in history, displaying fine examples of baroque architecture and extensive Roman ruins. Most of Lecce's main attractions are centred around the Piazza Sant'Oronzo. These include the Roman amphitheatre, which could hold more than 25,000 spectators and was partially excavated in the early 20th century.

The symbol of the city is the Basilica of Santa Croce. Construction began in the 17th century but it wasn't completed until more than 100 years later. It is an excellent example of baroque architecture and has a facade with rose windows surrounded by cherubs.

Matera

Underground city • Rock churches • Superb frescoes

Located in the Basilicata region, the ancient city of Matera dates back to the Neolithic age. Natural caves were transformed into a labyrinth of houses and Byzantine churches so that distinguishing the natural rock formations and the architecture created by the ancient inhabitants is often impossible. Relatively unknown until recently, Matera is now listed as a Unesco world heritage site. The main focus of any visit is the Sassi district. This is divided into two parts, the Sasso Caveoso and the Sasso Barisano, each of which has countless churches, with their own distinctive features. Known as the 'Sistine Chapel of rock art', the Crypt of the Original Sin is located in a hollow in the rocky limestone gorge. You can see the skilful paintings of the Old and New Testament scenes in a cycle of frescoes dating from the ninth century AD.

A suggested itinerary...

Basilicata in Luxury

8 days & 7 nights from £2,270

Category • Luxury

The region of Basilicata is still relatively untouched by tourism and offers much for even the most seasoned traveller. On this self-drive tour visit the towns of Matera and Bernalda, finishing in the picturesque coastal town of Maratea. Along the way stay in luxurious boutique properties.

Day 1: Fly to Bari • Matera

Fly to Bari, collect your hire car (based on group B car rental) and drive to Matera. Stay 3 nights at the **Palazzo Gattini**, a stunning historic palace. (N)

Day 2: Matera

Full day at leisure to explore the ancient city

of Matera. Visit the renowned rock caves and churches. (B)

Day 3: Matera

Full day at leisure. Perhaps drive into neighbouring Puglia to visit the town of Alberobello with its trulli houses. (B)

Day 4: Bernalda

Drive south to the town of Bernalda and stay for 2 nights at the **Palazzo Margherita**, a former palace with grand, frescoed rooms and cool gardens. (B)

Day 5: Bernalda

Full day at leisure to explore this picturesque village or just relax at the hotel. (B)

Day 6: Maratea

Drive east to the picturesque coastal resort of Maratea. Stay for 2 nights at the **Santavenere Hotel**, a secluded, chateau-style Italian house on the coast with a refined rustic charm. (B)

Day 7: Maratea

Full day at leisure. This colourful and

charming town has kept its true Italian character intact and has some of the most beautiful coastline in Italy. (B)

Day 8: Bari • Fly home

Drive to Bari, drop off your hire car and fly home. (B)

Guideline Prices

Low season from: £2,270 (incl. flights)
High season from: £3,310 (incl. flights)

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Sicily



Palermo cathedral

Palermo

The Palatine Chapel • Eclectic architecture of Palermo cathedral

The capital of the island, Palermo, is divided into two distinct quarters: the south and north. Both areas can be easily explored on foot and each offers its own distinct attractions. Any visit to the southern quarter should include stops at the 12th-century cathedral, which combines gothic, baroque and Arabic designs; the Palatine Chapel, or Cappella Palatina, which is a jewel of Arab-Norman art; and the Teatro Massimo, which was the filming location of the final scenes of *The Godfather: Part III*.

The northern quarter is centred around the harbour. Some of its highlights include the Museo Archeologico Regionale, which contains an impressive array of antiquities gathered from around the island, and the Palazzo Abatellis, which houses an excellent collection of Sicilian art. There is also the quaint Museo Internazionale delle Marionette, containing the world's largest collection of puppets, marionettes and shadow figures.

North-West Sicily

Cathedrals of Monreale & Cefalù • Marsala wine tasting

The north-west of Sicily is perhaps the least visited region of the island. The legacies of previous rulers can easily be found here, with a profusion of Phoenician, Greek, Norman and Arabic ruins and cathedrals. Head to Monreale to view its cathedral, one of the finest examples of Norman architecture in the world. Two of the most popular towns to stay in are Trapani, located on the western coast, and Cefalù, on the northern coast. Trapani has a number of attractions located close to it including the temple complexes of Segesta and Selinunte, as well as the town of Erice, perched high up on Monte San Giuliano. The centre of Cefalù is dominated by its cathedral and, with its collection of old fishermen's cottages along the seafront, is considered to be one of the most picturesque towns in Sicily. The stretch of coastline between Marsala and Mazara del Vallo is renowned for its wine production, so make sure to sample a glass or two.



Greek theatre & Mount Etna, Taormina

North-East Sicily

Picturesque seaside resort of Taormina • Imposing Mount Etna

Dominated by the imposing volcano, Mount Etna, the north-east of the island is perhaps most familiar. Messina is situated on the northernmost tip, with ferries connecting to the mainland at Reggio Calabria. Further to the south is Catania, a major seaport and where the island's principal airport is located. Main destinations along the eastern coast are the town of Taormina, with its small and narrow streets, and the nearby coastal resort of Giardini Naxos.

One of the best ways to view the magnificence of Mount Etna is to travel on the Ferrovia Circumetnea railway, which travels for over 90km between Catania and Riposto, taking about 5 hours. Alternatively, visit the lower slopes of the mountain by 4X4. Hiking to the desolate landscape of the upper slopes is very popular among locals and visitors alike.

South-West Sicily

Valley of the Temples • Exquisite Roman mosaics at Piazza Armerina • Ruins of the Hellenistic city of Morgantina

Containing three of the island's best attractions – the Valley of the Temples, Piazza Armerina and Morgantina – the south-west region is essential on any tour of Sicily. The Valley of the Temples, near to Agrigento, is an incredible archaeological park comprising eight Greek temples dating back to the fifth century BC and overlooking the nearby Mediterranean Sea. The Temple of Concordia is one of the best preserved Doric temples in the world while the Temple of Olympian Zeus was once the largest of its kind. Outside the town of Piazza Armerina, discover the Villa Romana del Casale, a Roman villa dating back to the third century AD and containing an excellent collection of intact mosaics. Housed over many rooms, the mosaics offer a glimpse of life in an imperial villa. Morgantina was a city on the ancient trading routes but is now an impressive archaeological site featuring an ancient theatre and market place.



Temple of Concordia, Valley of the Temples, Agrigento



Fresh fruit & vegetables at a market in Palermo, Sicily

Southern Sicily

The baroque cities of Noto, Ragusa & Modica • Greek theatre at Syracuse • Inspector Montalbano attractions

This region of Sicily is becoming a popular tourist destination due to its appearance in the television series *Inspector Montalbano*. Alongside the filming locations there is an incredible amount to explore. The collection of southern towns including Ragusa, Caltagirone, Modica and Noto have been inscribed on the Unesco world heritage list due to their superb examples of baroque architecture. On the eastern coast is Syracuse, with one of the finest surviving ancient Greek theatres in the world, which is still in use today. There is also an excellent regional archaeological museum and park housing a fascinating collection of statues and ancient artefacts. Visit Caltagirone, famous for its ceramics, the two distinct old and new quarters of Ragusa, and the ancient ruins of the Temple of Apollo on the island of Ortygia.

A suggested itinerary...

Aeolian Islands Sailing

8 days & 7 nights from £2,290
Category • Standard

Discover the charm of the seven Aeolian islands, also called 'the Seven Pearls', located off the north coast of Sicily. Sail on a traditional ketch wooden sailing ship and visit the main islands of the Aeolian chain including Stromboli, Vulcano and Lipari, each with their own characteristics and charm.

Day 1: Fly to Catania • Milazzo

Fly to Catania airport, transfer to the northern port of Milazzo and board your ship. (N)

Day 2: Panarea

Sail north to the island of Panarea via the small islands of Lisca Nera and Dattilo. Visit

the picturesque village of San Pietro on Panarea. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Stromboli

Late morning arrival into Stromboli. Explore the island, with the possibility of visiting the volcano with a local guide. (B, L)

Day 4: Salina

Sail south towards the island of Salina and explore its main town, Santa Marina di Salina. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Lipari

Sail to Lipari via stops in the beautiful bay of Pollara and Canneto to view the Cave di Pomice, where pumice stone is extracted. Overnight in Lipari. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Vulcano

Morning at leisure to visit the archaeological and volcanological museum. In the afternoon sail to the hot springs of Vulcano. (B, L)

Day 7: Milazzo

Sail along the west coast of Vulcano towards Milazzo, via St Antonio bay. Overnight in Milazzo. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Catania airport and fly home. (B)

Guideline Prices

Low season from: £2,290 (incl. flights)
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Weather

Perugia

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	8	10	13	17	21	26	29	29	25	19	13	9
B	0	2	3	5	9	13	15	15	13	9	5	2
C	59	67	63	71	72	67	45	59	70	79	96	74

Bologna

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	5	8	12	17	22	26	29	28	24	18	11	6
B	-1	1	4	7	11	15	17	17	14	10	4	-
C	60	57	69	74	68	58	45	62	70	75	101	69

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Gradara

Explore two of Italy's most authentic and timeless regions, passing through historic cities, rolling countryside and small yet spectacular fortified borghi (traditional hilltop towns). Based in characterful villas in the heart of Urbino and Montefalco, the tour allows plenty of time for enjoying the regional cuisine and includes opportunities to see the production of wine and olive oil, with included tasting experiences.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in historic villas in rural Italy
- ❖ Wine, cheese & olive oil tasting
- ❖ Visit some of Italy's lesser-known historic towns & villages

Day 1: Fly to Bologna • Pesaro • Urbino

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bologna with British Airways. Transfer to Urbino via Pesaro, birthplace of composer Gioacchino Rossini. Stay at **Hotel Bonconte** (or similar) for 4 nights. Welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Urbino • Mondavio

Morning tour of Urbino, a beautiful town with the wonderful Palazzo Ducale at its heart. This perfect example of Renaissance architecture hosts masterpieces by Raphael and Piero della Francesca. After lunch, depart for the borgo of Mondavio, a medieval hilltop town surrounded by walls. (B)

Day 3: Gradara • San Marino

Depart for the borgo of Gradara, another of the region's monumental Renaissance fortresses. Visit the main art gallery and walk the walls that enclose the borgo. Continue to San Marino for lunch and have time at leisure to enjoy the world's oldest republic, which dates back to 301AD. (B)

Day 4: Recanati • Sirolo

Tour of Recanati, with its wonderful views that stretch from the Sibillini mountains to the Adriatic coast. The town was the birthplace of poet Giacomo Leopardi, whose statue now stands in the delightful Palazzo Antici Mattei. Other highlights include Palazzo Leopardi and the church and convent of the Capuchin friars. After lunch, continue to Sirolo, which lies on the southern slopes of Mount Conero overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Time at leisure to enjoy the town or walk to the beach. (B)

Day 5: Gubbio • Montefalco

Leave Marche for Umbria and visit Gubbio, one of the region's most beautiful cities. Take a guided tour including the Duomo, Piazza Grande and the traditional blacksmith shops which can be found around the town. Drive to the borgo of Montefalco, known for its wine and referred to as the 'Balcony of Umbria' due to its enchanting hilltop location. Stay at **Hotel Villa Zuccari** (or similar) for 3 nights. Traditional dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Torgiano • Perugia

Morning visit to the borgo of Torgiano, one of the undisputed Italian capitals of wine and olive oil. After a walking tour, visit the museum for olive oil and wine tasting. In the afternoon,



Urbino

continue to Perugia, the capital of Umbria. Take in the main sites including La Fontana Maggiore and the Etruscan Arch of Augustus. Perugia is also known as 'the chocolate city', so a chocolate tasting is a must. Time for dinner in Perugia. (B)

Day 7: Deruta • Castiglione del Lago

Drive to the borgo of Deruta, famed for its ceramics and *majolica* pottery. Visit the museum and some of the workshops before continuing towards Lake Trasimeno for an unguided visit to Castiglione del Lago; overlooking the lake, this is one of the most beautiful and dramatic borgos in the region, with huge medieval walls and towers. Farewell dinner at a restaurant by the lake. (B, D)

Day 8: Fly to London

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

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

Extensions

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Bologna and Rome, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers.

Important information

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: UUM

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Guide price months: May – Oct

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Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
16 May 20	23 May 20	20 Jun 20	27 Jun 20	12 Sep 20	19 Sep 20	10 Oct 20	17 Oct 20

Puglia & Basilicata

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Weather

Lecce

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C	81	65	73	43	32	22	16	31	57	87	90	82

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Area map



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.

transfer to Fasano. Stay at the **Casale Del Murgesse** for 5 nights. (D)

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)

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in a 5-star boutique hotel in Lecce
- ❖ Wine, cheese & 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 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

Day 1: Fly to Bari • Fasano

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bari with British Airways and



Matera

and enjoy tastings of typical products 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 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 **Patria Palace** 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.

Extensions

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Fasano and Lecce, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers.

Important information

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: PUB

Group tour

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

High season from £2,245
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £345

Private travel

From £5,140
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £345

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

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 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
13 May 20	20 May 20	03 Sep 20	10 Sep 20	10 Sep 20	17 Sep 20	01 Oct 20	08 Oct 20
10 Jun 20	17 Jun 20						

Classic Sicily

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,895 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £4,690 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 18 people (max 26)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

Weather

Catania

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	16	16	18	20	24	28	32	32	29	24	20	17
B	6	6	7	9	12	16	19	20	18	14	10	7
C	74	52	44	35	20	6	5	12	40	105	59	79

Palermo

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	13	13	15	18	21	25	28	28	26	22	18	14
B	8	8	9	11	14	18	21	21	19	16	13	10
C	83	67	57	47	22	11	5	17	37	84	82	88

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



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.

C&K 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 & Monreale
- ❖ Explore the Valley of the Temples & 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)

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



Ancient Greek theatre, Taormina

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, 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.

Extension

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Syracuse and Taormina and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers.

Important information

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline

prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: CLS

Group tour

Low season from £1,895
Guide price months: Sep – Oct

High season from £1,935
Guide price months: Apr – Sep

Single supplement from £340

Private travel

From £4,690
Guide price months: Apr – Oct

Single supplement from £340

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

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £125 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2020

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27 Apr 20	04 May 20	08 Jun 20	15 Jun 20	14 Sep 20	21 Sep 20	12 Oct 20	19 Oct 20
11 May 20	18 May 20	13 Jul 20	20 Jul 20	21 Sep 20	28 Sep 20		
25 May 20	01 Jun 20	07 Sep 20	14 Sep 20	28 Sep 20	05 Oct 20		

Ravenna: Mosaics & Marble

Duration • 4 days & 3 nights

Category • Superior

Expert-led group tour • From £1,295 (incl. flights)

Art • Architecture

Arts & Culture

Tour overview

Uncover Ravenna's glittering past with experts Rowena Loverance or Dr Sally Dormer. In 402AD, the city became the capital of the western Roman empire and mosaic-decorated churches were built. Ravenna flourished during the early sixth century under the Ostrogoths, who commissioned further splendid monuments. In 540AD it became the main outpost of the Byzantine empire in western Europe, experiencing another lavish period of patronage, and the Lombards assumed control in 751AD. Decline was inevitable, but vital in ensuring the survival of Ravenna's illustrious past.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit the Church of San Pietro in Silvis, the oldest in the Ravenna area
- ❖ See the variety of different marble & mosaic decoration at the church of San Vitale
- ❖ Explore the unique 10-sided mausoleum of Theodoric the Great, king of the Ostrogoths
- ❖ Discover how mosaics are made in a contemporary studio
- ❖ See the work of Ravenna's modern mosaicists in a city that remains at the centre of mosaic art

Expert lecturers

Rowena Loverance is a Byzantine art historian, specialising in sculpture, mosaics and icons. She worked for more than 20 years at the British Museum and is a visiting research fellow at King's College, London.



Dr Sally Dormer is a freelance art historian and lecturer. She read history at the University of Durham, before gaining an MA in medieval art and a PhD at the Courtauld Institute of Art. She is a course tutor and lecturer at the Victoria & Albert Museum and also lectures for the Art Fund and the Arts Society.



Byzantine mosaic, Basilica di San Vitale, Ravenna

Day 1: Fly to Bologna • Ravenna

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bologna with British Airways. Transfer to Ravenna and stay at the historic **Palazzo Bezzi Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. Afternoon visit to Sant'Apollinare in Classe, which demonstrates the form and function of early Christian basilical churches. (D)

Day 2: Ravenna

Visit the so-called mausoleum of Galla Placidia, which contains fine Early Christian vault mosaics. Continue to San Vitale, one of the most significant centrally planned Byzantine churches to survive. Afternoon visit to the Residenza dei Vescovi to view masterpieces from the Museo Arcivescovile, the archiepiscopal chapel and Ravenna's 18th-century cathedral. Visit a modern mosaic studio to see mosaics being created (subject to confirmation). (B)

Day 3: Ravenna

Visit Theodoric's Palace and the octagonal Orthodox baptistery. Continue to the basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, built by Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths, as a palatine church; the late fifth-century octagonal Arian baptistery, with a mosaic of Christ's baptism; Dante's tomb and the basilica of San Francesco. Visit the city art museum to see a display of contemporary mosaics. Continue to Domus dei Tappeti di Pietra. Only discovered in 1993, this Byzantine palace contains marble

inlays and mosaics. (B, D)

Day 4: Ravenna • Fly to London

Morning visit to the mausoleum of Theodoric. This unique 10-sided mausoleum was built from huge blocks of ashlar masonry on the outskirts of Ravenna. Drive to San Pietro in Silvis, which dates from the seventh century and provides useful comparisons with the churches in Ravenna. Lunch at Bagnacavallo, before continuing to Bologna. Fly to London. (B, L)

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

Extensions

Please enquire for prices to extend your stay in Ravenna or Bologna.

Important information

Arts & Culture tours: A collection of expert-accompanied tours focusing on creativity in its many forms. No prior knowledge of the subject matter is required. All tours can be viewed at CoxandKings.co.uk/Art

Expert-led tour: This tour is fully escorted throughout by the lecturer, as well as an experienced local guide where necessary.



Mosaic in the Basilica di San Vitale, Ravenna

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 2020-21

Tour code: IMA

12 Mar 20 – 15 Mar 20	with Rowena Loverance	from £1,295	single supp from £265
19 Nov 20 – 22 Nov 20	with Dr Sally Dormer	from £1,375	single supp from £265
18 Mar 21 – 21 Mar 21	with Rowena Loverance	from £1,395	single supp from £275

British Airways flights upgrade
Club Europe from £185 return

Regional air connections
Please speak to your consultant for details

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Bay of Naples: Pompeii & Herculaneum

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Standard

Expert-led group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)

Archaeology • Art • History

**Arts &
Culture**

Tour overview

Uncover the mysteries of the Bay of Naples, once one of the greatest centres of classical Graeco-Roman civilisation, with experts Dr Steve Kershaw or Stephen Nelson. The excavated remains of Pompeii, Stabiae and Villa Oplontis, entombed in ash in the Mount Vesuvius eruption of 79AD, provide a glimpse into this lost world. Herculaneum, covered in mud rather than ash, is remarkably well preserved, with multi-storey buildings, frescoes and mosaics on show. The region's Greek highlights include Cumae, the Sibyl's Cave and the imposing temples of Paestum.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit newly renovated houses at Pompeii
- ❖ Explore the beautiful settings of Greek settlements at Paestum & Cumae
- ❖ Discover less-visited Roman villas at Oplontis & Stabiae
- ❖ Local wine tasting in the countryside

Expert lecturers

Dr Steve Kershaw

has taught Classics in a number of establishments, and now works for Oxford University Department for Continuing Education and the Victoria and Albert Museum. He wrote and teaches Oxford's *The Fall of Rome* online course and has been featured as an expert contributor on the History Channel's *Barbarians Rising* series.



Stephen Nelson

has extensive, specialist knowledge of Italy's art, archaeology and architecture and a particular interest in southern Italy and sites discovered off the beaten track. Stephen is a practising sculptor, working in the UK and in Italy and exhibiting internationally. His work has been shown at the Royal Academy and the Estorick Collection. He has also curated exhibitions, including for the British Council in Tanzania and Eritrea.



Mosaic, Herculaneum

Day 1: Fly to Naples • Cava dei Tirreni

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Naples with British Airways. Transfer to Cava dei Tirreni and, after an introductory lecture and welcome dinner, stay at **Hotel Victoria Maiorino** (or similar) for 6 nights. (D)

Day 2: Cumae • Baia

Full-day tour to the Phlegrean Fields, also known as the 'Burning Fields' due to their volcanic nature. Morning visit to Cumae, the first Greek settlement in mainland Italy and home to the cave of the Sibyl, as described in Virgil's *Aeneid*. Continue to Baia Archaeological Park with its Roman thermal spa. Finish with a visit to the volcanic crater of Solfatara. (B)

Day 3: Paestum

Full-day visit to Paestum, one of Italy's most majestic sites, to see the Doric temples of Ceres, Hera and Neptune. Visit the museum and the recently discovered Greek tomb paintings. (B, L)

Day 4: Pompeii • Villa of the Mysteries

Visit the extensive ruins of Pompeii. See the

archaeological park, including the basilica, the forum and the amphitheatre. Continue to the excellently preserved Villa of the Mysteries, which features controversial frescoes thought to depict the secret cult of Dionysus. (B)

Day 5: Herculaneum

Morning visit to the ruins of Herculaneum, which are better preserved than those at Pompeii. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Oplontis • Stabiae

Visit the excavated imperial villa at Oplontis, thought to be the home of Emperor Nero's second wife, Poppaea. After a wine tasting and lunch, continue to Stabiae, where ancient Romans built magnificent villas painted with frescoes and where Pliny the Elder died during the volcanic disaster. (B, L)

Day 7: Naples • Fly to London

Morning visit to the Naples National Archaeological Museum and its collection of treasures from Pompeii and Herculaneum. Lunch



Ruins of Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius

at a typical Neapolitan pizzeria before returning to the airport for a flight to London. (B, L)

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

Extension

Tour + Amalfi Coast

3 days & 2 nights from £380
Extension starts on day 7 of tour
Tour code: IPOAMF

Travel to Sorrento and relax at **Hotel Villa di Sorrento** (or similar). Includes transfers.

Important information

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Expert-led tour: This tour is fully escorted throughout by a lecturer who has specialist knowledge of the destination and its culture, as well as an experienced local guide.

Standard tour: This tour is based in 4-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Accessibility: This tour involves some long walks

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 2020-21

Tour code: IPO

23 Mar 20 – 29 Mar 20	with Dr Steve Kershaw	from £1,995	single supp from £315
07 Sep 20 – 13 Sep 20	with Stephen Nelson	from £1,995	single supp from £315
22 Mar 21 – 28 Mar 21	with Dr Steve Kershaw	from £2,095	single supp from £320

British Airways flights upgrade
Club Europe from £95 return

Regional air connections
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Vineyards of Piedmont

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior

Self-drive tour • From £2,255 (incl. flights)

NEW
TOUR

Tour overview

This relaxing, single-centre self-drive tour explores the idyllic vineyard landscapes of Piedmont in northern Italy. Discover fascinating medieval towns, known as borghi, and enjoy wine, truffle and chocolate tastings. Visit historic castles and palaces, and spend a day exploring Turin, the region's capital.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Car hire for the duration
- ❖ 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Vineyard tours with wine tastings
- ❖ Guided tours of Alba, Mombaldone & the Palace of Venaria
- ❖ Tasting Laboratory in Alba, searching for the ideal chocolate & wine pairing
- ❖ Visit an artisanal farm for *torrone* (traditional nougat)

Area map



Langhe vineyards, Piedmont

Day 1: Fly to Turin or Milan • Alba

Fly to Turin or Milan, pick up your hire car and drive to the historic **Hotel Castello di Santa Vittoria** (or similar) in the Alba area of Piedmont. Stay for 6 nights. Dinner at the hotel. (D)

Day 2: Neive • Grinzane Cavour

Drive to the pretty hilltop town of Neive and explore on foot. Continue to Grinzane Cavour and visit the castle and winery in the dungeon. Visit an artisanal farm and sample some traditional *torrone* (nougat). A chocolate tasting is also included. (B)

Day 3: Alba • La Morra

Guided tour of Alba, a Roman town famous for its truffles, pastries and wine. After some time at leisure, continue to La Morra for a short walk and enjoy panoramic views over the Langa of Barolo. Take a guided excursion along a popular wine route, with tastings en route. (B)

Day 4: Turin

Day at leisure to explore Turin at your own pace. Optional 6-hour guided tour available. Be sure to visit the Mole Antonelliana, a major museum and landmark offering superb views of the city and the Alps beyond. (B)

Day 5: Venaria Reale

Morning guided tour of the Unesco-listed Palace of Venaria, a complex of monumental buildings making up one of the largest palaces in the world. It houses baroque artworks and fine landscaped gardens. Return to Alba for an afternoon of wine and chocolate tasting near the hotel. (B)

Day 6: Asti • Mombaldone

Optional morning tour of Asti, famous for its

medieval architecture including the octagonal Tower de Regibus and the 13th-century cathedral. Spend the afternoon in the tiny walled village of Mombaldone, with lunch in a traditional restaurant and a short guided tour. Farewell dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Turin or Milan • Fly home

Drive to Turin or Milan airport and drop off your hire car. Fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Private tour: This tour can also be taken with a private car and driver; please enquire for prices.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: VOP

Low season from £2,255
Guide price month: Feb

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

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

Tuscany in Style

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Luxury

Self-drive tour • From £2,150 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

Staying in some of Tuscany's most luxurious hotels, this self-drive itinerary visits the Renaissance city of Florence before travelling into the heart of the picturesque Tuscan countryside. Explore the beautiful hilltop towns of San Gimignano with its famous medieval towers, and Sienna, home to the world-renowned Palio horse race, before returning via Pisa.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Car hire for the duration
- ❖ Breakfast daily
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in a converted medieval fortress
- ❖ Time at leisure to explore the Renaissance city of Florence
- ❖ Visit the vineyards of Chianti

Area map



Montepulciano, Tuscany

Day 1: Fly to Pisa • Florence

Fly to Pisa airport. Collect your hire car (based on group C car rental) and drive to Florence. Stay 3 nights at the **Hotel Il Salviatino** (or similar), a 15th-century villa with a magical hillside setting overlooking the terracotta rooftops of Florence. (N)

Days 2-3: Florence

Two full days at leisure to explore Florence and its rich legacy of Renaissance art and architecture, as well as its gourmet cuisine. Highlights include the Uffizi Gallery, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and Ponte Vecchio bridge. (B)

Day 4: San Gimignano • Montalcino

Morning drive to Montalcino via the medieval town of San Gimignano, encircled by 13th-century walls and famous for its 14 towers. Stay 4 nights at **Castello Banfi - Il Borgo** (or similar), a medieval fortress which has been converted into a sumptuous Renaissance villa. (B)

Days 5-6: Pievescola

Two further days at leisure to enjoy the beautiful Tuscan countryside. The hilltop town of Siena is within easy reach. This fortified town is best known for the grand Piazza del Campo, home to the famous Palio di Siena. The vineyards of Chianti are also close by, with many cellar doors to enjoy wine tasting. (B)

Day 7: Pisa

Drive north to Pisa and stay at the **Hotel Bonanno** (or similar) for 1 night. Afternoon at leisure to explore a city that offers much more than a leaning tower; steeped in history, it is

home to one of the oldest centres of learning in Europe, and has many well-preserved Romanesque buildings and Renaissance piazzas. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Drive to Pisa airport and drop off your hire car. Fly home. (B)

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

Important information

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Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: TUS

Low season from £2,150
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,450
Guide price month: Aug

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

Naples, Sorrento & Capri

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £2,120 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

For centuries, Italy's scenic Amalfi coast has drawn visitors for its historical sites, coastal vistas, and small villages and hamlets dotted around the Gulf of Naples. This itinerary stays in the region's most popular locations – Naples, Sorrento and the island of Capri.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in a private chauffeur-driven vehicle
- ❖ Breakfast daily
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking local representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Explore Naples, Italy's great port city
- ❖ Travel the dramatic volcanic coast of Sorrento
- ❖ Visit Capri, playground of the rich & famous

Area map



Capri

Day 1: Fly to Naples

Fly to Naples and transfer to the **Grand Hotel Parker's** (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Naples

Free day to explore Naples, Italy's most famous port city sitting in the shadows of Mount Vesuvius. The National Archaeological Museum is noted for its ancient Roman remains, other highlights include Piazza del Plebiscito and Ovo Castle. Be sure to enjoy a Neapolitan pizza, a simple version of the most iconic Italian dish. (B)

Day 3: Naples • Sorrento

Morning at leisure in Naples before transferring along the dramatic Gulf of Naples to Sorrento. Stay for 2 nights at the **Maison la Minervetta** (or similar), set in a magnificent position overlooking the Bay of Naples and Vesuvius. (B)

Days 4-5: Sorrento

Two full days to explore Sorrento, the gateway to the glamorous Amalfi Coast, with its plunging cliffs, pretty towns and fine cuisine. Nearby highlights include the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum, two of the world's most famous archaeological sites. (B)

Day 6: Capri

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer by car and hydrofoil across the Bay of Naples to the island of Capri. Stay 3 nights at the **Casa Morgana** (or similar). (B)

Days 7-8: Capri

Full days at leisure to explore beautiful Capri,

playground of the rich and famous and a haven for travellers since the days of the Roman Republic. Explore the Blue Grotto, an underwater cave lit by natural sunlight, the Faraglioni coastal rock formation, and the island's historic villas. (B)

Day 9: Naples • Fly home

Transfer to the mainland, drive to Naples airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: NIO

Low season from £2,120
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £2,750
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

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

Beyond Venice: Veneto & Friuli

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Self-drive tour • From £2,245 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

This new twin-centre fly-drive explores the borghi, vineyards and cities of Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia. Visit some of the region's most historic borghi – traditional hilltop towns – as well as the larger cities of Padua, Vicenza and Trieste. Along the way, enjoy the traditional produce of the region including wine, cheese, ham and chocolate.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Car hire for the duration
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Wine tasting in the medieval cellar of San Zeno Castle in Montagnana
- ❖ Chocolate factory visit with tasting in Spilimbergo
- ❖ Guided tours in Padua, Vicenza, Trieste, Montagnana & Arquà Petrarca
- ❖ Wine, cheese & ham tasting in Cormons

Area map



Padua, Veneto

Day 1: Fly to Venice • Padua

Fly to Venice, pick up your hire car and drive to the historic **Grand Hotel Italia** (or similar) for 4 nights. Traditional welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Montagnana • Arquà Petrarca

Depart for Montagnana, a 14th-century walled town known for its high walls and moat. Take a tour of the borgo and enjoy a wine tasting in the medieval cellar of the castle. After lunch, continue to Arquà Petrarca, the home of Renaissance poet Francesco Petrarca, before returning to the hotel in Padua. (B)

Day 3: Vicenza

Visit the peaceful Renaissance city of Vicenza, notable for its 16th-century Teatro Olimpico and Basilica, and famous for its textiles. Guided tour and time at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Padua

Full day to explore Padua, one of Italy's finest small cities, which once vied with Verona and Venice for dominance of the Veneto region. A highlight is the Scrovegni Chapel with its fresco cycle by Giotto. Take a 3-hour walking tour followed by time at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Collio wine route

Travel along the wine route in the Collio area, making a stop in Ruttars, known for its

excellent trattorias (traditional Italian eateries). Continue to the 12th-century **Hotel Castello di Spessa** (or similar) in the Gradisca d'Isonzo area for a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 6: Valvasone • Spilimbergo • San Daniele del Friuli

Today you will visit three historic borghi of the Friuli region: Valvasone, dating back to the 13th century; Spilimbergo, whose cathedral is considered the most important gothic building in Friuli for its enchanting frescos; and, finally, San Daniele, with its endless views over rolling countryside. Stops for wine, chocolate and ham tastings are all included. (B)

Day 7: Trieste

Full day to explore Trieste, once the main port for the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Take a 3-hour guided tour of the city and its exquisite neoclassical, art nouveau and baroque architecture, followed by free time to explore independently. Dinner at a local restaurant or at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 8: Venice • Fly home

Drive to Venice airport and drop off your hire car. Fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Private tour: This tour can also be taken with a private car and driver; please enquire for prices.

Extension: We recommend extending your time in the region with a stay in Venice. Please enquire for prices.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: SW

Low season from £2,245
Guide price months: Feb – Apr

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

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

Italy Exclusive Short Breaks

Short break inclusions

Per person prices include international flights; return private car transfers; and accommodation, including breakfast.

Flights

Venice

Flights are from the following airports:

London City & London Heathrow: British Airways
London Gatwick: British Airways, easyJet
London Luton: easyJet
Bristol: easyJet, Ryanair
Edinburgh: easyJet, Ryanair, Jet2
Manchester: easyJet, Jet2

Rome

Flights are from the following airports:

London Heathrow: British Airways, Alitalia
London Gatwick: British Airways, easyJet
London City: Alitalia CityLiner
London Luton: easyJet
Manchester: Jet2, Ryanair

Florence

Flights are from the following airports:

London City: British Airways
London Gatwick: Vueling & Meridiana (seasonal)

Please speak to a travel consultant for further details and a personalised quote, or additional hotel options, on 020 3411 2135.

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Weather

Rome

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C	83	75	68	62	45	37	19	35	75	97	117	98

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C: Average rainfall (mm)



Canal, Venice



Brunelleschi cupola, Florence duomo



Roman Forum, Rome



Colosseum, Rome

Venice:

One-way private water taxi transfer

Arrive in Venice in style, aboard a private water taxi from Marco Polo Airport directly to the dock of your hotel.

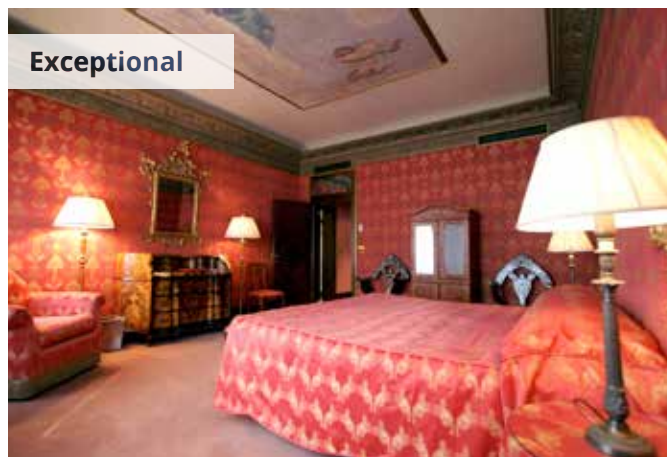
Florence & Rome:

Half-day walking tour

Morning walking tours are included on all Exclusive Short Breaks in Florence and Rome. In Florence, take in the majestic Cathedral with its colossal domed roof and the Ponte Vecchio Bridge, dating back to 14th century. While in Rome, visit iconic sites including the Colosseum, Pantheon, Vatican City and the beautiful marble Trevi Fountain.

Venice

Exclusive Short Breaks



Bauer Il Palazzo

4 days & 3 nights from £750

Located just 3 minutes' walk from St Mark's Square, the Bauer Il Palazzo is one of the most renowned hotels in Venice. Housed in a converted 18th-century palazzo, the interiors of the hotel are richly decorated in marble and sumptuous Venetian fabrics. De Pisis Restaurant offers an elegant and romantic atmosphere with breathtaking views of the Grand Canal, while the Settimo Cielo bar is the perfect spot for a drink while watching the sun set over the city. The hotel is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World.

Features:

82 rooms, restaurant, bar, terrace, spa, gym.



Ca'Sagredo

4 days & 3 nights from £575

Step inside the Ca' Sagredo and you are instantly transported back to an era of grand masquerade balls in gilt decorated rooms. This 15th-century palace is one of the oldest buildings in Venice and is now a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World. It retains many examples of its splendid past such as high ceilings, sweeping frescoes, exquisite stucco work, huge tapestries and an impressive marble staircase.

Features:

42 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants, bar, snack bar, cafe, rooftop terrace, gym.



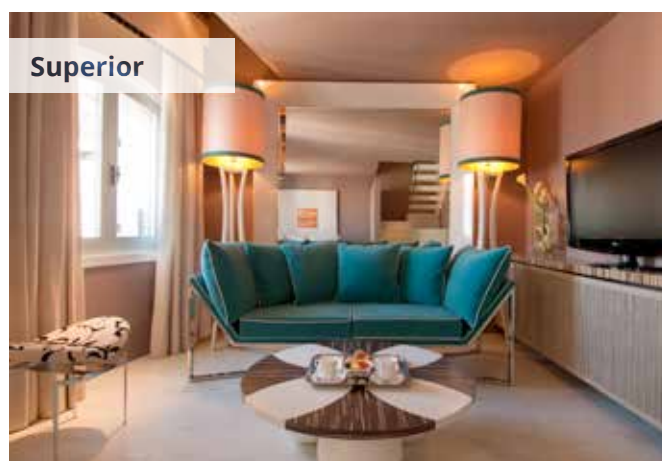
Hotel Danieli

4 days & 3 nights from £795

A masterfully restored palace, the Hotel Danieli is just steps away from St Mark's Square and many of the city's cultural landmarks. Consisting of three separate buildings, the original of which was designed in the late 14th century to meet the demands of Europe's travelling nobility, the hotel continues to set the standard for hospitality. The Restaurant Terrazza Danieli offers superb views and an exquisite menu of Italian and international cuisine, with an extensive wine list.

Features:

233 rooms & suites, restaurant, bistro & terrace bar, lounge, gym, spa.



Centurion Palace

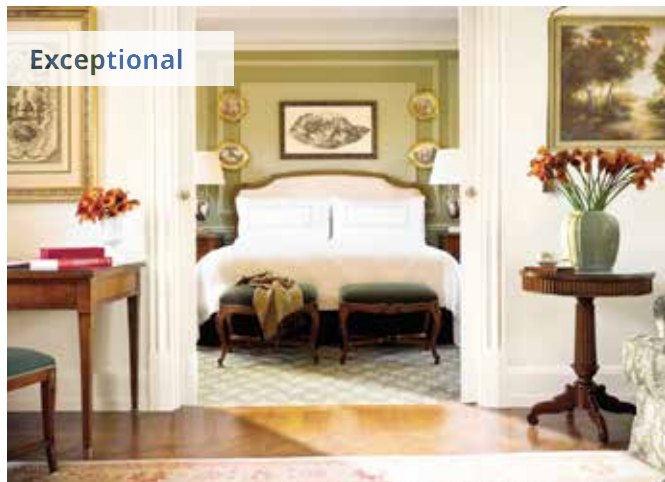
4 days & 3 nights from £765

A member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, the Centurion Palace is situated overlooking the Grand Canal, next to the Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute. Formerly a convent, the hotel combines contemporary style with the building's original features in each of its individually decorated guestrooms. The Antinoo's lounge and restaurant offers refined Italian cuisine with the option of dining on a deck right on the Grand Canal.

Features:

50 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, terrace, small gym.

Florence Exclusive Short Breaks



Exceptional

Four Seasons Hotel Firenze 4 days & 3 nights from £1,635

Florence's Four Seasons is housed in a grand Renaissance palazzo and a 16th-century convent, both set within the city's largest private garden. A seven-year renovation transformed these buildings into a lavish hotel brimming with artworks and stunning original architectural features. Facilities include a large pool area and a superb spa. The Michelin-starred restaurant serves top-notch Italian cuisine under a vaulted ceiling with garden views or outside on the summer terrace.

Features:

116 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, lounge, gym, spa, outdoor swimming pool.



Superior

Helvetia & Bristol 4 days & 3 nights from £685

Located opposite Palazzo Strozzi in the heart of the city, the Helvetia & Bristol has a magnificent 19th-century facade. Its atmospheric interiors are furnished with silk drapes in rich colours, patterned terracotta floors, and fine antiques and paintings. The spacious guestrooms have plenty of personality and are individually decorated blending traditional furnishings with modern amenities, while the restaurant offers modern Italian cuisine.

Features:

67 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, outdoor terrace.



Luxury

Relais Santa Croce 4 days & 3 nights from £745

Set in an 18th-century palace in the historic centre of Florence, the Relais Santa Croce offers the ultimate in class and sophistication. Many architectural details of the original palace remain, including magnificent frescoed ceilings, elaborate stucco work, large fireplaces, grand double doors and soaring ceilings. In keeping with this, the hotel features period decor and furnishings throughout. The Guelfi & Ghibellini restaurant serves classic Tuscan cuisine in an equally grand setting.

Features:

24 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar & lounge.



Superior

Hotel Brunelleschi 4 days & 3 nights from £710

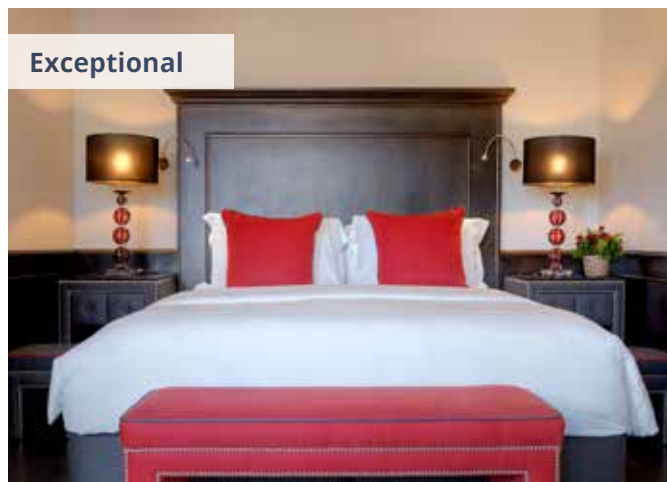
Overlooking Brunelleschi's cathedral in the city's historical centre, close to the magnificent Duomo, the boutique Hotel Brunelleschi is elegantly furnished with a blend of traditional and modern designs. The hotel's popular restaurant Santa Elisabetta serves fine Florentine cuisine alongside an excellent wine list, and there is a small gym. The recently refurbished guestrooms are fresh and modern, with some traditional Italian touches.

Features:

13 rooms & suites, roof terrace, restaurant, spa service.

Rome

Exclusive Short Breaks



Hotel Hassler 4 days & 3 nights from £1,275

The Hassler Roma has been welcoming distinguished guests for over a century. Situated at the top of the Spanish Steps and overlooking the renowned Via dei Condotti, the hotel is ideally located for exploring the Eternal City. Rooms feature a mixture of art deco and belle époque styles. Relax in the Palm Court Garden or dine at one of the hotel's three excellent restaurants, including the Michelin-starred Imàgo restaurant on the sixth floor.

Features:

96 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants, 2 bars, gym, spa & wellness centre.



The St. Regis 4 days & 3 nights from £1,110

Built in 1894 as the first de luxe hotel in Rome, The St. Regis is within walking distance of the Spanish Steps. The grand lobby and inviting public areas are decorated in shades of pale eggshell and dove grey, set against black and gold lacquered furnishings. Guestrooms are elegant and full of light, with large windows, high ceilings and bevelled mirrors. Service levels are second to none and the restaurant is considered one of the best in the city.

Features:

161 rooms & suites, restaurant, gym, bar & lounge.



Hotel d'Inghilterra 4 days & 3 nights from £850

Formerly a residence for the many guests visiting Prince Torlonia in his palace across the road, the Hotel d'Inghilterra has continued to welcome illustrious guests since its transformation into a hotel in 1845. With its antique polished-wood fittings and comfortable public areas, the hotel has a warm and intimate feel, and the staff are attentive and personable. Located at the base of the Spanish Steps, it is well-placed for both shopping and visiting the city's main historic sights.

Features:

88 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, roof garden.



Hotel degli Artisti 4 days & 3 nights from £790

The Hotel degli Artisti is a short walk from the world-famous Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. At the heart of the hotel is a peaceful courtyard and the terrace bar offers fine views over the city – an ideal place to relax in the evenings after sightseeing. The hotel only has a breakfast room, but the surrounding area has no shortage of good cafes and restaurants. Rooms are bright and modern with touches of classic Italian style.

Features:

35 rooms & suites, breakfast room, terrace bar, courtyard.



Spain & Portugal

Group tours • Tailor-made travel •
Self-drive • Exclusive short breaks

Separated from the rest of Europe by the Pyrenees mountain range, the history of Spain and Portugal has taken a very different path from the rest of the continent, with over 700 years of Moorish and Arabic rule leaving its distinct mark on both nations, most notably in the southern region of Andalucía.

Every city across the Iberian peninsula offers its own distinctive identity, from the twisting spires of Gaudi's architecture in Barcelona to passionate flamenco dancing in Seville. South-west of Madrid lies Extremadura, a quiet corner of Spain that remains relatively untouched by tourism yet has plenty to offer, including the perfectly preserved historic cities of Mérida and Cáceres. Portugal's two major centres, Lisbon and Porto, are both a charming mix of jumbled cobbled streets, colourful houses, fine museums and charming yellow trams. Together, Spain and Portugal offer so much that you can return time and time again.

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Madrid, Spain


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Lisbon, Portugal

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Discover Spain

Barcelona

Mediterranean seaside city • Innovative architecture by Antoni Gaudí

The capital of Catalonia, Barcelona is unequivocally a Mediterranean city, sitting alongside sun-drenched beaches. Its origins as a Roman colony are still visible in its ancient city walls while the gothic quarter shows the influence of the Middle Ages. However it's the Modernist buildings of Antoni Gaudí that are the city's real highlight. Marvel at the fluid forms of his constructions, such as in his magnum opus, the Sagrada Família, a vast cathedral begun in 1882 and not yet completed.



Roman theater of Mérida, Extremadura

Extremadura

Off the beaten tourist trail • Well-preserved Roman ruins & medieval towns

Sandwiched between Madrid and the Portuguese border, Extremadura is an autonomous region and little visited corner of Spain but with plenty to offer, for those willing to travel just a little further. Mérida is the capital of the region. It was once the capital of Lusitania, a major Roman province, and has the archaeological sites to show for it. They are some of the largest and most important from this period in Spain. The pretty cobbled streets that twist through the medieval heart of Cáceres should also not be missed, and neither should the food. Make sure to try the delicious *jamón ibérico*, a dry cured ham, which is produced here.



Casa de la Panadería, Plaza Mayor, Madrid

Madrid

The Museo del Prado art gallery • Impressive royal palace

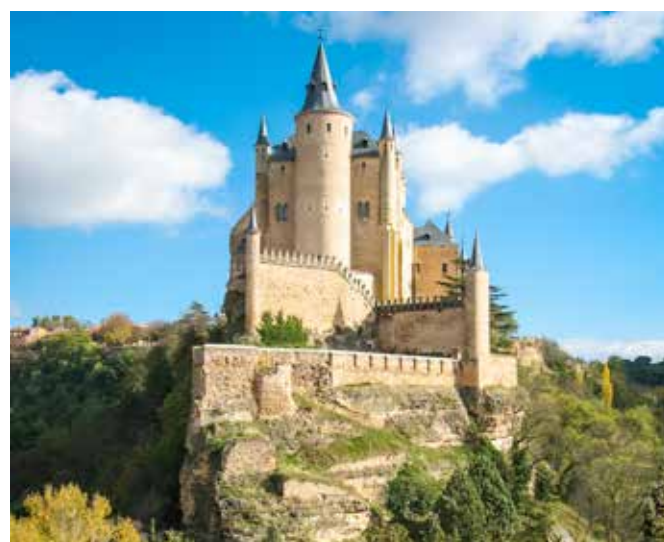
Madrid has a relatively short history compared to other European capitals, but is one of the most culturally rich on the continent, with internationally renowned art galleries and museums, a royal palace and an interesting contrast of old and new styles. The city is split into two main areas: old Madrid, largely dominated by the royal palace, an impressive structure used by the royal family until 1931; and Bourbon Madrid, also known as Prado, located on the eastern side of the city and host to the Museo del Prado, one of the world's greatest art galleries. With attractions spreading into the surrounding areas, Madrid is a great starting point for a longer itinerary.



Park Güell, Barcelona



Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao



The Alcázar, Segovia

The Basque Country & La Rioja

Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao • Vineyards & wine tasting

Situated at the foot of the western Pyrenees, the Basque country was once a powerful medieval kingdom. As a coastal region, deep sea fishing remains an important industry in the area and plays a large part in the local cuisine. Places of interest include the capital Pamplona, famous for its annual bull-running fiesta. Bilbao, the largest Basque city and the leading commercial port in Spain, offers a range of cultural and historical sights, the modern art collections of the Guggenheim Museum being the principal attraction.

The neighbouring region of La Rioja is known for its vineyards, which produce many of Spain's finest wines. It also offers many historic sites such as the cathedral of Santo Domingo de la Calzada and the monasteries of San Millán de Suso and San Millán de Yuso.

Castile & Leon

The Roman bridge of Salamanca • Ancient city of Segovia

Two rival medieval territories in the north-west of Spain, Castile and Leon were first brought together in 1037 and now form the largest region in the country. Within the vast area are many interesting cities to visit. Salamanca is a university city and showcases superb Renaissance and Plateresque architecture. Not to be missed are the Roman bridge, which has retained 15 of its original 26 arches, and the cathedrals of Vieja and Nueva – adjoining old and new cathedrals.

Towards the east of the region is the old town of Segovia, a walled city of great importance in Roman and medieval times and now a Unesco world heritage site. The most important monuments include the Roman aqueduct – the largest and best preserved of its kind anywhere in the world – and the Alcázar, Spain's most photographed castle.

Discover Andalucía



Tiled walls of Plaza de España, Seville



The Alhambra, Granada

Granada

The vast Alhambra palace • Arab-Jewish quarter

The Andalucían city of Granada is set below the spectacular snow-capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains. It is home to the Alhambra, a magnificent Moorish stronghold whose Alcazaba fortress, beautiful palaces, elaborate courtyards and luxurious residences were a triumph of Islamic art and workmanship. On the hilltop facing the Alhambra is the old Arab-Jewish quarter of Albaicin – a honeycomb of cobbled streets, whitewashed houses, plazas and historic buildings. Also worth exploring is the gothic cathedral with its royal chapel, built as the mausoleum for King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella I.

Córdoba

Former Moorish capital • Unesco-listed Mezquita

Steeped in history, Córdoba is a city of stunning Moorish architecture, ancient palaces, beautiful parks and gardens, monuments and flower-filled courtyards. Ten centuries ago it was the capital of Muslim Spain and Europe's largest cultural and intellectual centre. Today it is a Unesco world heritage site and still retains traces of its Moorish legacy, the most spectacular of which is its grand and beautiful mosque, the Mezquita. Other places of historic interest include the 14th-century Alcázar and La Juderia, the old Jewish quarter with its labyrinth of narrow, winding streets, pretty squares and courtyards.



Sacra Capilla del Salvador, Ubeda



Puente Nuevo, Ronda

Ronda

Dramatic setting over a gorge • Bull ring & museum • Stay at the clifftop Parador

One of Andalucía's prettiest towns, Ronda was built on an isolated ridge of the sierra, split in half by a gaping gorge and surrounded by a ring of mountains. At the height of its power Ronda once ruled an independent and isolated Moorish kingdom until annexed by Seville in the 11th century. During the 19th century, the nearby *bandoleros* (bandits) who preyed on the rich became folk heroes, still celebrated at the Museo del Bandolero.

A suggested itinerary...

Andalucía Self-drive

7 days & 6 nights from £1,120

Category • Superior

This easy self-drive itinerary combines three of Andalucía's most beautiful cities, each with their own distinctive character. Explore fabulous Moorish palaces and gardens, visit impressive cathedrals and wander along pretty, cobbled streets.

Day 1: Fly to Malaga • Seville

Fly to Malaga, pick up your hire car at the airport and drive to Seville. Stay 2 nights at the Casas de la Juderia (or similar). (N)

Day 2: Seville

Full day at leisure to explore the city including the cathedral and the Alcázar. (B)

Day 3: Carmona • Córdoba

Drive to Córdoba, stopping en route in the picturesque town of Carmona. Stay at the Macia Alfaro Hotel (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Cordoba

Full day at leisure. Visit the Mezquita, formerly a mosque with dazzling Moorish interiors, and explore the narrow lanes and small squares of the picturesque Jewish quarter. (B)

Day 5: Granada

Drive to Granada. Stay 2 nights at Villa Oniria (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Granada

Full day at leisure to visit the gothic cathedral and its royal chapel as well as the Alhambra. The Alhambra was built by the Moors in the 13th and 14th centuries and consists of a spectacular complex of buildings, courtyards and gardens that made up a magnificent Moorish stronghold. (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Drive to Malaga airport and drop off your hire car before flying home. (B)

Guideline Prices

Low season from: £1,120 (incl. flights)
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

High season from: £1,190 (incl. flights)
Guide price months: Jun – Sep

Tour code: ASD

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Ubeda & Baeza

Former Moorish settlements • Superb Renaissance architecture

Originally created as a Moorish settlement, the architecture of Ubeda was dramatically altered during the Renaissance period in the 15th century. The change in building design and the alterations to the city have left Ubeda as an excellent example of Spanish Renaissance architecture. It has a square design encompassed by city walls and a large number of gothic chapels.

Seen as the sister city to Ubeda, Baeza follows the same Spanish Renaissance design theory but with the centre of the city focused on the 16th-century cathedral and with an oval town plan instead of a square design. The only remains of its first existence as a Moorish settlement are the arch of Baeza and the city gates of Córdoba and Ubeda.



Plaza de España, Seville

Seville

Immense cathedral & La Giralda bell tower • Beautiful Alcazar palace & gardens

One of the earliest Moorish conquests and the second city of Al Andalus (Muslim Spain) in the 15th century, Seville later became Spain's major city. Today Seville is the capital city of the south and remnants of its fascinating history are abundant. Highlights include the cathedral, which was built on the Almohad mosque and today is the largest cathedral in the world, and the Alcázar, a large fortified complex and the residence of a number of rulers throughout the centuries.

Splendours of Andalucía

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,645

Private tour • From £4,595

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 18 people (max 26)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

Weather

Seville

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A	16	17	20	22	27	31	35	35	32	26	20	16
B	6	7	8	10	13	16	18	19	17	13	9	6
C	78	68	61	54	34	17	1	5	21	61	89	90

Córdoba

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A	14	16	19	21	26	31	36	35	31	24	18	14
B	4	5	6	8	11	15	18	18	16	11	7	4
C	68	68	62	54	36	21	4	5	23	62	82	79

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Area map



Church of El Salvador, Seville

Andalucía is one of Spain's most scenic regions, strewn with superb Hispano-Moorish architecture. As well as including two of Spain's greatest sites – the Alhambra in Granada and the Mezquita in Córdoba – this tour explores some of Andalucía's prettiest countryside and towns.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Centrally located 4-star hotels in Córdoba, Seville & Granada
- ❖ Tours of Seville's Alcázar, the Alhambra in Granada & the Mezquita in Cordoba
- ❖ Visit Seville's cathedral, the largest in Europe & burial place of Christopher Columbus

Day 1: Fly to Malaga

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Malaga with British Airways. Transfer to the Sercotel Malaga for 1 night. Welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Ronda • Seville

Morning drive to Seville. En route, stop at Ronda, which sits astride the El Tajo gorge. Visit the bullring and museum before continuing to Seville. Stay 2 nights at the Hotel San Gil. (B)

Day 3: Seville

Morning visit to the Fine Arts Museum. Afternoon tour of the cathedral and the Alcázar. Seville's cathedral is the largest in Europe and is Christopher Columbus' burial place, while the Moorish Alcázar Palace is now home to the Spanish royal family. (B)

Day 4: Carmona • Córdoba

Morning drive to Córdoba, stopping en route to view the picturesque town of Carmona. Stay at the Macia Alfaro for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Córdoba

Morning visit to the Mezquita, formerly the city's mosque, to see its dazzling interiors. Continue to the Jewish quarter, a labyrinth of narrow cobbled streets and tiny squares, and view the synagogue. Optional afternoon visit to the Medina Azahara, the ruins of the Muslim medieval town and its vast palace. (B)

Day 6: Granada

Morning drive to Granada. Afternoon at leisure to explore the Charterhouse, one of the finest examples of Spanish baroque architecture, or the El Albayzin district. Stay 2 nights at the Abades Recogidas. (B)

Day 7: Granada

Full-day tour of Granada, including the cathedral, chapel and the Alhambra. Built by the Moors in the 13th and 14th centuries, it consists of a spectacular complex of buildings and courtyards, as well as the celebrated Generalife gardens. (B)



The Lions Room, Alhambra, Granada

Day 8: Fly to London

Morning transfer to Malaga airport and fly to London with British Airways. (B)

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

Extension

Tour + Malaga

3 days & 2 nights from £220

Stay an additional 2 nights in Malaga at the **Hotel Barceló Malaga** and explore the historic centre of this coastal resort. Return transfer to Malaga airport is included.

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 2020

Tour code: ALA

Group tour

Low season from £1,645
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,895
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £430

Private travel

From £4,595
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £430

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

British Airways flights upgrade

Club Europe from £185 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 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
08 May 20	15 May 20	05 Jun 20	12 Jun 20	04 Sep 20	11 Sep 20	25 Sep 20	02 Oct 20
22 May 20	29 May 20	19 Jun 20	26 Jun 20	11 Sep 20	18 Sep 20		

Extremadura & the Heart of Spain

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,975 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £5,490 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

This group tour features...

- ❖ 3-, 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size (max 18 people)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Madrid

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	10	12	15	18	22	28	32	32	27	20	14	10
B	1	2	4	6	9	14	17	16	14	9	4	2
C	45	44	36	45	42	28	11	12	27	48	55	47

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Royal Monastery of Santa María de Guadalupe, Cáceres

Beyond the busy shores of the Mediterranean and Andalucía's well-trodden tourist trail lies Extremadura, one of Spain's least-visited provinces but certainly one full of surprises. It hides some of the best preserved historic cities in the country along with delicious cuisine, in particular Iberian ham. This tour also takes in the three Unesco-listed cities of Segovia, Salamanca and Toledo.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Ham & wine tasting at a cellar door
- ❖ Visit to the Iberian Ham Museum in Monesterio
- ❖ Explore the Aracena caves

Day 1: Fly to Madrid

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Madrid with British Airways. Transfer to the **Melia Princesa** (or similar) for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Madrid • Segovia • Avila • Salamanca

Travel from Madrid to Salamanca via the Unesco world heritage cities of Segovia and Avila. Walking tour of Segovia including the first-century Roman aqueduct. Continue to Avila, one of the oldest cities in Spain. Walking tour round the 14-metre-high walls that date back to the 11th century. Transfer to Salamanca and stay at the **NH Salamanca** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 3: Salamanca • Cáceres

Half-day walking tour of Salamanca's historic city centre including Plaza Mayor, one of the best examples of baroque architecture in Spain; the cathedral; and the University Building, which is the oldest in the Hispanic world, founded in 1134. Time at leisure before transferring to Cáceres. Stay at **Cáceres Palacio** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 4: Cáceres • Mérida

Half-day walking tour of Cáceres, one of the most charming cities in Extremadura. Explore a maze of narrow, cobbled streets that twist and turn amongst ancient palaces, mansions, arches and churches. From the defence walls enjoy views of the turrets, spires and gargoyles that have watched over the city for almost a millennium. In the evening, drive to Mérida and stay at the **Parador de Mérida** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Rural Extremadura

Full-day gastronomy tour to discover some of Extremadura's best known delicacies. The first stop is the Iberian Ham Museum in Monesterio to learn about the history of this mouth-watering cured meat. Continue to a cellar and drying house to learn about the drying process before enjoying a tasting of the ham with cheese and two wines. Lunch in Aracena, a typical whitewashed village. Evening visit to the Aracena caves to view their extraordinary rock formations and underground lagoons. Return to Mérida. (B, L)

Day 6: Mérida • Toledo

Your day will begin with a city tour of Merida including the extensive Roman ruins, which are



Ancient Roman aqueduct on Plaza del Azoguejo, Segovia

some of the most impressive in all of Spain, highlights include the ancient theatre, Los Milagros aqueduct and the longest Roman bridge still in regular use in Europe. A visit to the impressive National Museum of Roman Art is also included in the tour. You will then depart the city for Toledo, stay at the Hacienda del Cardenal (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 7: Toledo

Full day to explore this historic city, formerly the capital of Spain and a city where Jews, Christians and Muslims coexisted peacefully, forming a unique culture. Morning tour of the main sights including the 13th-century gothic cathedral, Alcázar and Santa Maria La Blanca Synagogue, followed by time at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport, approximately one hour from Toledo, and fly to London with British Airways. (B)

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

Extensions

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Madrid or Toledo, 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.

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 2020

Tour code: EHS

Group tour

Low season from £1,975
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,035
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £555

Private travel

From £5,490
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £555

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

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £145 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
15 May 20	21 May 20	11 Sep 20	17 Sep 20	19 Sep 20	25 Sep 20	17 Oct 20	23 Oct 20
26 Jun 20	02 Jul 20						

Andalucía by Train

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior or Hospes

Private tour • From £1,390 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

Using Spain's fast and efficient AVI rail service, this journey takes in the Roman, Moorish and Catholic heritage of Andalucía. Visit all three major cities of this distinctive region of Spain: the Andalusian capital of Seville with its immense cathedral, Córdoba and its Unesco-listed Mezquita, and Granada, home to the exquisite Alhambra Palace complex. Along the way, stay in characterful, 4-star hotels or choose historic Hospes accommodation options.

This private tour features...

- ❖ Accommodation in 4-star hotels or Hospes properties
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Rail travel
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ 6 breakfasts
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking local representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in historic, characterful accommodation
- ❖ Upgrade to historic Hospes hotels
- ❖ Time at leisure to enjoy some of Spain's most historic cities

Area map



Plaza de España, Seville

Day 1: Fly to Madrid • Córdoba

Fly to Madrid. Transfer to the station for the train to Córdoba (approximately 2 hours). Stay 2 nights at **Hospes Palacio Del Bailio** (or similar), a converted 18th-century mansion located in the heart of the historic city centre. (N)

Day 2: Córdoba

Full day at leisure to explore Córdoba and its remarkable mosque-cathedral, considered one of the world's greatest Islamic buildings and an enduring symbol of Islamic rule in Europe. Other highlights in the city include the Roman Bridge and the medieval Alcázar of the Christian Monarchs. (B)

Day 3: Córdoba • Seville

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to the station for the train to the Andalusian capital, Seville (approximately 30 minutes). Stay 2 nights at the **Hospes Casas Del Rey De Baeza** (or similar), a unique property of 27 traditional Sevillian houses, connected by passages and courtyards. (B)

Day 4: Seville

Day at leisure to enjoy Seville, its dramatic gothic cathedral, the Mudéjar palaces and the winding lanes of the old town. As evening falls, dine al fresco in one of the city's many tapas bars or watch a flamenco show, a dance that originated in the city. (B)

Day 5: Seville • Granada

Morning at leisure in Seville. Transfer to the station for the train journey to Granada (approximately 3 hours). Stay at the **Hospes Palacio De Los Patos** a 19th-century manor house, for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6: Granada

Full day at leisure to explore Granada and

the magnificent 13th-century Alhambra Palace, the last Moorish stronghold of Spain. The city itself is an eclectic mix of Islamic architecture, churches, tapas bars and colourful street art. (B)

Day 7: Malaga • Fly home

Morning at leisure. Transfer to Malaga airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: SBT / HIU

Superior
Low season from £1,390
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £1,520
Guide price months: Mar – Oct

Hospes
Low season from £1,390
Guide price months: Feb, Jul & Aug

High season from £1,750
Guide price months: Mar – Jun

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

The Castles & Vineyards of Northern Spain

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior

Self-drive tour • From £1,720 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

Travel through the beautiful landscapes of northern Spain visiting medieval castles and exploring some of the country's most prestigious wine regions. Spend time in the historic cities of Bilbao and San Sebastian, the wine capital of Rioja and the lesser-known hilltop town of Olite.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ 7 days' car hire (Group B)
- ❖ 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking local representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Explore traditional wineries & taste Rioja wines
- ❖ Gourmet lunch at one of Spain's finest wineries
- ❖ Pintxos tour in San Sebastian

Area map



Royal Palace of Olite

Day 1: Madrid • Ribera del Duero • La Rioja

Fly to Madrid with British Airways. Collect your hire car and drive to La Rioja. En route, stop in the Ribera del Duero area and visit a wine cellar that dates back to the 16th century. Visit Peñafiel Castle and enjoy a wine tasting. Continue to La Rioja, staying the **Parador of Sigüenza** (or similar) for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: La Rioja

Full day to discover the wine region of Rioja. Visit a 125-year-old family-run winery and have lunch at the Vivanco Museum of Wine Culture, surrounded by beautiful vineyards. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the historic town. Stay at **Parador Santo Domingo de la Calzada** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 3: La Rioja • Olite

Drive to Marques de Riscal, one of Spain's finest wineries. Enjoy a gourmet lunch in its Michelin-starred restaurant. Drive on to Olite, a historic town with magnificent castles and palaces. Stay at **Parador de Olite**, a converted 15th-century castle and now a national monument. (B, L)

Day 4: Olite • Castle of Javier • Hondarribia

Morning at leisure to explore the ancient streets of Olite. Drive to Hondarribia, visiting the Castle of Javier en route. Free time to enjoy Hondarribia, a coastal town on the French border. Stay overnight at the majestic **The Parador de Hondarribia**, set in an impressive 10th-century castle overlooking the Bidasoa estuary. (B)

Day 5: San Sebastián

Make the short drive along the Basque coast to the town of San Sebastián. Sample some of the fabulous food on offer in the city's bars and taverns on a pintxos tour with a local

guide, followed by time at leisure to explore independently. Stay overnight at the **Villa Soro** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 6: Bilbao

Drive along the coast to Bilbao. Free time to enjoy the city including the world-famous Guggenheim Museum and the museum of Basque wine, known as txacoli. Overnight in Bilbao, staying at the **Barceló Bilbao Nervión** (or similar). (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Drive to Bilbao airport, drop off your hire car and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: SWX

Low season from £1,720
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £1,960
Guide price months: Mar – Oct

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

Unesco World Heritage Journey through Spain

Duration • 6 days & 5 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £2,550 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

The towns dotted to the north and west of Madrid contain a host of cultural and historic attractions, many of them Unesco world heritage sites. Starting in Madrid, travel to some of the most important towns: visit Segovia and its remarkable Roman aqueduct, walk along the medieval walls of Avila, tour the old town of Salamanca and explore the eclectic sights of Toledo, known as 'the city of three cultures'.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking local representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Historic 4- & 5-star accommodation throughout
- ❖ Private tour with a local expert in each city
- ❖ Included traditional Spanish lunch in Segovia

Area map



Plaza Mayor, Salamanca

Day 1: Fly to Madrid

Fly to Madrid. Private transfer to **Hotel Palacio San Martin** (or similar) for 1 night. Time at leisure to explore the Spanish capital. (N)

Day 2: Madrid • Segovia • Avila • Salamanca

Transfer to Segovia, which features a Unesco-listed old town and Roman aqueduct. Take a private city tour including entrance to the Alcazar. Tuck into a lunch of roast suckling pig, a traditional Spanish dish, before moving on to Avila. This town is best known for its well-preserved medieval walls, which feature more than 80 towers and nine gates. Long sections of the wall are walkable. Private tour before transferring to Salamanca. Stay for 2 nights at the **Hotel Hospes Palacio De San Esteban**. (B, L)

Day 3: Salamanca

Private morning tour of the Unesco-listed old city of Salamanca including the 18th-century Plaza Mayor, the 15th-century House of Shells, Salamanca's Old and New Cathedral and the university building. Afternoon at leisure to explore this beautiful city. (B)

Day 4: Salamanca • Toledo

Morning transfer to Toledo. This city is known as 'the city of three cultures' where Christians, Arabs and Jews have coexisted in harmony for centuries. As a result the city has a diverse range of sights to see including churches, palaces, fortresses, mosques and synagogues. Take a private tour of the city including the

Alcazar, before some time at leisure. Stay for 2 nights at the **Parador de Toledo** (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Toledo

Full day at leisure to explore Toledo. (B)

Day 6: Fly home

Transfer to Madrid airport for your flight home. (B)

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

Important information

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: UXN

Low season from £2,550
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £2,650
Guide price months: Mar – Oct

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

Paradors of Southern Spain

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Superior

Self-drive tour • From £1,770 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

Combining some of Spain's greatest monuments and staying in paradors – converted historic buildings that provide elegant and characterful accommodation – this self-drive delves into the heart of Spain with visits to Granada, Toledo and Ronda.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ 9 days' car hire (Group B)
- ❖ 8 breakfasts
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English speaking local representative
- ❖ Local guides and entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Accommodation in characterful parador properties throughout
- ❖ Explore Ronda & its historic bullring
- ❖ Visit lesser-known Carmona, Zafra & Jaen

Area map



Puente Nuevo, Ronda

Day 1: Fly to Madrid • Toledo

Fly to Madrid, pick up your hire car at the airport and drive to the Unesco-listed city of Toledo. Stay 2 nights at the **Parador de Toledo** with views over the old town. (N)

Day 2: Toledo

Full day at leisure to explore the diverse sights of the former capital of Spain. During the middle ages, Toledo flourished as a city where Muslims, Jews and Christians peacefully coexisted. (B)

Day 3: Jaen • Granada

Morning drive to Granada via Jaen, renowned for its olive oil and the medieval Santa Catalina Castle. Stay 2 nights at the **Parador de Granada**, set within the grounds of the Alhambra complex. (B)

Day 4: Granada

Full day at leisure to visit the magnificent Moorish stronghold of the Alhambra Palace, the Arab-Jewish quarter of Albaicin and the Generalife gardens. (B)

Day 5: Ronda

Morning drive to the town of Ronda. Set either side of a gaping gorge in the mountains, it has one of the most dramatic settings in all of Spain. Stay overnight at the **Parador de Ronda**, overlooking the gorge itself. (B)

Day 6: Ronda • Carmona

Morning at leisure to relax or visit the bullring and its museum. Afternoon drive to Carmona. Stay 2 nights at the **Parador de Carmona**, set in a 14th-century Moorish fortress. (B)

Day 7: Carmona

Day at leisure to explore this picturesque hilltop town dotted with palaces, majestic

Mudéjar churches and two Moorish forts. Alternatively visit Seville, approximately 40 minutes by car. (B)

Day 8: Zafra • Mérida

Morning drive to Mérida, via the town of Zafra, known as Little Seville due to its Moorish heritage and pretty white houses. Afternoon at leisure to explore Mérida, the capital of the Extremadura region, renowned for its Roman ruins including a Roman theatre and Temple of Diana. Stay overnight at the **Parador de Mérida**, set in an 18th-century former convent. (B)

Day 9: Madrid • Fly home

Drive to Madrid airport and drop off your hire car. Fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: PSR

Low season from £1,770
Guide price months: Jan & Feb

High season from £1,990
Guide price months: Mar – Oct

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

Madrid & Barcelona

Exclusive Short Breaks

Short break inclusions

Per person prices include international flights; return private car transfers; and accommodation, including breakfast.

Flights

Madrid

Flights are from the following airports:

London Heathrow: British Airways, Iberia
London Gatwick: Norwegian Air Shuttle, easyJet
London Luton, Liverpool, Bristol or Edinburgh: easyJet
Birmingham, Glasgow, London Stansted, Manchester or Newcastle: Ryanair

Barcelona

Flights are from the following airports:

London Heathrow: British Airways
London Gatwick: British Airways, Norwegian, Vueling, easyJet, Monarch
London Luton: easyJet, Vueling
Birmingham: Monarch, Ryanair
Edinburgh: Vueling, Ryanair
Glasgow: Jet2
Manchester: Vueling, Jet2, Ryanair
Belfast, Southend, Bristol or Newcastle: easyJet

Please speak to a tour consultant for further details and a personalised quote, or additional hotel options, on 020 3411 2135.

Alternatively, visit our website:
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Weather

Madrid, Spain

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	10	12	15	18	22	28	32	32	27	20	14	10
B	1	2	4	6	9	14	17	16	14	9	4	2
C	45	44	36	45	42	28	11	12	27	48	55	47

Barcelona

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	13	14	15	17	20	24	27	27	25	21	17	14
B	6	6	7	9	12	16	19	19	17	13	9	6
C	42	36	47	50	52	38	23	53	73	86	58	50

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



Royal Palace of Madrid



Sagrada Familia, Barcelona

Madrid & Barcelona: Private guided tour of taverns & markets

Take a 2-hour food tour of Madrid or Barcelona, with an emphasis on tapas. Tapas were originally thin slices of bread or meat which sherry drinkers in Andalusian taverns used to cover their glasses between sips, to deter fruit flies. Tapas has since evolved into a varied cuisine enjoyed throughout the world. Visit some of the cities' oldest markets and taverns, including the San Miguel Market in Madrid, which first opened in 1916. The tour includes tastings and three drinks along the route.



Tapas bar, Madrid

This is a selection of our recommended accommodation. Please see our website for more options.

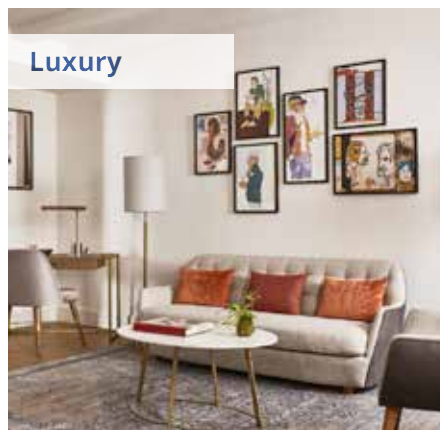


The Principal, Madrid 4 days & 3 nights from £985

Set just off the fashionable Gran Vía and with a magnificent facade, The Principal offers chic and luxurious accommodation. It has a stunning rooftop terrace and guestrooms feature high ceilings and large picture windows with contemporary styling throughout. The restaurant is overseen by the two Michelin-starred chef Ramón Freixa. The hotel is a member of the Small Leading Hotels of the World.

Features:

76 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, lounge, sauna, gym, rooftop garden.



Gran Hotel Inglés, Madrid 4 days & 3 nights from £765

Just a short walk from the Puerta del Sol, Gran Hotel Inglés is a luxury hotel ideally located for sightseeing. Originally opened in 1886, the property includes all the facilities which you would expect of an international hotel, with their renowned Lobo 8 restaurant serving some of the finest nouvelle cuisine in the city. A wellness centre, including full spa facilities, is the ideal space to relax.

Features:

48 rooms & suites, bar/lounge, restaurant, spa.

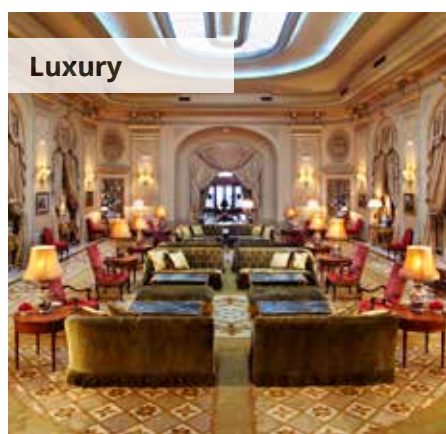


Las Letras Gran Via, Madrid 4 days & 3 nights from £765

Built in 1917 with an ornate neoclassical facade, Las Letras Gran Via offers beautiful rooms designed in a bold contemporary style and peppered with motifs relating to the worlds of art and literature. The property features an exquisite combination of the building's original features – tiles, canopies and an old-fashioned elevator – coupled with the latest in interior design.

Features:

109 rooms & suites, restaurant, outdoor pool, gym, bar, coffee shop, rooftop terrace.

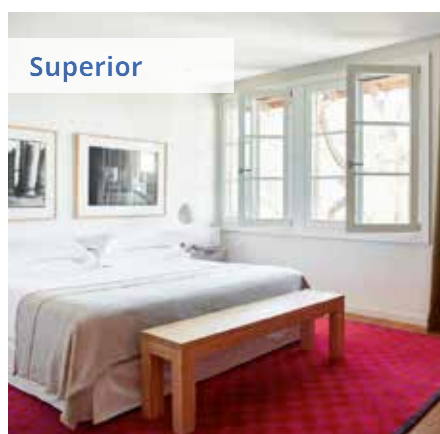


Hotel El Palace, Barcelona 4 days & 3 nights from £1,050

The opulent Hotel El Palace is situated in the heart of Barcelona, close to the famous Las Ramblas. Gaudí's Casa Batlló and La Pedrera are both within a 15-minute walk. The hotel opened in 1919 and features a stately neoclassical facade and elegant guestrooms. The Caelis Michelin-starred restaurant is one of two dining options.

Features:

125 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants, cocktail bar, Mayan-style spa, outdoor swimming pool, gym.



Hotel Neri, Barcelona 4 days & 3 nights from £950

The Hotel Neri is located in the heart of Barcelona's gothic quarter. The property was created by merging a medieval palace and a mansion that was renovated in 1958. The facade faces the Plaza de Sant Felip Neri and a 12th-century stone wall separates the restaurant area from the lounge. The guestrooms combine a modern and historic design.

Features:

28 rooms & suites, bar/lounge, cafe, roof terrace.



H10 Casanova, Barcelona 4 days & 3 nights from £655

Formerly an 18th-century residence, the H10 Casanova hotel is located in the centre of Barcelona. The Sky Bar terrace on the eighth floor is fitted out with sun loungers and a plunge pool, making for an excellent spot to enjoy city views over a drink. The hotel's restaurant serves a selection of contemporary dishes and tapas.

Features:

124 rooms & suites, restaurant, lounge, terrace with plunge pool, gym.

Discover Portugal



Funicular, Bairro Alto, Lisbon

Lisbon

Coastal capital city • Fascinating maritime history

Lisbon is one of Europe's most exciting and charming cities with breathtaking architecture, world-class museums, a lively cultural scene and excellent restaurants. Visit the fortified Tower of Belém, which played a significant role in Portuguese maritime discoveries; explore the narrow, winding streets of the charming Alfama district, Lisbon's oldest quarter; visit the Castelo de São Jorge, a Moorish stronghold occupying an impressive hilltop position; and take a stroll through the Jeronimos monastery, the final resting place of the Portuguese explorer Vasco de Gama. Lisbon's trams and funicular railways are a great way to explore the city, yet it is also small enough to explore on foot, if you are prepared for a few steep climbs.



Porto

Port wine cellars • Douro river cruises

Porto, Portugal's second largest city is a mish mash of houses that cascades down steep slopes to the River Douro. This is a city that is buzzing with a contemporary vibe, evident in the fashionable bars and restaurants, the colourful street art and the spirited nightlife. It is also alive with history, displaying extravagant baroque churches and faded mansions on one side of the river and the musty Port cellars of long established names such as Taylor's and Graham's on the other side in Vila Nova de Gaia. The river is spanned by the renowned bridges of Maria Pia, built by Gustav Eiffel, and the Dom Luís I bridge, designed by a pupil of Eiffel. From Porto, explore the world-renowned wine growing region of the Douro river valley either on a cruise or by train.



Porto, Portugal



Northern coast of Madeira

Madeira

Historic Funchal • Mountain walks • Relaxing gardens & parks

With its colourful capital, Funchal, its lush mountainous interior, jagged coastline and peaceful flower gardens, Madeira makes for an ideal week-long break at any time of the year. The island provides a glorious climate and offers opportunities for both relaxation and active pursuits. There are a large number of walking routes of varying difficulty, many of which run alongside the *levadas*, ancient irrigation channels, that criss-cross the island. These will take you deep into volcanic landscapes and through the Unesco world heritage site of the Laurisilva forest. The village of Porto Moniz on the north-western coast has a network of naturally-formed lava pools filled with calm, clear seawater. For the brave, there is an exhilarating toboggan run in a wicker sledge down the streets of Monte, in Funchal.

Coimbra

Oldest university in the Portuguese-speaking world • Portugal's largest botanical gardens

Coimbra is home to one of the very first universities to be established in Europe and is therefore considered to be the main seat of learning in Portugal. Founded in 1290 by King Dinis, the university has accumulated an impressive collection of more than 200,000 books stored in carved and gilded bookshelves and a beautiful botanical garden. Also worth visiting is the Church of Santa Clara, a richly decorated baroque church containing the silver tomb of Santa Isabel.



Coimbra University, Coimbra



Pastéis de nata

Evora

Beautifully preserved medieval walled town • Roman remains

Evora is located in southern Portugal in the Alentejo region. Praça do Giraldo is the main square and is filled with a delightful collection of small cafes and shops. Explore the City Museum, which exhibits artefacts from Evora's history dating back as far as Roman times. Some of the most interesting buildings are Graça Church, and the Church of São Francisco, a Manueline-gothic church completed in 1510.

A suggested itinerary...

Douro Discovery Cruise

8 days & 7 nights from £2,745

Category • Superior

Discover the historical importance of Portugal while cruising the Douro river. This 7-night cruise aboard the *MS Douro Serenity* travels through the heart of the Douro valley including visits to renowned wine and port producers. One of the many highlights of the cruise is a visit across the Spanish border to Salamanca.

Day 1: Porto

Make your own way to Porto and board the *MS Douro Serenity* for a 7-night cruise. (D)

Day 2: Regua • Pinhão

Morning cruising on the Douro. Afternoon

excursion to the Palace of Mateus and its gardens. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Vega de Terrón

Cruise to Vega de Terrón in Spain and visit the tiny hilltop village of Castelo Rodrigo. Evening folk show on board the ship.

(B, L, D)

Day 4: Salamanca • Barca d'Alva

Drive to Salamanca, a university town dating back to the pre-Roman era. View the Plaza Mayor, the grandest and largest square in Spain, and the University of Salamanca. Flamenco show in the evening. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Lamego • Regua

Morning Portuguese cooking demonstration on board. Cruise to Pinhão and transfer to a quinta winery for stunning views over the Douro and wine tasting. Visit to the picturesque village of Lamego.

Day 6: Regua • Entre-os-Rios

Day at leisure, with time at leisure in Regua

in the morning and Entre-os-Rios after lunch. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Porto

Sail to Vila Nova de Gaia. On arrival, enjoy a city tour of Porto including all the main sights and a local port winery. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Porto • Disembark

Disembark from the *MS Douro Serenity*. (B)

Guideline Prices

From £2,745 (excl. flights)

Tour code: DOC

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Vineyards of the Douro Valley

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,190 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

Porto and the Douro valley are considered to be one of the premier wine and port producing regions in the world. This week-long tour stays in Portugal's second city for 3 nights and then finishes in the heart of the Douro valley for an additional 3 nights. The itinerary allows time for independent exploration of the various vineyards and wineries dotted around the region.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5- star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ 4 days' car hire (Group B)
- ❖ Transfers in a private chauffeur-driven vehicle
- ❖ Breakfast daily
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking local representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Walking tour of Porto
- ❖ Visit an historic quinta for wine tasting
- ❖ Optional day cruise on the Douro

Area map



Vineyards, Douro valley

Day 1: Fly to Porto

Fly to Porto. Transfer to the **Pestana Palácio do Freixo** (or similar) in the historic heart of the city for a 3-night stay. (N)

Days 2: Porto

You will be collected from your hotel for a 2-hour walking tour through the twisting, cobbled streets Portugal's second city. The main focus of the tour will be Bairro da Se, the ancient heart of this maritime city. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day: 3: Porto

Full day at leisure to explore Porto. On one side of the river Douro, the old town tumbles down the hillside in a colourful mix of old buildings, extravagant baroque churches and shops. On the other side is Vila Nova de Gaia, with its musty Port cellars of long-established names such as Taylor's and Graham's. (B)

Day 4: Douro valley

Collect your hire car (based on group B car rental) and make your way to the world-famous Douro valley, an easy 90-minute drive inland through the picturesque Portuguese countryside. Stay for 3 nights at the **Vintage House** (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Douro valley

Morning tour of the local region, with a stop at an historic quinta for a vineyard tour, followed by wine tasting. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Douro valley

Full day at leisure to explore the region at your

own pace. Perhaps visit Peso da Regua, officially the centre of the Port wine-growing region and enjoy some wine and cheese at one of the many cellar tours open to the public. Alternatively, west from here is Mesão Frio, one of the most charming villages in the region, an ideal place to relax and soak up the local culture. (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Drive to Porto airport and drop off your hire car. Fly back home. (B)

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

Important information

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: PDB

Low season from £1,190
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

High season from £1,590
Guide price months: Mar – Oct

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

Fado & Flamenco: Lisbon, Seville & Madrid

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £2,850 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

Travel from Lisbon to Madrid via Seville with a private driver, exploring the rich music and dance cultures of these Iberian cities. Also visit picturesque Sintra near the Portuguese capital, and the whitewashed villages of the Alentejo region. Enjoy an evening of fado in Lisbon and a flamenco show in Seville.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in a private chauffeur-driven vehicle
- ❖ Breakfast daily
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking local representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Fado show in Lisbon, with drinks
- ❖ Flamenco evening in Seville
- ❖ Tour of Seville in a horse & carriage
- ❖ Tapas tour in Madrid

Area map



Flamenco dancers performing

Day 1: Lisbon

Fly to Lisbon and meet your driver at the airport. Private tour of the beautiful Portuguese capital, famous for its steep, cobbled streets, traditional architecture and bright yellow trams. The evening is free to explore the city at leisure. Stay at the **H10 Duque de Loulé** (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Sintra • Cascais • Estoril

Visit the royal cities around Lisbon, with a driver guide. Discover Sintra, the summer residence of Portuguese kings, and visit Palacio da Pena. Continue to the coastal towns of Cascais and Estoril, stopping in the narrow streets to admire the historic houses. Return to Lisbon in the late afternoon. Evening Fado show. (B)

Day 3: Lisbon • Seville

Travel from Lisbon to Seville, a long but scenic drive through Portugal's Alentejo region and Extremadura in Spain – two of the most sparsely populated areas of the Iberian Peninsula. On arrival in Seville, stay in the **Hospes Casas del Rey de Baeza** (or similar) for 2 nights. Evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Seville

Morning tour of Seville, exploring the Jewish quarter and the Barrio Santa Cruz, a maze of narrow streets buzzing with life. This is followed by a horse-drawn carriage ride through the centre of the old city. Afternoon at leisure, allowing time to visit the Cathedral or the Royal Alcázar of Seville. Evening flamenco show. (B)

Day 5: Seville • Madrid

Transfer to the train station and take a high-speed service to Madrid, just 2 hours north. Enjoy a 2-hour private tour by car of

the Spanish capital. Highlights include the Almudena Cathedral and the Royal Palace. Stay at the **Intur Palacio San Martin** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6: Madrid

Morning at leisure to explore Madrid. You may wish to visit one of the outstanding art galleries, such as Museo del Prado. In the afternoon, join an expert guide for a private tapas tour through the city. (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Transfer to Madrid airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: FTF

Low season from £2,850

Guide price month: Feb

High season from £2,890

Guide price months: Mar – Oct

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

Lisbon & the Algarve

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,270 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

This tour combines a city break in Lisbon with coastal relaxation down on Portugal's wild southern coast. Stay for 3 nights in the nation's colourful capital and then drive south to the Algarve, where you can enjoy a round or two of golf at one of the world-class courses, relax with a spa treatment and unwind on the sandy beaches.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Arrival transfer with English-speaking guide
- ❖ Train travel from Lisbon to Faro
- ❖ Breakfast daily

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Historic, centrally located hotel in Lisbon
- ❖ Private tour of Lisbon with driver-guide
- ❖ Stay in a luxury spa hotel on the Algarve coast

Area map



Beach, Albufeira, Algarve

Day 1: Fly to Lisbon

Fly to Lisbon and transfer to the **Palacio do Governador Hotel** (or similar) in the Belém district for 3 nights. Set in a quiet, spacious area of the city, the hotel has a lovely garden and pool. Time at leisure to explore Belém including the Centro Cultural modern art museum. (N)

Day 2: Lisbon

Morning tour of Lisbon with driver-guide. Visit the Unesco-listed Tower of Belém; explore the narrow winding streets of the charming Alfama district, Lisbon's oldest quarter; and take a stroll through the Jerónimos Monastery, the final resting place of explorer Vasco de Gama. The city is famous for its simple and traditional cuisine. Be sure to enjoy a pastéis de nata in the early morning and a delicious lunch of fresh fish in the redeveloped Olho de Boi neighbourhood, a short ferry ride from the city centre across the Tagus. (B)

Day 3: Lisbon

Full day at leisure to further explore the Portuguese capital. (B)

Day 4: Algarve

Morning transfer to Santa Apolónia Station and transfer to Faro, a scenic 3-hour train journey. Private transfer to your hotel on the beautiful Algarve coast. Stay 4 nights at the **Bela Vista Hotel & Spa** (or similar). (B)

Days 5-7: Algarve

Days at leisure. We recommend visiting the

old town of Albufeira, with its cobbled streets lined with boutiques, cafes and restaurants, while the area of São Joao is known for its lively nightlife. There are two beautiful beaches: Praia dos Pescadores, 'the fisherman's beach', and Praia do Tunel, accessed via a tunnel through the cliffs. (B)

Day 8: Faro • Fly home

Transfer to Faro airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: LNU

Low season from £1,270
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

High season from £1,690
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

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

Porto & Lisbon

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,125 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

This tour combines Portugal's two principal cities of Porto and Lisbon, travelling between the two on board the fast and efficient train service. Staying in excellent city centre hotels, there is plenty of opportunity to explore the museums, palaces and colourful cobbled streets of two of Europe's most charming and laid-back cities.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Arrival & departure transfers
- ❖ Guided tours in Porto & Lisbon
- ❖ Train between Porto & Lisbon
- ❖ Breakfast daily

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in historic, centrally located hotels
- ❖ Walking tour of old town Porto
- ❖ Morning tour of Lisbon with driver-guide

Area map



Porto on the Douro river

Day 1: Fly to Porto

Fly to Porto. Transfer to the **Hotel Infante de Sagres**, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World group, for a 3-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Porto

Morning walking tour from the hotel. Portugal's second largest city was built overlooking the mouth of the Douro river – an outstanding urban landscape with a Unesco-listed historical centre. The city is known for its steep cobbled streets of colourful houses, delicious cuisine and charismatic locals. Highlights include the Clérigos Tower, Avenida dos Aliados and the Ribeira district on the shoreline. (B)

Day 3: Porto

Day at leisure to further explore Porto. Alternatively, take a cruise into the beautiful Douro valley, famed for its wine and Port production. (B)

Day 4: Lisbon

Morning at leisure. In the early afternoon, take the Alfa Pendular high-speed train to Lisbon (approximately 3 hours). On arrival, transfer to the **Palácio do Governador** for a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 5: Lisbon

Morning tour of the Portuguese capital with a driver-guide. Enjoy the city's colourful quirky architecture, world-class museums and excellent restaurants. We recommend making time for the Tile Museum and the Lisbon Aquarium in Parque das Nações. The city has a fascinating maritime history, with explorers such as Vasco da Gama and Ferdinand

Magellan setting sail from here to discover the New World. (B)

Day 6: Lisbon

Day at leisure to enjoy Lisbon. Explore the capital on foot, or aboard one of the city's iconic yellow trams. Alternatively, take a day excursion to Sintra Palace and Cascais. (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Transfer to Lisbon airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: PAL

Low season from £1,125
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

High season from £1,390
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

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



Southern Europe

Group tours • Tailor-made travel • Exclusive short breaks



From the sun-baked ruins of Anatolia in Turkey to the lush pine forests of Lošinj, off Croatia's Istrian coast, this fascinating corner of Europe is rewarding both for its historical treasures and for its beautiful landscapes. Greece and Turkey offer delightful beaches, warm azure-blue seas and cities overflowing with history and culture, while the countries of the western Balkans offer a path less trodden, particularly Serbia, Albania and Kosovo, where tourism is very much in its infancy.

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Zagreb, Croatia

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Athens, Greece

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

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Image left: Blue Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey

Discover Croatia

Dubrovnik & Split

Well-preserved walled city • Stunning setting on the Dalmatian coastline • Imperial palace of Diocletian

Dubrovnik, described by Byron as 'the Pearl of the Adriatic', is a stunning city with a unique political history, world-famous cultural heritage and architectural beauty. Founded 1,300 years ago, Dubrovnik's appeal lies in the old town of Stari Grad, with its marble-paved squares, steep cobbled streets, tall houses, convents, churches, palaces, and fountains, all cut from the same pale-coloured stone.

Split, Croatia's second city, is located on a peninsula in the heart of the Dalmatian coast, set against a backdrop of high coastal mountains. The city itself has a fascinating historic old town with a pretty palm-lined harbour, where you can find the Unesco-listed site of Diocletian's Palace, its immense walls looming over everything in the area.



Dubrovnik

The Dalmatian Islands

Go island hopping • Swim in clear waters • Ancient towns & villages

Croatia's real charm lies in its 1,778km of coastline and 1,185 islands that sit just off the mainland. Studding the Adriatic, they vary from tiny, verdant and unpopulated isles to large, arid outposts supporting ancient towns and villages. There is something for everyone here: wander the medieval streets of Korcula town and admire the 13th-century city walls; walk through the green forests of Mljet; relax in a harbour-side restaurant serving freshly caught fish; or stop for a dip in the crystal-clear waters of the Adriatic. Hvar island, sometimes referred to as the 'Croatian Madeira', receives more sunshine than anywhere else in the country. The traffic-free streets and beautifully ornamented buildings of Hvar Town are reminiscent of Venice, and the island is known for its lavender fields and wine estates.



Istria

Roman amphitheatre in Pula • Island paradise of Lošinj

Istria is a large triangular peninsula stretching out into the Adriatic and bordered by Slovenia. Once part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, it was amalgamated into Mussolini's Italy in 1918 before its succession to the fledgling Yugoslav Republic in 1945. As a result of its cosmopolitan history and stunning coastline dotted with picturesque villages, the area has long been popular with holidaymakers. Pula is the principal town on the peninsula, with a pretty seafront location and a history dating back to Roman times. The remarkably well-preserved Roman amphitheatre dominates the centre. Off the port city of Rijeka lies the island paradise of Lošinj, covered in beautiful pine forest and surrounded by inviting, azure-blue waters.



Lošinj

Dalmatian Coast Cruise

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Luxury

Cruise • From £1,520 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

Explore arguably one of the most beautiful coastlines in Europe aboard the luxurious **MB Yolo**. Travel down the Dalmatian coast visiting the historic cities of Split and Dubrovnik as well as the alluring islands of Hvar, Korčula and Mljet.

This tour features...

- ❖ 7 nights' cruise accommodation on the **MB Yolo**
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking local representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

Special experiences

- ❖ Cruise the Dalmatian coast away from the crowds
- ❖ Barbecue dinner on the beach in Korčula
- ❖ Visit Kotor & Perast in Montenegro
- ❖ Optional cycling & kayaking

Area map



MB Yolo

Day 1: Fly to Split • Board the ship

Morning flight to Split. Transfer to the **MB Yolo** for a 7-night cruise. Welcome drink followed by dinner. (D)

Day 2: Split • Hvar

Walking tour of Split. Return to the ship and sail to the island of Hvar, known as the Adriatic Riviera. Enjoy an optional walking tour before a swim at Pakleni. Continue to Vela Luka on Korčula island, arriving in time for dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Korčula • Mljet

Spend the morning in a secluded bay on Korčula. Continue to Mljet; the national park on this island has two saltwater lakes. Optional cycling or kayaking. Evening in the village of Slano. (B, D)

Day 4: Slano • Dubrovnik

Optional 'Taste of Dalmatia' tour from Slano, exploring the island's wine and shellfish. Set sail for Dubrovnik, stopping en route for a swim on Lopud island. Walking tour of Dubrovnik. (B, D)

Day 5: Montenegro

Full-day excursion to Montenegro. Here the scenery becomes increasingly dramatic, with snowcapped mountains looming over the sea. Take a tour of Kotor, with time at leisure. Return to Dubrovnik. (B, D)

Day 6: Dubrovnik • Elaphite Islands • Korčula

Scattered between Dubrovnik and Korčula, the green islands of the Elaphite archipelago are characterised by cypress and olive groves and monasteries. Stop at one of the inhabited islands for a stroll and a swim, before a lunch on board en route to Korčula. Tour of Korčula on arrival. (B, D)

Day 7: Korčula • Brač • Omiš

Sail to the island of Brač. Take a tour of the island before returning to the mainland to visit the settlement of Omiš. (B, D)

Day 8: Fly home

Disembark and transfer to the airport in Split for your flight home. (B)

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

Important information

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

The ship: Launched in 2019, the **MB Yolo** accommodates 38 passengers in 18 en suite cabins on the Main and Lower Deck. The Upper Deck houses a salon-restaurant that seats all guests at the same time, a fully equipped bar and a shaded lounge area. The Top Deck offers 165 sq metres of space and is equipped with sun beds and a hot tub.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: CIB

Low season from £1,520
High season from £2,190

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

Lošinj: Croatia's Hidden Paradise

Duration • 5 days & 4 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £1,420 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

Spend five relaxing days on the remote island of Lošinj in the northern Adriatic off Croatia's Istrian peninsula, staying at the historic Boutique Hotel Alhambra. Beautifully restored after years of neglect, this grand sea-facing hotel offers luxurious accommodation in an early 20th-century mansion, hidden among pine trees on this beautiful island paradise.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers by car & ferry (flight transfers available at a supplement)
- ❖ 4 breakfasts
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking local representative

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Exclusive luxury accommodation away from the crowds
- ❖ Private transfer by car or private plane
- ❖ Optional tour of the Museum of Apoxyomenos to see the ancient Apoxyomenos statue

Area map



Boutique Hotel Alhambra

Day 1: Fly to Rijeka

Morning flight to Rijeka or Pula. Travel to the **Boutique Hotel Alhambra** on the island of Lošinj, a beautiful 2-hour transfer by car and ferry. Private 30-minute plane transfers are also available aboard a Piper or Cessna aircraft (£380 per person). The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax at the hotel or explore the town of Mali Lošinj, a few minutes' walk from the hotel. (N)

Day 2: Lošinj

Today is at leisure to relax or explore the island of Lošinj with a private guide (this can easily be booked locally). A 2-hour excursion includes picturesque Veli Lošinj, with its colourful houses and huge church at the mouth of the harbour. For those who choose to stay at the hotel there is a spa offering a range of treatments and a private swimming platform with loungers and drinks service. Guests can also use the facilities of the larger sister property, Hotel Bellevue, located 200 metres along the promenade. (B)

Day 3: Lošinj

A highlight of the main town on the island, Mali Lošinj, is the Museum of Apoxyomenos, shortlisted for European Museum of the Year in 2019. The perfectly curated small museum tells the story of the discovery and restoration of the *Croatian Apoxyomenos*, an Ancient Greek statue cast in bronze in the second century BC, found on the seabed off Lošinj in 1996. Take a tour and relax in one of the cafes lining the harbour, or take a cruise, passing the site of the statue's discovery. (B)

Day 4: Lošinj

Final day at leisure for optional activities. Take

a hike to St Ivan's Peak for stunning views across to the islands of Cres and Krk and even as far as Italy. There is also the option of a private sunset cruise to the small island of Susak with dinner and sparkling wine. (B)

Day 5: Fly home

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

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

Important information

Optional excursions: All excursions listed are optional and can be easily booked locally via the hotel concierge.

Extensions: Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Rijeka, Pula, Dubrovnik or the Plitvice Lakes National Park; please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for details.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: HRL

Low season from £1,420
High season from £1,890

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

Dubrovnik & Kotor

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £1,940 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

This week-long twin-centre holiday allows plenty of time to take in the best of Dubrovnik in Croatia, and the historic town of Kotor in Montenegro, based in two carefully-chosen luxury hotels.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Breakfast daily
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking local representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Sea-view room at the Hotel Excelsior in Dubrovnik
- ❖ Optional excursions to Mostar or Budva
- ❖ Relax on the shores of Europe's southernmost fjord

Area map



Old Town, Dubrovnik

Day 1: Fly to Dubrovnik, Croatia

Morning flight to Dubrovnik and transfer to the **Hotel Excelsior** for a 4-night stay. The recently renovated hotel is one of the city's most prestigious, spanning a historic villa and a late 20th-century building, offering views across the Adriatic to the old town. The views can be enjoyed from one of the large terraces or from any of the upgraded room categories (please enquire for prices). (N)

Day 2: Dubrovnik

Day at leisure to explore Dubrovnik, the jewel in the crown of Croatia's Dalmatian coast. A museum in its own right, the old town is a twisting maze of narrow terraced alleys encircled by colossal fortifications. Spend the day exploring the city's highlights including Sponza Palace and Stradun, the city's main street. The old town can get very busy during the summer months. (B)

Days 3-4: Dubrovnik

A popular excursion from Dubrovnik is to the Bosnian town of Mostar. Devastated by the war with Yugoslavia and Croatia in the 1990s, this enchanting town has now risen from the ashes. The 16th-century bridge is its centrepiece; watch divers leap 29 metres into the Neretva river below. Other day trip options

include the nearby Elaphite Islands or Cavtat, a quiet town along the coast. (B)

Day 5: Kotor, Montenegro

This morning travel to Kotor in Montenegro, staying for 4 nights at the **Forza Mare**, an intimate boutique hotel on the water's edge. (B)

Day 6: Kotor

Day at leisure in Kotor to explore the historic town, set on the shores of Europe's most southern fjord. Founded in the fifth century, Kotor played a key role in the history and development of the region, and was under Venetian rule from 1420 to 1797. Be sure to visit Trg od Oružja (Arms Square) and the Orthodox church. (B)

Days 7-8: Kotor

Two further days to explore the region or relax at the hotel. The property has a small spa and private access to a pebble beach. Alternatively, there is the opportunity to explore nearby Budva, the largest town on coast, or venture into the mountainous interior, ideal for hiking and rafting. (B)

Day 9: Fly home

Transfer to Dubrovnik airport for your flight home. (B)

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

Important information

Optional excursions: All excursions listed are optional and can be easily booked locally via the hotel concierge.

Extensions: Pre- and post-tour extensions are available; please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for details.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: HDK

Low season from £1,940
High season from £2,690

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

Grand Tour of the Balkans

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights

Category • Superior

Group tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £5,690 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 16 people (max 26)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 1 dinner
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Belgrade

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	4	6	12	17	22	25	27	27	24	18	10	5
B	-2	-1	3	7	12	15	16	15	12	8	3	0
C	47	44	46	56	71	91	67	53	51	46	57	59

Dubrovnik

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	7	9	12	16	21	24	28	28	24	19	13	8
B	0	1	3	7	11	14	16	16	13	9	5	1
C	141	128	116	108	84	71	51	62	93	129	175	167

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Plitvice, Croatia

This tour explores four of the countries of former Yugoslavia – Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro and Croatia – each with contrasting scenery and distinctive cultures. Visit the highlights of the region including Belgrade, Dubrovnik, Mostar, and Sarajevo, where the influence of European, Ottoman and Slavic culture is evident in the ornate palaces, cathedrals and mosques. Meanwhile, the Bay of Kotor and Plitvice Lakes National Park offer spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque waterfalls. A number of extensions are available to explore further afield.

where two of Europe's great rivers collide – the Danube and the Sava. Belgrade means 'white city' and is one of the oldest in Europe. Visit the Kalemegdan fortress and Saint Sava Cathedral before some free time to explore independently. (B)

Day 3: Mokra Gora • Sargan • Drvengrad

Drive through the wine regions of Serbia to Mokra Gora then take a 2-hour train journey through the mountains to Sargan, on board one of the last working steam trains in the Balkans. Transfer to Drvengrad and overnight at Resort Mecavnik. (B)

Day 4: Višegrad (Bosnia & Herzegovina) • Sarajevo

Drive to Sarajevo, stopping in Višegrad en route. The town is known for its Ottoman-era Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge, popularised by Ivo Andrić in his novel *The Bridge on the Drina*. Overnight in Sarajevo at the President Hotel (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Sarajevo

Morning tour of Sarajevo including the Tunnel Museum. These tiny tunnels were the only means of transportation and communication during the devastating siege of the city from 1992 to 1995. Then visit the site where Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated, sparking the beginning of the first world war, and the historic Bascarsijska district, to see its bazaars and Ottoman-inspired architecture. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Mostar • Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Drive to Dubrovnik. En route, stop in Mostar and visit the reconstructed 16th-century Ottoman bridge that was destroyed in 1993 during the Balkan wars and which is now

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Explore the Croatian coastal cities of Split & Dubrovnik
- ❖ View the magnificent reconstructed bridge at Mostar
- ❖ Ride one of the last steam railways in the Balkans
- ❖ Stay in the only hotel in Plitvice Lakes National Park

Day 1: Fly to Belgrade (Serbia)

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Belgrade. Transfer to the Hotel Constantine the Great (or similar) for 2 nights. Welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Belgrade

Morning walking tour of the Serbian capital,



Mostar, Bosnia & Herzegovina

a Unesco world heritage site. Continue to Dubrovnik and stay at the **Hotel Neptune** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B)

Day 7: Dubrovnik

Morning walking tour of the walled old town. View the gates of Pile and Ploce, the Franciscan monastery, the Church of St Blaise and the Sponza Palace. Continue to tour the city walls, which were built between the 13th and 16th centuries and are some of the finest in the world. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Sveti-Stefan (Montenegro) • Budva • Kotor

Full-day excursion to Montenegro, first visiting Sveti-Stefan, a fortified island village that is now a luxury resort. Short walking tour of Budva old town, featuring similar architecture to Dubrovnik. The final stop is Kotor, the largest fjord in southern Europe. Explore the town including St Tryphon Cathedral, then return to Dubrovnik. (B)

Day 9: Split (Croatia)

Transfer to Split, via Ston. Visit the many cultural and historical relics that the ancient city has to offer. The core of the city consists of the vast quadrangular palace, built between 295 and 305AD by the Emperor Diocletian for his retirement. Fortified and self-sufficient, it was almost a small town in itself. Overnight at the **Rotondo Hotel** (or similar) in neighbouring Trogir. (B)

Day 10: Trogir • Plitvice Lakes National Park

Tour of Trogir, considered one of the best-preserved Romano-gothic complexes in central Europe. Unesco protected, Trogir is full of buildings and monuments testifying to its rich history. Continue to Plitvice Lakes National Park and stay overnight at the **Hotel Lyra**, with a barbecue dinner in its garden. (B, D)

Day 11: Plitvice Lakes National Park • Zagreb

Tour of Plitvice, renowned for its beautiful chain of 16 terraced lakes, joined by a series of waterfalls and cascades. Transfer to Zagreb, Croatia's compact capital and take a short walking tour including the funicular railway. Overnight at the **Hotel Panorama** (or similar). (B)

Day 12: Fly to London

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

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

Extensions

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Belgrade and Zagreb with arrival or departure transfers. Alternatively, return to the Istria coast for a few days on the beach.

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 2020

Tour code: BKX

Group tour

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

High season from £2,595
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £730

Private travel

From £5,690
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £730

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

Air Serbia flight upgrades

Business Class: Please speak to your consultant for prices

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2020

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Wed)
09 May 20	20 May 20	05 Sep 20	16 Sep 20	10 Oct 20	21 Oct 20
06 Jun 20	17 Jun 20	19 Sep 20	30 Sep 20		

Discover Albania, Kosovo & North Macedonia



Albania

Ottoman, Fascist & Soviet-era architecture • Greek & Roman ruins

Albania has a landscape of staggering beauty: rugged mountains, snow-capped for much of the year, tower above white sandy beaches and green mysterious valleys. Besides magnificent scenery, Albania also has a number of superb historical sites. Roman, Ottoman and, for a short period, Italian rule have all left their mark on the landscape. Ancient burial mounds, amphitheatres, castles and mosques are all to be found here.

Yet this country remained under wraps for much of the 20th century, isolated under Enver Hoxha and his Stalinist state. During this time, the people and the landscape remained cut off from the outside world, until the end of communist rule in 1991. The country is now a delight to explore, with its majestic scenery and timeless Albanian culture.



Skanderbeg Square, Tirana



Old military bunker in Lin village, Lake Ohrid



Mosaic of the ancient Baptistery, Butrint



Prizren, Kosovo



Church of St John, Lake Ohrid

Kosovo

Historic Prizren • Mountains & vineyards • Gritty
Pristina

Arguably the last truly off-the-beaten track destination in Europe, Kosovo is a land still waiting to be discovered and, for those that do, a fascinating destination awaits. Independent from Serbia since 2008, this mountainous country is full of ancient monasteries, sweeping snow-capped peaks and historic old towns.

The capital, Pristina, was once voted the ugliest in Europe, but for those willing to scratch below the surface it's a city full of history and some distinctive architecture. By contrast, the charming city of Prizren is considered to be Kosovo's cultural capital, with its castle, ancient mosque and buzzing cafes that line its riverbanks. Away from the towns, Kosovo offers the Unesco-listed Serbian Orthodox monastery of Decani, the largest medieval church in the Balkans, and some lovely boutique wineries.

North Macedonia

Tranquil Lake Ohrid • Muslim & Christian heritage

North Macedonia is a landlocked nation in the central Balkan Peninsula. The country has an intriguing mix of Balkan and Mediterranean traditions with a rich Greek, Roman and Ottoman heritage and a complex national identity since gaining independence in 1991. The jewel in North Macedonia's crown is Lake Ohrid, on the border with Albania. Surrounded by mountains, this tranquil blue lake is steeped in history and legend. Nearby is Ohrid's well-preserved, Unesco-listed old quarter, with some interesting Ottoman architecture. The 13th-century Church of St John overlooks the lake and is surely the most photographed building in the region.

By contrast, the capital, Skopje, wouldn't win any awards for its beauty. However, it is another melting pot of architecture and history on the crossroads of Europe and the Ottoman world. The old bazaar has been beautifully restored and is a great spot to relax with a traditional lunch or a Turkish coffee.

A suggested itinerary...

A Journey through Albania & Kosovo

10 days & 9 nights from £2,730

Category • Standard

This journey takes in the main sights of Albania including Tirana, Gjirokaštër and Berat, then travels into Europe's newest nation, Kosovo. Here, discover the monastery complex of Decani and the capital, Pristina, with its mix of Ottoman, Balkan and Soviet architecture. Also includes a day trip to the Macedonian capital, Skopje.

Day 1: Fly to Tirana (Albania)

Fly to Tirana and transfer to the **Hotel Opera** (or similar) for 1 night. Short walking tour. (N)

Day 2: Apollonia • Gjirokaštër

Drive to the ancient city of Apollonia. Situated on the Via Egnatia route, it was an important Roman centre. Continue to Gjirokaštër and stay at **Hotel Argjiro** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 3: Butrint

Full-day excursion to the ancient Greek and Roman ruins at Butrint. (B)

Day 4: Berat

Visit the 'town of a thousand windows' including the castle, the Onufri Museum and the Ethnographic Museum. Overnight at the **Hotel Grand White City** (or similar) in the old town. (B)

Day 5: Kruja • Shkodra

Transfer to Kruja, the site where Albania stopped Ottoman forces advancing further into Europe for 25 years in the mid-14th century. Overnight in Shkodra at the **Hotel Rozafa** (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Koman lake • Gjakova (Kosovo) • Peja

Take a 2-hour ferry ride across the emerald-green waters of Koman lake to the border with Kosovo. Lunch (not included) at the bazaar in Gjakova and visit the Decan monastery complex. Overnight in Peja at the **Hotel Dukagjini**. (B)

Day 7: Pristina

Tour of the Kosovan capital including the 15th-century Fatih Mosque and the Newborn Monument. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Parliament** (or similar). (B)

Day 8: Skopje (Macedonia)

Excursion to the Macedonian capital, Skopje. Guided tour of the old Turkish bazaar, Daut Pasha Hammam and see the monumental stone bridge. Drive to the beautiful Matka canyon for a walk and then return to Pristina.

Day 9: Gracanica • Prizren

Visit the Orthodox Church of Byzantine at Gracanica then continue to Prizren, with its cobblestone streets and typical Ottoman-style architecture. Stay at the **Hotel Kacinari** (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Fly home

Transfer to Tirana airport and fly home. (B)

Guideline Prices

From £2,730 (incl. flights) (Year round)

Tour code: AKJ

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Albania: Land of the Eagle

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Standard

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

Private tour • From £2,010 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 17 people (max 26)
- ❖ No single supplement departure*
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

Weather

Tirana

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	11	12	15	18	23	27	30	30	27	21	16	12
B	2	2	4	8	12	12	17	17	14	10	6	3
C	127	115	109	97	82	59	37	47	78	108	160	143

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Temple ruins, Apollonia

Known as the 'Cradle of the Balkans', Albania and Macedonia are home to a wealth of natural and historic sites, from Lake Ohrid and the well-preserved Ottoman town of Gjirokastrë to the important but lesser-known Roman ruins at Butrint and Apollonia. Travelling through spectacular mountain and coastal scenery, explore these two countries that are emerging after years of relative isolation.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay one night on Lake Ohrid in North Macedonia
- ❖ Tour the well-preserved Roman sites of Butrint & Apollonia
- ❖ View the world's largest icon museums in Ohrid & Korça
- ❖ Explore the architectural legacies of the Ottoman empire & Communist era

Day 1: Fly to Tirana

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Tirana with British Airways. Transfer and stay at the **Colosseo Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. Welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Kruja • Tirana

Morning tour of the town of Kruja and the Skanderbeg Museum. Afternoon tour of the Albanian capital, including visits to the National Museum, Gallery of Arts, the main square and its clock tower. (B)

Day 3: Lake Ohrid

Travel east to Elbasan, stopping en route at the remains of a Turkish fort. Continue into North Macedonia and the town of Ohrid, situated on the east shore of Lake Ohrid. This Unesco world heritage site is known as the 'Macedonian Jerusalem' due to its large number of churches. Afternoon tour including St Sophia Cathedral, the oldest cathedral in North Macedonia; the Church of St Clement at Plaosnik, where the first university in Europe was founded; and the Gallery of Icons, which has the largest collection of icons in the world. Stay at the **Hotel Royal View** for 1 night. (B)

Day 4: Korça

Morning visit to the Monastery of St Naum. Its position on a rocky overhang provides excellent views across the lake. Cross the border back into Albania and continue south to Korça, historically an important trade town. Visit the Museum of Medieval Arts, which displays more than 150 icons, and the Mirahor mosque, which is the oldest mosque in Albania. Stay at the **Regency Hotel** for 1 night. (B)

Day 5: Gjirokastrë

See the Tumulus of Kamenica, the largest ancient burial mound to be excavated in the Balkans. Continue to Gjirokastrë, the birthplace of Enver Hoxha, the former leader of Albania. Visit his house museum and also view the city's fortress. Perched high above the town, it is one of the largest castles in the Balkans and formerly a political prison. Overnight at **Argjiro Hotel**. (B)

Day 6: Saranda • Butrint

Drive through scenic mountains to the coastal resort of Saranda, via the monastery of Mesopotam. Late morning tour of the Unesco world heritage site of Butrint. Explore the extensive ruins of this Graeco-Roman town and view the third century BC theatre, bath houses and baptistry. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Brilant**. (B)

Day 7: Vlora

Travel to Vlora, a seaport and the gateway to Italy. En route, visit the Ali Pasha castle at Porto Palermo. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Vlora International / Partner Hotel**. (B)

Day 8: Apollonia • Berat

Morning tour of the Greek and Roman ruins at Apollonia, an important trading port for the Roman empire until the third century AD. Drive to Berat and visit the Onufri Museum of Icons, the King's Mosque and the castle, which has the remains of 42 churches within its walls. Stay overnight at the **Mangalemi Hotel** (or similar). (B)



Saranda, Albania

Day 9: Ardenica • Durrës • Tirana • Fly to London

Morning drive to view the Ardenica monastery with its exquisite frescoes. Continue to Durrës to explore the largest amphitheatre in the Balkans and the accompanying Archaeological Museum. Return to Tirana to tour the Bektashi World Centre and the art gallery in the prime minister's office. Remainder of the day is at leisure. Transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

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

Extension

Tour + Montenegro

3 days & 2 nights from £495
Tour code: ALEMON

Situated between Croatia and Albania, Montenegro is home to some of the Adriatic's most picturesque scenery, with coastal fjords and walled medieval towns. Stay 2 nights in the coastal resort of Budva and take an optional visit to the Unesco-protected town of Kotor.

Day 9: Budva

Travel from Durrës to Budva in Montenegro and stay 2 nights at the **Grand Avala Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Budva / Kotor

Optional morning city tour, including the old

town. Optional afternoon tour of the Unesco world heritage town of Kotor, one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the Adriatic. View the ancient city walls, the Cathedral of St Tryphon and Church of St Nicholas. (B)

Day 11: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Early afternoon transfer to Dubrovnik airport and fly to London with British Airways. (B)

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 2020

Tour code: ALE

Group tour

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

High season from £1,175
Guide price months: May – Jun

Single supplement from £0 (25 Sep 2020)

Private travel

From £2,010
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £170

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

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £55 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
01 May 20	09 May 20	19 Jun 20	27 Jun 20	*25 Sep 20	03 Oct 20
05 Jun 20	13 Jun 20	11 Sep 20	19 Sep 20		

Albania & North Macedonia: Cradle of the Balkans

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Standard

Expert-led group tour • From £1,695 (incl. flights)

Archaeology • Architecture • Art • History

Arts & Culture

Tour overview

Travel to Albania and North Macedonia with expert Dr William Taylor to discover a rich variety of archaeological and historical sites, along with spectacular mountain scenery. This tour explores the wonderful Ottoman museum cities of Berat and Gjirokastër, the impressive Roman ruins at Butrint and Apollonia, historic mosques, as well as Byzantine and Orthodox churches. Access to sites not normally open to the general public and meetings with senior clerics will also be arranged.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Special access to the King's Mosque & Halveti Tekke in Berat
- ❖ Explore the Unesco world heritage sites of Butrint & Lake Ohrid
- ❖ Admire Byzantine & Orthodox churches, superb Ottoman architecture & spectacular mountain scenery

Expert lecturers

Dr William Taylor is an Anglican priest, chairman of the Anglican and Eastern Churches Association, and a writer and broadcaster on the Islamic world and the Orthodox churches. He has worked and lived in Jordan, Cairo and Turkey, and travelled and lectured in the Middle East and Central Asia.



Area map



Amphitheatre, Butrint, Albania

Day 1: Fly to Tirana • Durrës

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Tirana with British Airways. Transfer to Durrës, founded in 627BC and one of Albania's oldest towns. Tour of Durrës, including the largest amphitheatre in the Balkans. Welcome dinner and stay overnight at **Hotel Arvi** (or similar). (D)

Day 2: Berat • Vlorë

Drive to Berat and visit the Museum of Icons and the castle, which contains the remnants of 42 churches within its walls. Special access to the King's Mosque and adjacent Halveti Tekke, containing some excellent Ottoman paintings, has also been arranged. In the afternoon, explore the Graeco-Roman ruins of Apollonia, an important trading port for the Roman empire until the third century AD. Continue to Vlorë and stay overnight at the **Palace Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 3: Saranda • Butrint

Morning drive through the mountains and along deserted stretches of coastline to the resort town of Saranda. Afternoon tour of the Unesco world heritage site of Butrint. Explore the ruins of this Graeco-Roman town on the shores of Lake Butrint and view the third-century BC theatre, bath houses and the remains of the largest baptistry in the Balkans. Stay overnight at the **Bougainville Bay Resort** (or similar) in Saranda. (B, D)

Day 4: Gjirokastër

Drive to Gjirokastër, stopping en route at St Nicholas' monastery and the church of Labova, one of Albania's oldest and best-preserved Orthodox churches, dating from the sixth century. In Gjirokastër, see the birthplace of Enver Hoxha and Zekate House (or similar), an example of Ottoman-style architecture. Stay at the **Hotel Argjiro** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 5: Korça

This morning, travel through mountainous landscapes to Korça, historically an important trade town. Continue to the Mirahori mosque, one of the oldest mosques in Albania. Stay at the **Regency Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 6: Lake Ohrid

Visit the Museum of Medieval Arts, which displays more than 150 icons, then drive to Voskopojë, stopping en route to see the Shen Kolli (St Nicholas) church, which contains some of the best-preserved 18th-century ecclesiastical art in the Balkans. Drive to Ohrid in North Macedonia, via the monastery of St Naum. Its position on a rocky overhang provides excellent views over Lake Ohrid and Ohrid itself, listed by Unesco as natural and cultural world heritage sites. Stay at the **Hotel Royal View** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Ohrid

Morning tour of the town known as the 'Macedonian Jerusalem' due to its large number of churches. See St Sophia cathedral, the oldest cathedral in North Macedonia; the church of St Clement at Plaoshnik; and the Gallery of Icons. Also visit the National Museum, housing works of art dating from 1863; Samuil's Fortress; and the antique theatre, the oldest such building in North Macedonia. Afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

Day 8: Tirana

Travel to Elbasan to see the Ottoman fort. Continue to Tirana for an afternoon tour of the Albanian capital, including visits to the National Museum, the mosque, the main square and its clock tower. End the day with a visit to the Bektashi World Centre to learn about this Islamic Sufi order. Stay at the **Hotel Collesseo** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)



Church of St John, Lake Ohrid, Macedonia

Day 9: Kruja • Fly to London

Morning visit to Kruja, visiting the fortress of Kruja, the Skanderbeg Museum, ethnographic museum, and the old bazaar. Lunch in Kruja, then return to Tirana for free time before transferring to the airport for a flight to London. (B, L)

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

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.

Standard: This tour is based in 3- and 4-star accommodation. Outside Tirana, facilities should be regarded as tourist class. 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. 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 2020-21

Tour code: AAM

27 Mar 20 – 04 Apr 20	with Dr William Taylor	from £1,695	single supp from £185
11 Sep 20 – 19 Sep 20	with Dr William Taylor	from £1,695	single supp from £185
12 Mar 21 – 20 Mar 21	with Dr William Taylor	from £1,695	single supp from £185

British Airways flight upgrades
Club Europe from £420 return

Regional air connections
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Discover Kosovo & North Macedonia

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,295 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £2,340 (incl. flights)

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- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – maximum 26 people
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Portage at airports & stations

Weather

Skopje

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	3	6	11	16	21	25	27	28	24	17	10	5
B	-4	-3	0	4	9	12	13	13	10	5	1	-3
C	47	44	48	52	68	59	45	40	46	51	68	60

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Painted Mosque, Tetovo

The two small countries of North Macedonia and Kosovo remain relatively undiscovered, but they have a lot to offer travellers willing to explore them. North Macedonia is an ancient land offering a heady mix of Greek, Roman and Ottoman heritage, while Kosovo is a proud new nation recently reborn from war, with spectacular mountain scenery, attractive old towns and a gritty capital city with a buzzing cafe scene.

Finish the day with a welcome dinner in a traditional Macedonian restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Skopje • Ohrid

Morning cable car ride to the Millennium Cross in the Vodno mountains, offering wonderful views cross the capital. Continue to Matka Canyon just beyond the city limits. Here, enjoy a boat ride and visit to the Vrelo cave complex. Depart for Ohrid, stopping en route at the Painted Mosque in Tetovo, which dates back to 1438. Transfer to the **Hotel Royal View** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 4: Lake Ohrid

Morning tour of Ohrid, a Unesco-protected town known as a cultural, artistic and education centre of the Slavic world. Visit the Church of St John at Kaneo and the old bazaar. After lunch, continue to the Bay of Bones, an underwater archaeological museum. Return to Skopje for 1 night at **Hotel Solun**. (B)

Day 5: Pristina, Kosovo

Cross the border into Kosovo and visit the Gadime Cave, known for its marble walls. Continue to the Gracanica Orthodox Monastery before arriving in the capital, Pristina. Afternoon tour including visits to the New Born Monument, National Library and Faith Mosque. Stay at the **Hotel Sirius** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 6: Rural Kosovo • Prizren

Travel through rural Kosovo, visiting the Patriarchate of Peja, a three-church complex with beautiful frescos, and Decani, the largest medieval church in the Balkans. Lunch and wine tasting at Bodrumi i Vjeter. Transfer to Prizren, Kosovo's second city,

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ **Enjoy a traditional Macedonian dinner in Skopje old town**
- ❖ **Visit the dazzling Painted Mosque of Tetovo**
- ❖ **Wine tasting at Kosovo's oldest winery**

Day 1: Fly to Skopje, North Macedonia

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Skopje with Austrian Airways via Vienna. Transfer to the **Hotel Solun** (or similar) in the heart of the North Macedonian capital for a 2-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Skopje

Full-day tour of Skopje. Visit the old station, the Museum of Macedonian Struggle and the Memorial House of Mother Teresa. Continue to Macedonia Square with its enormous stature to Alexander the Great and the ottoman-era Stone Bridge. After lunch, continue to the old Bazaar, Kale fortress and Daut Pasha Hamman.



Prizren

and stay at the **Classic Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 7: Prizren

Walking tour of Prizren, taking in the Sinan Pasha Mosque, Our Ladies of Ljevis Church, the stone bridge and the Museum of the League of Prizren, dedicated to the heroes of Kosovan liberation. Afternoon is free to enjoy the charming cobbled old town. (B)

Day 8: Kamnik Winery • Skopje

Return to Skopje via the Chateau Kamnik Winery for a tasting and lunch. Time at leisure in Skopje. (B, L)

Day 9: 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.

Extensions

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available, please enquire for details.

Important information

Direct flights: Low cost airlines including Wizz Air offer direct flights from across the UK to

Skopje. Please speak to your travel consultant if you would prefer to use this option.

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

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 2020

Tour code: DMK

Group tour

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

High season from £1,325
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £470

Private travel

From £2,340
Guide price months: May – Sep

Single supplement from £470

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

Austrian Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £345 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
16 May 20	24 May 20	13 Jun 20	21 Jun 20	05 Sep 20	13 Sep 20	19 Sep 20	27 Sep 20

Discover Greece

Athens & Attica

Abundant historical sites & museums

The birthplace of democracy and western civilisation, classical Athens was a great city, where the arts, philosophy and learning flourished. With the many ancient monuments and art works from this era still evident in the city today, such as the Acropolis and the Parthenon, and with over 50 museums, including the New Acropolis Museum and the National Historical Museum, Athens has much to offer history enthusiasts.

For people wishing to explore beyond the city there are further historical sites within the surrounding region of Attica. On the eastern coast is the ancient site of Brauron, once a sacred place dedicated to the ancient Greek deity Artemis and rarely visited by tourists today. The battlefield of Marathon can easily be reached, the scene of one of the first clashes between the Greek states and the Persian empire in 490BC. In the south of Attica lies the Temple of Poseidon, which has an impressive backdrop against the Aegean Sea. Only 30 minutes away from Athens by public transport stretches the coastline and numerous beaches, often visited at weekends by Athenians.



Sanctuary of Athena Pronaia, Delphi

Stereia Ellas

Delphi & the Temple of Apollo • Battle sites

The principal attraction of Sterea Ellas, the central region of Greece, is the site of Delphi. Located on the slopes of Mount Parnassus, Delphi was visited for over 2,000 years for the worship of the god Apollo. Mount Parnassus itself is also a popular winter sports location. A further attraction in the region is Thebes, which was a thriving Greek city until its destruction by Philip II of Macedonia.

There are several key battle sites within the region: the battle of Thermopylae in 480BC against the second Persian invasion took place close to the city of Lamia in the south of the region, while the picturesque town of Nafpaktos was the scene of the naval battle of Lepanto in 1571 between the Ottoman empire and the Holy League.



The Peloponnese

Ruins of Epidauros • Archaeological site of Mycenae • Olympia, site of the first Olympic Games

The Peloponnese is a peninsula in the very south of Greece. Today, it is in fact an island since the construction of the Corinth Canal in 1893. Here you can visit the ruins of Epidauros, a celebrated healing centre in the classical world and also renowned for its theatre, which has exceptional acoustics. There is also the archaeological site of Mycenae, with its beehive tombs and ruins of the palace of King Agamemnon. On the western coast is the site of Olympia, a sacred place dedicated to the god Zeus. The Olympic Games originated here in honour of Zeus and a gigantic statue of him was also built here, once one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Other historical attractions to explore include Argos, Tiryns and the ruins of the city of Corinth, where St Paul the Apostle lived.



Plaka, Athens



Ruins of ancient Pella, Macedonia



The hanging monasteries of Meteora, Thessaly

Macedonia & Thrace

The ruins of Pella • Tombs of the Royal Kings at Vergina
• Scenic coastline along the Halkidiki peninsula

Not to be confused with the country bearing the same name, the regions of Macedonia and Thrace are located in the far north of Greece. Visitors to the area should explore the ruins of Pella, located close to the city of Veria and once the royal capital of Macedonia. Stop off in the town of Vergina to see the Tombs of the Royal Kings, including the tomb of Philip II, Alexander the Great's father, and the ruins of the theatre that was the scene of his assassination.

One of the best archaeological museums in Greece is located in Thessaloniki and contains an excellent collection of mosaics and golden bracelets. Thessaloniki is an excellent point from which to continue to the Halkidiki peninsula and some of Greece's most scenic coastline. Further south is Mount Olympus, home of Zeus and the ancient gods.

Thessaly

Picturesque countryside • The hanging monasteries of Meteora

Known as the bread basket of Greece, the plains of Thessaly produce much of the food and wine for the country and for exportation. The main products are silk and wheat while apples, olives, peaches and many other fruits are also grown here.

The Meteora (meaning 'suspended in the air') are the principal cultural attraction in this region. These are a series of monasteries perched high on rocky outcrops. Built in the 14th to 16th centuries as refuges against invaders, the churches contain Byzantine frescoes. The monasteries are still in use today and visiting them depends on religious days. We recommend the monasteries of Valaam, St Stephen and Megalo Meteoro as three of the best to visit. The town of Kalambaka lies at the foot of these rocks and is an excellent point from which to explore the area.

A suggested itinerary...

Highlights of Greece

7 days & 6 nights from £1,090
Category • Standard

This self-drive itinerary visits some of the most remarkable cultural attractions on mainland Greece. Begin in Athens and continue to visit the archaeological sites of Epidauros, Delphi and Olympia before continuing to the Meteora monasteries of Kalambaka, perched on immense monolithic pillars.

Day 1: Fly to Athens

Fly to Athens and transfer to the **Amalia Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Epidauros • Mycenae • Nafplio

Collect your hire car (based on group B car rental). Morning drive to the ancient theatre of Epidauros, renowned for its exceptional acoustics, via the Corinth Canal. Continue to Mycenae, the seat of King Agamemnon. Explore the ruined city and its excellent

museum. Stay overnight at the **Amalia Nafplio** (or similar). (B)

Day 3: Olympia

Today, depart for Olympia, the birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games, through the beautiful scenery of Peloponnese. Visit the archaeological site and the museum of Olympia. Stay overnight at the **Amalia Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 4: Delphi

Drive through the plains of Ilia and Achaia towards Delphi, located on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. Visit the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Treasury of the Athenians and the Delphi Museum, which houses valuable pieces of art such as the renowned bronze statue of a charioteer. Stay for 1 night at the **Amalia Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Kalambaka

Drive to Kalambaka, passing through the picturesque villages and towns of central Greece. Visit the breathtaking monasteries of Meteora, perched on huge granite rocks. Each monastery contains priceless historical and religious treasures. Stay overnight at the

Amalia Hotel (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Thermopylae • Athens

Drive to Athens via Thermopylae to view the monument to Leonidas and the bravery of 300 Spartans at the Battle of Thermopylae. Stay overnight at the **Amalia Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Morning at leisure. Transfer to Athens airport and return your car hire in time for your flight home. (B)

Guideline Prices

4-star package from: £1,265 (incl. flights)
3-star package from: £1,090 (incl. flights)

Tour code: HGG

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The Heart of Ancient Greece

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Group tour • From £2,525 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £6,190 (incl. flights)



This group tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights with Aegean Air
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – maximum 26 people
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather
Athens

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	12	13	15	19	24	29	32	31	28	22	18	14
B	5	6	7	10	14	19	21	21	18	14	10	7
C	63	54	50	31	23	12	6	6	13	55	64	80

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

Area map



Acropolis, Athens

Considered the birthplace of western civilisation, Greece's influence still resonates today in the fields of architecture, science, engineering and philosophy. Incorporating the classical sites of Olympia, Delphi, Mycenae and Epidauros, this tour also visits the extraordinary rock formations of the Meteora region and the man-made marvels of the Corinth Canal.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Wine tasting in Nafplion
- ❖ Visit the little-known medieval town of Monemvasia
- ❖ Olive oil museum & 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 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 • Epidauros

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 Epidauros 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)

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



Meteora monasteries

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 valley of Tempi. 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.

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 2020

Tour code: GRD

Group tour

Low season from £2,525
Guide price months: Apr, May, Jul & Sep

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

Single supplement from £645

Private travel

Low season from £6,190
Guide price months: Apr, May & Jul

High season from £6,290
Guide price months: Jun & Sep

Single supplement from £645

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

Aegean Air flight upgrades

Business Class from £675 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
17 Apr 20	27 Apr 20	15 May 20	25 May 20	10 Jul 20	20 Jul 20	11 Sep 20	21 Sep 20
01 May 20	11 May 20	05 Jun 20	15 Jun 20	04 Sep 20	14 Sep 20	25 Sep 20	05 Oct 20

The Wonders of Ancient Crete

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,575 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,990 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 14 people (max 26)
- ❖ No single supplement departure*
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

**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)

Area map



Spinalonga

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.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ **Beekeeping experience & honey tasting**
- ❖ **Visits to the archaeological sites of Knossos & Eleftherna**
- ❖ **Wine tasting with traditional Cretan lunch**
- ❖ **Boat trip to the isle of Spinalonga, once home to a leper colony**

Day 1: Fly to Heraklion • Rethymno

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Heraklion with British Airways. Transfer to **The Artemis Palace** in Rethymno (or similar) for 3 nights. Welcome drink. (N)

Day 2: Aptera • Chania

Morning visit to the ancient site of Aptera and meet a beekeeper for an introduction to

beehives and their cultivation. Continue to the town of Chania with its Venetian harbour. Also make a poignant visit to the Allied Cemetery, containing second world war burials. (B)

Day 3: Arkadi • Eleftherna • Rethymno

This morning, visit the fortified monastery of Arkadi. Near Eleftherna, visit the MAE museum with its impressive collection of artefacts from Greece, Cyprus and Egypt. Continue to Rethymno for a guided city walk. (B)

Day 4: Phaestos • Matala • Heraklion

Drive across the island to the Messara plain and visit Phaestos, the second Minoan palace. Continue to Matala, a pretty seaside town, and enjoy a swim or relax on the beach. Drive to Heraklion, stopping en route at the archaeological site of Gortys. Stay 4 nights at the **Aquila Atlantis Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Knossos • Wine tasting

Morning drive to the ancient Minoan Palace of Knossos, the centre of Europe's first civilisation. According to myth, it was home to King Minos and site of the legend of Theseus slaying the Minotaur in the labyrinth. Then drive into the 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

Morning visit to the Church of Panagia Kera to view the finest Byzantine frescoes in



Chania, Crete

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)

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.

Extensions

Tour + Santorini

4 days & 3 nights from £865
Extension starts on day 8 of tour

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
Extension starts on day 8 of tour

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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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: CRH

Group tour

Low season from £1,575
Guide price month: Jun

High season from £1,675
Guide price months: May, Sep – Oct

Single supplement from £0 (16 Oct 2020)

Private travel

From £3,990
Guide price months: May – Oct

Single supplement from £275

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

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £245 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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12 Jun 20	19 Jun 20	18 Sep 20	25 Sep 20	*16 Oct 20	23 Oct 20

The Secret Cyclades: Serifos, Syros & Tinos

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights

Category • Standard

Private tour • From £1,240 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

This island-hopping tour explore three of Greece's lesser known Cyclades islands: Serifos, Syros and Tinos. Enjoy some time in Athens before moving on to spend a couple of days on each of these tranquil islands, which are a far cry from the crowds of Mykonos and Santorini.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ All transfers, including ferries
- ❖ 10 breakfasts
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking local representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Explore three smaller, lesser-known Greek islands
- ❖ Stay in pretty, boutique accommodation on each island
- ❖ Time at leisure to explore historic old towns

Area map



Ermoupoli, Syros

Day 1: Athens

Fly to Athens with Aegean Air. Transfer to the **Pythagorion Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. Time at leisure to enjoy the Greek capital. (N)

Day 2: Athens • Serifos

Transfer to the port of Piraeus, for the 2.5-hour crossing to Serifos in the western Cyclades. Transfer to the **Dorkas Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. Free time to explore the local town of Livádion. (B)

Day 3: Serifos

Full day to explore Serifos, an island of raw, rugged beauty, steep mountains and broad bays. Be sure to take a ride up to Hora, the island's 'capital', a maze of twisting streets with a neoclassical town hall and a blue-domed church. (B)

Day 4: Serifos • Syros

Morning transfer to the port and a 4-hour ferry crossing to Syros. Check in to the **Brazzera Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights, a simple but utterly charming property right on the beach. (B)

Days 5 & 6: Syros

Two full days to enjoy Syros at leisure. Despite its size, Syros is the most populated Cyclades island and the administrative centre of the region. The main town, Ermoupoli, is a maze of pink and white buildings, tumbling down the hillside and is well worth exploring. (B)

Day 7: Syros • Tinos

Transfer and ferry to Tinos, a journey of just 30 minutes. Stay for 3 nights at the **Anthea Boutique Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Days 8 & 9: Tinos

Explore Tinos, known for its Orthodox

pilgrimage site, the Church of the Annunciation, in the port and main town (also known as Hora). Outside the town, the island is a patchwork of 40 marble-ornamented villages found in hidden bays and terraced hillsides. (B)

Day 10: Tinos • Athens

Return to Athens via a 4-hour crossing to Rafina Port, then transfer to the **Pythagorion Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. Free time to enjoy a meal in the Plaka neighbourhood, surrounding the Acropolis. (B)

Day 11: Fly home

Transfer to Athens airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: SSJ

Low season from £1,240
Guide price months: May – Oct

High season from £1,540
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

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

Paros & Naxos: Jewels of the Cyclades

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,290 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

The Cyclades islands have attracted visitors for centuries due to their picturesque ports, coastal scenery and mountain vistas. This private tour visits Athens and the idyllic islands of Paros and Naxos, staying for two nights on each. Transfers and ferry tickets are included.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ All transfers, including ferries
- ❖ 7 breakfasts
- ❖ The support (if required) of an English-speaking local representative
- ❖ Local guides & entrance fees where applicable

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in authentic, locally-owned hotels on the islands
- ❖ Free time to enjoy Naxos & Paros at leisure
- ❖ Optional upgrade to Acropolis view room in Athens

Area map



Paros

Day 1: Fly to Athens

Fly to Athens with Aegean Air. Transfer to the **Electra Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. Free time to enjoy the Greek capital or have a cocktail on the roof overlooking the Acropolis. (N)

Day 2: Athens

A full day at leisure to explore Athens. A visit to the Acropolis is a must for any first-time visitor, as is the Acropolis Museum. In the evening, enjoy dinner in the pretty Plaka neighbourhood. (B)

Day 3: Athens • Paros

Morning transfer to the port and a 3-hour fast ferry transfer to Paros. Stay at the **Narges Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Paros

Paros is a mix of traditional Cycladic architecture, lively nightlife, long beaches, and enchanting rural villages. With relatively fewer visitors, the island is ideal for both exploring and for somewhere beautiful to simply relax. (B)

Day 5: Paros • Naxos

Transfer to Naxos, a journey of just 30 minutes. Continue to the **Cycladic Islands Hotel & Spa** (or similar), for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6: Naxos

Naxos is the largest of the Cyclades islands. Its main town of Hora has a pretty waterfront and a web of steep cobble streets below its hilltop castle and fortified Venetian mansions – testament to three centuries of Venetian

rule. Today is at leisure to explore the town or head to one of the many isolated beaches or mountain villages inland. (B)

Day 7: Naxos • Athens

Transfer to the harbour and take the ferry to Athens, a beautiful 5-hour journey across the Aegean. Continue to the **Electra Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. Free evening in Athens. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Athens airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: SSN

Low season from £1,290
Guide price months: May & Sep

High season from £1,640
Guide price months: Jul – Sep

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

Discover Turkey

Istanbul

Melting pot of Asian and European culture • Imperial architecture & bustling bazaars • Cruise the Bosphorus

Istanbul, once capital of the great Ottoman Empire, enjoyed more than four centuries of imperial patronage, which created one of the most famous skylines in the world. Its mosques, minarets, palaces and jumble of streets and houses rise above the sparkling waters of the Bosphorus Strait.

Many of Istanbul's sites are concentrated in the ancient Sultanahmet district, the historical and cultural centre of the city. View the hippodrome, the stadium of ancient Byzantium, which once held 100,000 spectators. The Blue Mosque sits nextdoor and owes its name to the exquisite tiles adorning its interior. Dating from the 17th century, it is the only imperial mosque with six minarets. Opposite is the Unesco-listed Basilica of St Sophia, or the Hagia Sofia; built by Emperor Justinian in the sixth century AD, its enormous dome dominates the skyline.

Beyond these architectural gems, join in the hustle and bustle of the streets and lose yourself amid the many stalls of the Grand Bazaar and Spice Bazaar. For an unforgettable view of the city, board a Bosphorus cruise and marvel at the Ottoman palaces which line the shores.



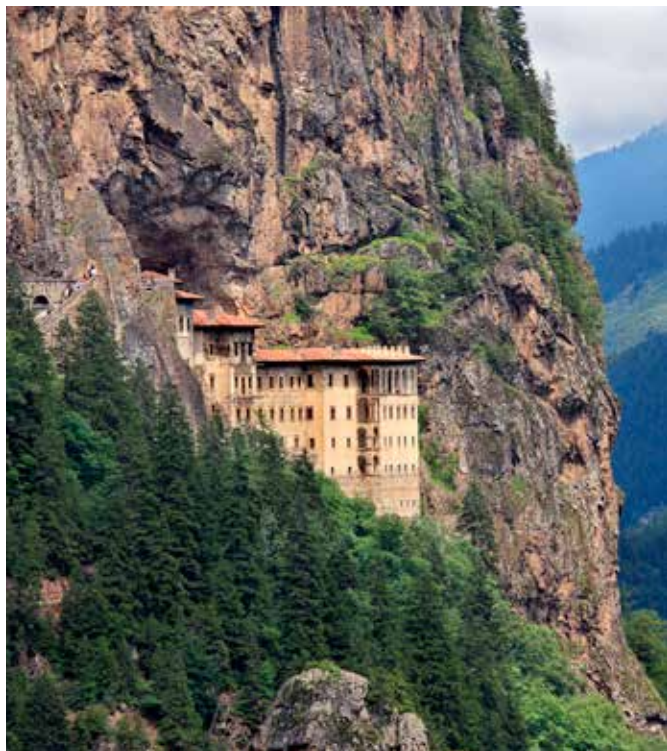
Lamps on the Grand Bazaar, Istanbul



Turkish coffee, Istanbul



Blue Mosque, Istanbul



Sümla Monastery, Trabzon

The Black Sea Coast

Pontic rock tombs of Safranbolu • Magnificent Sümla Monastery • Tea Plantations

One of Turkey's emerging destinations, the Black Sea region combines temperate rainforests and tea plantations with walled coastal towns. The Sümla Monastery is located close to the port city of Trabzon, set high on a cliff face on the side of Mount Mela, offering commanding views of the surrounding countryside. The exterior frescoes have survived the harsh elements and are some of the best in Turkey. Close to the border with Georgia is the town of Artvin, known for its tea production, which grows well in the region's wet climate. The town of Safranbolu is a Unesco world heritage site due to its many restored Ottoman buildings.



Uchisar castle, Cappadocia

Cappadocia & Central Anatolia

Unusual rock formations • Stay in a cave hotel

The region of Cappadocia combines striking natural beauty and man-made marvels. Known as 'fairy chimneys', the region's rock formations were formed from volcanic rock that has been eroded by the elements over millions of years. Due to its isolated location and easily carved rock, early Christian settlers built many underground cities and rock churches in the region, which contain vivid and colourful frescoes. The Göreme National Park offers perhaps the best examples of these. The Unesco-listed ruins of the Hittite capital of Hattusa, near the small town of Bogazkale, date back to the Bronze Age. Rivals to the great pharaohs of Egypt, the Hittites founded the city in 1600BC. The ruins and the vast number of clay and bronze tablets depicting everyday life which were discovered in the city offer archaeologists a fascinating insight into this lost civilisation.



Ancient ruins of Troy

The Aegean Coast

Ancient ruins of Troy, Ephesus, Pergamon & Aphrodisias • Travertine terraces of Pamukkale • Beach resorts

The Aegean coast has a 5,000-year history that is unsurpassed. In the north, discover the archaeological site of Troy, where the Trojan War was fought and the setting for Homer's *Iliad*. Further south are the ruins of the Roman capital of Asia Minor, Ephesus, once the second largest city in the empire with more than 250,000 inhabitants. View the Library of Celsus, which once held around 12,000 scrolls in niches around its walls.

Apart from these two major sites, visit the coastal city of Bodrum, once home to the Halicarnassus mausoleum, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and also home to an excellent crusader castle. Further inland are the Roman ruins of Pergamon, Aphrodisias and Hierapolis, as well as the white terraces and hot springs at Pamukkale.

It is possible to stay on the coast and visit these sites on day trips, combining a beach break with cultural attractions. Stay in the chic resort town of Alaçatı, with its selection of boutique hotels and world-class restaurants.

Classical Turkey

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,245 (incl. flights)

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

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extension, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 18 people (max 24)
- ❖ Flights with Turkish Airlines
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guide throughout
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

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)

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C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Istanbul, Turkey

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.

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 to have survived from the ancient world. Drive on to Sirince, the village boasts its authentic Greco-Mediterranean architecture of narrow cobbled streets and whitewashed

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit the shop where Turkish delight was invented
- ❖ Turkish coffee tasting experience
- ❖ Wine tasting in historic 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 could accommodate 100,000 spectators. Afternoon visit to the Basilica Cistern, a marvel of



Library of Celsus, Ephesus

houses, enjoy wine tasting at a local vineyard nearby. 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.

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 consultant for further details.

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 2020

Tour code: CLT

Group tour

Low season from £1,245

Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,325

Guide price months: Apr – Sep

Single supplement from £365

Private travel

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.

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 current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
11 Apr 20	19 Apr 20	06 Jun 20	14 Jun 20	19 Sep 20	27 Sep 20
16 May 20	24 May 20	05 Sep 20	13 Sep 20	03 Oct 20	11 Oct 20

Black Sea Turkey & Georgia

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights
Category • Standard

Group tour • From £1,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,190 (incl. flights)



This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – maximum 18 people
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Abanotubani and Narikala Fortress, Tbilisi, Georgia

Weather

Tbilisi

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	5	6	11	18	23	27	30	29	25	18	12	7
B	-3	-2	2	7	11	15	18	17	14	8	3	-1
C	23	29	36	58	89	89	57	53	42	43	37	26

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Area map



Follow in the footsteps of Silk Road traders on this exciting journey across Turkey and Georgia. The Trabzon province of north-east Turkey contrasts with the usual perception of this vast country, with its lush pine forests and ancient hilltop castles, and combines perfectly with Georgia, famed for its ancient Christian monasteries and wine-growing culture dating back millennia.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit the dramatic Sümela Monastery
- ❖ Enjoy locally grown tea on the remote Demirkapi plateau
- ❖ Visit a painting exhibition in an art nouveau former movie theatre
- ❖ Wine tasting in Sighnaghi

Day 1: Fly to Trabzon via Istanbul

Fly from London to Trabzon, via Istanbul, with Turkish Airlines. Transfer to the **Zagnospasa Hotel** (or similar) on Turkey's Black Sea coast for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Trabzon • Uzungol

Drive along the beautiful wooded coastline of the Black Sea to the ancient port city of Trabzon, which dates back to at least 746BC. Visit the 12th-century Hagia Sophia, originally built as a church, then used as a mosque and

later a hospital. Continue to Ataturk's Mansion. After some time at leisure, transfer to Uzungol via the Sümela Monastery, built on a cliff face 1,500 years ago. Stay at the **Royal Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 3: Demirkapi • Aygir Lake

The Demirkapi plateau sits at an altitude of 1,900 metres, between the steep slopes of the Haldizen valley. Over the centuries it has developed its own local culture and cuisine. Take a short walk through the village of old wooden houses and visit a local for tea and a potoato dish prepared in a special oven. Stop at Aygir Lake, a glacier lake so deep that its waters appear almost black in colour. (B, D)

Day 4: Rize • Çamlıhemşin • Ayder

Visit Turkey's tea-growing region near Rize, to see the plantations and visit a factory. Continue to Çamlıhemşin, set in a steep valley famous for its waterfalls. Visit a trout farm on the creek. Continue to Gelintülü waterfall and take an optional easy walk to Avusor plateau. Drive to Ayder and stay at the **Kackar Resort** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 5: Zilkale • Karagöl • Hopa

Drive to Zilkale, a medieval castle in the Firtina valley. Continue to Borçka Karagöl, which has a temperate rainforest ecosystem, with beautiful views across the lake. Continue to Hopa, and stay at the **Paluri Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 6: Batumi • Tbilisi

Transfer to the Georgian border. Cross and meet the new guide. Continue to Batumi,



Sümela Monastery

a historical maritime city on the Black Sea. Walking tour of the old town, taking in 19th-century mansions and parks. Continue to Tbilisi by train, transfer to the **Astoria Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B)

Day 7: Tbilisi

Morning tour of the Georgian capital including the old town with its wooden houses, orthodox churches, mosques and bath houses. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Signaghi

Full-day excursion to Signaghi, a hilltop town and the centre of Georgia's wine-growing region. Learn about the history of the region's viticulture, followed by dinner, with a hands-on cooking experience using local ingredients. (B, L)

Day 9: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London via Istanbul with Turkish Airlines. (B)

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

Extensions

Tour + Armenia

4 days & 3 nights
(Prices available on request)

Extended your stay in the Caucasus region with a 4-day tour to Armenia, based in Yerevan. Visit Garni and Geghard Monasteries and Khor Virap. Private airport transfers are included.

Tour + Istanbul

3 days & 2 nights
(Prices available on request)

Stopover in Istanbul staying in a centrally located luxury hotel with private tours of the ancient Sultanahmet, Grand Bazaar and Topkapi Palace. Private airport transfers are included.

Important information

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

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 2020

Tour code: ETG

Group tour

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

High season from £1,995
Guide price months: Apr – Sep

Single supplement from £525

Private travel

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

Single supplement from £525

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

Turkish Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £665 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
18 Apr 20	26 Apr 20	27 Jun 20	05 Jul 20	12 Sep 20	20 Sep 20	26 Sep 20	04 Oct 20
16 May 20	24 May 20						

Istanbul Exclusive Short Breaks

Short break inclusions

Per person prices include international flights; return private car transfers; and accommodation, including breakfast.

Flights

Flights are from the following airports:

- London Heathrow: British Airways & Turkish Airlines
- London Gatwick: Turkish Airlines
- London Stansted: Pegasus Airlines (to Sabiha Gökçen International Airport)
- Manchester, Birmingham or Edinburgh: Turkish Airlines

Additional regional flights are available via Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Munich with Air France, KLM and Lufthansa.

Please speak to a travel consultant for further details and a personalised quote, or additional hotel options, on 020 3411 2135.

Alternatively, visit our website: CoxandKings.co.uk/short-breaks

Weather

Istanbul

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Blue Mosque, Istanbul

Excursions included in all our Exclusive Short Breaks

Istanbul

Half-day city tour including Hagia Sophia

Tour the city's most iconic sites including the Blue Mosque with its exquisite tiles and six minarets, the hippodrome and the Grand Bazaar. Finish at the Hagia Sophia, built as a Christian cathedral in 537 before being converted to a mosque in 1453. This awe-inspiring building now stands as a museum and a symbol of all faiths that make up this cosmopolitan city.



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

This is a selection of our recommended accommodation. Please see our website for more options.



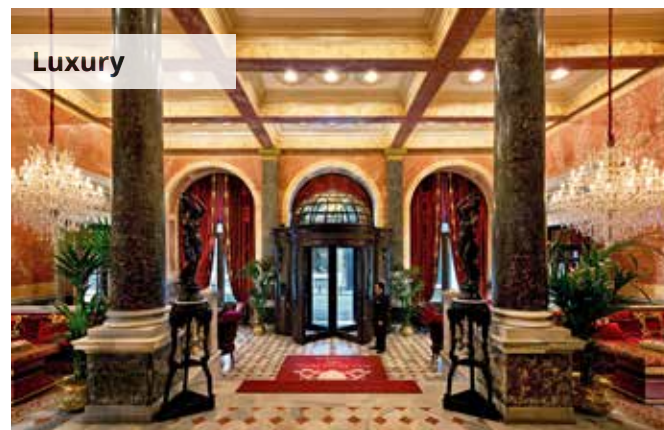
Exceptional

Four Seasons Istanbul at Sultanahmet **4 days & 3 nights from £775**

Located in the very heart of the city, the Four Seasons Istanbul building was once a late-Ottoman era penitentiary. Just steps from the Topkapi Palace and Blue Mosque, the hotel offers iconic views of Hagia Sophia and the Marmara Sea. The rooms and suites are set around an open courtyard, providing an intimate atmosphere amid the bustling old town. Rooms are spacious and finished to an exceptionally high standard, with luxurious bedding and elegant marble bathrooms.

Features:

76 rooms & suites, restaurant, courtyard, lounge & rooftop lounge, health club, access to the pool & spa facilities at the Four Seasons Bosphorus.



Luxury

Pera Palace **4 days & 3 nights from £625**

Built in 1892 to accommodate passengers from the *Orient Express* rail service from Paris, the Pera Palace Hotel is considered one of the finest hotels in Istanbul. It has played host to eminent figures including Kemal Atatürk, Ernest Hemingway and Agatha Christie. The latter is rumoured to have written *Murder on the Orient Express* while staying in room 411. The hotel has been extensively refurbished in a classical style, while retaining original pieces from the pre-restoration period.

Features:

115 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants, extensive spa, lounge & library, terrace bar, gym.



Superior

Vault Karakoy **4 days & 3 nights from £595**

The stylish Vault Karakoy is set in a splendidly restored former bank building in the buzzing Karakoy district. With its marble columns and high ceilings, it offers a serene retreat from the busy metropolis. The hotel is ideally located for exploring the historic Sultanahmet district and is within walking distance of the Galata Tower, the Hagia Sophia and the Sultan Ahmed Mosque. The Kasa Lokanta restaurant serves both Turkish and international cuisine.

Features:

63 rooms, restaurant, bar, spa, gym, sauna, steam rooms, garden, terrace.



Good Standard

Levni Hotel **4 days & 3 nights from £370**

The Levni Hotel is located in the heart of Istanbul's Sultanahmet district, within easy walking distance of the Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and a selection of good restaurants. Rooms are fresh and modern, with upper-floor rooms offering great views across the city towards Galata Tower and the Golden Horn. Facilities include a small spa with a hammam and an indoor swimming pool on the ground floor, as well as a rooftop bar.

Features:

75 rooms & suites, spa, gym, indoor pool, restaurant, bar, terrace.

Discover Malta

Valletta

Unesco-listed city • Founded by the Knights of St John

Valletta, the capital city of Malta, was founded after the epic resistance of the Knights of St John in the Great Siege of 1565 against the Ottoman Turks. The city is centred on two harbours that were heavily damaged during the second world war. Visit the Upper Barrakka Gardens; originally an exercise ground for the knights, the site has been a public garden since the 18th century and has magnificent views of the Grand Harbour. The St John's Co-Cathedral is one of the most important buildings in Malta and contains two masterpieces by Caravaggio. View the Palace of the Grandmasters, the seat of the Maltese parliament, and Casa Rocca Piccola, a former private residence that offers an interesting insight into the privileged lifestyles of the Maltese aristocracy.



Valletta harbour, Valletta

Gozo

Scenic countryside • Ancient religious sites

The island of Gozo, meaning 'joy' in Castilian, is the second-largest island within the Maltese archipelago. Compared to its south-eastern neighbour, Gozo is more rural and known for its scenic hills, which are featured on its coat of arms.

Gozo has long been identified as Ogygia, the domain of the nymph Calypso in Homer's *Odyssey*. Sights include historic locations such as the megalithic temples of Malta, the world's oldest free-standing structures and also the world's oldest religious site; the island's capital Victoria; and the Basilica of Ta' Pinu.

Mдина

The Silent City • Medieval & baroque architecture

Known as the 'Silent City' due to its quiet, narrow streets, which are lamplit by night, and the lack of cars, Mдина retains a timeless atmosphere. Its history dates back more than 4,000 years and, according to tradition, it is here that St Paul the Apostle lived after being shipwrecked on the islands in 60AD. Commanding a magnificent view of Malta, the city maintained a strategic position due to its central location on the highest point on the island and its distance from the sea. Best described by its medieval name – 'Citta Notabile', or the noble city – it has fascinating cultural and religious treasures, including an extraordinary mix of medieval and baroque architecture. It is also one of Europe's finest examples of an ancient walled city.



Gozo

Malta & Gozo in Luxury

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £1,590 (incl. flights)

Set squarely in the centre of the Mediterranean, both Malta and its neighbouring island of Gozo are rich in natural and architectural beauty. Visitors over the centuries have been attracted to the islands' location, subtropical climate, scenic coastline and historic sites. Highlights include crusader fortresses, ornate palaces, ancient temples and enough churches or places of worship for every day of the year.

Day 1: Fly to Valletta

Fly to Valletta and transfer to the historic, 1920s-style **Phoenicia Hotel** just outside the Maltese capital for a 3-night stay. (N)

Days 2-3: Malta

Two full days at leisure. Optional excursions to explore the island's crusader-built capital, Valletta, or visit the Unesco world heritage sites of Tarxien and Hagar Qim. Other tours include wine, olive oil and cheese tasting experiences. (B)

Day 4: Ferry to Gozo

Morning transfer to the port and take the ferry to Malta's second largest island, Gozo. Stay 3 nights at the luxurious **Kempinski San Lawrenz**. The hotel is the perfect place to relax, with 30,000 sq metres of landscaped gardens, three outdoors pools and an award-winning restaurant. (B)

Days 5-6: Gozo

Further two days to explore the island of Gozo. Optional tours include visits to Calypso's Cave, which offers outstanding views; the Ta'Pinu, one of the most beautiful churches in the Maltese islands; and the Ggantija temples. (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Transfer to Valletta airport. Fly to London. (B)

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

Important information

Luxury tour: This tour is based in 5-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: BMG

Low season from £1,590
Guide price months: Apr – May

High season from £1,690
Guide price months: Jul – Sep

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



Valletta

Boutique Valletta

Duration • 5 days & 4 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £1,940 (incl. flights)

NEW
TOUR

One of the world's smallest capital cities, Valletta has seen quite a revival in the last few years. The new Renzo Piano designed City Gate, Parliament Building and Opera House have changed the cityscape and brought it to life, with new hotels, bars and cafes opening on almost every street. Yet this change has been carefully managed and the city still has a wonderful local feel to it.

Day 1: Fly to Valletta

Fly to Valletta and transfer to the **Hotel Rosselli** for a 4-night stay. The hotel is set in a 17th-century mansion in the very heart of the city, formerly owned by a member of the Knights of Malta. (N)

Day 2: Valletta • Dingli

Morning tour of the Maltese capital. Highlights include the Grand Harbour, Barrakka Gardens and St John's Cathedral, home to the Caravaggio masterpiece *The Beheading of St John the Baptist*. Transfer to the village of Dingli. Taken an afternoon tour of the vineyards, followed by wine tasting with local cheese. Return to Valletta. (B)

Days 3-4: Malta

Full days at leisure. Optional excursions to explore the island's crusader-built capital, Valletta, or visit the Unesco world heritage sites of Tarxien and Hagar Qim. Alternatively, take a day trip to the neighbouring islands of Gozo or Comino. (B)

Day 5: Fly home

Transfer to Valletta airport. Fly to London. (B)

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: BVM

Low season from £1,940
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

High season from £2,040
Guide price months: May, Jun, Sep

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



Central Europe



Tailor-made travel • Rail journeys •
Self-drive • Exclusive short breaks

The centre of Europe is dominated by the spectacular mountain scenery of the Alps, stretching from France and covering much of Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia in the east. Aside from the alpine landscapes, central Europe offers an outstanding array of cultural delights.

Switzerland, at the very centre of Europe, is a civilised and cosmopolitan country, home to the best chocolate and the most scenic rail journeys in the world. Neighbouring Austria, formerly the power base of the House of Habsburg, displays a wealth of magnificent architecture, fine art and an incredible literary, scientific and musical heritage. Slovenia is sometimes referred to as 'Europe in Miniature' as it offers everything from soaring mountains and sun-kissed vineyards to beaches on the shores of the Adriatic and an increasingly sophisticated food scene.

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Summers (June to August) are mild in central Europe, especially in the lowlands, while winters (November to February) are significantly colder than the rest of Europe, with snowfall a common occurrence in the mountains.

Zürich, Switzerland

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	2	4	9	13	18	21	23	22	19	13	7	3
B	-3	-1	1	4	8	11	13	12	10	6	2	-1
C	64	63	65	87	110	136	127	134	91	67	76	67

Ljubljana, Slovenia

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	2	5	10	15	20	23	26	25	21	16	8	3
B	-4	-2	1	4	9	12	14	13	11	6	1	-3
C	78	76	94	106	116	152	126	139	127	113	133	96

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

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Image left: Lake Bled, Slovenia

Discover Switzerland



Lake Geneva, Montreux



Lavaux wine region



Bernese Oberland

Lake Geneva & Surrounds

Gastronomic region • Fairy-tale chateaux • Lakeside towns of Geneva & Montreux

Foodies will love this region. From wine tasting in the Unesco-protected Lavaux vineyards and cheese making in Gruyère to the Cailler chocolate factory in Broc. Board the Swiss Chocolate Train departing from Montreux for a taste of Swiss cuisine.

Down by the water's edge, the lakeside is dotted with châteaux, luxurious manor houses and beaches. The medieval Château de Chillon was once home to the Dukes of Savoy. Geneva is situated where the River Rhône leaves Lake Geneva, home to international organisations including the Red Cross and the United Nations. Be sure to visit Montreux, a town in the heart of the Swiss Riviera.

Bernese Oberland

Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau mountains • Superb hiking • Typical Swiss alpine scenery

Impressive mountains, crystal-clear blue lakes, picturesque mountain villages with richly decorated chalets – the Bernese Oberland is one of the most attractive regions in Switzerland. Its traditions are reflected in the many folklore and farming festivals taking place here. The world-famous mountain trio of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau are the crowning glory of the Bernese Oberland. Soaring high above the valley floors, wild waters plummet from their rocky summits, coming to rest when they reach the lakes of Thun and Brienz. With over 500km of marked tracks and trails, the Bernese Oberland is a paradise for walkers, while the traditional alpine villages of Adelboden, Mürren and Brienz provide charming spots to stop along the way.



Castle of Gruyères

Switzerland Family Discovery by Rail

Family Adventure

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,245 (incl. flights)

Soaring mountains and crashing waterfalls, picture-perfect alpine villages and historic lakeside towns, delicious cheeses and celebrated Swiss chocolate – experience it all with your family as you travel through Switzerland. Cross lakes on paddle steamers, and travel up mountains on cogwheel railways and cable cars.

Day 1: Fly to Geneva • Montreux

Fly to Geneva and transfer by rail to Montreux. Stay 3 nights at the **Eden Palace au Lac**. (N)

Day 2: Lausanne

Head to Montreux pier and board a paddle steamer. Cross Lake Geneva to Lausanne, home to the International Olympic Committee. Visit the museum and learn about the history of the Olympic Games. (B)

Day 3: Gruyères

Take the Chocolate Train to Gruyères and Broc. Travel in a vintage 1959 belle époque carriage. Join a tour of the picturesque dairy before heading to the Maison Cailler chocolate factory. (B)

Day 4: Wengen

Board the Golden Pass train for a scenic rail journey to Wengen. Stay at the **Sunstar Alpine Hotel** for 3 nights. (B)

Day 5: Jungfrau region

This morning, take the cable car ride to Männlichen. Enjoy an easy high alpine walk with views all the way down to the mountain pass. (B)

Day 6: Schilthorn

Morning excursion by cogwheel railway and cable car to the summit of the Schilthorn. (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Morning at leisure. Train to Zurich airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Superior tour: This tour is based in 4- and 5-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: FSW

Adult £1,245 Child £1,145
Guide price months: May – Oct only

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



Jungfrau Railway, in front of the Jungfrau, Bernese Oberland

Ultimate Swiss Rail Adventure

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,690 (incl. flights)

Incorporating three of Switzerland's celebrated rail journeys, this tour showcases the very best of this beautiful alpine country. Visit the chic resort of St Moritz, experience the *Glacier Express*, the Mediterranean climate of Lake Lugano and tour the picturesque town of Zermatt.

Day 1: Fly to Zürich • Lucerne

Morning flight to Zürich. Transfer to Lucerne by rail. Afternoon at leisure. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Wilden Mann** (or similar). (N)

Day 2: Gotthard Panorama Express to Lugano

Start your day with a cruise from Lake Lucerne to Fluelen. Board the *Gotthard Panorama Express* to Lugano. Stay for 2 nights at the **Hotel Dante Center**. (B)

Day 3: Lugano

Full day at leisure to explore this pedestrianised historic town. (B)

Day 4: Tirano • Bernina Express to St Moritz

Board a coach to the Italian town of Tirano. After time at leisure, join the *Bernina Express* to St Moritz. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Steffani**. (B)

Day 5: St Moritz

Full day at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Glacier Express to Zermatt

Today, travel on the *Glacier Express* from St Moritz to Zermatt, a thrilling journey through Switzerland's dramatic scenery. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Schweizerhof**. (B)

Day 7: Zermatt

Full day at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Train to Zürich airport and fly home. (B)

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

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: USR

Low season from £1,690 High season from £1,790
Guide price months: Apr – Jun Guide price months: Jun – Sep

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

Vienna Exclusive Short Breaks

Short break inclusions

Per person prices include international flights; return private car transfers; and accommodation, including breakfast.

Flights

Flights are from the following airports:

London Heathrow: British Airways, Austrian Airlines
Manchester: Jet2, Austrian Airlines, easyJet
London Gatwick, London Luton, Bristol or Edinburgh: easyJet

Additional regional flights are available via Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Munich with Air France, KLM and Lufthansa.

Please speak to a travel consultant for further details and a personalised quote, or additional hotel options, on 020 3411 2135.

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Weather
Vienna

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C: Average rainfall (mm)



People's Garden, Vienna

Excursions included in all our Exclusive Short Breaks

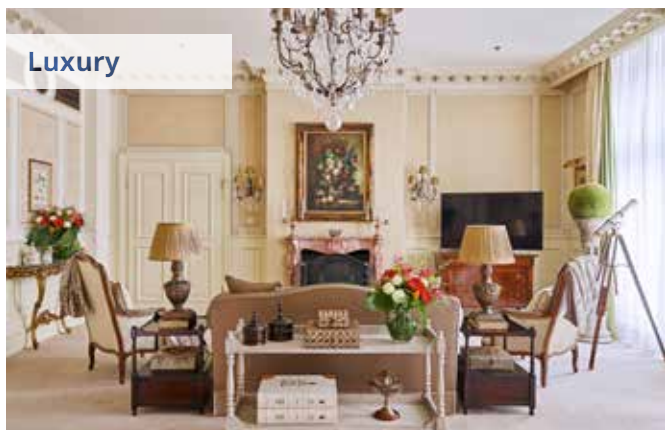
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72-hour City Card

A 72-hour Vienna City Card is included in all our Exclusive Short Break packages. It offers free travel from the airport and across the city's bus, metro and tram systems. The card also offers attractive discounts at museums including the Academy of Fine Arts, the Schönbrunn Palace and Museums Quartier, as well as discounts on theatre and concert tickets, shopping and at restaurants. For families, accompanying children travel free. The card is available as physical card or on the Vienna City Card app.



Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna

This is a selection of our recommended accommodation. Please see our website for more options.



Grand Hotel Wien **4 days & 3 nights from £855**

This lavish hotel occupies a first-class location, close to the Vienna State Opera House and the Imperial Palace. Opulent Viennese interiors run throughout this belle époque landmark, from the sparkling marble floors and glittering chandeliers of the lobby, through the rooms and suites furnished in exquisite fabrics and antique furniture, to the refined settings of the restaurants on the seventh floor. Vienna's sights are right on the doorstep, yet it's tempting to simply stay put at the Grand Hotel Wien and indulge in all that it has to offer.

Features:

205 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants, full-service spa, sauna, gym, bar/lounge.



Palais Coburg Residenz **4 days & 3 nights from £1,495**

A historical building in the heart of the Austrian capital, the all-suite Palais Coburg Residenz is one of the most exclusive and luxurious hotels in the city. Each of the suites is designed differently using a fusion of traditional Austrian and international styles. The Silvio Nickol Gourmet Restaurant offers a la carte dining and an extensive wine list, while the hotel bar is a great place to relax with a cocktail. The extensive rooftop spa includes a sauna, a steam bath, a hot tub, an indoor pool and a sun terrace.

Features:

34 suites, restaurant, bar, indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, sun terrace.



25hours Hotel **4 days & 3 nights from £1,245**

The 25hours Hotel is in Vienna's vibrant 7th district, close to many of the city's finest museums and art galleries. Each room features a unique design with a fun mixture of vintage and modern furniture, while suites offer a fully-equipped kitchenette. The ground floor restaurant offers contemporary Italian cuisine, and the rooftop bar serves exciting cocktails with fantastic views across the Austrian capital. After a long day exploring, guests can enjoy the Mermaid Cave Spa, offering a range of treatments, a sauna and steam room.

Features:

202 rooms & suites, spa with sauna & steam room, gym, restaurant, bar, bicycle hire.



Hotel Imperial **4 days & 3 nights from £820**

The 5-star Hotel Imperial is located in the heart of Vienna on the Ringstraße Boulevard, with Karlsplatz Underground Station and the State Opera within 5 minutes' walk. Originally built as a palace in 1863, the hotel's traditional decor and grand furnishings capture the traditions of Vienna. Each room is individually styled and has modern amenities and a marble bathroom. There is an award-winning restaurant offering fine dining and another that offers traditional Austrian cuisine.

Features:

138 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants, lounge bars, cafe, terrace, health club, spa, sauna, hair salon.

Discover Slovenia

Ljubljana

Compact & pedestrian friendly city • Distinctive architecture • 16th-century castle

The largest city in Slovenia, Ljubljana is considered one of Europe's greenest and most liveable capitals. Traffic is limited in the city centre, leaving plenty of space for pedestrians to enjoy the many designer shops, cosy cafes and fine architecture. A highlight is the famous Triple Bridge, designed by renowned Slovenian architect Jože Plečnik. Ljubljana Castle is not to be missed, built in the 16th century and sitting atop a 375-metre hill right in the heart of the city; the best way to arrive is via the charming funicular railway. Away from the historic old town, the old industrial neighbourhood of Metelkova is one big outdoor art gallery, full of street art and sculptures.



Historic riverfront, Ljubljana

Lake Bled & Lake Bohinj

Fairy-tale lakes • Alpine hiking • Mountain cable car ride

The impossibly romantic setting of Lake Bled is undoubtedly the jewel in the crown of both the Julian Alps and Slovenia as a whole. This beautiful lake, just 2km by 1.4km, is famous for its exquisite blue-green waters, dramatic mountain backdrop and of course Bled Island, with its iconic church. The tradition here is that any groom wishing to marry his wife must carry her up the 99 stone steps on their wedding day to prove his worth! The gentle 6-kilometre walk around the lake is the best way to savour the view from every angle.

Away from the bustle of Bled lies the quieter and less commercialised Lake Bohinj. Most visitors come here for hiking, cycling or just to relax and swim. There is also a cable car which take visitors high above the lake for some of the most spectacular views in all the Alps.



The Soča Valley

White water rafting • World-class cuisine

The beautiful Soča valley in western Slovenia runs from the Triglav National Park to Nova Gorica. The river that flows through the region is known as 'The Emerald Beauty' and is one of the few rivers in the world that retains its rich blue-green colour throughout its length. The area has become popular for outdoor activities, most notably white water rafting, canoeing and mountain biking. The small town of Kobarid in the far west has gained a reputation for being a centre of world-class cuisine, helped by Ana Roš and her renowned restaurant Hiša Franko. Ana appeared on the television series *Chef's Table* and in 2017 was named the world's best female chef.



Soča river, Triglav National Park



Kayaking on the Soča river

Slovenia Family Adventure

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,455 (incl. flights)

Family Adventure

Experience white water rafting, canyoning and kayaking on the turquoise Soča river, then travel east to beautiful Lake Bohinj for two days of hiking and mountain biking.

Day 1: Fly to Ljubljana

Fly direct to Ljubljana with British Airways and transfer to the **Dobra Vila** (or similar) in Bovec for a 4-night stay. (D)

Day 2: White water rafting

Drive to Kobarid for a morning of white water rafting. Rapids for all ages and abilities are available. After lunch there is free time for an optional hike along the river from the village. (B)

Day 3: Canyoning

Canyoning is travelling through canyons using a variety of techniques that may include trekking through river gorges, scrambling, climbing, jumping and abseiling. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Kayaking

Spend the first half of the day kayaking on the river, with the afternoon at leisure for optional activities. (B)

Day 5: Bohinj

Transfer to Lake Bohinj and stay at the **Hotel Triglav** for 3 nights. (B)

Day 6: Hiking

A full day of hiking either round the shore or across the mountain ridge above the lake, which is reached by cable car. (B)

Day 7: Cycling

Half-day guided cycling tour starting from your hotel, followed by an afternoon at leisure. Optional excursion to Lake Bled. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Ljubljana and fly home.

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

Important information

Superior tour: This tour is based in 4-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

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Guideline prices for 2020-21

Tour code: SJW

From £1,455
Guide price months: May – Sep

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



Vineyards, Goriša Brda

Culinary Delights of Slovenia

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £4,625 (incl. flights)

NEW
TOUR

Travel through Slovenia and learn about its growing reputation as a culinary hotspot. This private tour visits local vineyards and farms, and includes dinners at some of the country's top restaurants.

Day 1: Fly to Ljubljana • Goriša Brda

Fly to Ljubljana with British Airways and transfer to Goriša Brda, staying at the **Hotel Gredič** for 2 nights. Optional private wine tour. (D)

Day 2: Goriša Brda

Morning tour of the region, known for its wine, olive and fruit production. Afternoon at leisure, or optional wine tasting. (B, L)

Day 3: Soča valley

Morning tour of the Soča valley region, famous for its beautiful turquoise river. Lunch at Hiša Polonka. Optional culinary experience at Hiša Franko with one of the world's top chefs, Ana Roš (must be booked in advance).

Stay 1 night at **Dobra Villa**. (B, L)

Day 4: Lake Bohinj & Bled

Day tour of Bohinj, including a boat and cable car ride. Afternoon on Lake Bled. Transfer to **Hotel Cubo** (or similar) in Ljubljana for 4 nights. (B, L)

Day 5: Ljubljana

City tour including a boat ride and a visit to the castle with lunch. Take a tour of the lower town. Gourmet dinner at JB Restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Lipica Stud Farm

Morning visit to the famous Lipica Stud Farm, including a tour of the stables and a carriage ride. Afternoon at leisure in Ljubljana.

Day 7: Ljubljana

Full day at leisure to explore the city. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Ljubljana airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Luxury tour: This tour is based in 5-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

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Guideline prices for 2020-21

Tour code: SJA

Low season from £4,625
Guide price months: Jan – Apr

High season from £4,795
Guide price months: Apr – Oct

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



Nordic Europe



Non-exclusive group tours •
Tailor-made travel • Self-drive • Cruises

Nordic Europe is a nature lover's paradise, featuring immense fjords, calving glaciers, volcanoes and wild coastlines. There are also stunningly situated towns and isolated communities of brightly painted houses where old traditions and modern life coexist in perfect balance.

Norway, Denmark, Finland and Sweden offer stylish and fashionable capital cities where cobbled streets of crooked houses and 21st-century architectural masterpieces stand side by side. In the Nordic nations, the great outdoors is never far away; the region offers some of the most dramatic hiking routes in the world, while the high Arctic is home to the mysterious and beautiful aurora borealis. Further afield is the island of Iceland, a name which belies its stunning landscapes; the country's smoking volcanoes, geothermal springs, spouting geysers and bubbling fumaroles offer an insight into the fiery beginnings of planet Earth.

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Climate

Nordic Europe has distinct seasonal changes with daylight varying greatly between summer and winter. Norway and Iceland have milder climates than you might expect due to the warming currents of the Gulf Stream, although inland and northern areas are cooler. Greenland has an Arctic climate with average temperatures rarely exceeding 10°C in the warmest summer months, except in the far south. The Arctic experiences very long, cold winters and short, cool summers. North of the Arctic Circle, the Midnight Sun can be seen in summer while in winter it mostly remains below the horizon.

Oslo, Norway

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A	-2	-1	4	8	15	20	21	20	14	9	3	0
B	-8	-8	-5	-1	5	9	11	10	7	3	-3	-7
C	53	41	51	45	56	69	83	91	94	92	80	60

Reykjavik, Iceland

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	1	2	2	5	9	11	13	12	9	6	2	1
B	-4	-3	-3	-1	3	6	7	7	4	1	-2	-4
C	99	97	99	75	60	67	66	83	86	115	97	100

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Image left: Norwegian fjord

Discover Norway

Oslo & Bergen

Viking Ship Museum • Unesco-listed Bryggen

Formerly known as Christiania, Oslo is the largest city and the capital of Norway. Its most famous thoroughfare is Karl Johans Gate. Many of the main sights are within a 15-minute walk from here, including the harbour front, Akershus Festning medieval castle and the Nobel Peace Centre. Oslo occupies an unusually large land area, of which two thirds are protected areas of forests, hills and lakes.

Situated in the middle of a group of mountains known as De syv fjell on the south-western coast of Norway, Bergen is also known as 'the city among the seven mountains'. During the middle ages, Bergen was one of the most important cities of the Hanseatic League, when Saxon merchants settled in the quarter of the town known as Bryggen. Today this part of the town is on Unesco's list of world heritage sites. Take a ride on the funicular up Mount Floyen for panoramic views of the city and surrounding area. Bergen is ideal for a short break and can also be combined with Oslo using the celebrated Flåm railway.

Tromsø

Tromsø cathedral • Fjellheisen cable car • Northern lights

Also known as the 'Gateway to the Arctic', Tromsø has been the starting point for many polar expeditions. It is the world's northernmost university town and has a vibrant cultural life with a wealth of shops, restaurants and street cafes. The historic centre is notable for its centuries-old wooden houses and Tromsø cathedral, the only Norwegian cathedral made of wood. Make sure to take a trip on the Fjellheisen cable car; reaching 421 metres above sea level in just four minutes, it brings you to a viewing platform where you can enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the city, surrounding islands, mountains and fjords. Also make a visit to the world's northernmost botanic garden with Arctic, Antarctic and Alpine plants from all continents.

Tromsø is surrounded by snow-capped mountains and hundreds of islands and deep fjords. During the winter months, September through to March, it has become increasingly popular as a viewing point for the colourful northern lights that regularly make an appearance, lighting up the sky at night.



Stegastein



Bryggen, Bergen

Norwegian fjords

Fjords are formed when a glacier retreats over several ice ages, carving a typical u-shaped valley with the movement of the ice. If the valley created is below current sea levels then the sea fills up the valley floor, forming a narrow steep-sided inlet connected to the sea. Norway has a total of seven areas that are on the Unesco world heritage list due to their unique natural beauty. The West Norwegian Fjords area is said to be among the most scenic landscapes in the world, with fjord depths varying from 10 to 500 metres and the surrounding mountains rising to more than 1,400 metres high. The longest fjord in Norway and the third longest in the world is the Sognefjord, which is an impressive 203km long.



Flåm railway

Norway in a Nutshell

Duration • 5 days & 4 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,460 (incl. flights)

Combining some of the country's most beautiful natural attractions, mountains, fjords and waterfalls, this tour is a superb introduction to Norway. Travel on two of the world's most picturesque railways, the Bergen and Flåm, take a cruise on the Naeroyfjord and a coach tour of the Stalheimskleiva road, one of the steepest roads in northern Europe.

Day 1: Fly to Oslo

Fly to Oslo and stay 2 nights at the 5-star **Clarion Hotel Hub**. (N)

Day 2: Oslo

Full day at leisure to explore the capital of Norway and its largest city. Visit the Maritime Museum, Munch Museum and City Hall, the home of the Nobel Peace Prize ceremonies. Another popular stop is the new opera house, for great views of the city and fjord. (B)

Day 3: Bergen

Morning rail journey to Myrdal to join with the scenic Flåm railway for 20km of picturesque fjords, mountains and waterfalls. After the rail journey, cruise from Aurlandsfjord to the Unesco-listed site of Naeroyfjord, the narrowest fjord in Europe. Continue by coach from Gudvangen to Voss, stopping en route to view the Stalheimsfossen and Sivlefossen waterfalls. Continue by rail from Voss to Bergen. Transfer and stay 2 nights at the **Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Bergen**. (B)

Day 4: Bergen

Day at leisure to explore the Hanseatic city of Bergen and its Unesco-listed waterfront. We recommend taking the funicular up Mount Floien and a visit to the famous fish market, where Norwegian fisherman have been selling their daily catch since the days of the Vikings. (B)

Day 5: Fly home

Morning at leisure. Transfer to the airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: NBF

From £1,460
Guide price month: Year round

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



Northern lights, Tromsø

Norway: Unique Northern Lights

Duration • 5 days & 4 nights

Category • Superior

Non-exclusive group tour • From £3,550 (incl. flights)

NEW
TOUR

Join a group of like-minded travellers to experience the pristine winter landscapes of Arctic Norway. Alta and Tromsø are among the most popular destinations for hunting the northern lights and give visitors the best chance of witnessing this mesmerising natural phenomenon.

Day 1: Fly to Alta

Fly to Alta, via Oslo, with Norwegian Air. Transfer to **Hotel Scandic** (or similar). Evening northern lights tour with the group.

Day 2: Alta

Morning at leisure for optional activities. In the afternoon, visit the Northern Lights Museum to learn about the science of the aurora borealis and the myths that have built up around it. Optional upgrade to stay overnight in the **Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel**. (B)

Day 3: Alta • Tromsø

Transfer along the beautiful Norwegian coast to Tromsø, the largest and most developed town in northern Norway. Free time before an evening northern lights safari, including dinner. Stay for 2 nights at **Clarion Hotel The Edge** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 4: Tromsø

Day at leisure for optional excursions, which can be booked locally. These include dog sledding, snowmobiling, or a Sami experience. (B)

Day 5: Fly home

Transfer to the airport and fly to London, via Oslo, with Norwegian. (B)

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

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Non-exclusive tour: This tour will have transfers and excursions shared with one or more other parties who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients. The maximum number of passengers per departure is 25. Cox & Kings is acting as an agent on behalf of Intourist and its cancellation conditions will apply. Please contact Cox & Kings for details.

Departure dates for 2020

Tour code: UNL

Departure dates:
12 Feb – 16 Feb
15 Jan – 19 Jan
19 Feb – 23 Feb
29 Jan – 02 Feb

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

Discover Sweden



Gamla Stan, Stockholm

Stockholm

Trend-setting city in a stunning natural setting •
Historical old town & innovative modern hub

Stockholm was founded in 1252 as a fortified island controlling the trade route between the Baltic Sea and Lake Mälaren. Now spread over 14 main islands, this fashionable city occupies a stunning natural setting. The islands are all connected by bridges, making it a compact city to explore on foot, although the best views are from the water or on two wheels. Highlights include the islands of Gamla Stan, the spectacular historic centre of the city with ochre-coloured townhouses and narrow cobbled lanes; and Djurgården, the greenest island with a royal park and popular museums. If you want to explore beyond the city then make the day trip across Lake Mälaren to the fairy-tale castle of Gripsholm, or take a historic steamboat ride east, into the beautiful archipelago.



Lapland

Dog sledding • Reindeer safaris • Northern lights •
Unique Hotels

Located in the north of Sweden, the popularity of Lapland has risen over the past few years due to the arrival of the Icehotel in Jukkasjärvi, the world's first hotel made of ice and snow, and opportunities for viewing the northern lights. The two main places to stay are Kiruna and Luleå. Kiruna is located 200km north of the Arctic Circle and its scenic setting makes it a popular destination for winter sports including dog sledding and reindeer tours. This is also the point of departure for those staying at the **Icehotel**. Luleå is located on the Bothnian coast in an archipelago of over 800 islands and is a haven for wildlife. During the winter months, the archipelago freezes over, providing a playground for outdoor pursuits. Luleå is also home to the extraordinary **Tree Hotel** (see tour on opposite page).



Reindeer, Swedish Lapland



M/S Juno on the Göta Canal

Göta Canal Cruise aboard M/S Juno

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

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

Explore the fashionable and historic city of Stockholm then board the *M/S Juno* for a 3-night cruise along the Göta Canal to the relaxed and artistic city of Gothenburg. The *M/S Juno* is the world's oldest registered ship with overnight accommodation. Launched in 1874, it has just 29 tastefully decorated cabins.

Day 1: Fly to Stockholm

Fly to Stockholm airport and transfer to the **Nobis Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Stockholm

Morning shared city tour of Stockholm including a canal cruise. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Drottningholm Palace • Birka • Trosa

Morning transfer to the pier and board the *M/S Juno*. Afternoon cruise, stopping en route at Drottningholm Palace, the former Viking town of Birka and the old fishing village of Trosa. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Berg • Motala

Morning stop at Berg to visit the old convent church at Vreta. Continue to Motala, the 'capital of the Göta Canal'. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Karlsborg fortress • Sjotorp

Morning visit to Karlsborg fortress to view the fortress and Garrison church. In the afternoon, stop at the village of Sjotorp, which has a set of eight locks and an interesting canal museum. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Trollhattan • Gothenburg

Sail to Gothenburg, stopping en route to visit the Trollhattan Canal Museum. Transfer and stay 2 nights at the **Clarion Hotel Post**. (B, L)

Day 7: Gothenburg

Morning shared Paddan boat tour to view the city from the water. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to the airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Superior tour: This tour is based in 4- and 5-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: GOTA

From £2,995 (May – Aug only)

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



Mirror Cube, Tree Hotel

Stockholm & the Tree Hotel

Duration • 5 days & 4 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,195 (incl. flights)

Combine a visit to Sweden's capital with a stay in Swedish Lapland's eco-friendly Tree Hotel, near Luleå. Highlights include Stockholm's historic old town on the islands of Gamla Stan and the opportunity to go in search of the northern lights in Lapland. Luleå's northerly location makes it an ideal place from which to view the northern lights, while the Tree Hotel's elevated accommodation provides magnificent views of the snowy landscape and offers a host of winter activities.

Day 1: To Stockholm

Fly from London to Stockholm Arlanda Airport with British Airways. You will be met and transferred to Stockholm, where you will stay 2 nights at the **Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel** (or similar). Rest of the day at leisure. (N)

Day 2: Stockholm

Day at leisure to explore this beautiful city by the sea. Visit the islands of Gamla Stan and the Vasa Museum, which houses a restored 17th-century royal ship that sank in the harbour minutes after it launched in 1628. (B)

Day 3: Fly to Luleå

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Luleå, on the northern shores of the Bay of Bothnia. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to the **Tree Hotel**, where you will stay in the Mirror Cube overnight. Rest of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Luleå

This morning, transfer to the Brittas Pension, part of the **Tree Hotel**, where you will stay overnight. Rest of the day at leisure or optional activities including dog sledding, snowmobiling or a Sami experience (payable locally). (B)

Day 5: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for your flight to London, via Stockholm. (B)

Meal Basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No Meals

Important information

Superior tour: This tour is based in 4- and 5-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: SWT

From £1,195 (Dec – Mar only)

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

Discover Finland



Helsinki

Helsinki

Russian legacy • Formidable Suomenlinna fortress • Beautiful Christmas markets

Spread across a cluster of promontories and peninsulas, the Baltic city of Helsinki is some 450 years old. Its wide avenues are lined with buildings echoing centuries of architectural excellence from gothic through to art deco and contemporary, and are interspersed with numerous green parks. Whether explored as a snow-covered winter destination, or in summer when there is almost permanent daylight, Helsinki offers a multitude of cultural, scenic and gastronomic pleasures. There are strong Russian architectural influences, with Senate Square modelled on St Petersburg's central square and Uspensky Cathedral, an Eastern Orthodox red-brick building topped with 13 gilded cupolas (onion domes) representing Christ and his disciples. The most visited attraction in Helsinki is Suomenlinna, a formidable fortress complex built over six islands. We recommend using a Helsinki city card, which allows complimentary or discounted travel and access to attractions and museums for a 24-, 48- or 72-hour period.



Finnish Lapland

Home of Santa Claus • Reindeer safaris • Luxurious hotels

Finnish Lapland is most well known as the home of Santa Claus and, as a result, attracts a large number of visitors during the winter months. But there are more reasons to visit Lapland than to catch a glimpse of Santa. Rovaniemi, the capital of Lapland, is situated close to the Arctic Circle and is an excellent destination for viewing the northern lights. Stay in the **Arctic TreeHouse Hotel**, which offers rooms with winter wonderland treetop views through large panoramic windows.

Saariselkä began life as a gold prospector's town high in the Arctic Circle. However, as the rush faded, the town gradually developed into a winter resort surrounded by gentle rounded fells ideal for winter sports. Stay at the **Northern Lights Village** with its glass-roofed cabins and experience the spectacle of the northern lights from the comfort of your own bed (see tour on opposite page).



Northern lights, Finnish Lapland



Sledding with husky dogs, Lapland

Northern Lights in Saariselkä

Duration • 5 days & 4 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £2,190 (incl. flights)

Stay in comfortable glass-roofed accommodation in Saariselkä, experiencing the majestic northern lights and the wild nature of Finnish Lapland at close range, without compromising on comfort.

Day 1: Fly to Ivalo • Saariselkä

Fly to Ivalo, via Helsinki, with Finnair. Transfer to the **Northern Lights Village** and stay in a glass-roofed Aurora Cabin for 4 nights. (D)

Day 2: Snowmobile safari • Northern lights photography workshop

Travel into the Arctic wilderness on a 4-hour snowmobile safari. There will be stops along the way to take photos and for hot food and drinks. Afternoon at leisure. Evening photography workshop, where an expert instructor will teach you how to get the most out of your camera and how best to capture the fleeting aurora borealis. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Husky safari • Aurora Camp

Drive a team of huskies over the white, shimmering fells. The eager dogs run at full speed and the sleds glide effortlessly over the snowdrifts. This evening, head to the Aurora Camp on the shores of Lake Inari. Grab a reindeer hide and enjoy an unforgettable experience under the northern lights. Stay warm next to an open fire and enjoy a warming drink and traditional Lapland midnight snacks before returning to your Aurora Cabin. (B, D)

Day 4: Reindeer safari • Northern lights heated sleigh ride

Morning reindeer experience. Meet the breeder and learn about the Sami way of life before heading into the forest on sleighs pulled by reindeer. Lunch at Kota restaurant. Evening northern lights excursion in a cosy, heated sleigh pulled by snowmobile. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Fly home

Transfer to Ivalo then fly to London, via Helsinki. (B)

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

Important information

Superior tour: This tour is based in 4-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: NLE

From £2,190 (Nov – Mar)

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



Northern lights, Inari

Northern Lights in Inari

Duration • 4 days & 3 nights

Category • Superior

Self-drive • from £1,790 (incl. flights)

NEW
TOUR

Hotel Inari is located in the beautiful Finnish wilderness on the shores of Lake Inari, offering luxury accommodation with breathtaking views and an ideal location for aurora viewing, dog sledding and snowmobiling.

Day 1: Fly to Ivalo • Inari

Fly to Ivalo, via Helsinki, with Finnair. Transfer to **Wilderness Hotel Inari** and stay 3 nights in a luxury wilderness room. Evening Lappish dinner with a Sami cultural experience. (D)

Day 2: Optional activities • Aurora snowmobiling

Day at leisure to relax at the hotel or head out on one of the many optional activities available, including snowshoeing, ice fishing or visiting a local reindeer farm. In the evening, venture into the forest to experience an exhilarating search for the northern lights by snowmobile. If the aurora appears, there will be plenty of time to stop, enjoy the mesmerising lights and attempt to capture them on film. Evening includes a coffee stop by the fire. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Husky safari

Morning safari through the beautiful Lake Inari region. Learn how to handle the sledge, before the huskies pull you out into this magical winter scenery. Ride out for about 2 hours before heading back to the hotel for lunch. The rest of the day is free to relax or enjoy another optional excursion and hopefully catch the northern lights one last time. (B, L)

Day 4: Fly home

Transfer to Ivalo airport and fly to London, via Helsinki. (B)

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

Important information

Superior tour: This tour is based in 4-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: NLD

From £1,790 (Nov – Mar)

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

Discover Iceland



Reykjavik

Reykjavik

Capital & cultural centre • Thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon

First settled by the Vikings in 874AD, Reykjavik is the world's most northerly capital city, and one of the smallest, making it easy to explore on foot. Framed by the majestic Mount Esja and Faxaflói Bay, the city enjoys a wonderful natural setting. Brimming with cafes and restaurants, Reykjavik has become well known for its superb dining options, serving all manner of international and Icelandic fusion cuisine. Designated a Unesco City of Literature, Reykjavik is home to the country's arts and cultural scene, as well as a number of interesting museums. There are also some important historical sites including the building in which Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev met for their 1986 summit and the impressive Hallgrímskirkja church.

From Reykjavik it is possible to join a variety of tours into the countryside to do anything from walking on glaciers, exploring the popular Golden Circle or relaxing in the soothing thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon.



North & East Iceland

Main town of Akureyri • Whale watching at Husavik • Lake Mývatn & volcanic features

The largest town after Reykjavik, with a population of around 18,800, Akureyri is located along the shores of Eyjafjörður, the longest fjord in Iceland. The town was founded in the ninth century and today is the cultural and administrative capital of the north.

Venture to Husavik, one of the best locations for whale watching in Iceland and historically the first part of Iceland to be founded by a Norse man in 870AD. Alternatively, head to the volcanic marvel of Lake Mývatn; a shallow eutrophic lake, it lies surrounded by volcanic landforms, fumaroles and geothermal springs.

Further east is the settlement of Egilsstaðir, located close to Lake Lagarfljót, the third largest in Iceland. Further south is the town of Hofn, which affords spectacular views of the Vatnajökull glacial ice cap, the largest in Europe, close to the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, a bay full of icebergs.



Rugged moorland of East Iceland

South Iceland

Small, pretty villages such as Vik • Wild coastline • Volcanoes & waterfalls

The country's south coast is characterised by small villages and fertile farmland, dominated by the brooding Mount Hekla, Iceland's most active volcano, and the towering ice-capped peaks of the Eyjafjallajökull and Mýrdalsjökull volcanoes. The main road travels east, hugging the coastline before reaching Vik Myrdal, a charming small village surrounded by high cliffs.

The southernmost village in Iceland, Vik's stunning basalt beach has been voted one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Home to many seabirds such as puffins, the coastline here is wild, with Antarctic rollers travelling thousands of kilometres before thundering onto the black beach. Located just off the coast lie the Westman Islands, of which Heimaey is the only one that is inhabited. Sometimes referred to as Iceland's 'Pompeii of the North', the island withstood a volcanic eruption in 1973, but it destroyed parts of the old town, covering cottages in lava, which today are surrounded by a museum.



Turf houses, Skogar village, South Iceland



Gullfoss in winter

South-west & West Iceland

Outstanding natural scenery & historical sites

Encompassing the capital Reykjavik, south-west Iceland incorporates some of the country's most dramatic scenery and important historical sites. From the lava fields of the Reykjanes peninsula, where the Blue Lagoon is located, to Thingvellir National Park, site of the world's oldest parliament, nowhere else are the country's two main elements of history and natural wonders so intertwined.

Thingvellir, a Unesco world heritage site and the point where the North American and European tectonic plates meet, forms part of the stupendous Golden Circle. It also includes Geysir, a hot spring that periodically ejects hot steam and water into the air and after which all such spouting hot springs are now named, and the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls.

Just north of the national park lies Hvalfjörður, or 'Whale Fjord'. At 30km long and 5km wide, it is the longest fjord in south-west Iceland. The magical Snaefellsnes peninsula is just a little further north from here. Known as an area of outstanding natural scenery, it is often referred to as 'Iceland in miniature' because so many national sights of interest can be found concentrated here in one area.

South Coast, Golden Circle & Snaefellsnes

Non-exclusive group tour
7 days & 6 nights from £1,740
Category • Standard

This non-exclusive group tour takes in the mystical landscapes of the Snaefellsnes peninsula, Geysir, Gullfoss waterfall, and Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon. Based in good quality 3-star hotels, the tour has a maximum group size of 22.

Day 1: Fly to Reykjavik

Fly to Keflavik international airport. Transfer to the city centre, staying overnight at Hotel Reykjavik Natura (or similar). (N)

Day 2: Reykjavik • Snaefellsnes • Borgarfjörður

Full day exploring the Snaefellsnes peninsula, known as 'Iceland in a Nutshell'; take in waterfalls, glaciers, pretty fishing villages,

basalt rock formations and visit the amazing Vatnshellir cave complex. Overnight in west Iceland at the B59 Hotel. (B)

Day 3: Golden Circle

Explore the popular Golden Circle route, including the Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall and Geysir hot spring area. Overnight at Hotel Fludir (or similar). (B, D)

Day 4: Southern Iceland

Continue along the southern coast, exploring Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss waterfalls, passing the vast, surreal lava landscape of Eldhraun. Stay at the Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon for 1 night. (B)

Day 5: Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon • Vik

Visit Vatnajökull National Park, named after Europe's largest glacier. Continue to Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, with icebergs floating in the deep glacial waters. Travel to Vik. En route, visit Reynisfjara beach, where you can take a walk on the black sands. Overnight at KEA Hotel Katla. (B, D)

Day 6: Blue Lagoon • Reykjavik

Return to Reykjavik via the Reykjanes coast and the world-famous Blue Lagoon. Stay overnight at Hotel Reykjavik Natura (or similar). (B)

Day 7: Fly home

Transfer to Keflavik airport for your flight home. (B)


Guideline Prices

From: £1,740 (incl. flights)

Please inquire for departure dates.

Tour code: ICF

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Iceland: Hidden Powers & Northern Lights

Duration • 6 days & 5 nights

Category • Standard

Non-exclusive group tour • From £1,250 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

Discover the powerful forces of nature that shaped Iceland on this non-exclusive group tour. Come face to face with the Island's incredible natural wonders including Geysir, Gullfoss waterfall and Eyjafjallajökull volcano. There will also be several opportunities to view the magical aurora borealis.

This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ Maximum group size – 36 people
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ 5 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Special experiences

- ❖ Visit an outdoor geothermal bakery & taste steam-baked rye bread
- ❖ Northern lights hunt with a specialist guide
- ❖ Relax in the brilliant azure waters of the Blue Lagoon
- ❖ Walk among the icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon

Area map



Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, Vatnajökull National Park

Day 1: Fly to Reykjavik

Fly to Keflavik international airport. Transfer to Reykjavik and stay overnight at the **Fosshotel Lind** (or similar). (N)

Day 2: Gullfoss • Geysir • Thingvellir National Park

Head out of Reykjavik to Thingvellir National Park, a Unesco world heritage site where the world's oldest parliament met for centuries on the shores of Iceland's largest lake. Continue to the geothermal fields of Geysir, with the high-spouting Strokkur hot spring. Finish at the dramatic two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall, a spectacular sight in winter when frozen mid-cascade. Stay 1 night at **Hotel Selfoss** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 3: Eyjafjallajökull volcano • Vik

Drive along the south shore, stopping at the spectacular waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. Continue past Myrdalsjökull glacier and visit Reynisfjara beach. Take a walk on the black sands and admire the extraordinary rock formations and thundering waves of the Atlantic. Dinner and overnight stay in Kirkjubaejarklaustur area, staying at **Fosshotel Nupur** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Skaftafell National Park • Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon

Drive through Vatnajökull National Park, a vast sand plain created by glacial outwashes as you head east en route to the Vatnajökull area. Visit Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, full of icebergs floating in the deep glacial waters. (B, D)

Day 5: Hveragerdi • Blue Lagoon

Return to the Icelandic capital via the village of Hveragerdi, one of the few sites in the world

located directly in the middle of a geothermal area. Visit the greenhouses. Back on the Reykjanes peninsula, stop at the Blue Lagoon for a dip in the restorative milky-blue waters. Stay at **Fosshotel Lind** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 6: Fly home

Transfer to Keflavik airport for your flight home. (B)

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

Important information

Non-exclusive group tour: This tour will have transfers and excursions shared with one or more other parties who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients.

Standard tour: Based in 3- and 4-star accommodation. In remote areas, Cox & Kings uses the best available accommodation. However, outside Reykjavik facilities should be regarded as simple but comfortable.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: ICG

Low season from £1,250
Guide price months: Nov & Mar

High season from £1,390
Guide price months: Oct, Dec – Feb

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

Iceland Complete

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Standard

Non-exclusive group tour • From £2,140 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

This classic circular route following Iceland's Route 1 highway provides the perfect mix of culture and nature. Highlights include Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, Lake Myvatn, Gullfoss waterfall and the magnificent Thingvellir National Park.

This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ Maximum group size – 16 people
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 5 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Special experiences

- ❖ Entrance to Laufas Folk Museum, including refreshments
- ❖ Visit Herring Era Museum at Siglufjörður
- ❖ Enjoy dinner & a show at Skagafjörður

Area map



Ring Road, South Iceland

Day 1: Fly to Reykjavik

Fly to Keflavik international airport. Transfer to Reykjavik and stay overnight at the **Hotel Reykjavik Natura** (or similar). (N)

Day 2: Golden Circle • Vik

Drive the Golden Circle route, taking in Geysir and Gullfoss waterfall. Continue along the south shore to admire the waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss before continuing to Dyrhólaey. Stay 1 night at **Hotel Vik** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 3: Skaftafell National Park • Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon

Continue to Skaftafell, a beautiful glacial area and the stunning Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon. Stay at **Hotel Hofn** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 4: The East Fjords • Egilsstaðir

Today, see a change in the scenery as you move from glacial landscapes to fjord views. Stop to admire the dramatic coastline. Stay at **Hotel Herad** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 5: Lake Myvatn

Travel to Lake Myvatn. Explore the natural beauty of the area, including the craters at Skútustadur. Overnight at **Sel-Hotel Myvatn** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 6: Akureyri • Siglufjörður

Explore the lava formations at Dimmuborgir. Visit Akureyri. Continue to Siglufjörður. Stay at **Siglo Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 7: Skagafjörður • Borgarnes

Visit Herring Era Museum, which recreates the atmosphere of early 20th century life. Cross the Holtavorduheiði plateau to the beautiful town of Borgarnes. Overnight at **Hotel Hamar** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 8: Borgarfjörður • Thingvellir • Reykjavik

Return to Reykjavik via the dramatic

Hraunfossar waterfalls and Thingvellir National Park. Overnight at **Hotel Reykjavik Natura** (or similar). (B)

Day 9: Fly home

Transfer to Keflavik airport for your flight home. (B)

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

Important information

Non-exclusive group tour: This tour will have transfers and excursions shared with one or more other parties who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients.

Standard tour: Based in 3- and 4-star accommodation. In remote areas, Cox & Kings uses the best available accommodation. However, outside Reykjavik facilities should be regarded as simple but comfortable.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: ICM

Low season from £2,140
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,990
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

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

Reykjavik & the Golden Circle

Duration • 5 days & 4 nights

Category • Standard

Private tour • From £930 (incl. flights)

**Family
Adventure**

Tour overview

A year-round destination, Iceland is just 3 hours' flying time from the UK and offers a myriad of activities for the family. Stay in Reykjavik for the duration of this tour, an ideal base from which to explore both the city sights and the natural wonders of Iceland including dramatic waterfalls, spurting geysers and volcanic craters.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4 nights in family-friendly accommodation with a heated pool
- ❖ Direct flights with British Airways
- ❖ Guided Golden Circle tour
- ❖ Return airport transfers
- ❖ Breakfast daily

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Experience some of Iceland's best natural attractions
- ❖ Explore the museums & galleries of Reykjavik
- ❖ Optional stop to enjoy the geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon

Area map



Strokkur geyser, Haukadalur geothermal area

Day 1: Fly to Reykjavik

Fly to Keflavik airport. Transfer from the airport to Reykjavik by Flybus coach (shared transfer). En route, you will have the opportunity to visit the Blue Lagoon, where you can take a dip in the geothermal waters in the middle of a lava field (additional charge). Stay 4 nights at **Hotel Reykjavik Natura** (or similar). (N)

Day 2: Golden Circle

Full-day guided shared coach tour of the Golden Circle, taking in three of Iceland's most spectacular natural wonders: the plunging waters of Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir geothermal area and Thingvellir National Park, which lies in a rift valley between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Continue to the Fontana Geothermal Baths, where the original sauna was built in the 1920s above the hot springs. Today this is a modern complex with a variety of hot tubs and steam baths. (B)

Day 3: Reykjavik

Spend the day taking advantage of your included Reykjavik Welcome Card: visit a selection of museums and galleries, use the free unlimited bus within the Reykjavik area or take a free ferry to Videy island, with its ancient ruins and extensive walking and bike trails. (B)

Day 4: Reykjavik

Day at leisure to further explore Reykjavik. (B)

Day 5: Fly home

Transfer to Keflavik airport by Flybus coach (shared transfer) for your return flight back to the UK. (B)

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

Important information

Standard tour: This tour is based in 4-star accommodation.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: FFR

Low season from £930
Guide price months: May & Sep

High season from £1,090
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

Iceland Family Adventure

Duration • 6 days & 5 nights

Category • Standard

Self-drive tour • From £1,340 (incl. flights)

Family Adventure

Tour overview

Iceland is nature's playground for both children and adults alike. Drive through dramatic scenery passing impressive waterfalls and geysers, visit geothermal villages, meet locals on working farms and learn about Iceland's Viking heritage.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation in family-friendly hotels
- ❖ Direct flights with British Airways
- ❖ 7 days' car hire (Toyota Auris or similar)
- ❖ Satellite navigation system
- ❖ Breakfast daily

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Plant your own birch tree in the Iceland Travel Forest at Haukadalur
- ❖ See a replica Viking longhouse at Eiríksstaðir
- ❖ Stop at an Iceland dairy farm & learn about traditional farming methods
- ❖ Optional whale-watching excursion from Reykjavík

Area map



Gullfoss

Day 1: Fly to Reykjavík • Hveragerði

Fly to Keflavik International airport. Pick up your hire car and drive to the town of Hveragerði. Overnight at **Hotel Ör** (or similar). (N)

Day 2: Gullfoss • Geysir • Thingvellir • Borgarnes • Reykholt

Morning drive to Gullfoss waterfall and Geysir hot spring area. Continue to Thingvellir National Park. Drive along the scenic Hvalfjörður to Bjarneyjarsandur, a working horse and sheep farm. Visit the Settlement Centre at Borgarnes then continue to Reykholt and stay at the **Fosshotel Reykholt** for 1 night. (B)

Day 3: Hraunfossar • Haafell Goat Farm • Saelingsdalur

Drive through Borgarfjörður to Hraunfossar, a fascinating series of waterfalls, then visit Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring. On your westward route, stop at a dairy farm and visit Haafell goat farm. Continue to the **Laugar Hotel Edda** (or similar) in Saelingsdalur for 1 night (Family or double rooms). (B)

Day 4: Eiríksstaðir • Stykkisholmur

Drive along the coastal route to the town of Stykkisholmur with a detour to Eiríksstaðir to see a replica Viking longhouse. Explore Stykkisholmur town centre or join a boat tour on Breidafjörður Bay. Stay at the **Fosshotel Stykkisholmur** in Stykkisholmur for 1 night. (B)

Days 5: Snæfellsnes peninsula • Reykjavík

Drive to the Snæfellsnes peninsula, making a

stop at a shark museum. Continue to the coast to see the seal colonies. Drive to Reykjavík and overnight at the **Reykjavík Natura Icelandair Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Fly home

Drive to Keflavik airport and return your hire car. Fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Standard tour: Based in 3- and 4-star accommodation. In remote areas, Cox & Kings uses the best available accommodation. However, outside Reykjavík facilities should be regarded as simple but comfortable.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: FIA

Low season from £1,340
Guide price months: May & Sep

High season from £1,450
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

Booking Conditions

Our full booking conditions apply to all bookings you make with us. These appear on our website at www.coxandkings.co.uk and can also be provided by post or e-mail on request. Due to space constraints, the following booking conditions contain only some of the terms and conditions (which may also be a summary) which apply to your booking. Before you make your booking, you must read our full booking conditions. By seeking confirmation of your booking, we are entitled to assume that you have done so and accept the full booking conditions as the basis for your contract with C&K Luxury Travel Limited, a company registered in England & Wales with company number 12316055 and registered office address of St George's House, Ambrose Street, Cheltenham, GL50 3LG ('Cox & Kings', 'we', 'our' or 'us'). In these booking conditions, 'you' and 'your' means all persons named on the booking or any of them as applicable (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date).

1) YOUR CONTRACT

Where you book a package holiday, your contract will be with Cox & Kings. When you make a booking the person who makes the booking guarantees that they have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party these booking conditions.

2) BOOKING, PAYMENT AND CONFIRMATION

(a) Full information as to how to make a booking is shown on our website. A minimum deposit of £250 per person or 15% of your total holiday cost, whichever is greater, must be paid at the time of booking. For some holidays, a higher deposit will be payable or it may be necessary to make full payment at the time of booking. This is usually the case where full payment for certain services, such as your flight, has to be made immediately after your booking is confirmed in order to secure that service or the price quoted at the time of booking. Where full payment is required at the time of booking, 100% cancellation charges will also apply from confirmation of booking in the event that you subsequently cancel.

(b) Where you book over the telephone and we are in a position to confirm your booking, a binding contract between you and Cox & Kings will come into existence when we verbally confirm your booking. All other bookings will be confirmed and a binding contract will come into existence when we issue a confirmation invoice. Please note, though, that if you book private travel arrangements or an extension to a group tour, your accommodation, flights etc will only be requested by us once the payment due at the time of booking has been received. Your confirmation invoice will indicate your requested package cost and you will be advised of any accommodation, flights etc that are still on request and not confirmed at the time the confirmation invoice is issued.

(c) If your confirmed booking includes a flight, we (or if you booked via an authorised agent of ours, that agent) will issue you with an ATOL Certificate. (d) It is your responsibility to check the confirmation invoice, ATOL Certificate and any other documents we send you carefully and to let us or your travel agent know immediately in the event of any error or inaccuracy, as it may not be possible to make changes later.

(e) The balance of your holiday cost is payable not less than 90 days prior to departure, unless you are informed otherwise. If all payments are not received on time, we are entitled to assume you wish to cancel. Cancellation charges will apply in accordance with clause 9(a). If we do not cancel straightaway because you promise to make payment, you must pay the cancellation charges shown in clause 9(a) depending on the date we reasonably treat your booking as cancelled by you. (f) Travel documents will be provided as referred to in our full booking conditions.

(g) Prices include all government taxes in the amount applicable at the time of booking that do not have to be paid locally. Those that have to be paid locally by you are extra and are your responsibility (such as international airport departure tax or local resort taxes).

3) REDUCED MOBILITY / MEDICAL CONDITIONS / DISABILITIES / SPECIAL REQUESTS

The information you are provided with about your holiday before you make your booking will include a general indication of the suitability of the holiday for someone with reduced mobility. However, reduced mobility means different things to different individuals as individual capabilities, restrictions and requirements are likely to vary considerably. If you suffer from restricted mobility or have any disability or medical condition which may affect your holiday arrangements, please give us full details before booking so that we can provide you with precise information as to the suitability of the holiday taking into account your needs. We may ask you to confirm full details in writing. Please promptly inform us in writing in the event that any material change in your mobility, any disability or medical condition occurs after your booking has been confirmed. We will deal with special requests and information relating to any disability, medical condition or reduced mobility as referred to in our full booking conditions. Special requirements we have accepted will be specifically confirmed as accepted on your confirmation invoice.

4) YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

5) INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that you have adequate insurance for your holiday. Further information on this requirement is shown in our full booking conditions.

6) ALTERATION BY YOU

(a) If you wish to make any amendments to your holiday after it has been confirmed (including where you wish to transfer your place on the booking to someone else), you must inform us in writing and we will do our best to help. An

amendment fee of £35 together with the costs and charges incurred as a result or, for certain alterations, cancellation charges, will be payable. Please see our full booking conditions for further information.

(b) If you wish to change any aspect of your holiday after it has commenced, we and our agents will do their best to assist, subject to payment locally of all applicable charges and costs.

(c) If you wish to transfer your place on your booking to another person (introduced by you), you may do so, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- Provided the person to whom you are transferring your place satisfies all conditions applicable to the holiday; which form part of your contract with us.
- Requests for a transfer must be made in writing at least 7 days prior to departure and must be accompanied by the name and other applicable details of the person who will replace you.
- In the event that the balance of the holiday cost is due but has not been paid when the transfer request is made, this must be paid before the transfer can be made. Any additional payment amount that our suppliers require to effect the change (if the transfer can be made) will be payable. Please note, in some cases suppliers such as airlines treat name changes as a cancellation, levying cancellation charges and requiring payment for a new ticket. These charges must be paid by you before any change can be made.
- The transferee agrees to these 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 9 will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

7) PRE-DEPARTURE CHANGES TO, OR CANCELLATION OF, YOUR ARRANGEMENTS BY US

(a) Pre-departure Changes
Changes to confirmed holiday arrangements sometimes have to be made and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most changes will be insignificant and we have the right to make these. Where an insignificant change is made before departure, we will notify you in writing. No compensation is payable for insignificant changes. Insignificant changes are likely to include (but are not limited to) (1) changes to any destination(s), place(s) of stay or port(s) or place(s) of call for your holiday which is not a major, confirmed destination, place of stay or port or place of call and (2) substitution of a named lecturer and / or leader for another knowledgeable expert in the same field. Occasionally, before departure, we may have to make a significant change to any of the main characteristics of the travel services which form part of your confirmed booking or to any special requirements which we have accepted as referred to in clause 3. Examples of significant changes can be found in our full Booking Conditions. In the event that we have to make a significant

change, we will provide you with the following information in writing as soon as possible: (i) the proposed alteration(s) and any impact they have on the price; (ii) in the event that you do not wish to accept the alteration(s), details of any substitute package we are able to offer (and any price reduction where this is of a lower quality or cost); (iii) your entitlement to cancel your booking and receive a full refund if you do not want to accept the alteration(s) or any substitute package offered; and (iv) the period within which you must inform us of your decision and what will happen if you don't do so.

If you choose to cancel your booking, we will refund all payments you have made to us within 14 days of the date we receive your written cancellation. If we don't hear from you with your decision within the specified period (having provided you with the above mentioned information for a second time), we will cancel your booking and refund all payments made to us within 14 days of our doing so. No compensation will be payable or other liability accepted where a change results from Force Majeure (see clause 8).

(b) Pre-departure Cancellation

Occasionally, it may be necessary to cancel confirmed holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so. In the event: (i) we are prevented from performing your contracted holiday arrangements as a result of Force Majeure (see clause 8) and we notify you of this as soon as reasonably possible; or (ii) we have to cancel because the number of persons who have booked the holiday on which you are travelling is smaller than the minimum number applicable to the holiday as stated in the contract and you are notified of the cancellation not less than 8 weeks before departure; we have the right to terminate your contract. In this situation, we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date we inform you of the cancellation but will have no further or other liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs or expenses you incur or have incurred. All group holidays, except those labelled as 'non-exclusive', require a minimum number of bookings before they will operate. We will inform you of cancellation for lack of minimum numbers as set out above.

8) FORCE MAJEURE

For the purposes of these 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 the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination or remain at the travel destination, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, labour strikes, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster, unavoidable technical problems with transport, airport, port or airspace closures, restrictions or congestion and flight restrictions imposed by any regulatory authority or other third party and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned's control. Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Booking Conditions, we have no liability including for compensation, costs and expenses in such situations.

9) CANCELLATION BY YOU

(a) You may cancel your confirmed holiday booking at any time prior to departure. Should you wish to do so, you must notify us or your travel agent (as applicable) in writing. Such notification will only be effective on receipt by us or the travel agent (as applicable).

Cancellation charges will apply as set out below unless you are otherwise advised at the time of booking. In calculating these cancellation charges, we have taken account of possible cost savings and the generation of income from other bookings which may be able to utilise cancelled services to the extent this is likely to be achievable for tailor-made holiday arrangements. For some bookings, including those for which full payment is required at the time of booking, 100% cancellation charges apply from confirmation of your booking. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling, excluding any visa charges and amendment charges which are not refundable.

Days before departure notification received	Amount of cancellation charges as a % of total holiday cost
More than 90 days	Deposit(s) (inc any higher deposit)
90-29 days	50% or deposit(s) if higher
28-15 days	90%
14-0 days	100%

No allowance or refund can be made for meals, rooms, excursions etc included in the price of your holiday but not taken, nor can any refund be made for services that cannot be used due to lost, mislaid or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers. Part cancellation of a booking may result in increased costs for the remaining party members.

(b) Cancellation charges will not be applicable in the event that unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occur in the place of destination of your holiday or its immediate vicinity which significantly affect the performance of the contracted holiday services or the carriage of passengers to that destination and as a result you notify us in writing prior to departure that you wish to cancel your holiday. In this situation, we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date you notify us in writing of your cancellation but will have no further or other liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs or expenses you incur or have incurred. Please note that your right to cancel in these circumstances will only apply where the Foreign and Commonwealth Office advises against travel to your destination or its immediate vicinity. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" means warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination.

10) PRICES

Where your contract is with Cox & Kings, once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not change. We reserve the right to make changes to, and correct errors in, advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. Occasionally our holiday prices are discounted for a limited period for promotional purposes. Discounts cannot be

applied retrospectively to reduce the price of a confirmed booking.

11) YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) British Foreign & Commonwealth Travel Advice: The UK government provides advice on safety and security, entry requirements and health for countries around the world, as well as general information, at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and <https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk/>. You are strongly recommended to read the advice about the country you are planning to visit prior to booking. You should also revisit the advice regularly prior to your departure as it may change frequently. It is possible to sign-up to receive FCO e-mail updates for your destination so you are aware of any changes to advice they issue and it is recommended you do this.

(b) Visas: General information concerning visa requirements applicable is set out in our Documents & Health section. Please also see our full booking conditions for further information.

(c) Passports: A full passport (valid for at least six months beyond the end of your holiday) is required for the holidays we offer. Please see our Documents & Health section for full details or seek the advice of our travel consultants. Requirements may change and you must check the up-to-date requirements in good time before departure.

A British citizen's passport presently takes approximately three to six weeks to obtain. See our full booking conditions for further information.

(d) Health: It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended and required vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. See our full booking conditions for further information.

(e) Documents: It is the responsibility of the person who makes the booking to ensure that all members of the party are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents and have all necessary vaccination certificates before departure.

12) OUR LIABILITY

(i) We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an "organiser" under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the proper provision of all travel services included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice. Subject to these Booking Conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange those services and we don't remedy or resolve your complaint within a reasonable period of time, and this has affected the enjoyment of your package holiday you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included in this package. The level of any such price reduction or compensation will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described in these Booking Conditions and the extent to which ours or our employees' or suppliers' negligence affected the overall enjoyment of your holiday. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that we or our supplier(s) have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us.

(ii) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (including loss of possessions or enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any nature whatsoever which results from any of the following: (1) the act(s) and / or omission(s) of the person(s) affected; or (2)

the act(s) and / or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable; or (3) Force Majeure as defined in clause 8.

(iii) We cannot accept responsibility for any services that do not form part of our contract with you. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities that your hotel, cruise provider or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised in our brochure or on our website as forming part of your holiday and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract, and any excursion / activities you purchase while away.

(iv) Except as set out in clause 12(v), no limitation on the amount of damages which can be claimed will apply in respect of personal injury or death which we or our employees have caused intentionally or negligently or in respect of any other liability which we cannot limit under English law. For all claims concerning or arising out of loss of, delay and / or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money) for which we are liable, the maximum amount we will have to pay you is an amount equivalent to the excess on your insurance policy which applies to this type of loss per person in total because you are required to have adequate insurance in place to cover any losses of this kind, unless a different limitation applies to your claim under clause 12(vi) below. For all other claims, if we are found liable to you on any basis, the maximum amount we will have to pay you is up to three times the total price of your holiday unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 12(v) below.

(v) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and / or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, rail or sea carrier to which any international convention or EU regulation applies, our liability (including the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you, the types of claim and the circumstances in which compensation will be payable) will be limited as if we were the carrier in question as referred to below. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or EU regulation that applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and / or, for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, EC Regulation 392/2009 on the liability of carriers of passengers in the event of accidents and / or the Athens Convention (as amended by the 2002 Protocol) for international carriage by sea and the Convention of 1980 concerning International Travel by Rail (COTIF) as amended for travel by rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or EU regulation (including where any claim is not notified and issued in accordance with the time limits stipulated in the applicable convention or regulation), we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. Please also note that strict time limits apply for notifying loss, damage or delay of luggage to the airline. Any proceedings in respect of any claim (including one for personal

injury or death) must be brought within 2 years of the date stipulated in the applicable convention or regulation. You are not entitled to make any claim against us which concerns or is based on any travel arrangements provided by any air, rail or sea carrier if such a claim is not expressly permitted to be brought against the carrier by the international convention or regulation that applies to the travel arrangements in question. When making any payment, we will deduct any payment that you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the complaint or claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request. (vi) We cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not reasonably have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any expenses or losses that relate to or arise from any business (including without limitation, self-employed loss of earnings), or any indirect or consequential loss of any kind.

(vii) Where it is impossible for you to return to your departure point as per the agreed return date of your package, due to "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances", we shall provide you with any necessary accommodation (where possible, of a comparable standard) for a period not exceeding 3 nights per person. Please note that the 3-night cap does not apply to persons with reduced mobility, pregnant women or unaccompanied minors, nor to persons needing specific medical assistance, provided we have been notified of these particular needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" mean warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely back to your departure point.

13) TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING DELAY)

(a) Air, rail, road and other departure times are supplied by the carriers. Please see our full booking conditions for details of our responsibility in the event of delay.

(b) If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and / or provide you with accommodation and / or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 (denied boarding and flight disruption). Please see our full booking conditions for further information.

14) COMPLAINTS AND PROBLEMS

If you have a complaint about any of the holiday arrangements booked with or through Cox & Kings, you must follow the complaint procedure set out in our full booking conditions.

15) FINANCIAL SECURITY

The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements 2018 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays booked with us and for your repatriation in the event of our insolvency. We provide this security for our flight-inclusive holidays by way of our Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL) (number

11747) administered by the Civil Aviation Authority. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight-inclusive package from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit, you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent or your credit card issuer where applicable. You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. The price of our flight-inclusive holiday packages includes the amount of £2.50 per person which is the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. For further information, visit the ATOL website at: www.atol.org.uk.

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays which don't include flights, by way of a bond held by ABTA Ltd, The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ www.abta.co.uk.

16) LAW AND JURISDICTION

Your relationship (and any contract you may have) with us and any dispute, claim or other matters of any nature arising from it ('claim') shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. We both agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) that arises between us must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and any dispute, claim or other matter of any description that arises between us governed by the law of Scotland / Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

17) DATA PROTECTION

Please see our Privacy Policy for further information on how we process your personal data: www.coxandkings.co.uk/data-protection.

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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 recommended travel insurance provider is Campbell Irvine.

To arrange cover or to obtain a quotation, please contact Campbell Irvine.

You can apply for travel insurance online at:
www.affiliate.campbellirvinedirect.com/coxandkings

Or call: 01702 427 236



Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna

IMPORTANT

This is only a summary of cover; full details of the cover provided are shown on your policy document. You will be asked to read it carefully to ensure you are happy with the cover provided which is offered on a non-advised basis from a single insurer.

A copy of the policy document is available for download online at affiliate.campbellirvinedirect.com/coxandkings. The policy contains a 21-day cooling off period and details of how to make a claim and who to contact in the event of a medical emergency.

The policy includes certain terms and conditions, exclusions and excesses. In particular cover is excluded for any defined pre-existing medical condition from which you or any person upon whom travel depends are suffering. If in doubt please contact the insurer's medical helpline as additional cover may be purchased directly from the insurer's medical screening helpline for certain pre-existing medical conditions.

An additional premium applies to any person **aged 66 to 74 years** at the date of payment of the insurance premium. The appropriate premium will be quoted on application. This insurance is **not** available to any person **aged 75 years or more** at the date of payment of insurance premium unless agreed in writing. If you are aged 75 or older, the charity Age Co, formerly Age UK, offers a travel insurance policy. You can find details at ageco.org.uk/insurance/travel-insurance.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE SUMMARY OF COVER (SUMS INSURED ARE PER INSURED PERSON)

BENEFIT	LIMIT
A. Medical expenses	£10,000,000
Diagnostic tests	£10,000
In patient benefit	£10 per day up to £300
Criminal injuries	£100 per day up to £5,000
B. Personal liability	£2,000,000
C. Personal accident	£25,000
D. Cancellation or curtailment	£3,000*
E. Delayed departure or arrival	
Either compensation up to	£100
OR cancellation after	
8 hours up to	£2,000
Hijack of aircraft	£100 per day up to £3,000
Interruption of transport	£300
F. Personal effects	£2,000
	(Valuables limited to £350)
	(Single article limit £250)
	(Disc collections £200)
Temporary loss of baggage	£100
Money	£500
Tickets	£1,000
Passport and visas	£250
G. Legal expenses	£50,000
H. Winter sports	Optional

* Cancellation cover may be increased when you apply.



Caryatids at the Acropolis, Athens

Travel in Europe

At Cox & Kings, we believe that a good holiday is not luck, but judgment. We have compiled the following information to outline the nature of travel in Europe, and to help you prepare for your holiday. However, even with the most meticulous planning, minor problems can occur and, while our local representatives are always on hand to rectify such occurrences, we do request that you have a patient and broadminded approach to travelling in Europe.

Flights

On our tours some of the following carriers will be used: Aer Lingus, Aeroflot, airBaltic, Air Iceland, Air Malta, Alitalia, Air Serbia, Austrian Airlines, Belavia, British Airways, Croatia Airlines, CSA Czech Airlines, easyJet, Finn Air, Iberia, Icelandair, Jet2, Lufthansa, Rossiya Airlines, Ryanair, S7 Airlines, TAP Portugal, Turkish Airlines and Ukraine International Airlines. The name of the airline is clearly listed on the tour page, together with the stop-off airport, should this apply. We do not print flight timings in our brochure; however, you will find full details relating to your international flights printed on your confirmation invoice. All flight times as stated on your confirmation invoice are based on local times. Some flight routings involve a change of aeroplane en route to your destination and will entail a transit time in the airport terminal while waiting for your connection. Please take note of the flight details as stated on your confirmation invoice as these will show you the amount of scheduled transit time in the stop-off city. Please note that all flight timings are subject to change by the airline. It is important to note the difference between a 'direct' flight and a 'non-stop' flight. Non-stop flights do not have any scheduled touchdowns en route, while direct flights mean that there is no change of aircraft, but that stops are possible, and indeed probable, as per the airlines' timetables. Unfortunately, airlines change their schedules regularly, and although we will advise you of any stops or aeroplane changes at the time of booking, we cannot be held responsible for any changes after this date. All our itineraries are based on Economy Class. However, should you wish to upgrade to Business Class this is normally possible, subject to availability. If you would like to take this option, please contact our reservations department, who can often offer an upgrade at specially discounted prices.

Baggage allowances vary according to the destination, flight and class booked, although in the majority of cases the allowance for Economy is 20kg and Business is 30kg. All the internal flights in this brochure use jet airliners. Occasionally, when travelling on internal flights with local carriers or on light aircraft, it may be necessary for operators to change schedules at short notice. If this should happen, everything possible will be done to minimise the inconvenience. Such a change may cause a delay to your onward travel arrangements and require an extra night's accommodation at your board point, alternative travel by another airline or another method of transportation. Although these arrangements are at the discretion of the airline, Cox & Kings will endeavour to help in any way it can and ensure that arrangements go as smoothly as possible.

Flight delays & insurance: Unfortunately, due to the increase in air traffic, government restrictions and changing weather conditions, flight delays have become more commonplace. These delays can cause problems with onward connections and / or hotel and holiday arrangements, which need to be rescheduled. The airline will sometimes make alternative arrangements to get you to your next destination at no extra cost; however, additional costs may well be involved in the form of additional accommodation costs, transfers and onward tickets. It is important that your travel insurance covers you against the costs that you may incur as a result of cancellation or

delay to your flight. Unfortunately, since most services are paid for in advance, any services missed due to delays are non-refundable. Please also bear in mind that many international flight tickets are non-changeable and non-refundable. We strongly advise that you are insured against such eventualities. In certain circumstances, you may also have a right to compensation under EU Regulation 261/2004; any claims for recompense should be submitted directly to the relevant airline.

Flight amendments: Most of the tours shown in this brochure use special airfares. These have certain conditions that normally restrict any change of date, route or airline. Any such change made after a ticket has been issued will normally necessitate the purchase of a new ticket at the passenger's expense.

Special requests: Cox & Kings will endeavour to request any specific meals or services, subject to availability, on the condition that we are told at the time of booking. Specific seat requests with most major airlines can now only be requested if travelling in Business Class. We are able to request general seating preferences for Economy Class passengers; however, please remember that all special requests are 'requests', and as such are at the discretion of the airline and cannot be guaranteed.

Airport departure taxes: International UK and foreign local departure tax is included in the cost of your holiday (unless otherwise stated) when you buy your ticket from Cox & Kings. However, in some cases additional local taxes may have to be paid locally, and you will be informed of these before you travel.

Road Travel

The road conditions you will experience in Europe are generally fairly good. The majority of the roads are sealed and in reasonable condition. Please be aware that some tours involve driving on smaller, more uneven roads, which may be uncomfortable, dusty and quite strenuous. The distance covered in some of our tours is also considerable. If you have any problems with long journeys, please discuss this with your consultant. Types of vehicles vary according to the country visited and the numbers on a tour. Generally, the following can be used as a guideline for the size of transportation provided: 2-3 passengers, saloon car; 4-6 passengers, minivan; 6-19 passengers, small bus; 20-28 passengers, medium-sized bus.

Car Hire

Cox & Kings can arrange self-drive holidays to certain parts of Europe. Please enquire for further details and note that we advise against self-drive in some regions because, in our opinion, it may be unsafe. In the event that you wish to book an independent self-drive, please be aware that this does not form part of your package holiday with Cox & Kings and as such Cox & Kings is not liable in any way for this part of your holiday. Please ensure that, if you do make such a booking, your insurance policy covers you.

Early Starts

A number of flights within Europe arrive or depart early in the morning, and while we will endeavour to schedule your tour with a flight which arrives or departs at a reasonable time, sometimes there is little or no alternative and early check-in or check-out times may be required.

Accommodation

Accommodation standards vary dramatically throughout Europe. Hotels in eastern Europe, Albania, North Macedonia and regional Turkey generally should not be compared to western European standards. For our tours we have chosen hotels primarily for their location and

the facilities available. We will endeavour to supply any extra information that you may require on these hotels. The hotels listed in the tour itineraries may occasionally be unavailable for the required dates. In such an event, we will advise you of alternative hotels, which will, where possible, be of the same or of a higher standard than those featured in the itineraries. There are many new hotels being built in Europe and we may upgrade those featured in the brochure if better options in the same category become available. All rooms reserved on your tour are standard; however, if you wish to upgrade your room (eg to a lake view or suite etc), please speak to your travel consultant, who will be able to advise you about the options and the applicable supplements.

Check-in & check-out times: For all group and individual tours, hotel check-in / check-out time is normally 12 noon, but this does vary between hotels. Early check in and late check out cannot be pre-booked, but can sometimes be negotiated on site.

River Cruises & Rail Journeys

The river cruises and rail journeys in this brochure are offered subject to the conditions of carriage of the individual cruise or rail company. Please note that, in exceptional circumstances, they may vary their itineraries with little or no notice if water levels become unsafe, train lines become blocked or to avoid areas of dense traffic. Such changes are rare, but you should check the final itinerary at reception when you embark.

Itinerary Changes

From time to time, especially in Russia, our ground agents may have to amend your itinerary. This could include changes to the order of activities and, in some extreme cases, have to exclude a visit to a particular site. This is largely due to the need to accommodate local conditions, such as increased security around places of interest such as squares, museums and palaces among others. Where this information is made available to us in good time, we will advise you prior to your departure. However, the security arrangements and closure of monuments around important public holidays do vary from one season to another and the details are only made available at short notice. Any changes to your itinerary will be advised by the local ground agent. However, on arrival, if you are either unable to locate the airport representative or are unhappy with the changes, we strongly recommend that you contact our local representatives in the first instance. The contact details of our local offices can be found alongside the documents dispatched with the final itinerary.

British Foreign & Commonwealth Advice

Cox & Kings supports the British Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) Travel Aware campaign to help you stay safe and healthy overseas. Find out more at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk. The FCO website provides travel information for many countries around the world which includes advice on safety and security, entry requirements and health, as well as general information. Cox & Kings strongly recommends that you, and everyone on your booking, visit the FCO website and read the advice about the country you are planning to visit prior to booking. You should also revisit the advice regularly prior to your departure as it may change frequently. It is also possible to sign-up to receive FCO email updates for your destination so you are aware of any changes to advice they issue and we recommend you do this. There are different levels of advice, and sometimes this includes advice against travelling to certain areas or countries. To check the current travel advice, visit gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and follow twitter.com/ftctravel and facebook.com/ftctravel.

Documents & Health

Health & Entry Requirements

All destinations featured in this brochure have specific entry regulations and many have recommended health precautions. The requirements and recommendations in force at the time of publication are detailed below. If there are any alterations, you will be informed at the time of booking or as soon as these are known to us. However, it is your responsibility to check the relevant requirements and recommendations before departure to ensure that you comply with them, and to take with you the correct documentation for the country / countries you are visiting.

Please note that the entry requirements listed are only valid for British citizens. All other nationalities should check with the relevant embassy / consulate for advice. Regarding any inoculations or health precautions that may be needed, Cox & Kings recommends that you consult your GP or travel clinic for personal advice.

Requirements and recommendations are as follows:

Albania:	AC'EGHK
Austria:	AGJ
Armenia:	AEGHJK
Azerbaijan:	AB'GI
Bosnia and Herzegovina:	AGEHJK
Belarus:	AB'C'EGIK
Bulgaria:	AEGHK
Czech Republic:	AGK
Croatia:	AEGK
Cyprus:	AG
Denmark:	AG
Estonia:	AGJK
Finland:	AG
Georgia:	AEGHIK
Germany:	AGH
Greece:	AGH
Greenland:	AEGHJ
Hungary:	AG
Iceland:	AG
Italy:	AGH
Kosovo:	AEGHKL
Latvia:	AEGJK
Lithuania:	AEGK
North Macedonia:	AEGHK
Malta:	AC'G
Moldova:	AGI
Montenegro:	AEGHIK
Northern Cyprus:	AGL
Norway:	AGH
Poland:	AEGHK
Portugal:	AG
Romania:	AEGHIK
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Serbia:	AEGHK
Slovakia:	AG
Slovenia:	AGK
Spain:	AGH
Sweden:	AG
Switzerland:	AGH
Turkey:	AB'EGHIK
Ukraine:	AGI

Key to the codes:

- A: Full valid British passport required (minimum six months validity from the intended date of return).
 B: Visa required (see note).
 B': Visa not required (see note and check restrictions).
 B'': Visa required, to be completed online.
 C: Yellow fever precautions advised.
 C': A yellow fever certificate is required if travelling from an infected country.
 C'': A yellow fever certificate is required for all travellers more than one year old when travelling from an infected country.
 D: Cholera precautions advised.
 E: Typhoid, polio, rabies and hepatitis A precautions may be advised.
 F: Malaria precautions advised.
 G: Tetanus precautions advised.
 H: Areas of high altitude – check with your GP for confirmation that it is safe for you to visit.
 I: Food and drink precautions advised.
 J: Diphtheria precautions advised.
 K: Hepatitis B precautions advised.
 L: Evidence of travel to this country in your passport may cause difficulties in neighbouring countries or other border restrictions may be in place; check with the relevant embassy for further details.

Changes to requirements and recommendations:

The above information is accurate at the time of writing (July 2019). Cox & Kings will advise you before accepting your booking should there be any subsequent changes to the above recommendations and requirements. You should contact your GP or visit the Masta (Medical Advice Service for Travellers Abroad) website at masta-travel-health.com where you can receive professional advice as well as arrange any vaccinations. Further country-specific useful health advice for travellers can be found via:
 • fitfortravel.nhs.uk
 • gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

General Health Advice

Please see the advice regarding inoculations for specific countries above. For more general advice, please note the following:

- Drink only bottled water and check the seal is secure when you receive it.
- Do not eat raw vegetables, unpeeled fruit and raw or uncooked seafood.
- Avoid drinks with ice in unless you know that the ice was made from filtered water.
- Avoid food and drink from street vendors and restaurants that might have suspect refrigeration and sanitary practices.

European Health Insurance Card: British citizens and other European nationals visiting countries within the EU should carry the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) as it entitles travellers to reduced cost, or sometimes free, medical treatment in most European countries. Following the results of the EU referendum, no changes have yet been announced to the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) scheme and therefore, at the time of writing, the service is still running. Online applications normally arrive within seven days. For more information and for applications please telephone 0300 330 1350 or visit the website to apply online at nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.

Passports & Embassies

This advice is only valid for British citizen passport holders. Holders of any other type of British passport (eg British subjects) or of any other nationality must contact the relevant embassy / consulate (details listed below). It is important that you hold a valid 10-year British passport and we recommend that your passport is valid for a minimum of six months from your date of return to the UK. Passport application forms can be obtained from the post office or online at gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports. The passport advice telephone line is on 0300 222 0000 (calls are charged at national rate). Whether renewing your passport or applying for a new one, all relevant information can be found on the website or by telephoning the number above. The cost for a postal application is £75.50 and takes a minimum of three weeks to obtain from the date of application. Fast track passports of either 1 day or 1 week are also available at a higher cost.

Information on visas may be obtained from the respective embassies and high commissions at the following addresses:

- Albanian Embassy, 33 St. George's Drive, London SW1V 4DG. Tel: 020 7828 8897.
- Armenian Embassy, 25A Cheniston Gardens, Kensington, London W8 6TG. Tel: 020 7938 5435.
- Azerbaijan Embassy, 4 Kensington Ct. Kensington, London W8 5DL. Tel: 020 7938 3412.
- Embassy of the Republic of Belarus, 6 Kensington Ct, Kensington, London W8 5DL. Tel: 020 7937 3288.
- Embassy of the Republic of Austria, 18 Belgrave Mews W, London SW1X 8HU. Tel: 020 7344 3250.
- Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 5 Lexham Gardens, London W8 5JJ. Tel: 020 7373 0867.
- Embassy of Bulgaria, 186-188 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HL. Tel: 020 7581 3144.
- Croatian Embassy, 21 Conway Street, London W1T 6BN. Tel: 020 7387 2022.
- Cypriot High Commission, 13 St James Square, London SW1Y 4LB. Tel: 020 7321 4100.
- Embassy of the Czech Republic, 26 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8 4QY. Tel: 020 7243 7942.
- Embassy of Denmark, 55 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9SR. Tel: 020 7333 0200.
- Estonian Embassy, 44 Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7 5PJ. Tel: 020 7838 5388.
- Embassy of Finland, 38 Chesham Place, London SW1X 8HW. Tel: 020 7838 6200.
- Georgian Embassy, 4 Russell Gardens, London W14 8EZ. Tel: 020 7348 1942.

- German Embassy, 23 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PZ. Tel: 020 7824 1300.
- Greek Embassy, 1A Holland Park, London W11 3TP. Tel: 020 7313 5600.
- Greenland – see Embassy of Denmark.
- Hungarian Embassy, 35 Eaton Place, London SW1X 8BY. Tel: 020 7201 3440.
- Embassy of Iceland, 2A Hans Street, London SW1X 0JE. Tel: 020 7259 3999.
- Italian Consulate, Harp House, 83-86 Farringdon St, London EC4A 4BL. Tel: 020 7936 5900.
- Embassy of Kosovo, 8 John St, Holborn, London WC1N 2EB. Tel: 020 7405 1010.
- Latvian Embassy, 45 Nottingham Place, London W1U 5LY. Tel: 020 7312 0041.
- Lithuanian Embassy, 2 Bessborough Gardens, London SW1V 2JE. Tel: 020 7592 2840.
- North Macedonian Embassy, Suites 2.1-2.2, Buckingham Court, 75/83 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6PE. Tel: 020 7976 0535.
- Maltese High Commission, Malta House, 36-38 Piccadilly, London W1J 0LE. Tel: 020 7292 4800.
- Montenegro Embassy, 47 De Vere Gardens, London W8 5AW. Tel: 020 3302 7227.
- Moldova Embassy, 5, Dolphin Square, Edensor Rd, London W4 2ST. Tel: 020 8995 8818.
- N. Cyprus Representative Office, 29 Bedford Square, Fitzrovia, London WC1B 3ED. Tel: 020 7631 1920.
- Royal Norwegian Embassy, 25 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QD. Tel: 020 7591 5500.
- Polish Consulate, 10 Bouverie St, London EC4Y 8AX. Tel: 020 7822 8900.
- Portuguese Consulate, 3 Portland Place, London W1B 3HR. Tel: 020 7291 3770.
- Romanian Embassy, Arundel House, 4 Palace Green, London W8 4QD. Tel: 020 7937 9666.
- The Embassy of the Russian Federation, (consular section), 6-7 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8 4QP. Tel: 020 7229 6412.
- Embassy of Serbia, 28 Belgrave Square, Belgravia, London SW1X 8QB. Tel: 020 7235 9049.
- Embassy of Slovakia, 25 Kensington Place Gardens, London W8 4QY. Tel: 020 7313 6470.
- Embassy of Slovenia, 17 Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BL. Tel: 020 7222 5700.
- Spanish Consulate, 20 Draycott Place, London SW3 2RZ. Tel: 020 7589 8989.
- Embassy of Sweden, 11 Montagu Place, London W1H 2AL. Tel: 020 7917 6400.
- Turkish Consulate General, Rutland Lodge, Rutland Gardens, London SW7 1BW. Tel: 020 7591 6900.
- Ukraine Embassy, 60 Holland Park, London W11 3SJ. Tel: 020 77276312.

Visas & Charges

Of the destinations covered in this brochure, only Russia, Turkey and Azerbaijan require a visa for entry (this applies to British citizen passport holders only). Current charges and application procedures are detailed below.

Russia: Cox & Kings recommends using the visa service of VFS Global. They are a well-established company who will be able to process the application efficiently on your behalf. Visa applicants over the age of 12 must visit the application centres in London, Manchester or Edinburgh where biometric data (scanned fingerprints) will be collected. This applies to each Russian entry or transit visa application. For further information on application centres and the visa process, please speak to your travel consultant.

Turkey: Visa must be purchased before arrival online at evisa.gov.tr/en. The cost of the visa is \$20 per person.

Azerbaijan: Visa must be purchased before arrival online at evisa.gov.az/en. The cost of the visa is \$20 per person.

Belarus: Belarus has abolished visas for stays of up to 30 days; however, clients must arrive and depart via Minsk National Airport and must hold medical insurance cover in excess of €10,000. Proof of funds equivalent to €25 per day can also be requested.

If you require further information about obtaining a visa, Cox & Kings can recommend a reputable visa assistance company who can help with your application. Please contact your travel consultant for details.

Neither Cox & Kings nor any visa assistance company can guarantee the granting of any visas as this is a matter outside of their control. If a visa is not granted through no fault of Cox & Kings or any visa assistance company, neither will accept any liability for the consequences. Therefore Cox & Kings reserves the right to pass on to you any costs incurred as a result, including cancellation charges.

Cox & Kings Holidays Explained

Accommodation Ratings

The properties displayed on the accommodation pages 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.

Due to space restrictions this brochure only features a limited selection of the hotels we offer. Please visit CoxandKings.co.uk to see our full range of hotels.

Prices

We go to great lengths to ensure that our group and private 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 tours to Europe 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 period for example, may be significantly higher than the guideline high season price.

For group tours, to see more up to date pricing for a specific departure date, please visit our website at CoxandKings.co.uk

Important: 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 26 people.

The majority of our tours are general interest tours, most of which are operated by Cox & Kings for Cox & Kings clients. Where tours are labelled non-exclusive group tours, they are not operated by Cox & Kings and the participants may not all be Cox & Kings clients.

There are four categories of group tour: Luxury, Superior, Standard and Discovery (see paragraph on Tour Categories).

Solo Travellers Tours

In addition to our main group tours, we also feature Solo Travellers



Ceiling of the Blue Mosque, Istanbul

tours in Europe. This collection has been specially created for individual travellers who enjoy exploring fascinating parts of the world in the company of like-minded people. We also have a dedicated brochure and website section (CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers) that describe the complete range.

Arts & Culture Tours

This brochure also features several Arts & Culture tours within Europe. These tours focus on creativity in its many forms and are accompanied by expert lecturers. They are open to anyone with a passion for the arts and suit enthusiasts and connoisseurs alike.

Tour Categories

Cox & Kings tours fall into one of four categories, based on the level of comfort you can expect on a tour, as described below. On 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 de luxe 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: 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. Almost all our group tours can be taken on a private basis and some itineraries are available for private travel only. The private tours and suggested itineraries listed in this brochure are suggestions 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.

Cruises & Rail Journeys

Tours are labelled as cruise or rail journey if the core content of the itinerary is by boat or train, including staying on board at night. In such cases, while the sections of the itinerary before and after the cruise or rail journey would operate as private travel, the days during the cruise or rail journey and the relevant transfers and excursions may be operated on a group basis with other passengers who may not be Cox & Kings clients.

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, Cox & Kings can 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.

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 Cox & Kings 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. 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.

When to Travel

The weather in Europe is variable through the seasons and in different regions. The opening spread of pages for each country or region includes climate information and most tour pages include detailed charts showing the average temperature and rainfall in the relevant regions throughout the year. Even greater detail – and measurements in imperial units – can be found on our website. Our expert travel consultants will also be delighted to give you detailed advice about the likely conditions at different times of year.

Europe is also well known for its cultural festivals. If you are interested in visiting during a particular celebration, please contact a Cox & Kings travel consultant for dates.

Mobility & Accessibility

Many Cox & Kings tours visit places that require quite a lot of walking. In the case of historical and 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.

Combining Multiple World Regions

Should you wish to combine multiple regions of the world in a single journey, Cox & Kings has a great deal of experience in tailoring such travel plans, including arranging round-the-world flights. Please contact us for details of the various options and a price quotation.

Ensuring Your Enjoyment

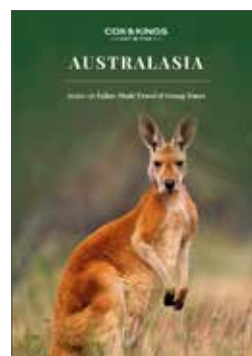
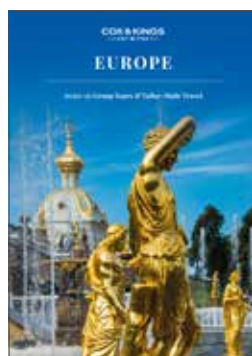
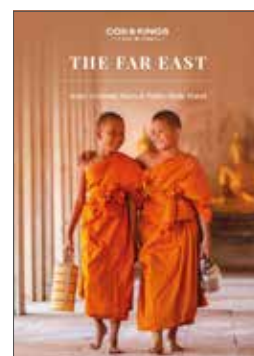
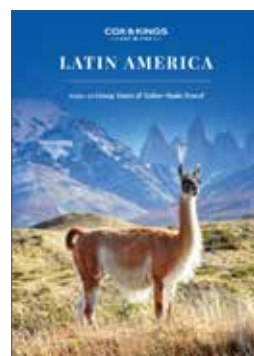
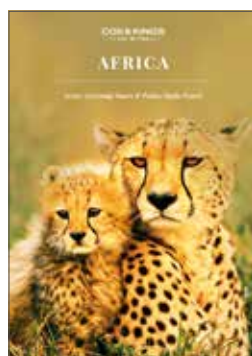
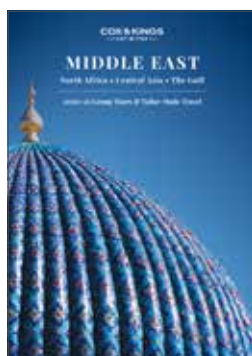
When making a booking, if you feel that there is anything Cox & Kings should know about that is essential to your enjoyment of your holiday, please ensure that we have been made aware of this, preferably in writing, at the time of booking.



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