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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 and private tailor-made travel
- The best guides to bring a destination to life

What we offer to the Middle East

- Private tailored travel
- Small group tours
- Special group tours for solo travellers
- Expert-led arts & culture tours
- Family adventures
- Luxury train journeys
- Serene river cruises
- Stylish tented camps



**BEST HOLIDAY COMPANY TO
THE MIDDLE EAST**



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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.

- **Cox & Kings Signature Experiences**

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

- **All Entrance Fees Included**

All sightseeing entrance fees 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 146 for further details).

- **Arts & Culture Tours**

This brochure includes a selection of expert-accompanied tours, designed for all art enthusiasts (see page 146 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 138-142 for details).

Please see page 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 146-147 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 tour 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 be driven by air-conditioned private car, allowing the flexibility to make stops en route, where and when you wish.

- **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.

- **Cox & Kings Signature Experiences**

From market tours and cooking classes to hot air balloon rides and epicurean dining, 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.

- **24-Hour Emergency Support**

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- **Full Holiday Protection**

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If you would like to find out more about how our holidays operate, please refer to Cox & Kings Holidays Explained on pages 146-147 of this brochure. There is also a wealth of additional information about the countries featured in this brochure in the Middle East sections of our website, reached via the 'Destinations' link. Please visit CoxandKings.co.uk

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.



Kasbah Ait Benhaddou, Ouarzazate, Morocco

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 the Middle East. 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 downtime. 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.

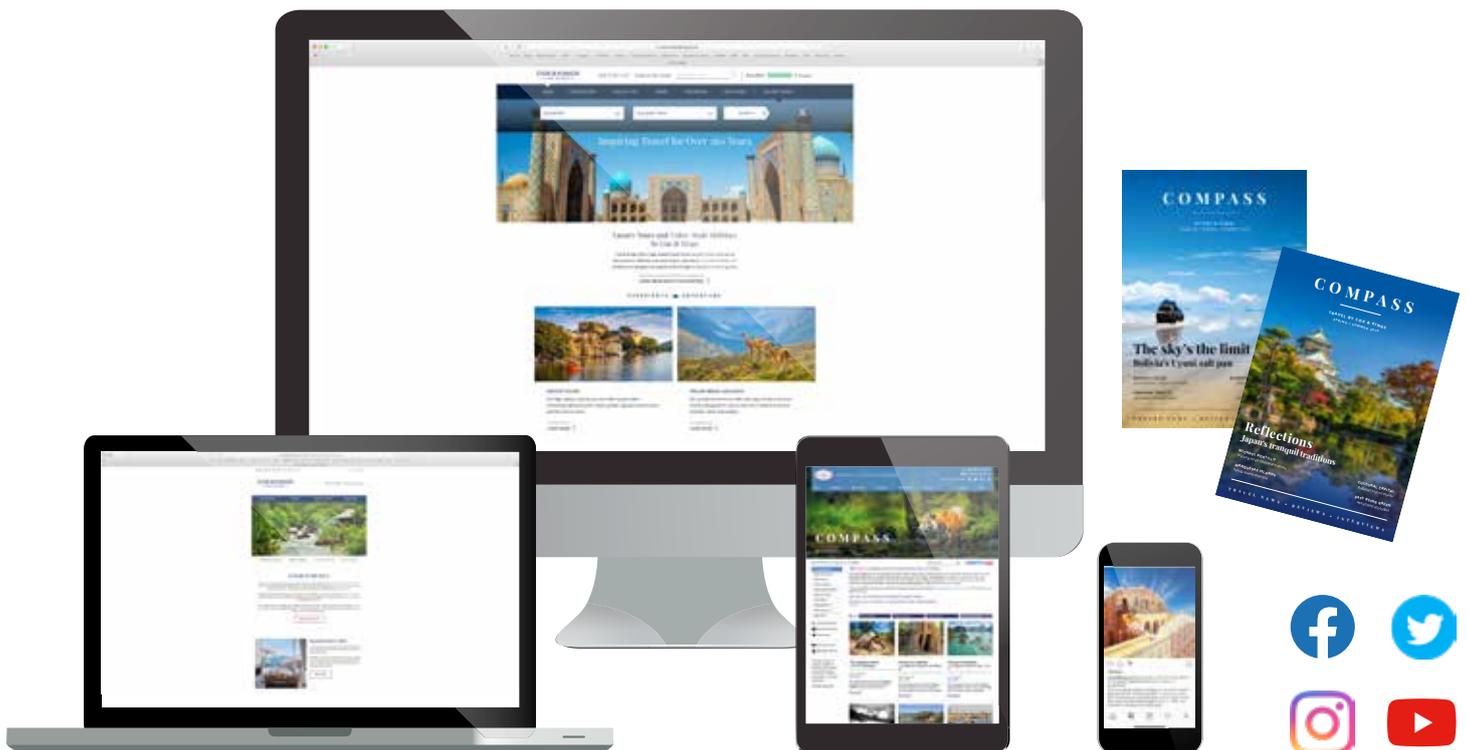
Private Groups

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 in the Middle East. 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

The online sister of our acclaimed *Compass* magazine, CoxandKings.co.uk/compass 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.



Egypt

Tailor-made travel • River cruises



Anyone with a keen interest in ancient history will be enthralled by Egypt: the country is simply packed with spectacular archaeological sites, all of which can be explored on a relaxing and luxurious Nile cruise. Aside from the cultural aspect, Egypt offers outstanding natural sights including beautiful desert scenery, lush oases and colourful coral reefs.

Visit the celebrated pyramids of Giza, as well as mummified remains and the treasures of Tutankhamun's tomb in the Egyptian Museum. Travelling down the Nile, discover the sprawling temples of Luxor and Karnak, the mysterious Valley of the Kings, the well-preserved Temple of Horus and the isolated Temple of Philae.

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Egypt has a comfortable and temperate climate for most of the year, although it gets particularly hot in July and August. The Mediterranean coast experiences some cloud and rain in the winter, but for the most part there is sunshine without debilitating heat. There is a desert wind, called a *khamsin*, which blows during spring (March to May).

Cairo

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	19	21	24	29	32	35	35	35	33	30	25	21
B	8	9	11	14	17	20	21	21	20	17	13	10
C	5	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	4

Aswan

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	23	26	30	35	38	41	41	40	39	36	29	24
B	9	10	14	19	22	25	26	25	24	20	15	10
C	55	26	13	5	1	0	0	0	1	10	29	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 Middle East experts.

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Image left: Painted and carved hypostyle hall at Dendara Temple, Egypt

Discover Egypt

Some of Egypt's most impressive historic sites are detailed below. These are spread along the river Nile, so the best way to see them is on a relaxing river cruise. The most popular routes sail between Aswan and Luxor, or vice versa, with an average duration of 3 or 4 nights. A standard cruise vessel has four guest decks, including a sun deck with a plunge pool and sunbeds, a restaurant, a bar, reception area and a small boutique. While the average larger cruise vessel has between 50 to 60 cabins, the smallest and most intimate cruise vessel, the dahabeya, is powered by sails and has just 6 to 10 cabins.

There are over 350 cruise vessels that sail on the Nile so it's important to choose the one that is right for you; the following pages detail a number of itineraries and cruise ships that we recommend.



Cairo

[Pyramids and the Great Sphinx at Giza & Saqqara](#) • [Egyptian Museum](#) • [Ancient Khan el-Khalili souk](#)

No visit to Egypt would be complete without a stay in its capital, Cairo. On its east side stands the evidence of 2,000 years of Islamic, Christian Coptic and Jewish culture. On its west side lies the ancient Egyptian city of Memphis (Giza), the capital of the old kingdom, the Great Sphinx and the pyramids.

Among the city's many attractions are the ancient Khan el-Khalili souk, the towering citadel, and the many mosques, minarets and tombs of the old city. The fascinating Egyptian Museum is home to more than 120,000 ancient artefacts, including Tutankhamun's burial mask and a room dedicated to the ancient Egyptian art of mummification. Travellers should try to see not only the celebrated pyramids at Giza, but also the stepped pyramid in Saqqara, 30km south of Cairo.

Luxor

[East Bank, including temples of Karnak & Luxor](#) • [West Bank, including Valley of the Kings & Queens](#)

Luxor is a modern city with nearby monuments from ancient Egypt, including two large temple complexes. The Karnak temples are among the most historically significant in Egypt while in the heart of the new town lies the smaller Luxor (Thebes) temple. If you are staying in Luxor then this is especially worthy of a visit at sunrise or sunset.

Across the Nile on the West Bank is one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. This area, the necropolis, includes the world-renowned Valley of the Kings. Thousands of elaborately decorated tombs are found here, the most significant of which were built for the pharaohs. The Valley of the Queens is an equally important but lesser-frequented archaeological site.



Pyramids at Giza, Cairo



Temple of Horus, Edfu

Edfu

The Temple of Horus

Edfu temple is one of the best-preserved ancient temples in Egypt and second only to Karnak in size. Dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god, it was built in the Ptolemaic period and finished in 57BC. Ancient Egyptians believed that the temple was built on the site of the great battle between Horus and Seth. It was buried under desert sand and Nile silt for over two millennia, only to be rediscovered in the late 19th century. As a result, the temple has been remarkably well preserved, its entrance guarded by two enormous 35-metre high pylons. If, as is most likely, you are arriving into Edfu on a Nile cruise then the journey from the vessel to the temple complex is by horse and carriage through the streets of the city.



Temple of Philae, Aswan

Aswan

Temple of Philae • Nubian Museum • Sail on a felucca

Aswan is situated in southern Egypt, down river from the first cataract. The main sight here is the Temple of Philae. Located on Agilkia island between Aswan's two dams, the temple is one of the most photogenic sites on the river Nile. The original location of the temple meant that it was often flooded, so in the 1960s the entire complex was moved.

The Nubian Museum houses an excellent collection of artefacts from the nomadic tribes of southern Egypt, which have now been displaced due to the construction of the dam in the 20th century. Don't miss the chance to take a leisurely *felucca* (traditional wooden sail boat) trip on the river, stopping off at Elephantine Island, which is dotted with small archaeological sites.



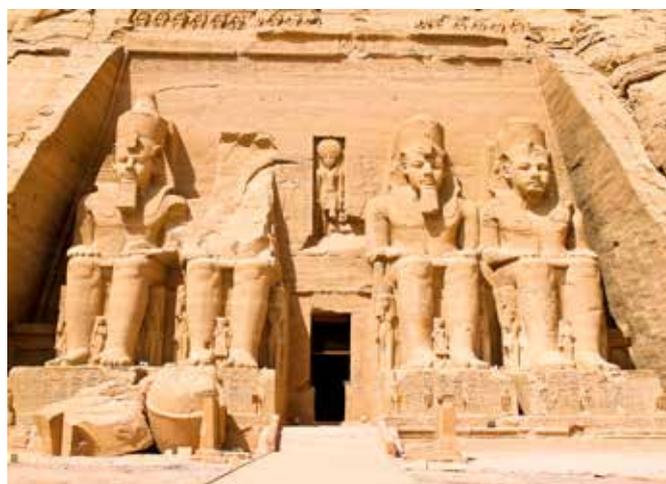
Temple of Sobek, Kom Ombo

Kom Ombo

Sobek & Haroeris temples • Crocodile Museum

In a quiet and picturesque location on the Nile lies the temple complex of Kom Ombo. There are two temples: the Temple of Sobek, the god of fertility and creator of the world; and the Temple of Haroeris, the solar god. The complex has a unique double design with twin entrances, halls, courts and sanctuaries, one for each god. There are some unusual reliefs in the Hypostyle Hall.

Another fascinating sight here is the Crocodile Museum. Over 300 mummified crocodiles were found in the surrounding area and the best examples are housed in a small museum, which provides information on their significance in Egyptian mythology.



Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel

Abu Simbel

Temple of Ramses II • Day excursion from Aswan

The Temple of Ramses II at Abu Simbel is one of the most impressive monuments in Egypt. Built into a rocky hillside, the site's four statues are around 20 metres high and remain as awesome today as they would have been at the time of their construction 3,000 years ago. Due to the construction of the High Dam at Aswan, the temple was moved between 1964 and 1968 to its new picturesque location. Next to the Temple of Ramses II is the smaller temple of Nefertari, dedicated to the wife of Ramses II.

Many tourists choose to visit the site by air as a day trip during stays in Aswan. Due to flight restrictions, the maximum duration of your visit cannot exceed one hour.

Splendours of Egypt

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Standard & Superior

River cruise • From £1,895 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

This is the perfect introduction to the highlights of Egypt, combining a stay in Cairo including visits to the Pyramids and the Egyptian Museum, with a 4-night Nile cruise, taking in the celebrated sights of Upper Egypt including visits to both the East and West Bank to see the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Karnak and the immense Aswan High Dam.

This river cruise features...

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

Special experiences

- ❖ Choice of Standard or Superior Plus cruise vessels (see pages 27-28 for further details)
- ❖ Traditional felucca boat ride in Aswan
- ❖ Relaxation aboard the river cruise with sightseeing along the Nile

Area map



Pyramids at Giza

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

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

Day 2: Giza

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

Day 3: Fly to Luxor

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

Day 4: Luxor

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

Day 5: Edfu • Kom Ombo

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

Day 6: Aswan

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

Day 7: Fly to Cairo

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

Day 8: Fly home

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

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

Important information

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

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

Other cruise options & tailor-made travel:

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

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: AFI / AFJ

Standard: Low season from £1,895
High season from £2,095

Superior: Low season from £2,445
High season from £3,395

Departures: This tour departs every Saturday from 4 January to 19 December 2020



Temple of Kom Ombo

Long Nile Cruise: Cairo to Luxor

Duration • 15 days & 14 nights
Category • Superior

River cruise • From £3,895 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

Explore Cairo for a few days before embarking on an 11-night cruise along the Nile. Visit some of Egypt's most impressive historical sites as you journey from Cairo to Luxor at a leisurely pace on the luxurious Mövenpick MS *Darakum*. Throughout the cruise you will benefit from the expertise of qualified Egyptologist guides, who will share their knowledge of Egypt's 7,000-year history.

This river cruise features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Private arrival & departure transfers
- ❖ 11-night cruise in an en suite cabin
- ❖ All meals included during cruise
- ❖ Shared cruise excursions as detailed
- ❖ Accompanied by a qualified Egyptologist guide throughout

Special experiences

- ❖ Visit Memphis, the old capital of the Egyptian empire
- ❖ See the lesser-known Saqqara necropolis with its Step Pyramid
- ❖ Explore Dendara, one of the best-preserved temple complexes in Egypt
- ❖ Spend a half day at Abydos temple

Area map



Saqqara, Memphis

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Fly to Cairo and transfer to the **Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Cairo

Day at leisure. Relax at your hotel or take an optional tour to visit Cairo's bazaars. (B)

Day 3: Cairo

Board the Mövenpick MS *Darakum* for an 11-night cruise. Overnight in Cairo. (B, D)

Day 4: Giza

Morning tour of Giza to see the Great Pyramid and Sphinx. Return to the boat for lunch before visiting the Egyptian Museum in the afternoon. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Memphis • Cairo

This morning visit Memphis, the old capital of the Egyptian empire to see its Step Pyramid. After lunch, continue to Islamic Cairo and visit the Hanging Church, the Coptic museum and Jewish synagogue. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Cairo • Beni Suef

Day at leisure as you sit back and enjoy a full day of sailing to Beni Suef. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Beni Suef • Minya

Another day at leisure with a full day of sailing to Minya. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Minya

Early morning visit to the necropolis of Tuna el-Gebel and the museum at El Ashmunein. This afternoon visit the tombs of Beni Hassan, rich with hieroglyphics. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Minya • Asyut

Sail early this morning to the archaeological site of el-Amarna, before sailing to Asyut. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Asyut • Sohag

Full day of sailing to Sohag, where the boat will moor overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Sohag • Naga Hammadi

This morning visit Abydos to see the Great Osiris Temple and the temple of Seti I. Return to the boat to sail to Naga Hammadi via Naga Hammadi Bridges. Overnight in Naga Hammadi. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Dendara • Luxor

Early morning sailing to Qena, then drive to the city of Dendara with its well-preserved temple complex. Sail to Luxor. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Luxor

Morning visit on the West Bank, to the Valley of the Kings and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. This afternoon, visit the East Bank and the Luxor and Karnak temples. Overnight on board. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Luxor • Fly to Cairo

Disembark this morning and transfer to Luxor airport for a flight to Cairo. On arrival, transfer to the **InterContinental Citystars Cairo** for 1 night. (B)

Day 15: Fly home

Early morning transfer to Cairo airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

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

Other cruise options & tailor-made travel:

For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards or to discuss flight options, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: LEC

Low season from £3,895
High season from £4,995

2020 departures: 23 Feb, 20 Mar, 15 Apr, 11 May, 11 Sep, 7 Oct, 2 Nov



Enchanting Egypt Dahabeya Cruise

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights

Category • Superior

River cruise • From £3,295 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

Discover the highlights of Egypt while staying in carefully chosen, characterful accommodation. See the majestic Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza before spending 5 nights aboard an intimate and luxurious dahabeya. Cruise leisurely along the Nile, stopping to explore the iconic sites and temples found along its shores. Finish with a stay in a historic hotel in the lush city of Aswan, where life goes by at a slower pace.

This river cruise features...

- ❖ Traditional accommodation (see page 27 for cruise vessel details)
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Private arrival & departure transfers
- ❖ Private tours of the Pyramids & the Egyptian Museum in Cairo
- ❖ Private guide & driver in Cairo
- ❖ 5-night cruise in an en suite cabin
- ❖ All meals included during cruise
- ❖ Shared cruise excursions as detailed
- ❖ Accompanied by a qualified Egyptologist guide throughout

Special experiences

- ❖ Sail along the Nile in a 6-cabin dahabeya
- ❖ Stay in a traditional property in the heart of Islamic Cairo
- ❖ Spend 2 days relaxing in Aswan
- ❖ Entrance to the Royal Mummy Room at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo

Area map



River Nile at sunset, Aswan

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Fly to Cairo and transfer to the **Le Riad Hotel de Charme** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Cairo

Morning tour of Giza to see the Great Pyramid and Sphinx. Afternoon private tour of the Egyptian Museum including entry to the Royal Mummy Room. (B)

Day 3: Fly to Luxor

Early morning flight to Luxor. Board the **Jaz Yakouta** for a 5-night cruise. This upscale dahabeya is elegantly decorated and provides an intimate cruising experience. Visit the Karnak temple complex and Luxor Temple. (D)

Day 4: Luxor • Esna

Visit the main sites of the West Bank including visits to the Valley of the Kings, Deir el-Medina and the Colossi of Memnon. Take lunch on board and sail to Esna this afternoon, where the dahabeya will overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Edfu • Kom Ombo

Set sail for Edfu this morning and visit the well-preserved Temple of Horus. Continue to Kom Ombo and overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Aswan

Visit the unusual double temple of Kom Ombo before sailing to Aswan. On arrival, visit the Unfinished Obelisk, Aswan High Dam and the Temple of Philae. Tonight you will be moored in Aswan. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Aswan

Morning at leisure with an optional excursion to Abu Simbel (additional cost). In the afternoon take a relaxing felucca ride to the botanical garden. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Aswan

Disembark this morning and transfer to **Sofitel Legend Old Cataract**, a colonial-era property, for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 9: Aswan

Day at leisure. Optional activities include visiting a Nubian village and the local bazaars (additional cost). (B)

Day 10: Fly home via Cairo

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, via Cairo. (B)

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

Important information

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

Other cruise options & tailor-made travel:

For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards or to discuss flight options, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: EEG

Low season from £3,295
High season from £4,995

Departures: This tour departs most Saturdays from 4 January to 24 October 2020



Colossi of Memnon, Luxor

Oberoi Philae Nile Cruise

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Luxury

River cruise • From £2,695 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

Stay in Cairo for 3 nights before a leisurely 4-night cruise up the Nile. In Cairo, choose from either a stay at Mena House or the Four Seasons Nile Plaza, both renowned for their luxury. After 2 full days exploring Cairo and the breathtaking Pyramids in Giza, board your luxury Nile cruise. The *Oberoi Philae* is one of the most prestigious Nile cruise vessels.

This river cruise features...

- ❖ 5-star de luxe accommodation (see page 26 for cruise vessel details)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Private arrival & departure transfers
- ❖ Private tours of the Pyramids & the Egyptian Museum in Cairo
- ❖ 4-night cruise in an en suite cabin
- ❖ All meals included during cruise
- ❖ Private Egyptologist guide & driver for sightseeing in Cairo

Special experiences

- ❖ Entrance to the Royal Mummy Room in the Egyptian Museum included
- ❖ Discover the Valley of the Kings & the vast Karnak temple complex near Luxor
- ❖ Explore the Aswan High Dam & the Temple of Philae in Aswan
- ❖ Fully guided visit to the temples of Edfu & Kom Ombo

Area map



The Sphinx and Pyramid of Khafre, Giza

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Fly to Cairo and transfer to the **Marriott Mena House** or the **Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza** for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Giza

Morning tour of Giza to see the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursion to the stepped pyramid at Saqqara (payable locally). (B)

Day 3: Cairo

Morning visit to the Egyptian Museum, with its celebrated exhibition of Tutankhamun's treasures. The visit includes entry into the museum's Royal Mummy Room. Afternoon exploration of the Khan el-Khalili bazaar and citadel. (B)

Day 4: Fly to Luxor

Early morning flight to Luxor (flying time approx. 1 hour). Transfer to the luxury *Oberoi Philae* for a 4-night cruise to Aswan. Afternoon visit to Karnak temple complex and Luxor Museum. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Luxor • Esna

Morning visit to the Valley of the Kings, Dier el-Medina and the Colossi of Memnon. This afternoon, sail to Esna, where the boat will moor overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Edfu • Kom Ombo

Sail to Edfu and visit the Temple of Horus before continuing on to Kom Ombo. This evening, visit the Temple of Sobek and Haroeris. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Aswan

In the early morning, continue sailing to Aswan. On arrival, visit the Aswan High Dam and the

Temple of Philae. Lunch will be served on board the ship before an afternoon visit to the Nubian Museum by motor boat. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Fly home via Cairo

Disembark in the morning and transfer to Aswan airport for a flight to Cairo and an onward flight home. (B)

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

Important information

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

Other cruise options & tailor-made travel:

A reverse cruise itinerary operates from Aswan to Luxor, or join a 6-night cruise from Luxor. A detailed itinerary for both cruises is available on request. For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards or to discuss flight options please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: EPM

Low season from £2,695
High season from £3,395

Departures: This tour departs on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 Jan to 26 Dec 2020. The cruise will not sail from 2 Jun to 3 Jul 2020, as it will be in dry dock for annual maintenance.



Oberoi Zahra Nile Cruise

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights

Category • Luxury

River cruise • From £3,795 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

Explore Egypt at a leisurely pace aboard the luxury *Oberoi Zahra* cruise vessel. Visit remarkable ancient sights scattered along the Nile as well as the Great Pyramid and Sphinx in Giza. Additional museum visits are made to the Solar Boat Museum in Giza, containing a full-size ancient Egyptian ship, and to the fascinating Royal Mummy Room in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

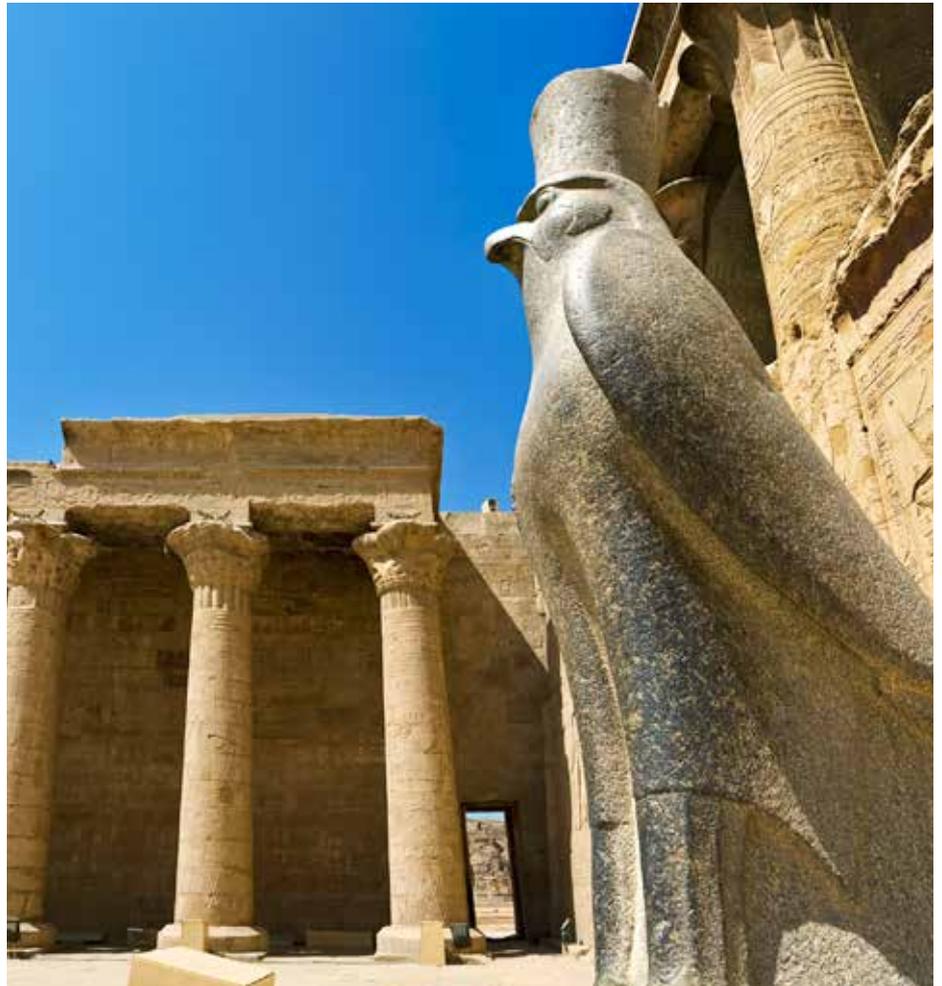
This river cruise features...

- ❖ 5-star de luxe accommodation (see page 26 for cruise vessel details)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Private arrival & departure transfers
- ❖ Private tours of the Pyramids & the Egyptian Museum in Cairo
- ❖ Private guide & driver in Cairo
- ❖ 7-night cruise in an en suite cabin
- ❖ All meals included during cruise
- ❖ Shared cruise excursions as detailed
- ❖ Accompanied by a qualified Egyptologist guide throughout
- ❖ Private docking stations along the Nile

Special experiences

- ❖ The Royal Mummy Room at the Egyptian Museum
- ❖ Visit the Solar Boat Museum in Giza
- ❖ Explore the Valley of the Kings & the vast Karnak temple complex near Luxor
- ❖ Visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu

Area map



Temple of Horus, Edfu

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Fly to Cairo and transfer to the **Marriott Mena House** or the **Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza** for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Giza

Morning tour of Giza to see the Great Pyramid, the Sphinx and the Solar Boat Museum, which contains a full-size ancient Egyptian ship that was discovered buried at the foot of the Great Pyramid. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursion to the stepped pyramid at Saqqara. (B)

Day 3: Cairo

Morning visit to the Egyptian Museum including entry to the Royal Mummy Room. Afternoon tour of the Khan el-Khalili bazaar and citadel. (B)

Day 4: Fly to Luxor

Early morning flight to Luxor. Transfer to

the luxury *Oberoi Zahra* for a 7-night cruise to Aswan. Afternoon visit to Karnak temple complex and Luxor Museum. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Luxor • Dendara

Morning visit to the Valley of the Kings, the Mortuary Temple of Ramses III and the Colossi of Memnon. Afternoon visit to Dendara temple complex. (B, L, D)

Day 6: West Bank, Luxor

Morning visit to the Tombs of the Nobles, Deir el-Medina and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Afternoon visit to Luxor Temple. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Edfu

Sail to Edfu. Late afternoon visit to the Temple of Horus at Edfu. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Aswan

Sail to Aswan. Afternoon visit to the Aswan



Hypostyle Hall, Dendara

High Dam and the Temple of Philae. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Kom Ombo • Aswan

Sail to Kom Ombo and visit the Kom Ombo temple complex. Return to Aswan for an afternoon felucca trip. Evening sound and light show at the Temple of Philae. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Aswan

Day at leisure. Optional visit to Abu Simbel (payable in advance – please request at the time of booking). (B, L, D)

Day 11: Fly to Cairo

Disembark in the morning. Transfer to Aswan airport for flight to Cairo. Overnight at the **Intercontinental Citystars** hotel in a Club room (or similar). (B)

Day 12: 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 cruise: When on board the Nile cruise, transfers and excursions relevant to that cruise are operated as a group with other passengers who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients.

Other cruise options & tailor-made travel:

The *Oberoi Zahra* also operates a reverse cruise itinerary from Aswan and it is possible to take

3- or 4-night cruises on this vessel; detailed itineraries available on request. For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards or to discuss flight options please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: EZC

Low season from £3,795
High season from £5,295

2020 departures: 11 Jan, 8 Feb, 7 Mar, 4 Apr, 2 May, 25 Jul, 22 Aug, 19 Sep, 17 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec

Egyptian Grand Tour Nile Cruise

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights

Category • Superior

River cruise • From £2,745 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

This journey recalls the golden age of the Grand Tour, when travellers would explore the world's most fascinating places in style. Begin with a few days in Cairo to explore the sites before continuing on to enjoy cruises on both the Nile and Lake Nasser. This comprehensive tour visits Lower Egypt, Upper Egypt and Lower Nubia, and is ideal for those wishing to see Egypt's greatest sites in comfort.

This river cruise features...

- ❖ Luxury accommodation in Cairo
- ❖ 4-night Nile cruise in an en suite cabin (please see page 29 for details)
- ❖ 3-night Lake Nasser cruise in an en suite cabin
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Private tours of the Pyramids, the Sphinx & the Egyptian Museum in Cairo
- ❖ Private guide & driver in Cairo
- ❖ Accompanied by a qualified Egyptologist guide throughout

Special experiences

- ❖ Tour the temples and tombs of Lake Nasser
- ❖ See the carved reliefs at the temples of Kalabsha & Abu Simbel
- ❖ See the impressive Pyramids of Giza
- ❖ Take a felucca ride at Aswan

Area map



Queen Hatshepsut Temple, Luxor

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

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

Day 2: Cairo

Full-day tour of the Egyptian Museum, citadel and bazaar. (B)

Day 3: Fly to Luxor

Transfer to Cairo airport for an early morning flight to Luxor. On arrival, transfer to the **MS Mövenpick Royal Lily** for a 4-night cruise. Afternoon visit to the East Bank to see the temples of Luxor and Karnak. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Luxor

Morning visit to the Valley of the Kings and Queens, and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut on the West Bank, before sailing to Edfu via Esna lock. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Edfu • Kom Ombo

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

Day 6: Aswan

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

Day 7: Fly to Abu Simbel

Transfer to Aswan airport for the short flight to Abu Simbel. On arrival, board **MS Prince Abbas** for a 3-night cruise on Lake Nasser. In the afternoon, visit the impressive Abu Simbel temple complex, and return in the evening for a sound and light show. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Qasr Ibrim

Sail to Qasr Ibrim. Visit the Temple of Amada, an 18th-dynasty temple, the rock-cut Temple of Derr and the Tomb of Penout. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Wadi El Sebua

Morning visit to the Temple of Wadi El Sebua. Afternoon cruise to Aswan. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Aswan • Fly to Cairo • Giza

Disembark in the morning, visit the Temples of Kalabsha and transfer to the airport for a flight to Cairo. On arrival, transfer to the **InterContinental Citystars** hotel for 1 night. Tour of Giza to see the Pyramids and Sphinx. (B)

Day 11: Fly to London

Early morning transfer to Cairo airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

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

Other cruise options & tailor-made travel:

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: EGT

Low season from £2,745
High season from £3,595

Departures: This tour departs every Sat from 4 January to 26 December 2020



Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel

Nile Cruises

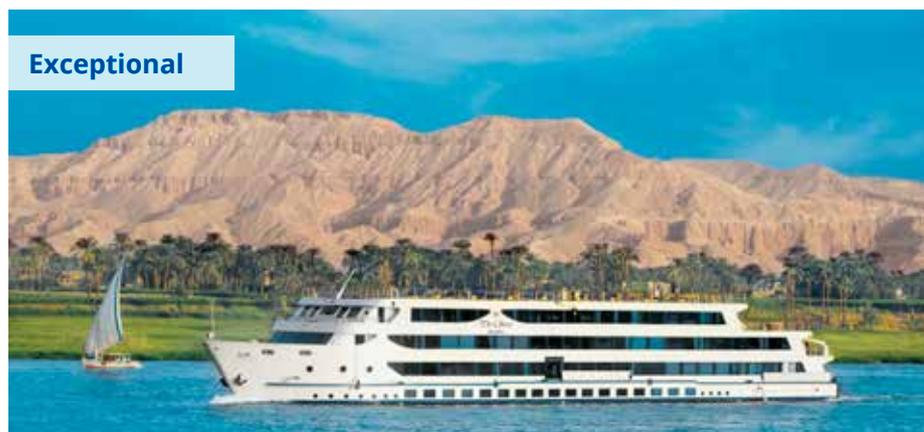
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The Oberoi Philae

The *Oberoi Philae* cruises between Aswan and Luxor (and vice versa) as part of a 4-night or 6-night itinerary, offering unrivalled views of the river Nile as passengers experience the legendary Oberoi service. Explore 5,000 years of Egyptian culture, with included excursions provided on shore in small luxury coaches, each accompanied by an English-speaking Egyptologist.

The ship features 22 spacious cabins and suites, some of the largest on the Nile, each with French doors that offer picturesque views of the Nile and its changing landscapes. Cabins offer plush furnishings, a sitting area and a marble-finished bathroom with a vanity counter and a separate glass-panelled rain shower.

The upper deck features a temperature-controlled swimming pool and a poolside restaurant where snacks and light meals are served. Other culinary options are available in the *Oberoi Philae's* restaurant, which serves Middle Eastern, western and Asian cuisine against a backdrop of uninterrupted views of the Nile. Other facilities include a state-of-the-art movie theatre, a cigar lounge and bar, a dance floor, a 24-hour gym, the Oberoi spa and high speed Wi-Fi.



The Oberoi Zahra

The *Oberoi Zahra* brings a new level of luxury and comfort to Nile cruising. The ship's 5- and 7-night itineraries between Aswan and Luxor (and vice versa) have been designed to allow passengers to experience the sights of the Nile at a more leisurely pace. The included excursions in small Mercedes minivans and private docking arrangements ensure a relaxed experience when going ashore as well as good access for guests with limited mobility.

The ship has 27 luxury cabins and suites, each with modern decor, plush armchairs, a coffee table and a picture window to view the passing scenery. Cabins are equipped with high speed internet access for up to four devices, a fully stocked minibar, rain shower and a bespoke pillow menu.

The restaurant provides a sophisticated all-day dining space with an à la carte menu that changes daily and large panoramic windows. Fresh food is prepared on board by talented chefs who combine an array of western, Indian, Asian and Middle Eastern cuisine. Other facilities on board include a lounge, small gym, temperature-controlled outdoor pool (11 metres long), boutique and spa offering exclusive treatments and beauty services.

MS Acamar

The MS *Acamar* is decorated in a contemporary style and cruises the Nile between Luxor and Aswan (and vice versa) on a 3- or 4-night itinerary. Daily excursions are led by expert Egyptologists, who provide greater insight into the fascinating ruins and relics of ancient Egypt.

The vessel has five floors, with a total of 49 cabins spread over the main and upper decks, and an elevator that can access every deck. Cabin categories include Standard cabins, Royal suites and Presidential suites, all with panoramic, sound-proofed windows, individual climate control, a minibar, safe and en suite bathroom with bathtub.

The sun deck features a swimming pool and sun loungers. Other leisure facilities include a fitness room with Turkish bath, sauna and massage services, a large main lounge with a dance floor and a piano bar for quieter evenings. The MS *Acamar's* restaurant serves international cuisine either as a buffet or a la carte. Other facilities include a shop, hairdresser, laundry and dry cleaning services, and internet access.

Good Standard



Superior



Jaz Yakouta Dahabeya

The *Jaz Yakouta* is a traditional dahabeya sailing boat offering 5-night cruises between Luxor and Aswan or 7-night round-trip cruises from Luxor. This small vessel provides the opportunity to travel in a more intimate group and can even be fully chartered for a group of friends or family.

The ship features six elegantly designed cabins, each with large panoramic windows, television, individually controlled air conditioning, electronic safe and private bathroom. On board there is a sun terrace with an open-air jacuzzi, shaded areas with tables and chairs, a comfortable lounge and a dining room. A same-day laundry service is available (at own expense) and a doctor is on call 24 hours a day.

Cruises are full board including tea, coffee and soft drinks. There are small group sizes on the included excursions, which are accompanied by an English-speaking Egyptologist in air-conditioned vehicles. All entrance fees to historical sites visited on excursions are included. Please note that alcohol cannot be served on board due to licensing restrictions.



Nile Cruises

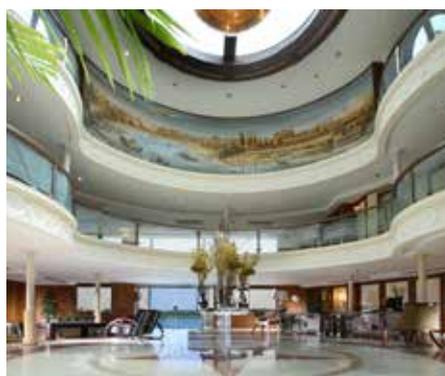
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Sonesta Dahabeya Amirat

The elegant *Sonesta Dahabeya Amirat* offers 7-night cruises on the Nile between Luxor and Aswan (and vice versa). A dahabeya is a traditional small sailing vessel that was commonly used between the 1920s and 1940s when aristocrats and sophisticated travellers cruised the Nile in style and at a leisurely pace, visiting small islands, local villages and Pharaonic sites that were bypassed by the larger vessels.

The *Sonesta Dahabeya Amirat* has just five cabins and two suites, and a one-to-one crew to passenger ratio, making it one of the most intimate vessels cruising the Nile. Its decor pays homage to the old dahabeyas while its interiors are furnished with modern comforts. The cabins have twin beds, air conditioning, satellite television, minibar and a safe while the suites feature double beds with private terraces at the bow of the boat. The spacious sun deck features an open-air oriental-style jacuzzi and shaded areas with tables and lounging chairs.

It is possible for families or small groups to charter the vessel for exclusive use. Please contact Cox & Kings for more details.



Sonesta Star Goddess

The *Sonesta Star Goddess* is an all-suite vessel offering 3-, 4- and 7-night cruises between Aswan and Luxor. Explore celebrated archaeological sites on daily guided excursions to ancient Egyptian sites accompanied by an Egyptologist.

The 33 spacious suites are named after world-renowned composers and include 27 Beethoven suites, 4 Mozart suites and 2 Chopin suites. All feature a full-size bathtub, separate sitting area, panoramic windows and a private terrace as well as modern amenities such as climate control, a satellite television, minibar, safe and Wi-Fi.

While on board, relax in the various lounge areas and enjoy the many leisure facilities. Providing views over the Nile, the sun deck features an infinity pool, bar and barbecue as well as fitness facilities including a jogging track, panoramic spa and gym with sauna and steam bath. The elegant dining room offers buffet lunches and a la carte evening meals. Adjacent to the lobby is the lounge, which features a dance floor and serves light meals and a wide range of cocktails and beverages.

Sonesta St George I

The *Sonesta St George I* is a luxurious Nile cruise vessel offering 3- and 4-night itineraries between Aswan and Luxor (and vice versa) and 7-night round-trip cruises from Luxor. Relax on board with excellent views of the passing river scenery from the large sun deck while daily excursions with English-speaking guides provide an in-depth discovery of the treasures of ancient Egypt.

The ship features 47 Deluxe cabins, 9 Presidential suites and one Royal suite. Standard cabins are 22 sq metres with a French balcony and are designed in a classic French style. Presidential suites are more spacious at 44 sq metres with a separate living room. Each cabin has individual climate control, a television, minibar and safe with an en suite bathroom.

On the lower deck is the main dining room serving breakfast and lunch buffets as well as a la carte dinners against panoramic views of the passing Nile scenery. The sun deck features a large pool with shallow water extension and jacuzzi. Other facilities include a lounge bar with a dance floor and stage for nightly entertainment, an elegant piano bar lit by a dramatic chandelier, a gym, sauna, steam room and a gift shop.



Mövenpick Royal Lily

The sleek and modern Mövenpick MS *Royal Lily* is the flagship vessel of the Mövenpick Nile fleet, offering 3- and 4-night cruises between Luxor and Aswan (and vice versa) and 7-night round-trip cruises from Luxor.

The vessel has 56 spacious and contemporary cabins with individually controlled air conditioning, a choice of double or twin beds, plus a television, minibar and shower room. There are also four Royal suites with the added benefit of a lounge area, panoramic windows and a fully fitted bathroom.

Leisure facilities include a large sun terrace with a plunge pool, jacuzzi and bedouin-style seating. There is also a small gym with a sauna and massage room, a gift shop and Mövenpick ice bar. The salon deck features a relaxing lounge where afternoon tea is served and a bar with panoramic windows.

The spacious restaurant serves three gourmet meals every day including both Egyptian and international cuisine. Meals are accompanied by a selection of local and imported wines, spirits and liquors.



Hotel Collection

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



Exceptional

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at the First Residence

Situated on the Nile's West Bank, the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at the First Residence is an opulent hotel with a style reminiscent of Cairo's belle époque era. The hotel has some of the most spacious accommodation available in the city, with advanced in-room technology. The onsite Aura restaurant serves modern Shami (Syrian and Lebanese) cuisine.

Features:

269 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants, bar, tea lounge, pool, spa.



Exceptional

Four Seasons Cairo at Nile Plaza, Cairo

The Four Seasons Hotel Nile Plaza occupies 30 storeys of the prestigious Nile Plaza complex on the banks of the river Nile in Cairo's oldest district. The hotel offers views of the Nile, the island of Zamalek and a 12th-century citadel. The plush interiors are inspired by Egyptian and art deco designs and include over 200 paintings and sculptures by Egyptian artists.

Features:

365 rooms & suites, 9 restaurants & lounges, 3 heated pools including a rooftop pool, spa.



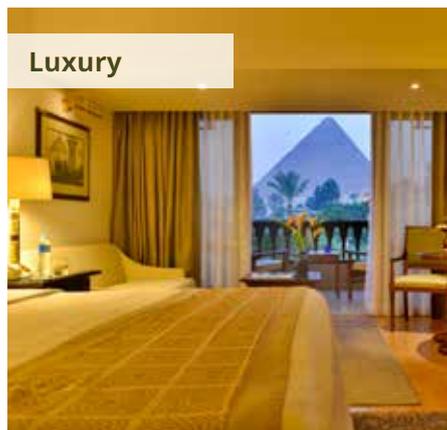
Luxury

Kempinski Nile, Cairo

This luxurious hotel is in the heart of Cairo's Garden City district, on the banks of the river Nile and a 20-minute drive from the Pyramids of Giza. Guestrooms have a contemporary decor and feature modern facilities. The hotel's bars and restaurants are among the finest in the city and include an Italian, a traditional Ottoman restaurant and an open-air rooftop venue.

Features:

191 rooms & suites, 4 restaurants & lounges, spa, rooftop swimming pool, gym.



Luxury

Mena House, Giza, Cairo

Built in 1869, Mena House is located opposite the towering Great Pyramid and is surrounded by 16 hectares of gardens. The rooms and suites are lavishly appointed and traditionally furnished, with many offering views of the Pyramids. Choose between a selection of dining options including an Indian and an Egyptian restaurant, before enjoying a drink as the sun sets over the Pyramids.

Features:

423 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants, bar, spa, outdoor pool, gym, garden, terrace, Wi-Fi.



Superior

InterContinental Citystars, Cairo

Located just 10 minutes' drive from the airport, the InterContinental Citystars is adjacent to the impressive Citystars retail and entertainment complex, with its many shops, restaurants and cinemas. Set among lush gardens, the hotel has an air-conditioned poolside terrace – a sanctuary from the midday temperatures. The hotel's dining options include Italian, Lebanese and Japanese restaurants.

Features:

790 rooms, 11 restaurants & bars, spa, indoor & outdoor pools, casino, gift shop.



Good Standard

Le Riad Hotel de Charme, Cairo

Located in Cairo's old town, Le Riad Hotel de Charme is a characterful property that has taken inspiration from its setting and surrounding architecture. Each of the colourful suites has been individually decorated and there are antiques and paintings by local artists throughout the property. The rooftop restaurant serves Egyptian and Lebanese cuisine and offers views over Islamic Cairo.

Features:

17 suites, rooftop restaurant, tea lounge, Wi-Fi.



Superior Plus

Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa, Luxor

The Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa is a relaxing retreat close to many of Luxor's historical sights including the Temple of Karnak, which is just a 2-minute drive away. Located on the East Bank of the river Nile, the hotel has wonderful views over the river, with an infinity pool looking out over the waters. Rooms are bright, many with balconies overlooking the river, city or garden.

Features:

236 rooms, 3 restaurants, 2 infinity pools, spa, gym, 3 bars, Wi-Fi (public areas).



Superior Plus

Sofitel Winter Palace, Luxor

The Sofitel Winter Palace was built in 1886 by British explorers and stands amid tropical gardens on the banks of the Nile, minutes from Luxor temple. Combining a graceful atmosphere with the modern comforts of a 5-star hotel, the hotel has hosted royalty and celebrities over the years, including Agatha Christie, who wrote her legendary 1937 novel *Death on the Nile* during her stay here.

Features:

92 rooms and suites, heated outdoor pool, 3 restaurants, 4 bars, beauty salon, Wi-Fi.



Good Standard

Steigenberger Resort Achi, Luxor

Located in an enviable spot in Luxor's city centre, the Steigenberger Resort Achi Luxor is conveniently situated within walking distance of Luxor temple and offers the largest panoramic view of the river Nile in Luxor. The guestrooms overlook either the waters of the Nile or beautiful tropical gardens. The hotel also offers a choice of speciality cuisine including Italian and Indian.

Features:

281 rooms, bungalows & suites, 3 restaurants, 2 bars, 2 swimming pools, tennis courts.



Luxury

Sofitel Legend Old Cataract, Aswan

This luxury hotel is a 19th-century Victorian palace on the banks of the Nile, situated near Elephantine Island and the Aswan Museum, with the city centre just a pleasant stroll away. The main building is an architectural treasure and well known for its appearance in the film, *Death on the Nile*. The hotel's terrace bar offers exceptional views of the river and is a superb place to watch the sunset.

Features:

138 rooms & suites, 4 restaurants, indoor & outdoor swimming pool, gift shop, Wi-Fi.



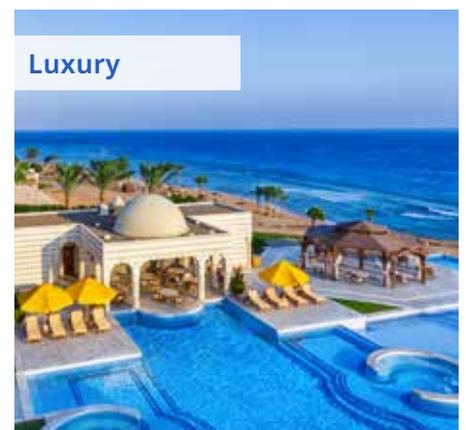
Superior

Mövenpick Resort, Aswan

Situated in a unique location on Elephantine Island, the Mövenpick Resort offers spectacular views over the river Nile and is within walking distance of the main historical sites. There are a wide range of room categories, all offering modern comfort. One of the restaurants offers 360-degree views of the river, while the main Orangerie restaurant includes an open kitchen where you can watch the chefs in action.

Features:

230 rooms, 3 restaurants, 2 bars, swimming pool, tropical gardens, Wi-Fi.



Luxury

Oberoi Sahl Hasheesh, Hurghada

Set within 19 hectares of landscaped gardens, the Oberoi Sahl Hasheesh is an all-suite property with its own private beach on the shores of the Red Sea. The suites have been designed to offer a real sense of space, with high domed ceilings and uninterrupted ocean views. The Zafraan restaurant serves authentic Indian cuisine. The resort is approximately 3 hours by car from Luxor.

Features:

102 suites, 4 restaurants & bars, spa, outdoor swimming pool, Wi-Fi.



Morocco

Group tours • Tailor-made travel



Morocco is a land of cultural and scenic diversity, from attractive fishing villages on the Atlantic coast and the bustling medinas of the imperial cities in the north, up to the spectacular Atlas mountains and Berber settlements, and down again to the golden sands of the Sahara desert in the east and south. All this is just a short journey from the UK, making it an ideal destination if you are looking for a complete change of scene without the trouble of a long-haul flight.

Take a short break in Marrakech, the crossroads of the ancient caravan routes, staying in a boutique riad; go on a longer cultural exploration of Morocco's imperial past, from the ruins of Roman Volubilis to the medieval alleyways of Fez and the modern boulevards of Rabat; venture into the wild, trekking the valleys and peaks of the Atlas mountains and camping in the Sahara desert; or simply relax in coastal towns such as Essaouira or Agadir.

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Climate

There are five main climatic regions in Morocco: the Mediterranean coast has a climate comparable to southern Spain; the Atlantic coastline, including Rabat, is the coolest and wettest region; the Atlas foothills, including Marrakech, get very hot in summer, cold in winter and are at their most pleasant in spring and autumn; and the High Atlas mountains can be snow-covered well into summer. The Sahara region in the south is very hot year round.

Marrakech

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Rabat

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Image left: Koutoubia mosque minaret, Marrakech

Discover Morocco

Marrakech

Walled medieval city • Buzzing activity in Djemaa el Fna square • Stay in a traditional riad

Set against the magnificent backdrop of the Atlas mountains, Marrakech's walled medina is a maze of narrow alleyways lined with medieval buildings. The skyline is dominated by the Koutoubia minaret, built in the 12th century and part of a large mosque complex. At the heart of the city, the famous Djemaa el Fna market square is a frenzy of colour and activity, akin to a carnival.

Riads provide comfortable, often luxurious accommodation in converted, traditional Moroccan houses. Due to the architecture and design of some riads, rooms may have small windows facing the interior public areas.



Rabat

Modern capital & ancient port • Roman ruins at Chellah • Cliff-top kasbah

The capital of Morocco, modern Rabat is a planned city of wide boulevards, handsome public buildings and landscaped gardens on the Atlantic coastal plain, at the mouth of the river Bou Regreg. Behind this modern facade is a long history, traces of which can still be seen.

The river port was first colonised by the Carthaginians and then by the Romans. Evidence of their rule remains at Chellah, or Sala Colonia, where a complex of ancient ruins sits on the riverside. The tranquil alleys of the Kasbah des Oudaïas are also well worth a visit to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and for superb views of the river and ocean.



Historical medina, Rabat



Djemaa el Fna Square, Marrakech

Essaouira

Coastal retreat & crafts centre • 18th-century fortified seaport town • Fresh seafood

Essaouira is a delightful fishing town that has retained its traditional character. The town and its fine sandy beaches can be reached in less than 3 hours' drive from Marrakech. It makes for a popular day excursion for those who want to experience the coast while staying in Marrakech, or provides a place to relax for a couple of days with beautiful, calm surroundings and a laid-back atmosphere. Many of the boutique properties are located within the old city ramparts, where small narrow streets are filled with craft shops selling ceramics, leather products and jewellery. In the mornings, the harbour is a hive of activity, with fishing boats unloading their catches. The freshly caught fish are smoked at an outdoor grill at the port end of Place Moulay Hassan.



Essaouira



Atlas mountains

The Atlas Mountains

Scenic hikes • Fertile Ourika valley • Lavish stays in converted kasbahs

The highest mountain range in North Africa, the High Atlas has many fertile valleys, snow covered peaks, rivers and waterfalls. Approximately one hour's drive from Marrakech, the Atlas can be visited as a day trip or part of a longer itinerary. There are some fabulous walks available in the region, through local villages or into the hills.

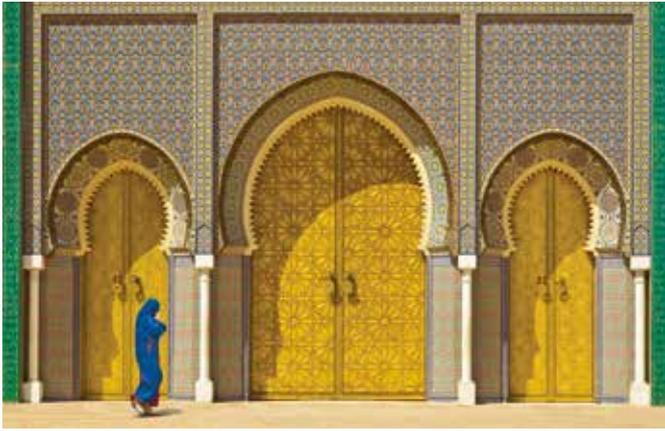
Within the foothills of the Atlas mountains, the lush Ourika valley also makes an excellent day trip from Marrakech, with olive groves, citrus tree orchards, willows and poplar trees covering the slopes. Mount Toubkal, the highest mountain in North Africa at 4,167 metres, can be climbed by beginners with a good level of fitness on a 5-day trip from Marrakech. Accommodation is in luxury converted kasbahs or more basic local houses.

Casablanca

Seafront city with cosmopolitan ambience • Immense Hassan II mosque

The largest city in Morocco, Casablanca's centre is impressive, with large boulevards and tall, white, well-kept buildings. The old city, a much smaller area with older houses and a lively market, is reminiscent of the Casablanca of Bergman and Bogart. Make sure to pass by Hassan II mosque, which is the largest mosque in Africa and commands an impressive position at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean.

Casablanca's medina, constructed in the medieval period, is the oldest and most characterful part of the city, its maze of alleyways creating an ambience more akin to that of a European town. At its north-east corner is the impressive restored clock tower and the old city's main Friday mosque, Chleuh. Facing the port on the north side are the remaining ruins of Casablanca's 18th-century fortifications.



Royal Palace, Fez



Blue-washed street, Chefchaouen

Fez & Meknes

Medieval atmosphere of Fez • Meknes, imperial capital of Moulay Ismail

Home to one of the oldest universities in the world, Fez is considered to be the intellectual capital and most imperial of Morocco's cities, famed for its labyrinthine souks where traditional craft techniques are still practised. The tanneries of Fez are a major highlight: from the terraces above you can watch the centuries-old process of treating cowhide in huge vats of dye, then visit the leather shops to see the product of such hard work.

To the west of Fez, Meknes is a sprawling and prosperous provincial town, cut in two by the wide river valley of the Oued Boufekrane. Monuments from its past, dominated by the extraordinary creations of Moulay Ismail, justify a day's rambling exploration, as do the varied and busy souks of its medina.



Ait Benhaddou

Ouarzazate

Gateway to the Sahara desert • Nearby fortified city of Ait Benhaddou • Spectacular scenery at Todra gorge

Ouarzazate is situated south of the High Atlas mountains on the edge of the Sahara desert and is an ideal departure point into the Draa valley and through the desert to the town of Zagora. The drive is a scenic one, with a sense of history exuded by the many slowly crumbling kasbahs.

Close to Ouarzazate is the Unesco-listed Ait Benhaddou, a fortified city that is restored each year as the rains wash away the traditional mud-brick buildings and walls. Also nearby is the picturesque Todra gorge, carved out by the Todra and Dades rivers. Its dramatic cliffs and spectacular riverbed make it a popular spot for picnics and short hikes.

Chefchaouen

Blue-washed cobbled streets • Explore Africa's northernmost mountain range

Situated in Africa's northernmost mountain range, the Rif, Chefchaouen is a good base for exploring the valleys, gorges, mountain streams and Berber villages of the surrounding area. Founded in 1471, the city served as a Moorish fortress for exiles from Spain. Over the centuries, the city grew and welcomed Jews and Christian converts alike. The city is known for its blue-washed buildings, a custom thought to have been influenced by the Jewish tradition of dyeing thread with blue tekhelet (an ancient natural dye) and weaving it into prayer shawls, reminding people of the sky, heaven and God's power.

Explore the laid-back town by visiting its old medina through the steep cobbled alleyways lined with leather and weaving workshops. In the main square stands Place Outa el Hammam, a red-walled kasbah.



Camel caravan, Sahara

The Sahara Desert & Surrounds

Stay in a luxury desert camp • Explore the dramatic dunes by camel or 4x4

The start of the Sahara desert is marked by the 5km wide and 50km long band of sand dunes called Erg Cheddi with the small Berber village of Merzouga located on the fringe. The sand dunes here rise as high as 350 metres. Explore the otherworldly desert landscapes by camel or in a 4x4 vehicle, and make sure to spend a night under canvas here so you can see the colours of the sunset and sunrise over the sands.

Erfoud is another gateway city before reaching the desert. It is a French colonial town built in the 1920s with well-ordered streets and red sand houses that blend with the desert landscape.

Experiences in Morocco



Cooking class at La Maison Arabe, Marrakech

Join a chef-led cooking workshop at La Maison Arabe. Set in an organic kitchen garden, you will choose vegetables and herbs to use in the dishes you prepare. Learn how flatbread is baked and how spit roasts are cooked in an underground outdoor oven known as a *mechoui*. Prepare traditional Moroccan dishes and then dine on the meal you have prepared. This is a popular activity and so prebooking is advised.



Valley of Roses, near Ouarzazate

A full-day excursion from Ouarzazate allows you to see three of Morocco's verdant valleys – Skoura valley, Roses valley and Dades valley – and also visit Berber nomads who still live in caves. Between April and mid-May the Valley of Roses produces almost 4,000 tonnes of wild roses. Before dawn every day women gather the roses, which bloom through hedgerows and stone walls, and sell them along the valley.



Visit Berber villages in the Atlas mountains

With dramatic snow-capped peaks as a backdrop, visit traditional Berber communities in the Atlas mountains, spend time learning their customs and help to prepare lunch in clay tagines and bake bread in a traditional oven. Meet local artisans and learn about ancient pottery skills before trying your own hand. Examples of the excellent Berber craftsmanship can be seen in the local souks.



Watch argan oil being made near Essaouira

Argan oil is produced from the kernels of argan trees in the Moroccan countryside. In Morocco the oil is used for dipping bread and for drizzling on salads and pasta. It is also used cosmetically worldwide, treating skin conditions and as a hair product. Watch the manual process of extracting the oil from argan kernels and marvel at the goats climbing the trees in the forests in an attempt to reach the fruits.



Tasting trail through Fez medina with a culinary expert

Wander the labyrinthine streets of the medina in Fez with a culinary expert and learn about the local delicacies. Interact with traders at the Blue Gate of Fez, one of the oldest food markets in Morocco, who will tell you about their produce. Your taste buds will continue to be enticed as you continue through the honey souk, the bakeries and the vegetable market, passing many street-side eateries.



Meknes & Volubilis archaeological sites

Visit the imperial city of Meknes and the Roman ruins of Volubilis. Stop at the imperial stables, built to accommodate the sultan's 12,000 horses, and then tour Old Meknes where you will visit the Mausoleum of Moulay Ismail, the Bab el-Mansour gateway and the souks. Volubilis was one of the furthest outposts of the Roman Empire and the local provincial capital. See triumphal arches, basilicas and mosaics.

Moroccan Explorer: Imperial Cities to Desert

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights

Group tour • From £2,445 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions available
- ❖ Average group size – 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights with Royal Air Maroc
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts & 8 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Marrakech

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Area map



Chefchaouen

Explore the imperial cities of Fez, Rabat, Meknes and Marrakech, all former or current capitals of Morocco and known for their architecture and vibrant souks. Along the way, travel through diverse landscapes, from the Atlantic coast through fertile plains to the Sahara desert.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Explore the atmospheric Roman ruins of Volubilis & the town of Meknes
- ❖ Stay in traditional riad accommodation in the medinas of Chefchaouen & Marrakech
- ❖ Drink mint tea with a local nomad family and see the sun set over the dunes
- ❖ Sample local food at the medina in Fez

Day 1: Fly to Casablanca

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

Day 2: Casablanca • Rabat

Morning tour of Casablanca including United Nations Square and the Hassan II mosque before continuing to Rabat. Afternoon tour of the city, including the Royal Palace, the 12th-century Hassan Tower with its mausoleum followed by a mint tea in the Andalusian gardens at Oudaya Kasbah. Stay for 1 night at **Riad Dar El Kebira** or **Dar El Kebira Salam** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 3: Chefchaouen

Travel by road to the blue-walled town of Chefchaouen, perched beneath the rugged Rif mountains. Take a walking tour to discover the kasbah with its charming garden, then continue to the cobbled main square, Outa-el-Hammam square and admire the 15th-century Grand Mosque with its distinctive octagonal minaret. Stay overnight at **Riad Cherifa** (or similar). (B)

Day 4: Volubilis • Meknes • Fez

Morning at leisure in Chefchaouen's medina. Continue to Fez, stopping en route at the Roman ruins of Volubilis, which mark the westward extent of the Roman Empire, and the Unesco world heritage site of Meknes, now one of the quieter imperial cities but once the heart of the Moroccan sultanate. Spend 2 nights at the **Palais Ommeyad & Spa** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 5: Fez

Full-day tour of Fez, the oldest of Morocco's imperial cities. Visit the Bou Inania madrasa, the Nejjarine fountain, the souk, tanneries and medina. Visit a communal bakery and join a tasting tour through the medina. (B, D)

Day 6: Erfoud

Travel to Erfoud on the edge of the Sahara desert, through the high plains between the Middle Atlas and High Atlas mountain ranges. Stop en route at Ifrane village for a walking tour. Continue to Erfoud and stay 2 nights at **Palais du Desert & Spa** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 7: Erg Chebbi

Morning at leisure. This afternoon journey into the Sahara desert in 4x4 vehicles. Stop for a refreshing mint drink with a local Nomad family and see the sunset over the dunes before returning to your hotel this evening. (B, D)



Ait Benhaddou

Day 8: Ouarzazate

Travel west to Ouarzazate with a photo stop at Todra gorge, an impressive orange-coloured canyon. Take a panoramic tour of Ouarzazate and stay overnight at **Ksar Ighnda** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 9: Ait Benhaddou • Marrakech

Depart for the fortified village of Ait Benhaddou, a superb example of traditional Moroccan earthen architecture. Scenes from the films *Gladiator*, *Prince of Persia* and *The Jewel of the Nile* were shot here. Arrive in Marrakech and visit the beautiful Jardin Majorelle to see the exotic plants before continuing to **Palais Sebban** (or similar), a traditional Moroccan guesthouse in the medina for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 10: Marrakech

Full-day city tour of Marrakech. Highlights include the lavish Moroccan architecture of Bahia Palace, the walls of the former El Badi Palace, Koutoubia mosque and the bustling souks. Finish in Djemaa el Fna market square, a swirling carnival of musicians, fire eaters, storytellers and snake charmers. Farewell meal at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Fly to London via Casablanca

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

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

Extensions

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

Important information

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

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

Guideline prices for 2020						Tour code: DEZ	
Group tour							
Low season from £2,445		High season from £2,545		Single supplement from £795			
Guide price months: Mar & Oct		Guide price month: Sep					
Royal Air Maroc flight upgrades				Regional air connections			
Business Class from £1,045 return				Please speak to your consultant for details			
The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk . All prices are subject to availability.							
Departure dates for 2020							
Out (Sat)	Rtn (Tue)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Tue)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Tue)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Tue)
07 Mar 20	17 Mar 20	11 Apr 20	21 Apr 20	19 Sep 20	29 Sep 20	24 Oct 20	03 Nov 20
28 Mar 20	07 Apr 20	23 May 20	02 Jun 20	10 Oct 20	20 Oct 20		

Mystical Morocco

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

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

Solo Travellers

This solo group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 8 people (max 18)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Marrakech

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Essaouira

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C	45	38	35	29	9	2	-	1	4	24	52	55

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Area map



Essaouira

This solo travellers' tour to Morocco is ideal for the first-time visitor. Search out hidden treasures in Marrakech, exploring the souks and experiencing the riot of activity in Djemaa el Fna square. The High Atlas mountains beckon with spectacular views and invigorating hikes, while the delightful fishing town of Essaouira is the perfect place to unwind at the end of your trip.

to the 14th century and still a Qur'an school today. Continue to the intriguing Bahia Palace before enjoying lunch at leisure. After lunch spend the afternoon exploring the famous Djemaa el Fna square and the souks. (B)

Day 3: Marrakech

Day at leisure for relaxation or for further exploration of the walled medieval city. Dinner and show at the famous Chez Ali. (B, D)

Day 4: Atlas mountains

Morning departure for the foothills of the High Atlas, meeting Berber inhabitants along the way, where you can watch them prepare a traditional lunch for you to enjoy. Stay at **Domaine La Roseraie** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Atlas mountains

Day at leisure to explore your surroundings and the outstanding views. Join an optional cooking class at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Essaouira

Drive to the seaside fishing town of Essaouira, formerly known as Mogador, a historic settlement with sandy beaches. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (own expense) before taking a cultural city tour to see the battery, the marina and the ramparts. Stay at the **Atlas Essaouira & Spa** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 7: Essaouira

Day at leisure to explore Essaouira, with its Portuguese fortifications and picturesque harbour. The town's walled medina conceals a labyrinth of streets lined with stalls, craft shops, restaurants and riads, which are ideally explored on foot. Farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ **Visit Bahia Palace & Koutoubia mosque in Marrakech**
- ❖ **Stay in a tranquil villa in the Atlas mountains & walk in the foothills**
- ❖ **Lunch in the Atlas mountains with a Berber family**
- ❖ **Explore the fascinating backstreets of Essaouira's medina**

Day 1: Fly to Marrakech

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Marrakech with British Airways. Transfer to the **Palm Plaza** (or similar) for 3 nights, situated close to the bustling Djemaa el Fna square. Enjoy a welcome dinner with the group in a nearby restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Marrakech

Full-day tour of Marrakech. Visit the 12th-century Koutoubia mosque with its 76-metre-high minaret, explore the city ramparts, and visit the Medersa Ben Youssef, dating back



Koutoubia mosque, Marrakech

Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to Marrakech airport for your flight home with British Airways. (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: MYM

Group tour

Low season from £1,495
Guide price months: Mar & Oct

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

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £145 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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21 Mar 20	21 Mar 20	18 Apr 20	18 Apr 20	12 Sep 20	12 Sep 20	03 Oct 20	03 Oct 20

Luxury Moroccan Escape

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £6,245 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

Stay in three award-winning luxury properties in Morocco: in the High Atlas mountains, an extravagant resort at Tamouda Bay and in the imperial city of Marrakech. This tour combines relaxation with exuberance, discovering breathtaking views in the High Atlas, the sunny Mediterranean coast in the north-east and the eclectic mix of peaceful courtyards and bustling souks in Marrakech.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Air-conditioned vehicles used throughout
- ❖ Experienced local guides
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay at one of Richard Branson's 'Limited Edition' luxury retreats
- ❖ Private tours of Chefchaouen & Marrakech
- ❖ View spectacular scenery during a half-day hike in the Atlas mountains with a private guide
- ❖ Enjoy 3 full days at leisure in the Atlas mountains, Tamadot & Marrakech

Area map



Kasbah Tamadot, Atlas mountains

Day 1: Fly to Marrakech

Transfer to the **Kasbah Tamadot** in the Atlas mountains for a 3-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Atlas mountains

Day at leisure to enjoy the facilities at your hotel; perhaps enjoy a spa treatment, relax by the pool, enjoy the views from the rooftop terrace or try a hands-on interactive cooking lesson. (B)

Day 3: Atlas mountains

This morning, join your private guide for a half-day hike in the High Atlas mountains. (B)

Day 4: Fly to Tangier

Transfer to Marrakech airport and fly to Tangier. On arrival, transfer to the **Banyan Tree Tamouda Bay** for a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 5: Tamouda Bay

Day at leisure to enjoy the facilities at the all-villa resort or hire a bike and explore Tamouda Bay. (B)

Day 6: Tamouda Bay • Chefchaouen

Today, you will be driven to Chefchaouen for a private tour. Wander the Outa-el-Hammam square in the cobblestoned medina, see the grand Tarik-Ben-Ziad mosque, and visit the small embroidery and textiles museum where the traditional *djellaba* (long loose-fitting robe) was created. (B)

Day 7: Fly to Marrakech

Transfer to Tangier airport and fly to Marrakech. On arrival, transfer to the **Royal Mansour** for a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 8: Marrakech

Full-day tour of Marrakech including Bahia Palace, the Menara gardens and the Koutoubia mosque at Djemaa el Fna square. During the day the square is a bustling market place and in the evenings it comes alive with musicians, acrobats and snake charmers. (B)

Day 9: Marrakech

Day at leisure. Pay another visit to Djemaa el Fna square to soak up the atmosphere or sit back and enjoy the facilities and the quiet courtyards at your hotel, a haven within the old city walls. (B)

Day 10: Fly home

Transfer to Marrakech 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 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: LUM

Low season from £6,245
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

High season from £6,495
Guide price months: Mar & Sep

Northern Morocco Explorer

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights
Category • Superior

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

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

Explore the fascinating cities of Fez, Rabat, Chefchaouen and Tangier. Learn about Morocco's rich history, experience local traditions and immerse yourself in the exotic sights and sounds of the medinas and souks. This tour also includes a 3-night stay in the beautiful resort of Tamouda Bay, on a stretch of golden sand on the shores of the Mediterranean.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Air-conditioned vehicles used throughout
- ❖ Experienced local guides
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Private tours in Fez, Rabat, Chefchaouen & Tangier
- ❖ Discover local flavours on a food tasting tour with an expert
- ❖ Stay at the all-villa Banyan Tree Tamouda Bay resort
- ❖ Visit Chateau Roslane, home to Roslane Castle wines, for a wine tasting tour

Area map



View of the Basilica, Volubilis

Day 1: Fly to Fez

Arrive and transfer to the **Riad Arabesque** for a 3-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Fez

Full-day private tour of Fez including Kairaouine mosque in Fez El Bali, and the tanneries with the row upon row of stone basins filled with cowhides being cured and dyed – stand on the terraces to watch the centuries-old process. Wander the labyrinthine souks in the medina and take a food tasting tour with a local expert. (B)

Day 3: Fez

Day at leisure. Explore the medina at your own pace, visit the leather shops surrounding the tanneries or enjoy the facilities at your hotel. (B)

Day 4: Volubilis • Meknes • Rabat

Travel to the Roman ruins of Volubilis, which mark the westward extent of the Roman Empire then continue to the imperial city of Meknes to see the extraordinary monuments created by Moulay Ismail, followed by wine tasting at Château Roslane. Continue to Rabat and stay at the **Villa Mandarine** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Rabat

Half-day private tour of Rabat. View the Royal palace, the 12th-century Hassan Tower and the Chellah necropolis. (B)

Day 6: Rabat • Tamouda Bay

Drive north to Tamouda Bay and stay at the **Banyan Tree Tamouda Bay** for 3 nights. (B)

Day 7: Tamouda Bay

Day at leisure to relax and enjoy the facilities at your hotel. (B)

Day 8: Chefchaouen

Today you will visit Chefchaouen. Your guide will take you on a private tour of the city, known for its striking blue-washed buildings in the old town with cobbled lanes lined with stalls. Visit the main square, Plaza Uta-el-Hammam and see the 15th-century Grand Mosque with its distinctive octagonal minaret. (B)

Day 9: Tangier

This morning, travel to Tangier and the **Grand Hotel Villa de France** for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 10: Tangier

Today you will be taken on a half-day tour of Tangier. Visit the port and its imposing medina. (B)

Day 11: Fly home

Transfer to Tangier 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: NME

Low season from £2,695
 Guide price months: Jul – Aug

High season from £2,895
 Guide price months: Mar & Sep

Moroccan Discovery

Duration • 15 days & 14 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £3,795 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

This in-depth journey through Morocco encompasses the dramatic landscapes of the Atlas mountains, the huge expanse of rising sand dunes in the Sahara desert, combined with the historic towns of Tangier and Meknes. Also visit the coastal retreat of Essaouira on the Atlantic coast and explore Morocco's four imperial cities: the former capitals of Meknes, Fez and Marrakech, and the current capital of Rabat.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides
- ❖ 13 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Spend time with locals in Berber villages
- ❖ 4x4 drive & overnight stay at a desert camp in the Sahara
- ❖ Full-day tours of Rabat & Marrakech
- ❖ Discover Moroccan cuisine with a cooking class at a traditional riad
- ❖ View some of Morocco's most spectacular scenery including a drive along the country's highest pass

Area map



Market, Marrakech

Day 1: Fly to Casablanca

Arrive and transfer to the **Kenzi Tower** for a 1-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Casablanca • Rabat

Morning city tour of Casablanca and then depart for Rabat. Afternoon tour of Rabat including the Hassan Tower and Mausoleum. Stay at **La Tour Hassan Hotel** for 1 night. (B)

Day 3: Tangier

Drive to Tangier. Visit the port and its imposing medina, and Cape Spartel. Continue to the Caves of Hercules. After lunch, visit the Mendoubia gardens then walk through the medina and the labyrinth of alleyways. Stay at the **Royal Tulip** for 1 night. (B)

Day 4: Chefchaouen • Meknes • Fez

Drive to Fez via Chefchaouen with its blue-washed buildings. Time at leisure before departing for Meknes. Sightseeing tour of Meknes, then continue to Fez for a 2-night stay at **Palais Medina & Spa**. (B)

Day 5: Fez

Full-day tour of Fez, the oldest of the imperial

cities. Visit the medieval medina and explore the bustling souks. Lunch at leisure. Continue to the new city of Fez in the afternoon. (B)

Day 6: Erfoud

Depart early for Erfoud via the Berber village of Imouzzur du Kandari; the delightful ski resort of Ifrane; and Azrou, a town known for its handicrafts. Continue to Erfoud via the Ziz canyons in the Middle Atlas mountains. Stay at **Kasbah Xaluca** for 1 night. (B)

Day 7: Erfoud • Merzouga

This morning, tour Erfoud and its surrounds. Travel to Merzouga and take a 4x4 excursion into the dunes for a night bivouac and perhaps admire the sunset and sunrise on the sand dunes. Stay at **La Belle Etoile** for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 8: Merzouga • Erfoud • Skoura

Visit the Dades Gorges carved through the spectacular Dades valley. Drive to Skoura via Boumaine and Kelaa M'Gouna. Stay at **Les Jardins de Skoura** for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 9: Ouarzazate • Atlas mountains

Today, visit the main kasbah in Ouarzazate



Essaouira

and then drive to the Unesco world heritage site of Ait Benhaddou, a spectacular fortified village used for shooting many films including *Lawrence of Arabia*. After lunch at leisure, take the long mountainous road called the Tichka Pass, the highest pass in Morocco. Stay at **Kasbah du Toubkal** for 1 night. (B)

Day 10: Atlas Mountains • Marrakech

Morning at leisure to enjoy the gardens and unparalleled views. Drive to Marrakech and stay 2 nights at **Naoura Barriere**. (B)

Day 11: Marrakech

Full-day tour of Marrakech including the Bahia Palace, the Menara gardens and the Koutoubia mosque. Continue your sightseeing with an exploration of the souks and the lively Djemaa el Fna square. (B)

Day 12: Marrakech • Essaouira

This morning join a hands-on cookery class at a local riad and then enjoy what you have

cooked for lunch. Drive to the Atlantic coastal retreat of Essaouira and stay overnight at the **Sofitel Essaouira Mogador Golf & Spa Resort**. (B, L)

Day 13: Essaouira • Marrakech

Visit the ramparts of Skala, the ancient sea port and the medina, with some time at leisure. This afternoon, return to Marrakech for a 1-night stay at the **Naoura Barriere**. (B)

Day 14: Marrakech • Casablanca

Morning at leisure before travelling to Casablanca where you will stay for 1 night at the **Kenzi Tower**. (B)

Day 15: Fly home

Transfer to Casablanca airport and fly home. (B)

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Important information

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Tour standards: Superior departures are based in 4- & 5-star accommodation. Alternatively, stay in riads – traditional Moroccan houses.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: MDT

Low season from £3,795
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

High season from £3,995
Guide price months: Mar & Sep

Morocco Family Adventure

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,795 (incl. flights)

**Family
Adventure**

Tour overview

Morocco is an exotic destination full of opportunities for adventure and yet it's just a short flight from the UK, making it perfect for a family holiday with a difference. Enjoy an eco adventure park and interact with locals in the Atlas mountains before exploring the coastal town of Essaouira and spending the night in the Agafay desert. In Marrakech, experience the exotic sounds and delicious flavours of the souks and the excitement of Djemaa el Fna square.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides on most days
- ❖ Use of vehicle & driver in Essaouira
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Ride zip lines in an eco adventure park in the foothills of the High Atlas
- ❖ Spend a day with local Berber families
- ❖ Learn how to cook using a clay tagine
- ❖ Sleep under canvas at the Agafay Desert Camp
- ❖ Have a go at making pottery using traditional techniques

Area map



Agafay Desert Camp

Day 1: Fly to Marrakech

Fly to Marrakech. Transfer to the **Meriden N'fis** for 1 night in a Deluxe room. (N)

Day 2: Atlas mountains

Drive to Terres d'Amanar estate, located in the foothills of the Atlas mountains in the vast forests of the Toubkal National Park. Spend an exciting day in the family-friendly eco adventure park where you can ride along zip wires and walk along suspension bridges. Overnight at **Terres d'Amanar eco-lodge**. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Atlas mountains

Spend the day in the village with local Berber families. Help prepare lunch in clay tagines and bake bread in a traditional oven. This afternoon, meet local artisans and learn about ancient pottery skills before trying your own hand. Overnight and dinner at **Kasbah Angour** in a Superior room. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Essaouira

Drive to Essaouira along the Atlantic coast where you may see goats climbing the argan trees in the forests. Stop to watch Moroccan oil being made from argan fruit kernels before arriving in Essaouira. Stay 3 nights at **Medina & Spa by MGallery** in a Superior pool-view room. (B)

Day 5: Essaouira

Today you will explore Essaouira, a charming fortified town with remnants of a 16th-century Portuguese fort and a traditional medina. Join

the chef at a local restaurant and help prepare a delicious tagine lunch. This afternoon, visit King Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah museum, displaying artefacts from Berber culture. Evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Essaouira

This morning, ride a camel alongside the Atlantic coast observing the fauna and flora and meeting locals along the way. Afternoon at leisure or take an optional excursion. (B)

Day 7: Agafay desert

You will be driven through the desert to **Agafay Desert Camp**, where you will stay overnight. Experience a night under canvas, enjoying the sunset and the starry night sky. (B, D)

Day 8: Marrakech

Arrive in Marrakech and transfer to the **Meriden N'fis** for 2 nights in a Deluxe room. Take a guided tour of the old city of Marrakech for an authentic insight into the city. Explore the old medina with its bubbling fountains and ancient gates. Visit the Moorish museum to see an interesting collection of antiques. (B)

Day 9: Marrakech

Discover the green gardens and parks outside the city walls by horse and carriage, stopping at the Jardin Majorelle, Morocco's most famous garden. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Fly home

Transfer to Marrakech airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

*Please note that prices are based on four people sharing two rooms throughout

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: FAM

Low season from £1,795*
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

High season from £1,995*
Guide price months: Mar & Sep



Spice market, Fez



Draa Valley

Historic Cities & Culinary Delights of Morocco

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Standard

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

Discover the imperial cities of Rabat, Fez and Marrakech. Take part in cookery classes and learn the recipes and techniques that define Moroccan cuisine.

Day 1: Fly to Casablanca

Transfer to the **Novotel Casablanca** for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Casablanca • Rabat • Fez

Morning tour of Casablanca then continue to Rabat where you will have time at leisure to see Oudayas garden, Hassan Tower and Mausoleum of Mohammed V. After lunch, depart for Fez and stay 2 nights at the **Riad Palais D'Hôtels**. (B)

Day 3: Fez

Morning cooking class at a traditional riad. Afternoon tour of Fez, visiting the medieval medina and exploring the famous souks and tanneries. (B, L)

Day 4: Marrakech

Early departure for Marrakech. En route, stop at the Berber village of Imouzzur du Kandar, the delightful ski resort of Ifrane, and Azrou, a town known for its handicrafts. Lunch at leisure in Beni Mellal. Continue to Marrakech and stay at the **Riad Dar Sara** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Marrakech

Morning cooking class at a traditional riad. Afternoon sightseeing tour visiting the Saadian tombs, Menara gardens, Koutoubia mosque, and Bahia Palace. Continue to the souks and the famous Djemaa el Fna square. Optional evening dinner and folklore show. (B, L)

Day 6: Essaouira

Travel to Essaouira where you will visit the ramparts of Skala, the seaport and the Medina. Enjoy an afternoon cooking class at a local riad. Stay at the **Riad Mimouna** for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 7: Casablanca

This morning drive to Casablanca. Dinner at Rick's Café, a restaurant designed to recreate the famous bar from the film *Casablanca*.

Overnight at the **Novotel Casablanca** for 1 night. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Casablanca airport and fly home. (B)

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: MFC

Low season from £1,895
Guide price months: Jul - Aug

High season from £2,095
Guide price months: Mar & Sep

Oases & Kasbahs

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,545 (incl. flights)

Discover the remote oases and kasbahs of southern Morocco, take an optional 4x4 excursion into the desert to watch the sunset and finish amid the colourful streets of Marrakech.

Day 1: Fly to Marrakech

Transfer to the **Palm Plaza** for 1 night. (D)

Day 2: Ouarzazate

Drive to Ouarzazate. Afternoon visit to the kasbah of Taourirt. Stay at the **Berber Palace** for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 3: Zagora

Drive to Zagora via the oases and kasbahs of the Draa valley. Overnight at **Riad Lamane**. (B, D)

Day 4: Zagora • Erfoud

Morning city tour of Zagora then drive to Erfoud. Enjoy an optional 4x4 excursion to Merzouga to watch the sunset. Stay at the **Palais du Desert** for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 5: Todgha canyon • Ouarzazate

This morning, visit Todgha canyon. Continue via the oases of Boumalne and El Kelaa Mgouna to Ouarzazate. Overnight at the **Berber Palace**. (B, D)

Day 6: Marrakech

Continue to Marrakech, stopping at Ait Benhaddou village en route. Stay 2 nights at **Palm Plaza**. (B, D)

Day 7: Marrakech

Tour of Marrakech. Afternoon trip to the souks and to the lively Djemaa el Fna square. Optional dinner show. (B, L)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Marrakech airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Tour standards: Superior departures are based in 4- & 5-star accommodation. Alternatively, stay in riads – traditional Moroccan houses.

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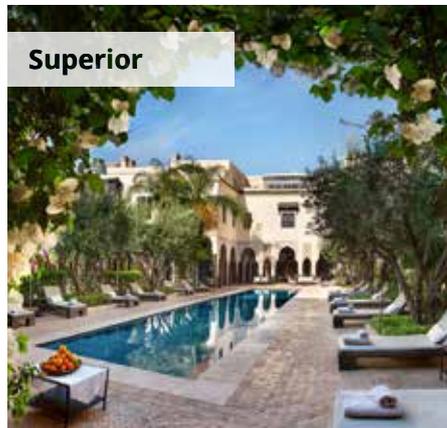
Tour code: OAA

Low season from £1,545
Guide price months: Jul - Aug

High season from £1,795
Guide price months: Mar & Sep

Hotel Collection

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



Superior

Villa des Orangers, Marrakech

This riad-style accommodation, part of the luxury Relais & Chateaux portfolio, is located just 400 metres from Djemaa el Fna square. Set in a converted traditional house, the property features two inner courtyards with sofas and water fountains. The restaurant is one of the best in Marrakech, blending French, Mediterranean and Moroccan cuisine.

Features:

27 rooms & suites, restaurant, pool, garden, hammam, treatment room, beauty salon, gym.



Superior

La Maison Arabe, Marrakech

Originally a restaurant in the heart of the medina, La Maison Arabe is now a stylish hotel and is still home to a world-renowned cooking school. The architecture displays a fusion of European and North African influences. Set around two courtyards, the rooms face the interior of the property and have been designed with meticulous attention to detail.

Features:

26 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants, piano bar, outdoor swimming pool, 2 hammams.



Superior

Es Saadi Marrakech Resort, Marrakech

The family-run Es Saadi Marrakech Resort is located in the fashionable Hivernage residential area, within walking distance of the old city. Set within 8 hectares of beautifully landscaped gardens and with views of the Atlas mountains, the palace accommodation offers sumptuous Moroccan interiors and has the largest outdoor pool in Marrakech.

Features:

149 rooms, 92 suites, 10 private villas, 2 bars, 4 restaurants, outdoor pool, spa & Dior Institut.



Superior

Hotel Sahrai, Fez

The sophisticated Hotel Sahrai is located on a hill, a 10-minute drive from the old medina. The stylish and contemporary rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows and marble bathrooms. Facilities include a Givenchy spa, an infinity pool, a vibrant rooftop bar and terrace, a chic Parisian-style brasserie and a more formal restaurant serving traditional Moroccan cuisine.

Features:

50 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants, 2 bars, outdoor pool, garden, spa & wellness centre.



Good Standard

Ramada Fes, Fez

The Ramada Fes is ideally located in the new town and near the train station – a convenient base for a short stay in the city. There are a wide variety of room types on offer, all with modern furnishings and amenities. After a busy day of sightseeing, relax in the outdoor swimming pool or in the sauna. Nearby is the Fes Royal Golf Club where you can enjoy a round of 18 holes.

Features:

133 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants, 2 bars, outdoor swimming pool, spa, gym, Wi-Fi.



Superior

Palais du Desert & Spa, Erfoud

Located in the oasis town of Erfoud, the gateway to the desert, the Palais du Desert & Spa was built in 2014 and resembles the architecture of a grand Moroccan kasbah with spacious, comfortable rooms. The grounds surrounding the hotel feature a swimming pool and relaxation areas while the two restaurants serve a variety of local and international dishes.

Features:

44 rooms, 2 restaurants, spa & wellness centre, outdoor swimming pool.



Luxury

Four Seasons Hotel Casablanca

Located opposite Lalla Meryem beach, the Four Seasons Hotel Casablanca was designed by architects Foster & Partners to give the feel of a resort property in a city centre location. The sand-coloured architecture is intermingled with lots of green spaces and makes full use of natural light. Rooms are contemporary with views to either the sea or the lush gardens.

Features:

186 rooms & suites, 4 restaurants, 2 bars, outdoor swimming pool, spa, gym, hammam, Wi-Fi.



Superior

Hotel Imperial Casablanca

The Hotel Imperial Casablanca is situated approximately a 10-minute drive from the old medina. Dating back to the 1930s art deco era, the hotel became a major landmark in Casablanca and was once headquarters for Shell and the American army during the second world war. The art deco style adds a touch of class and sophistication to the rooms.

Features:

105 rooms, restaurant, library/bar, Wi-Fi.



Superior

Heure Bleue Palais, Essaouira

Heure Bleue Palais is a lovingly restored former mansion that is now regarded as one of Essaouira's finest properties. Located within the walls of the medina and just a few minutes' walk from the beach, Heure Bleue Palais offers the luxury typical of a Relais & Chateaux property while maintaining the traditional style of a Moroccan riad.

Features:

33 rooms, 4 restaurants, bar, outdoor swimming pool, hammam.



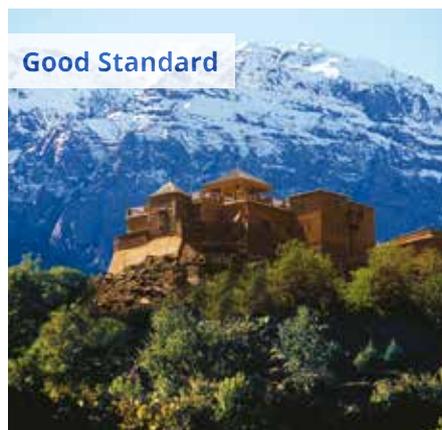
Superior

Le Medina Essaouira Hotel Thalassa Sea & Spa, MGallery collection, Essaouira

Situated on the seafront and just a 5-minute walk from the medina, this hotel has the perfect location for coastal relaxation and cultural exploration. Inspired by traditional Moroccan riads in its design, rooms offer modern comfort with a touch of traditional charm.

Features:

117 rooms, 3 restaurants, 2 bars, large outdoor swimming pool, spa, gym, Wi-Fi.



Good Standard

Kasbah du Toubkal, Atlas mountains

The mountain retreat of Kasbah du Toubkal is situated at the foot of Jebel Toubkal, North Africa's highest peak. Truly off the beaten track, this property is so remote that the last 20 minutes of the journey must be made on foot. The en suite rooms are rustic yet luxurious, and the candlelit dining room serves delicious traditional food. It is a great base for hiking and the hotel can also arrange mule-trekking.

Features:

14 rooms, restaurant, bar, outdoor terrace, hammam.



Good Standard

L'Oliveraie de Marigha, Atlas mountains

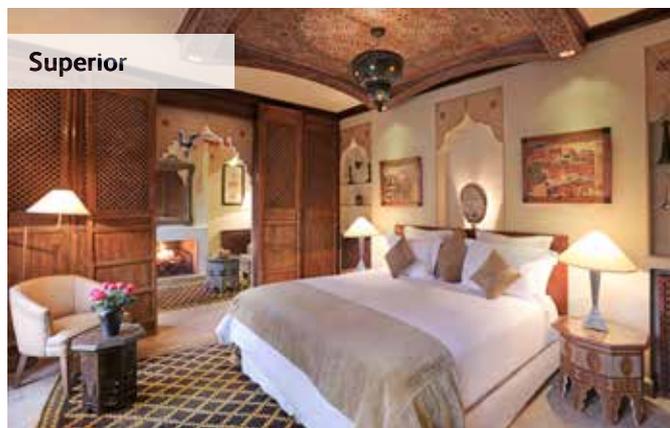
The delightful L'Oliveraie de Marigha is set within an olive grove, an hour's drive from Marrakech. Nine spacious bungalows offer minimalist, comfortable accommodation and the main swimming pool (one of three) provides wonderful views of the mountains. The restaurants serve delicious dishes using produce from the local souks.

Features:

9 bungalows, 2 restaurants, bar, garden, terrace, 2 swimming pools, spa, Wi-Fi.

Moroccan Riads

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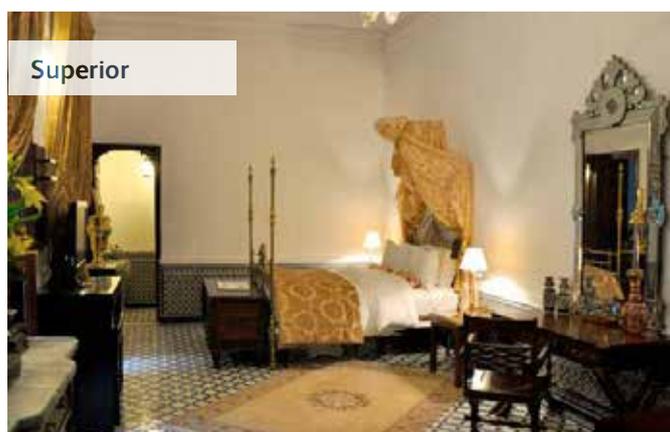
Superior

Riad Kniza, Marrakech

Riad Kniza is a small boutique hotel dating back to the 18th century, located in the heart of the old medina and minutes from Djemaa el Fna square. The property was completely restored using conventional materials and the craftsmanship of local artisans in order to maintain the ambience of a traditional riad. Dine on traditional Moroccan fare indoors or eat under the moonlight on the roof terrace. Due to its location, Riad Kniza can only be reached on foot and is around 5 minutes' walk from the nearest car access point.

Features:

11 rooms, restaurant, bar, indoor swimming pool, hammam, massage rooms, Wi-Fi.



Superior

Riad Maison Bleue, Fez

The 19th-century Riad Maison Bleue is perched on a hill with breathtaking views overlooking the old medina. It comprises three interconnecting riads, each with its own tranquil courtyard. The main courtyard, with its swimming pool and garden, is adjacent to the Moorish salon while the hammam offers an array of spa treatments. Comfortable rooms are decorated with ornate tiles, cedar wood, antique furniture and luxurious fabrics. The restaurant serves delicious Moroccan cuisine and the Blue Lounge offers a contemporary space to enjoy cocktails, tasting plates or drinks in the evening.

Features:

18 rooms & suites, restaurant, lounge, swimming pool, garden, 3 terraces, spa, Wi-Fi.



Superior

Riad Slitine, Marrakech

Located in the heart of the medina, Riad Slitine is just a 2-minute walk from Djemaa el Fna square. It comprises four interconnecting riads dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries, each with different designs featuring white stone walls and hand-carved woodwork. Due to the traditional architecture, the rooms may have small windows that face into the public areas of the riad. The property provides a place of tranquillity among the hectic city with five patios and a roof terrace complete with white roses, palm trees and fruit trees.

Features:

16 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, swimming pool, courtyard, spa with hammam, roof terrace, Wi-Fi.



Good Standard

Riad Villa Blanche, Agadir

Riad Villa Blanche is a boutique hotel located on the golden sands of Agadir, just minutes from the sea and the city's main attractions. Providing the intimate ambience of a riad, its elegant guestrooms and suites feature plush furnishings in neutral tones and afford splendid views of the Atlantic Ocean. This charming property offers a range of treatments at its spa while the restaurant serves a menu of French and Moroccan cuisine using regional produce. Agadir is a great base for exploring Morocco's southern region, including the walled city of Taroudannt and the picturesque fishing port of Essaouira.

Features:

28 rooms & suites, restaurant, 3 bars, spa, swimming pool, gardens, library, Wi-Fi.

Luxury Resorts

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



Luxury

Palais Namaskar, Marrakech

The Palais Namaskar is an eastern-inspired luxury resort set in several hectares of secluded grounds. Retreat here after a day of sightseeing and enjoy the extensive spa facilities. The property is located in the Palmeraie oasis beneath the Atlas mountains, a 25-minute drive from central Marrakech. Rooms fuse Feng Shui principles with modern interior design. Some feature terraces while others offer an outdoor jacuzzi and heated pool. Luxury villas offer private pools, while palace accommodation also includes a private kitchen and butler service.

Features:

41 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants, 2 bars, gym, hammam, treatment rooms, spa, Wi-Fi.



Luxury

Sofitel Essaouira Mogador Golf & Spa, Essaouira

The Sofitel Essaouira Mogador Golf & Spa is located a short drive from Essaouira along a stretch of wild coastline overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and next to Mogador golf course. It has a clean, contemporary design with Moroccan features inspired by the local Souiri culture. Rooms are decorated with vibrant colours, exotic wood and Moorish motifs. Dining options range from French-Moroccan fusion and fresh local seafood to international dishes. The lively Le Café Kasbah has wok and tagine stations where guests can watch cooking demonstrations.

Features:

175 rooms & suites with terrace, 5 restaurants, 4 bars, 2 swimming pools, spa, gym, private beach, Wi-Fi.



Luxury

Kasbah Tamadot, Atlas mountains

One of Sir Richard Branson's luxurious Virgin Limited Edition hotels, Kasbah Tamadot is a magical walled Moroccan retreat set in the foothills of the High Atlas mountains with dramatic views towards Jebel Toubkal. Antiques from all around the world furnish the public spaces while the rooms and suites have been decorated to combine traditional Moroccan design with contemporary comfort; there are even Berber tents for those looking for a little more adventure. Indulge in traditional spa treatments, take a dip in the stunning infinity pool or take part in a cooking class on the rooftop terrace.

Features:

28 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, outdoor & indoor swimming pools, spa, gym, 2 tennis courts, Wi-Fi.



Luxury

Banyan Tree, Tamouda Bay

Set between the Rif mountains and the Mediterranean Sea on the north-west coast of Morocco, the Banyan Tree Tamouda Bay offers villa accommodation and spectacular waterfront views. The villas are decked out in contemporary luxury with Moroccan touches in the architecture and design. Each has a living room and a spacious master bathroom, a private pool and terrace or garden. Some have their own kitchen and dining area. The three dining options include eastern Mediterranean cuisine, Thai dishes and a seafood grill. The resort is 15km from the city of Tetouan and a 45-minute drive from Tangier.

Features:

92 villas with private swimming pools, 3 restaurants, rooftop terrace, health club, spa, Wi-Fi.



Jordan

Group tours • Tailor-made travel

Jordan is a kingdom packed with history and culture, full of Roman cities, crusader castles and biblical sites. There are also some unmissable natural sites, from the beautiful nature reserves and Wadi Rum desert to the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea and the glittering Red Sea. Holidays to Jordan offer surprising variety – whether it's culture, cuisine, natural wonders or relaxation you are looking for, you will find it all here.



Jordan's size means that many of its sites are easily combined. Amman, the capital, is the starting point for most with its beautiful old town. From here it is easy to make the short day trip north to Jerash, a well-preserved Graeco-Roman city, or east to Jordan's desert castles. Travelling south, stop at the Dead Sea, famed for the curative properties of its salty waters. A visit to the world-renowned rock-hewn remains of Petra cannot be missed, before exploring the lunar landscape of the Wadi Rum by camel or 4x4. Aqaba, in the far south, is an ideal location for rest and relaxation, where preserved coral reefs and spectacular sea life make for exceptional snorkelling.

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Climate

Jordan has predominantly classic desert weather, with hot days, cold nights and cool winters. The north-west of the country is hilly and gets a fair amount of rain from November through to March. The Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea are hot in summer, and very dry and warm in winter.

Amman

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	11	13	16	21	26	29	30	30	29	25	19	13
B	3	3	5	9	12	15	17	17	15	12	8	4
C	76	66	61	20	4	0	0	0	0	8	32	65

Dead Sea

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	20	22	26	31	35	38	39	39	37	34	29	22
B	10	11	13	16	20	23	24	25	24	21	16	12
C	28	18	16	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	15	26

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

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Image left: Rock bridge and Wadi Rum desert

Discover Jordan

Amman

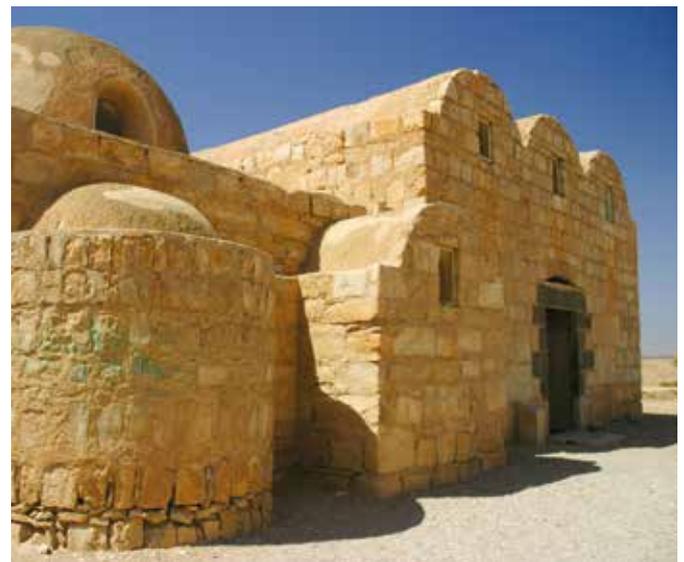
Modern capital with ancient ruins

Amman, the ancient capital of Jordan, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, its modern buildings blending with the remnants of ancient civilisations. Outside the city there is the historic citadel that sits atop Jabal al-Qala hill, which houses the remnants of the Roman temple of Hercules and the eighth-century Umayyad Palace complex, known for its grand dome. Cut into a nearby hillside is the Roman theatre, built in the second century and with a seating capacity for 6,000 people.

Amman's modern history began when the Ottomans resettled a colony of Circassian emigrants in 1878. As the Great Arab Revolt progressed, the State of Transjordan was established. Emir Abdullah bin al-Hussein, founder of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, made Amman his capital in 1921. Since then, Amman has grown rapidly into a thriving modern metropolis of more than 4 million people.



Roman columns, Jerash



Qasr Amra desert castle

Jerash

Roman ruins • Christian churches & mosaics

North of Amman, the Graeco-Roman city of Jerash is widely regarded as the best-preserved city of the Decapolis, a confederation of ten Roman cities dating from the first century AD. As you approach the ruins, the imposing triumphal arch comes into view, built to honour the arrival of Emperor Hadrian in 129AD. Beyond the arch, continuing excavation work has revealed two theatres, a forum, temples dedicated to Zeus and Artemis, a hippodrome, a long colonnaded street known as the *Cardo* and an almost complete circuit of city walls.

From 350AD, a large Christian community lived here. They left their mark in the various churches and mosaic floors that remain. The Jerash Archaeological Museum displays artefacts that have been excavated from sites across the city. The modern city sits to the east of the ruins and shares a city wall with the old city.

Desert Castles

Castles of the Umayyad caliphs • Crusader castles

East of Amman is a vast desert plain littered with an array of ruins, known collectively as the desert castles. These desert castles of the Umayyad caliphs – Qasr Amra, Qasr Kharaneh, Qasr Al-Tuba and Qasr Al-Hallabat – are beautiful examples of early Islamic art and architecture, dating back to the seventh century. Qasr Amra is a Unesco world heritage site and a wonderful example of early Islamic architecture and art. Its interior walls are covered in frescoes and mosaics. Kharaneh's history is uncertain, but it was probably built originally as a fort or trading caravanserai and is remarkably well preserved.

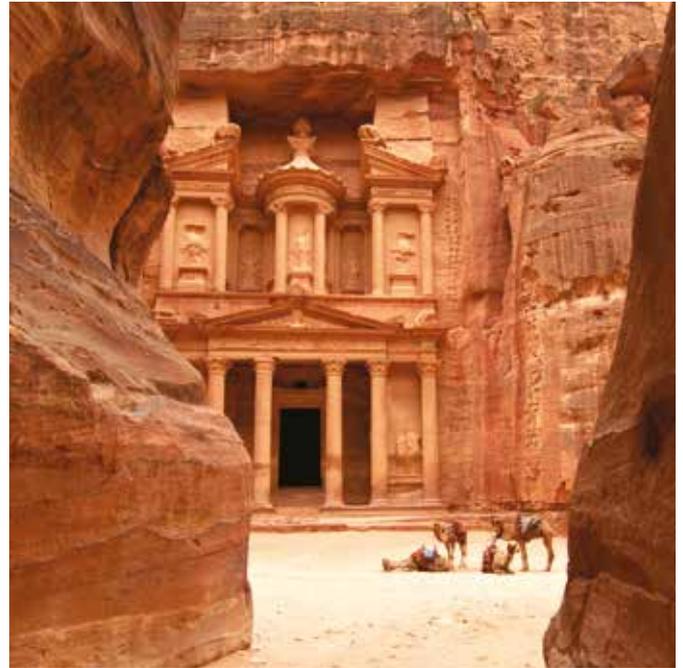
Located just off the King's Highway, the 12th-century castles of Shobak and Kerak are stunning examples of crusader fortifications, built on top of rocky outcrops with commanding views across the surrounding countryside.

Petra

Nabataean capital • Unesco archaeological site

No visit to Jordan would be complete without visiting the ancient site of Petra. Founded in about the sixth century BC as the capital city of the Nabataean civilisation, the site has since been settled by the Romans, crusaders and the Byzantine empire, all of whom left churches, fortifications and monuments. However, it is the Nabataean rock-hewn remains that are most notable and never fail to inspire.

The walk through the 1,600-metre-long Siq, a natural corridor through the rock, only 3 metres wide in places and ending in front of the Treasury, provides one of the most memorable moments in Middle East travel. There are also various walks throughout the site that reveal hundreds of smaller buildings and tombs. Al Beida, or 'Little Petra', is a less-visited site 8km away, with evidence of habitation by pre-pottery Neolithic humans.



The Treasury, Petra



Fragment of floor mosaic map of the Holy Land, Madaba

Madaba & Mount Nebo

Mosaic map at Madaba • Views from Mount Nebo

Once a Moabite border city, as a settlement Madaba dates from the middle Bronze Age. The present-day city is known for the many mosaics found in the floors of private homes and public buildings, including the famed Madaba mosaic map. Thought to date from 527-65 AD, the Madaba mosaic map of the Middle East is found in St George's Church and is the oldest known geographic floor mosaic in art history. The Church of St John the Baptist makes an interesting diversion from the mosaics with a unique collection of old photographs of Madaba and the best views of the city from the bell tower.

Near to Madaba is Mount Nebo, believed to be the site of Moses' tomb and the place from where he first sighted the Promised Land. If the weather is good, there are spectacular views as far as the Dead Sea.

A suggested itinerary...

Jordan Family Explorer

11 days & 10 nights from £2,095

Category • Superior

Combine visits to the relics of some of the world's greatest civilisations with active adventure in the mountains, desert and along the coastline.

Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly to Amman and transfer to the **Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman

Morning walking tour of Jordan's capital. Afternoon at leisure. This evening, dine with a Jordanian family to soak up the local flavours. (B, D)

Day 3: Jerash • Salt

Visit the Roman ruins at Jerash. Drive to Salt, a town set on a hilly plateau, and overnight at **Mountain Breeze Resort**, a mountain retreat offering a range of activities, from archery to hiking and cycling. (B)

Day 4: Madaba • Mount Nebo • Petra

Morning at leisure. This afternoon visit Madaba and its renowned Byzantine mosaic map of the region. Continue to Mount Nebo, from where Moses first viewed the Holy Land, en route to Petra. Stay 2 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort Petra**. (B)

Day 5: Petra

Full-day tour of the 'lost city of Petra', which featured in the film *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. (B)

Day 6: Wadi Rum

Morning at leisure. Drive to Wadi Rum for a 2-hour 4x4 jeep ride through the desert. Optional camel trek across the sands. Enjoy a night under canvas at the **UTA Desert Camp**. (B, D)

Day 7: Aqaba

Morning transfer to Aqaba and stay 2 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay**. (B)

Day 8: Aqaba

Day at leisure to relax on the hotel's private beach or try some of the activities on offer. (B)

Days 9-10: The Dead Sea

Transfer to the Dead Sea and stay 2 nights

at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea** where you can float in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea. (B)

Day 11: Fly home

Transfer to Amman airport and fly home. (B)

Guideline Prices*

Low season from: £2,095 (incl. flights)
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

High season from: £2,295 (incl. flights)
Guide price months: Mar & Oct

*Prices are based on four people sharing two rooms throughout.

Tour code: JFA

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Aqaba & the Red Sea

Snorkel over colourful coral reefs • Aqaba fort

For those looking for a beach break, the resort of Aqaba in the southern tip of the country is an ideal location for rest and relaxation. The colourful coral reefs and spectacular marine life make for exceptional snorkelling opportunities. The Gulf of Aqaba hosts about 110 species of soft corals, 120 species of hard corals and more than 1,000 species of fish including sting rays, clownfish, angelfish, lionfish and butterfly fish.

Not far from the beaches, a visit to the fort provides an insight into Aqaba's history. The fort, built between 1510 and 1517, was used as a *khan* (a traveller's inn) by pilgrims on their way to Mecca. During the first world war, the British Royal Navy destroyed the castle forcing the Ottomans that occupied it to leave.

Wadi Rum

Stunning desert scenery • Luxury desert camps

The spectacular desert scenery of Wadi Rum is made up of ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains, rising out of white and pink coloured sands. Home to the many exploits of TE Lawrence during the 1917-1918 Arab Revolt, Wadi Rum was used for the desert shots of the films *Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Martian* and the live action remake of Disney's *Aladdin*.

Wadi Rum can be explored by 4x4 or camel, and a night camping allows you to witness the stunning sunrises and sunsets over the dunes, and the moonlike landscape of the desert. The inky black skies of cool desert nights, filled with shooting stars and glimpses of the Milky Way, offers a stark contrast to the intense sun during the day.

The Dead Sea

Float in mineral-rich waters • Luxury spa resorts

Situated at 400 metres below sea level, the Dead Sea is 75km long, 377 metres deep and ranges from 6km to 16km wide. Fed mainly by the Jordan river, there is no outlet for the water, so it becomes trapped and evaporates, leaving behind salts and minerals that can be seen encrusting the rocks around the waters' edge. It is this high salt content that makes any significant plant and animal life impossible, and thus gives it its name.

The mineral-rich waters and natural mud pools are said to bring natural health benefits, and the high concentration of salt makes the water so buoyant that it is almost impossible to sink in it. These curative properties have been recognised for more than 2,000 years, and the waters here were reputedly used as a health resort by Herod the Great.



The Dead Sea shoreline



Wadi Rum, Jordan



Dana Biosphere Reserve

Dana Biosphere Reserve

Nature walks • Birdwatching

The largest nature reserve in Jordan, Dana Biosphere Reserve covers 300 sq km, reaching an altitude of 1,500 metres on the Qadisiyah plateau and descending to the low-lying desert area of Wadi Araba. The reserve is an area of outstanding natural beauty and biodiversity and is the only reserve in Jordan to encompass the four biogeographical zones of the country: Mediterranean, Irano-Turanian, Saharo-Arabian and Sudanian. It is home to 215 bird species and 38 mammal species, many of which are endangered, including Nubian ibex, Syrian serins (a type of finch), caracals (wild cats) and lesser kestrels.

The reserve can be explored via a 15km walking trail, which takes you through some of the most spectacular scenery in Jordan. This 6-hour walk allows for breaks beneath towering rock faces and pistachio trees.

Bethany

Christian pilgrimage site • Dead Sea Museum

Located on the eastern bank of the River Jordan, and an excellent day trip if staying on the Dead Sea, is the peaceful site of Bethany. This is the site described in the New Testament as the place where Jesus of Nazareth was baptised by John the Baptist. The site features Roman and Byzantine remains including churches, chapels and a monastery.

Near to Bethany and another good stop on a day trip from the Dead Sea is The Dead Sea Panoramic Complex, which consists of a museum, activity centre and restaurant. The museum provides information on the geological and historical significance of the area. Located at the top of the cliffs of the Zara mountain range there are also excellent views from here across the Dead Sea and the nearby Holy Land.

A suggested itinerary...

Jordan Adventure

10 days & 9 nights from £2,495

Category • Superior

Discover the diverse landscapes of Jordan by exploring the ancient rock-hewn city of Petra, hiking through Dana Biosphere Reserve and relaxing on the shores of the Dead Sea.

Day 1: Fly to Amman

On arrival, transfer to the Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman

Morning walking tour of Amman. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Jerash • Dana Biosphere Reserve

Morning tour of Jerash with a local guide. Head south along the King's Highway, visiting Madaba and Mount Nebo. The day ends in Dana, a protected nature reserve established in 1989 and covering 320 sq km of rugged

and beautiful landscape. Overnight at Dana Guest House. (B, D)

Day 4: Feynan

Follow the constantly changing scenery of the 15-kilometre Wadi Dana Trail to Feynan, arriving in time for a sunset hike. Stay overnight at Feynan Ecolodge. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Petra

Morning drive to Petra. On arrival, visit Little Petra. Stay at the Petra Guest House for 3 nights. (B)

Day 6: Petra

Full-day guided tour of the rose-red city. (B)

Day 7: Petra

A chance to spend a second day in Petra to discover more of the fascinating sights in your own time and at your own pace. (B)

Day 8: Wadi Rum

Drive to the stunning sandstone and granite valley known as Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion into the rough terrain. Stay overnight at Sun City Camp, where you can spend a night under canvas or out in the open beneath thousands of stars. (B, D)

Day 9: The Dead Sea

Morning departure from Wadi Rum to the Dead Sea. En route, visit the 12th-century crusader castle of Shobak or Kerak.

Overnight at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. (B)

Day 10: Fly home

Transfer to Amman and fly home. (B)

Guideline Prices

Low season from: £2,495 (incl. flights)
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

High season from: £2,695 (incl. flights)
Guide price months: Mar & Oct

Tour code: JAD

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Jordan in Style

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Luxury

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

Tour overview

Discover Jordan's highlights while enjoying the comfort of some of the region's best available accommodation. Stay overnight in a small desert camp, float in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea, stop at ancient ruins and discover the rich culture and history of this fascinating country.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Travel in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Spend 2 full days experiencing the wonder of Petra
- ❖ Stay overnight in a small camp located in the desert wilderness of Wadi Rum
- ❖ Take time to relax & float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea
- ❖ Visit Jerash, one of the best preserved Roman provincial towns in the world
- ❖ See the first-century floor mosaic map of the Holy Land at Madaba
- ❖ Take a 4x4 tour into the desert at Wadi Rum

Area map



Little Petra

Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London to Amman and transfer to the Four Seasons Hotel Amman for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman • Jerash

Morning tour of Amman, visiting the citadel and the Jordan Museum, which contains a copper version of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Afternoon tour of the ancient city of Jerash. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Madaba • Mount Nebo • Shobak • Petra

Travel along the King's Highway to Petra. Stop en route at Madaba to see a Byzantine mosaic map of the region and Mount Nebo, from where Moses first viewed the Holy Land. There will also be the opportunity to visit the 12th-century crusader castle of Shobak. Stay 3 nights at the Mövenpick Resort Petra (in a junior suite), situated at the entrance to the site. (B, D)

Day 4: Petra

Take a guided tour of the archaeological site of Petra. The impressive rock-cut facade of the Treasury is the highlight of this rose-red city, rediscovered by J.L. Burckhardt in 1812. (B, D)

Day 5: Petra

Day at leisure to explore Petra further. Optional evening visit to Petra by candlelight. (B, D)

Day 6: Little Petra • Wadi Rum

Morning visit to Al Beidha, or 'Little Petra', before driving to Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion into the desert. Overnight at the Bespoke Hideaways Bedu Camp. Enjoy stargazing as the sun sets and the sky turns ink black. (B, D)

Day 7: Dead Sea

Transfer to the Dead Sea. Stay 2 nights at the Kempinski Ishtar Hotel. (B)

Day 8: Dead Sea

Day at leisure. Enjoy the hotel's facilities or take an optional excursion to the baptism site of Jesus in Bethany, on the banks of the River Jordan. (B)

Day 9: Fly to London

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

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

Important information

Accessibility: This tour involves walking over rough terrain. At Petra, visiting the monastery and the High Place of Sacrifice requires a steep climb. Please note, Petra by candlelight is only available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: JIS

Low season from £3,195
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

High season from £3,495
Guide price months: Mar & Oct

Experiences in Jordan



Visit the ancient ruins at Umm Qais

Umm Qais is the original site of the ancient city of Gadara and can be visited on a day trip from Amman. The city is mentioned in the New Testament and today the ruins overlook the Golan Heights and Sea of Galilee. Excavations for this site began in 1974 and since this date archaeologists have uncovered impressive remains of a Byzantine church, mausoleum, theatre and a colonnaded street.



Cooking at Petra Kitchen

Learn how to cook authentic Jordanian cuisine alongside local chefs, with nightly lessons offered at Petra Kitchen. Set in a relaxed family atmosphere, all ingredients are purchased daily from local markets and used as they have been for the past thousand years to create vibrant flavours. Prepare hot and cold meze dishes, as well as a main course, then enjoy the meal you have prepared.



Walk along the Ajloun Forest Reserve & Soap Maker's Trail

Ajloun Forest Reserve is located around 90km north of Amman and covers 13 sq km. Here you can follow the Soap Maker's Trail, which takes you to the Soap House where local women follow the traditional process of making soap with olive oil. The seven-kilometre trail winds through thick woodlands filled with oak, pistachio and oriental strawberry trees, and passes a scenic lookout at Eagle's View Point.



Petra by Candlelight

Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday it is possible to go back into the Petra site once the sun has set. This magical two-hour experience begins with a walk through the Siq, a natural corridor through the rock, until you reach the Treasury, its impressive facade illuminated by over 1,000 candles. Take a seat while traditional Jordanian music is played by local Bedouins, followed by a narrative about Petra and the Nabateans.



Hike along the Jordan Trail

The Jordan Trail connects the length of Jordan from Umm Qais in the north to Aqaba in the south and offers 40 days of hiking over a distance of around 650km. Discover the country's diverse landscapes from wooded hills and dramatic sand dunes to rugged valleys and crystal-clear waters. Cox & Kings recommends walking small sections of this trail on a trip and a good level of fitness is required.



Dinner cruise on the Red Sea

In Aqaba, take a relaxing 4-hour cruise on the enchanting waters of the Red Sea. Set sail in the early evening and watch out for a spectacular sunset as the sky turns from blue to red and the sun disappears behind the mountains of Sinai. Enjoy an indulgent meal on board as you move along the tranquil waters. This excursion is available on Thursday and Friday only.

Highlights of Jordan

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

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

NEW TOUR

Tour overview

Rich with history and natural beauty, Jordan has an impressive selection of crusader castles, archaeological sites and beautiful desert scenery. Explore many memorable sites including walking through the 1,600-metre-long Siq, a narrow gorge leading to the awe-inspiring Treasury, and sleep under the stars in the Wadi Rum desert.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Travel in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Two days of relaxation next to the Red Sea
- ❖ Visit one of Jordan's finest crusader castles
- ❖ Chance to float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea
- ❖ Spend two full days exploring Petra
- ❖ Stay overnight in the desert wilderness of Wadi Rum

Area map



Wadi Rum

Day 1: Fly to Amman • Dead Sea

Fly from London to Amman and transfer to the Mövenpick Dead Sea for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Dead Sea

Day at leisure. Optional excursion to Bethany, the baptism site of Jesus. (B)

Day 3: Madaba • Mount Nebo • Shobak • Petra

Travel to Petra via Madaba to see its renowned Byzantine mosaic map of the region, followed by Mount Nebo, from where Moses first viewed the Holy Land. Visit the 12th-century crusader castle of Shobak. Stay 3 nights at the Mövenpick Resort Petra. (B)

Day 4: Petra

Full-day guided tour of the archaeological site of Petra. The impressive facade of the Treasury hewn from the rock face is a highlight. (B, D)

Day 5: Petra

A day at leisure to further explore the main site. (B, D)

Day 6: Petra • Wadi Rum

Drive to Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion into the desert. Stay overnight at the UTA Camp. With virtually no light pollution, the desert skies offer superb opportunities for stargazing. (B, D)

Day 7: Wadi Rum • Aqaba

Morning transfer to Aqaba and stay 3 nights at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay. (B)

Day 8: Aqaba

Day at leisure. Optional excursions include

snorkelling tour and an evening cruise. (B)

Day 9: Aqaba

Day at leisure to relax and enjoy the resort's facilities and private beach. (B)

Day 10: Fly home

Transfer to Aqaba airport for your flight home via Amman. (B)

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

Important information

Accessibility: This tour involves walking over rough terrain. At Petra, visiting the monastery and the High Place of Sacrifice requires a steep climb.

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 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: EJ1

Low season from £2,045
 Guide price months: Jun – Aug

High season from £2,295
 Guide price months: Mar & Oct

A Taste of Jordan

Duration • 6 days & 5 nights

Category • Superior

Private tour • From £1,795 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

This short tour takes in the main sites of Jordan including the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea, the awe-inspiring rock-hewn remains of the city of Petra, and the natural beauty of the Wadi Rum desert with its stunning colours and moonlike landscapes.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Travel in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Sample a traditionally cooked lunch with local bedouins
- ❖ Enjoy spectacular views from Mount Nebo, where Moses is said to have seen the Promised Land
- ❖ Float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea
- ❖ Visit Jerash, one of best-preserved Roman provincial towns in the world
- ❖ 4x4 desert excursion over the dunes in Wadi Rum

Area map



Roman ruins, Jerash

Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London to Amman and transfer to **The Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana** for an overnight stay. (N)

Day 2: Amman • Petra

Morning tour of Amman, visiting the citadel and the Jordan Museum, which contains a copper version of the Dead Sea Scrolls. This afternoon, travel to Petra via the Dead Sea, where you will have the chance to float in the mineral-rich waters. Stay at the **Mövenpick Resort Petra** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 3: Petra

Full-day tour of the 'lost city of Petra', featured in the film *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. The impressive rose-red city was rediscovered by JL Burckhardt in 1812. (B, D)

Day 4: Wadi Rum • Amman

Drive to Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion through the spectacular white and pink coloured sands. Enjoy lunch with local Bedouins before continuing to Amman. Stay at **The Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana** for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 5: Jerash • Madaba • Mount Nebo

This morning visit the Roman ruins at Jerash. Drive to Madaba to see its Byzantine mosaic map of the region, followed by Mount Nebo, from where Moses first viewed the Holy Land. Optional cooking experience at Beit Sitti. (B)

Day 6: Amman

Transfer to Amman airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Accessibility: This tour involves walking over rough terrain. At Petra, visiting the monastery and the High Place of Sacrifice requires a steep climb.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: TOJ

Low season from £1,795
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

High season from £1,945
Guide price months: Mar & Oct

The Ancient Wonders of Jordan & Egypt

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

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

NEW TOUR

Tour overview

This tour combines some of Egypt's most impressive historic sites with the highlights of Jordan's cultural heritage and spectacular landscapes. Cruise along the Nile on the superior *Sonesta St George I* and visit magnificent temple complexes. In Jordan, explore the rose-red city of Petra, the classical site of Jerash and the biblical site of Mount Nebo, finishing with a relaxing stay on the shores of the Dead Sea.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Air-conditioned vehicles used throughout
- ❖ Experienced local guides
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit the Pyramids at Giza & the Egyptian Museum in Cairo
- ❖ Discover temple complexes on the east & west banks of the Nile
- ❖ Stay at the entrance to the site of Petra & on the shores of the Dead Sea
- ❖ 4x4 desert excursion over the dunes in Wadi Rum

Area map



Great Pyramids, Giza

Day 1: Fly to Cairo, Egypt

Fly to Cairo and transfer to the **Cairo Marriott Hotel** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Cairo

Half-day tour of Giza to see the Great Pyramids and Sphinx. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to the Egyptian Museum for an afternoon guided tour. (B, L)

Day 3: Fly to Aswan

Transfer to Cairo airport for a morning flight to Aswan. On arrival, transfer to the *Sonesta St George I* for a 3-night cruise. (See page 29 for details) Visit to the High Dam and the Temple of Philae. Take a felucca trip on the Nile before returning to the boat for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Kom Ombo • Edfu • Esna

Sail to Kom Ombo and visit the Temple of Sobek and Haroeris. Sail to Edfu and visit Edfu Temple. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Luxor

Early morning sailing to Luxor. Visit the Valley of the Kings, the temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon on the West Bank. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Luxor • Fly to Cairo

Disembark in the morning. Visit Karnak and

Luxor temples then transfer to Luxor airport for a flight to Cairo. On arrival, transfer to the **InterContinental City Stars** for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 7: Fly to Amman, Jordan

Transfer to Cairo airport for a flight to Amman. On arrival, take a half-day city tour of Amman including the citadel with panoramic views of the city and the restored Roman theatre. Continue to **The Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana** for 1 night. (B)

Day 8: Jerash • Madaba • Mount Nebo • Petra

Morning visit to the Graeco-Roman city of Jerash. Continue to Madaba and its Byzantine mosaic map of the region and Mount Nebo, from where Moses first viewed the Holy Land. After, visit Kerak castle, one of the largest and most complete castles in the Levant. Stay at the **Mövenpick Resort Petra** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 9: Petra

Enjoy a full-day's exploration of Petra. Walk through the Siq, the narrow gorge leading into the city, to the stunning Treasury. (B)

Day 10: Wadi Rum • Dead Sea

Travel to the Dead Sea, stopping at Wadi Rum en route. Enjoy a 4x4 excursion into the heart of the desert, passing spectacular rock



The Treasury, Petra

formations. Continue to the Dead Sea and check in to the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea for 2 nights. (B)

Day 11: Dead Sea

Day at leisure. Spend time relaxing in this tranquil setting, indulge in a revitalising spa treatment and float in the salty, mineral-rich waters. (B)

Day 12: Fly home

Transfer to Amman 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 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: JAE

Low season from £3,195
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

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

Departure: This tour departs every Wednesday from 1 January to December 2020

Splendours of Jordan

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Group tour • From £1,745 (incl. flights)

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

This group tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 24 people (max 26)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Amman

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	11	13	16	21	26	29	30	30	29	25	19	13
B	3	3	5	9	12	15	17	17	15	12	8	4
C	76	66	61	20	4	-	-	-	-	8	32	65

Dead Sea

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	20	22	26	31	35	38	39	39	37	34	29	22
B	10	11	13	16	20	23	24	25	24	21	16	12
C	28	18	16	5	2	-	-	-	-	2	15	26

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Petra monastery

This tour picks out the best of Jordan's magnificent cultural heritage and stunning landscapes. Visit the classical city of Jerash, the biblical site of Mount Nebo and Petra, the rock-hewn city. The shifting sands of Wadi Rum and the curative waters of the Dead Sea complete your exploration.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Spend 2 full days exploring Petra & tour the remote ruins at Little Petra
- ❖ 4x4 desert excursion over the dunes in Wadi Rum
- ❖ Time at leisure to enjoy the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea
- ❖ Visit the biblical site of Mount Nebo

Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amman with Royal Jordanian Airlines. Transfer to the Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman • Jerash

Morning tour of Amman, visiting the citadel

with panoramic views of the city and the restored Roman theatre in downtown Amman. Afternoon tour of the well-preserved Graeco-Roman city of Jerash, hidden for centuries in sand. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Madaba • Mount Nebo • Shobak • Petra

Travel along the King's Highway, visiting Madaba, home to a Byzantine mosaic map of the region; Mount Nebo, from where Moses first viewed the Holy Land; and the crusader castle of Shobak. Continue to the historic city of Petra and stay 3 nights at the Mövenpick Resort Petra, situated at the entrance to the site. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Petra

Take a guided tour of the Unesco-listed site of Petra, the rose-red city rediscovered by J.L. Burckhardt in 1812. (B, D)

Day 5: Petra

Return to the main site for more exploration with your guide. Optional evening visit to Petra by candlelight. (B, D)

Day 6: Little Petra • Wadi Rum • Dead Sea

Morning visit to Al Beidha, or 'Little Petra', before driving to Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion into the desert. Afternoon transfer to the Dead Sea. Stay 2 nights at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. (B)



Wadi Rum desert

Day 7: Dead Sea

Day at leisure. Optional morning excursion to the baptism site of Jesus in Bethany, on the banks of the river Jordan. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

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

Important information

Accessibility: This tour involves walking over rough terrain. At Petra, visiting the monastery and the High Place of Sacrifice requires a steep climb.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020-21

Tour code: SPJ

Group tour

Low season from £1,745
Guide price months: Feb & Nov

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

Single supplement from £495

Private travel

Low season from £1,945
Guide price months: Jun – Aug

High season from £2,195
Guide price months: Mar – Apr, Sep - Oct

Single supplement from £395

Royal Jordanian flight upgrades

Crown Class from £1,345 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020-21

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)						
16 Feb 20	23 Feb 20	12 Apr 20	19 Apr 20	13 Sep 20	20 Sep 20	08 Nov 20	15 Nov 20
23 Feb 20	01 Mar 20	19 Apr 20	26 Apr 20	27 Sep 20	04 Oct 20	20 Dec 20	27 Dec 20
01 Mar 20	08 Mar 20	26 Apr 20	03 May 20	04 Oct 20	11 Oct 20	14 Feb 21	21 Feb 21
15 Mar 20	22 Mar 20	03 May 20	10 May 20	11 Oct 20	18 Oct 20	21 Feb 21	28 Feb 21
22 Mar 20	29 Mar 20	10 May 20	17 May 20	18 Oct 20	25 Oct 20	28 Feb 21	07 Mar 21
29 Mar 20	05 Apr 20	24 May 20	31 May 20	25 Oct 20	01 Nov 20	14 Mar 21	21 Mar 21
05 Apr 20	12 Apr 20	06 Sep 20	13 Sep 20	01 Nov 20	08 Nov 20	21 Mar 21	28 Mar 21

Tour Extensions

Tour variation: Desert Adventure

8 days & 7 nights from £325
 Variation starts on day 6 of tour
 Tour code: SPJWRA

Explore the desert landscapes of Wadi Rum with an extended drive into the wilderness for a night under canvas. The dramatic colours of the sandstone mountains are truly spectacular at sunrise and sunset while the clear night sky reveals innumerable stars.

Day 6: Wadi Rum

Transfer with the group to Wadi Rum. Leave the group and take a 5-hour 4x4 tour into the heart of the desert passing spectacular rock formations. Overnight stay at **UTA Desert Camp***. Enjoy an evening meal served in an air conditioned dining tent. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Dead Sea

Transfer to the shores of the Dead Sea and stay 1 night at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport with the rest of the group. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

* **Note:** Please be aware that the desert camp has limited facilities. See page 76 for further details.



Wadi Rum desert



Marina, Aqaba

Tour + the Red Sea & Dead Sea

3 days & 2 nights from £545
 Tour code: SPJSEA

Visit the shores of the Red Sea and Dead Sea, both ideal places to unwind at the end of a tour. The Red Sea has clean, sandy beaches and clear waters with an array of marine life while the salty waters of the Dead Sea are rich in health-giving nutrients.

Day 6: Aqaba

Following your 4x4 excursion in Wadi Rum, leave the group and transfer by road to Aqaba. Stay 2 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay**. Facilities include multiple swimming pools, a spa and a private beach area. (B)

Day 7: Aqaba

Day at leisure. Relax at your hotel, visit the beach, take the shuttle into town or swim in the nearby warm waters of the Red Sea. (B)

Day 8: Dead Sea

Morning transfer to the Dead Sea. Stay for 2 nights at the **Mövenpick Dead Sea**. (B)

Day 9: Dead Sea

At leisure. Float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea or enjoy one of the numerous therapeutic spa treatments including salt and black mud body wraps. (B)

Day 10: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

Tour + the Dead Sea

3 days & 2 nights from £225

Tour code: SPJDEA

The salty waters of the Dead Sea have been popular with travellers for many centuries. Extend your stay to enjoy the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea and the expansive spa facilities at your hotel.

Day 8: Dead Sea

Stay for a further 2 nights at the Mövenpick Dead Sea. (B)

Day 9: Dead Sea

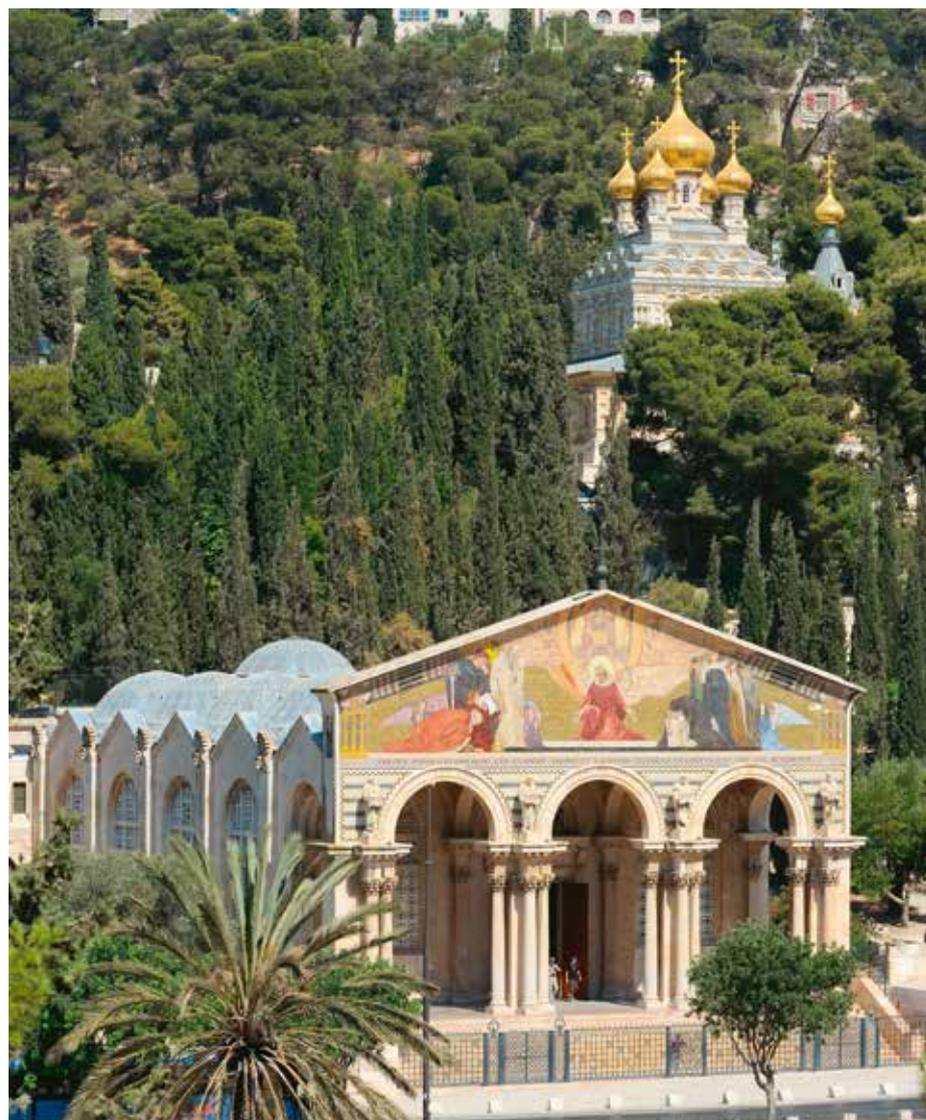
Day at leisure. Spend further time relaxing in this tranquil setting: indulge in a revitalising spa treatment, float in the salty waters or take a day trip to Wadi Mujib. (B)

Day 10: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)



The Dead Sea



Church of All Nations, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem

Tour + Jerusalem

4 days & 3 nights from £1,295

Tour code: SPJJer

Discover sacred monuments and over 3,000 years of history in the fascinating city of Jerusalem. This city is significant to Christians, Jews and Muslims alike, resulting in a fascinating mix of synagogues, churches, mosques, minarets and shrines. During this 3-night extension, take in the highlights of the Old City with a day at leisure to explore at your own pace.

Day 8: Jerusalem

Drive to the Allenby Bridge and cross the border into Israel. Continue on the 50-kilometre drive to Jerusalem. Stay at the Dan Boutique Hotel for 3 nights. (B)

Day 9: Jerusalem

Full-day tour exploring the ancient city of Jerusalem, whose history dates back more than 3,000 years. The numerous highlights and attractions include a visit to the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view over the city and a stop at Mount Zion to visit King David's tomb, the room of the Last Supper. (B)

Day 10: Jerusalem

A day at leisure. Visit the Israel Museum, one of the country's most important cultural and historical institutions where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed. Alternatively visit the ancient fortifications of Masada, a fortress and palace built by King Herod the Great on a rocky mountain top (payable locally). (B)

Day 11: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport. Fly from Tel Aviv to London with British Airways*. (B)

* **Note:** Your outbound flight to Jordan on day 1 will also need to be with British Airways rather than Royal Jordanian.

The Wonders of Jordan & Jerusalem

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights

Category • Superior

Group tour • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £3,795 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 16 (max 26)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Amman

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A	11	13	16	21	26	29	30	30	29	25	19	13
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C	76	66	61	20	4	-	-	-	-	8	32	65

Jerusalem

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	13	15	17	22	26	29	30	30	29	26	20	15
B	5	5	7	10	13	16	18	18	17	14	10	6
C	136	111	88	27	3	0	0	0	1	19	60	111

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

This tour combines the biblical sites of Jerusalem and Bethlehem with the cultural and scenic highlights of Jordan. Sample authentic local cuisine and take time to relax at a spa resort on the shores of the Dead Sea.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Discover impressive ancient ruins at Umm Qais & Jerash
- ❖ Sample traditional Jordanian food with a local family
- ❖ Explore the Old City of Jerusalem including the Western Wall & the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- ❖ Visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, believed to be the birthplace of Jesus

Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amman with British Airways. Transfer to the Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman • Umm Qais • Jerash

This morning travel to Umm Qais to see the ruins of the Decapolis city of Gadara, set in the hills above the Jordan Valley. After a tour and a basket weaving demonstration, continue to Jerash for a lunch cooked by women from a local village. Tour the ruins of the ancient Roman city of Jerash, once buried in sand for centuries, before travelling back to Amman. (B, L)

Day 3: Amman

Morning at leisure. Afternoon city tour including the Jordan Museum, where exhibits include the 'Ain Ghazal statues, believed to be some of the oldest known human sculptures. This evening enjoy a traditional Jordanian meal with a local family. (B, D)

Day 4: Madaba • Mount Nebo • Shobak • Petra

Travel along the King's Highway, stopping en route at Madaba, Mount Nebo and the crusader castle at Shobak before arriving at Petra. Lunch will be taken in a converted house near to Madaba. Stay 2 nights at Mövenpick Resort Petra. Optional evening visit to Petra by candlelight. (B, L)

Day 5: Petra

Enjoy a guided tour of Petra, the unique ancient Nabataean city that has been carved into the red rock face. (B)

Day 6: Dead Sea

Morning at leisure or optional 4x4 excursion into the desert at Wadi Rum (payable locally). Transfer to the Dead Sea this afternoon and stay 2 nights at Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. (B)

Day 7: Dead Sea

Day at leisure. Optional excursion to the baptism site at Bethany, where it is believed that John the Baptist baptised Jesus. (B)

Day 8: Jericho • Jerusalem

Drive to the Allenby Bridge and cross the border into Israel. Continue to Jerusalem, stopping en route for a tour at Jericho, thought to be the oldest city in the world. Stay 3 nights at the Harmony Hotel or Arthur Hotel. (B)

Day 9: Jerusalem • Bethlehem

This morning take a half-day tour of the Old City of Jerusalem to see the Wailing Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the room of the Last Supper. This afternoon visit Bethlehem, known as the site of the nativity; your visit here will include the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. (B)

Day 10: Jerusalem

A day at leisure, with a chance to visit the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed, or Masada, King Herod's rock fortress (payable locally). (B)

Day 11: Tel Aviv • Fly to London

Travel to Tel Aviv and visit the ancient port of Jaffa, one of the world's oldest ports. Later, transfer to the airport and fly from Tel Aviv to London with British Airways. (B)



Ancient columns, Umm Qais

Extensions

Pre-tour extensions are available in Amman and post-tour extensions are available in Jerusalem, which would include accommodation and private transfers. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for further information.

Important information

Accessibility: This tour involves walking over rough terrain. At Petra, visiting the monastery and the High Place of Sacrifice requires a steep climb.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: JAJ

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £795

Private travel

Low season from £3,795
Guide price months: Jan - Feb

High season from £3,995
Guide price months: Apr & Oct

Single supplement from £795

British Airways flight upgrades

Club World from £1,345 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)
09 Mar 20	19 Mar 20	27 Apr 20	07 May 20	14 Sep 20	24 Sep 20
23 Mar 20	02 Apr 20	07 Sep 20	17 Sep 20	12 Oct 20	22 Oct 20

Treasures of Jordan

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Solo group tour • From £2,495 (incl. flights)

Solo Travellers

This solo group tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 8 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Amman

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	11	13	16	21	26	29	30	30	29	25	19	13
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C	76	66	61	20	4	-	-	-	-	8	32	65

Aqaba

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	17	19	22	28	32	35	37	36	34	29	24	19
B	5	7	9	14	17	19	21	21	19	16	11	7
C	5	8	7	5	2	-	-	-	-	5	3	7

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

Area map



Petra by candlelight

Join a group of like-minded solo travellers on a tour of the highlights of Jordan including the capital city of Amman, religious sites, desert landscapes and the remarkable ruins of Petra. Conclude with time at leisure on the shores of the Red Sea.

archaeological museum before returning to your hotel in Amman. Welcome dinner at Kan Zaman, an impressive 19th-century estate. (B, D)

Day 3: Jerash • Umm Qais

Morning tour of Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman provincial towns in the world. Continue to the ruins of Umm Qais where, according to the Bible, Jesus performed the miracle of casting demons from two men into a herd of pigs. Perched on a hilltop overlooking the impressive Jordan valley and the Sea of Galilee, the site combines Roman ruins and an abandoned Ottoman-era village. View colonnaded streets, a vaulted terrace and the ruins of two theatres. Return to Amman. (B)

Day 4: Madaba • Mount Nebo • Dead Sea • Petra

Travel along the King's Highway, visiting Madaba and its Byzantine mosaic map of the region, and Mount Nebo, from where Moses first viewed the Holy Land. A stop will also be made at the Dead Sea for a dip in the health-giving salty waters. Continue to Petra and dine this evening at Petra Kitchen, a traditional Jordanian experience. Stay 2 nights at the Hyatt Zaman Hotel & Resort*. (B, D)

Day 5: Petra

Take a guided walking tour of Petra, the rose-red city rediscovered by JL Burckhardt in 1812. The highlights are the spectacular temple, the Treasury and the Monastery, which have been

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Hands-on bread making & tasting experience in Petra
- ❖ 4x4 desert excursion over the dunes in Wadi Rum
- ❖ Take a dip in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea
- ❖ See the ruins of Petra lit up by candlelight

Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amman with Royal Jordanian Airlines. Transfer to the Amman International Hotel for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman • Salt

Morning tour of Amman, visiting the citadel and the Jordan Museum, which contains a copper replica of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Afternoon tour to the ancient town of Salt to admire its architecture and visit the small



Nymphaeum, Jerash

carved out of solid rock. This evening, see the ruins of Petra by candlelight. (B)

Day 6: Wadi Rum • Aqaba

This morning, join a hands-on bread making and tasting experience before proceeding to Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion into the desert. Continue to Aqaba and stay 2 nights at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay. (B)

Day 7: Aqaba

Day at leisure to enjoy the beaches, explore the markets or nearby desert, or visit the ancient sites of Aqaba. Farewell dinner this evening at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 8: Amman • Fly to London

Transfer to Amman airport and fly to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

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

Extensions

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Amman and Aqaba. Please speak to a Cox & Kings consultant for further details.

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

Accessibility: This tour involves walking over rough terrain. At Petra, visiting the monastery and the High Place of Sacrifice requires a steep climb.

* **Accommodation:** This tour is based in 4- and 5-star accommodation except in Petra, where the accommodation should be considered more basic.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: JOS

Group tour

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

High season from £2,595
Guide price months: Apr – Aug

Royal Jordanian flight upgrades

Crown Class from £1,345 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on single occupancy of a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)						
08 Mar 20	15 Mar 20	26 Apr 20	03 May 20	30 Aug 20	06 Sep 20	20 Sep 20	27 Sep 20

Ancient Jordan Uncovered

NEW
TOUR

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Expert-led group tour • From £2,645 (incl. flights)
Archaeology • History

**Arts &
Culture**

Tour overview

Travel with expert lecturer and archaeologist Dr Konstantine Politis, who discovered and excavated the biblical sites of Lot's Cave and Zoara. He also initiated and set up the Museum at the Lowest Place on Earth. Jordan is one of history's crossroads and battlegrounds, and this tour encompasses the entire range of its heritage and culture.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Exclusive visits to the Museum at the Lowest Place on Earth & Lot's Cave
- ❖ Spend 3 nights in Petra, including a candle-lit evening visit
- ❖ Drive across desert sands
- ❖ See beautiful early Christian Byzantine mosaics
- ❖ Trace the footsteps of T E Lawrence

Expert lecturer

Dr Konstantine Politis has spent 33 years leading archaeological projects in Jordan, including three for the British Museum. He has published over 100 articles and five books on archaeology. Although Dr Politis specialises in the early Byzantine and Islamic periods, his expertise extends from prehistory through to Hellenistic and Roman times in the eastern Mediterranean.



Area map



Temple of Hercules, Amman

Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amman with Royal Jordanian Airways. Evening transfer to the **Boulevard Arjaan Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman • Desert castles

Explore the ancient citadel of Amman, visit the early Islamic Umayyad Palace, the Graeco-Roman Temple of Hercules, Byzantine churches and see sweeping views across the city. Visit the Archaeological Museum, housing important finds spanning over 100,000 years. Then drive to the eastern desert, passing Umayyad Qasr Kharana and seeing the hunting lodge of Qasr Amra with recently-restored wall paintings. Continue to Azraq oasis, seeing a Roman fort rebuilt in the 13th century and later used by TE Lawrence during the Arab Revolt, and the impressive Wetlands Reserve. Return to Amman via the new highway and Qasr Al-Hallabat. (B, D)

Day 3: Jerash

Drive north through the hills of biblical Gilead to Jerash, one of the best-preserved provincial Graeco-Roman cities in the Near East. Walk through magnificent monumental arches, sprawling oval piazza, colonnaded streets, temples, theatres and Byzantine churches. Then on to visit Umm Qais, ancient Gadara where Jesus performed the swine miracle, then drive down to the Jordan valley with stunning view of Golan Heights overlooking the Sea of Galilee, finally returning to Amman. (B, L)

Day 4: Mount Nebo • Madaba • Shobak

Drive to Mount Nebo, from where Moses viewed the 'Promised Land' and see where early Christians built the Memorial Church of Moses adorned with beautiful floor mosaics. Drive to Madaba on the biblical King's Highway, a city with many Byzantine mosaics. Visit the Greek Orthodox Church of St George which contains the famous sixth-century mosaic map of the Holy Land, then the Church of the Virgin complex. On to biblical Mefa'at at Umm ar-Rasas, a town at the edge of the desert with a dozen churches and important mosaics. Continue to the crusader castle of Montréal at Shobak, built in 12th century by King Baldwin I of Jerusalem but later conquered by Saladin, then rebuilt. Drive to Petra and stay 3 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort Petra** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 5: Petra

A full-day's exploration of Petra, the remote desert stronghold of the Nabataean Arabs who created a city in their sandstone valleys, unique in the ancient world. Walk through the Siq, the narrow gorge leading to the Treasury, a magnificent Hellenistic-style rock-cut tomb facade. Continue past the theatre, carved out of solid sandstone, to see other sepulchres, temples and churches. After lunch, take an optional visit to Ad Deir, the largest tomb in Petra overlooking Wadi Araba, the deepest part of the Great Rift Valley. Evening stroll down the Siq illuminated by atmospheric candlelight. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Wadi Rum

Morning drive to Wadi Rum, the spectacular desert made up of vast valleys and towering sandstone peaks, which was the original base of the Great Arab Revolt (1917-1918) and where *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Red Planet* and *The Martian* films were shot. Visit Lawrence's spring and see ancient graffiti with animal depictions. Picnic lunch at a Bedouin camp. Return to Petra to see a new museum there.* (B, L)

Day 7: Little Petra • Sanctuary of Lot • Dead Sea

Morning visit to the lesser-known Little Petra at Beidaha, passing the crusader castle at Wu'eira and a prehistoric settlement. Continue through spectacular mountain scenery down to Wadi Araba and the shores of the Dead Sea. Stop at Safi to see the first medieval sugar factory and the Ottoman fort attacked by the Arab Legion with Lawrence in 1918. Then climb up to the Sanctuary of Lot, venerating the cave where Lot and his daughters took refuge from the destruction of Sodom. Below, visit the Museum at the Lowest Place on Earth, which explains



The Treasury, Petra

the unique human and environmental history of the Dead Sea. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 8: Dead Sea

At leisure to swim in the Dead Sea with use the resort's spa and facilities. Optional excursion to the site where Jesus is believed to have been baptised in the Jordan river and/or the Dead Sea Panorama Complex, which describes the geology of the region. (B, D)

Day 9: Fly to London

Morning transfer to Amman airport and fly direct to London Heathrow with Royal Jordanian Airways. (B)

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

Extension

Tour + the Dead Sea

3 days & 2 nights from £225
Tour code: SPJDEA

Extension starts on day 8 of tour

Extend your stay at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea** for 2 nights and take advantage of a range of spa treatments and peaceful surroundings. Includes airport transfer.

Alternative pre- or post-tour extensions are also available to Amman, Aqaba and Jerusalem. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for further details.

Important information

Arts & Culture tours: A collection of expert-accompanied tours focusing on creativity in its many forms. All tours are open to everyone and can be viewed at CoxandKings.co.uk/art

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

Superior tour: This tour is based in 4- and 5-star accommodation. Please visit our website

to see details of the hotels included.

Accessibility: This tour involves walking over rough terrain and bumpy drives in the desert. At Petra, visiting the Monastery requires a steep climb of 800 rock-cut steps.

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

* **Note:** There are limited facilities on day 6, when most of the day will be spent in the desert.

Guideline prices for 2020-21

Tour code: JCC

28 Mar – 05 Apr 20	with Dr Konstantine Politis	from £2,745	single supp from £495
10 Oct – 18 Oct 20	with Dr Konstantine Politis	from £2,645	single supp from £495
10 Apr – 18 Apr 21	with Dr Konstantine Politis	from £2,845	single supp from £525

Royal Jordanian flight upgrades

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Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Hotels & Desert Camps

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



Four Seasons Hotel Amman

The Four Seasons Hotel Amman is set atop the highest of Amman's seven hills. Furnished in a distinctive Four Seasons style, all of the large guestrooms offer stunning city views. The restaurant overlooks a landscaped summer dining terrace and its open kitchen offers a sumptuous buffet, featuring Arabic and eastern Mediterranean specialities.

Features:

192 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants, 3 lounge bars, health spa, gym, indoor & outdoor swimming pools.



Kempinski Hotel Amman

The Kempinski Hotel Amman is situated in the heart of the city and offers spectacular views. The stylish hotel features spacious and well-furnished rooms and suites. There are several restaurants to choose from. Leisure facilities include a health club and outdoor pool. The hotel's swimming pool is closed annually during the winter season from October to mid-May.

Features:

283 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants, 2 bars, terrace, gardens, outdoor pool, gym, spa, Wi-Fi.



Grand Hyatt, Amman

Conveniently located in the heart of the capital's business district, the Grand Hyatt Amman offers contemporary luxury with views over the city and the blue dome of King Abdullah Mosque. The property has several dining options while the Club Olympus Spa has state of the art facilities and offers a range of treatments, some including Dead Sea products.

Features:

311 rooms, 4 restaurants, 3 lounge bars, indoor & outdoor swimming pools, gym, spa, Wi-Fi.

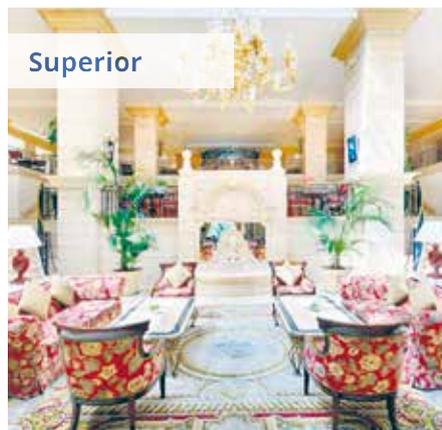


Intercontinental, Amman

The Hotel InterContinental Amman enjoys a prime location on the summit of one of the seven hills that surround the city and is only a short walk from the old city centre. This modern hotel offers airy, light-filled rooms; a variety of restaurants serving a choice of Indian, Lebanese and Mexican cuisines; and a spa offering a range of treatments.

Features:

440 rooms, 5 restaurants, rooftop terrace, indoor & outdoor swimming pools, gym, spa.



Amman Marriott, Amman

Located in the downtown Shmeisani district in Al Abdali, the Marriott Amman is well placed in the city centre for exploring the main sights such as the old citadel and the Roman amphitheatre. The hotel has a choice of two restaurants and bars providing Mediterranean and international cuisine, from light snacks to gourmet meals.

Features:

292 rooms, 2 restaurants, 2 bars, health club, indoor & outdoor swimming pools, sauna.



Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana, Amman

The Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana is conveniently located in the new downtown area of Amman, with the Temple of Hercules and the Roman Corinthian columns just a few kilometres away. The property offers a range of luxurious accommodation from studio apartments to four-bedroom penthouses. Dine on the outdoor terrace of the hotel's Italian restaurant.

Features:

391 apartments, 2 restaurants, 2 rooftop swimming pools, gym, Wi-Fi.



Superior

Mövenpick Resort, Petra

Located directly at the entrance of the ancient city of Petra, the Mövenpick Resort Petra is the closest resort to Petra with spectacular views over the Great Rift Valley. Rooms are furnished with Middle Eastern fabrics and have a clean, modern finish. The hotel has a wide variety of restaurants and a roof garden offering splendid views, in particular at sunset.

Features:

183 rooms & suites, 7 dining venues, wellness centre, outdoor swimming pool.



Superior

Petra Marriott Hotel, Petra

Situated high on a steep slope in Wadi Musa overlooking the picturesque Petra valley, almost all the spacious, modern rooms at the Petra Marriott offer a spectacular valley view. The entrance to historic Petra, the Obelisk Tomb and the College of Archaeology is just a 5-minute drive away and the hotel offers a free shuttle service allowing you to explore at leisure.

Features:

100 rooms, 3 restaurants, bar & lounge, outdoor swimming pool, Turkish bath, sauna, Wi-Fi.



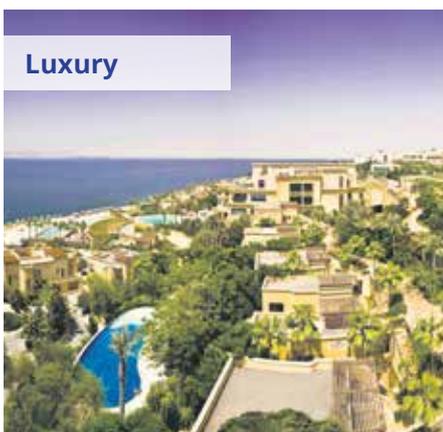
Good Standard

Petra Guest House, Petra

Situated just 100 metres from the entrance of ancient Petra, the Petra Guest House is in the perfect location for exploring the ancient Nabatean capital. The Cave Bar is set in a restored first-century Nabatean house featuring Arabic and European alfresco settings. Relax on the hotel's outdoor terrace and enjoy the serene landscaped gardens.

Features:

72 rooms & chalets, restaurant, bar, sun terrace, garden, Wi-Fi.



Luxury

Kempinski Ishtar, Dead Sea

The Kempinski Ishtar is one of the most luxurious of the Dead Sea hotels. Set amid beautiful gardens with a private beach, the guestrooms and the swimming pools are located on meandering terraces dotted with lagoons and waterfalls. The hotel has several restaurants offering alfresco dining, the largest private beach in Jordan and a gym with spa.

Features:

345 rooms, 4 restaurants, private beach, 9 swimming pools, spa, health club, Wi-Fi.



Superior

Jordan Valley Marriott Dead Sea

Located on the eastern shores of the Dead Sea, the Jordan Valley Marriott Dead Sea provides serenity throughout your stay with its choice of dining options and extensive spa treatments, including a unique Dead Sea salt pool. Surrounded by rugged mountains, relax on the private beach, in the lush gardens or by one of three outdoor swimming pools.

Features:

250 rooms & suites, 5 restaurants, 3 bars, spa, indoor & outdoor swimming pools, gym, Wi-Fi.



Good Standard

Mountain Breeze Resort, Salt

The Mountain Breeze Resort is located in the Gilead mountains, surrounded by green forest and gardens. Accommodation is in comfortably furnished log cabins, each with a private terrace and mountain views. The two-level restaurant serves a variety of Arabic and international dishes, made from the organic produce grown on the premises.

Features:

10 log lodges, restaurant, bar, children's activity centre.



Superior

Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea

Set among verdant tropical gardens, the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea is located on the north-eastern shore of the Dead Sea and offers private beach access. The resort buildings are styled on traditional two-storey village houses with artwork and antiques throughout, and all guestrooms feature a private balcony or terrace with views of the surrounding gardens, mountains and sea. The extensive and award-winning Zara Spa offers world-class facilities including tropical scent showers, 31 treatment rooms and up to 70 a la carte treatments and massages. The property is an ideal base for spending time floating in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea, visiting the baptism site at Bethany or for hiking in the nearby Wadi Mujib.

Features:

346 rooms & suites, 9 restaurants and bars, spa, gym, 3 swimming pools.



Simple

Dana Guest House, Dana Biosphere Reserve

Perched on the edge of the Wadi Dana cliffs, Dana Guest House blends traditional Arabic village architecture with more modern elements and offers breathtaking views of the wadis and mountains. Originally built to house researchers, today the guesthouse has both Economy rooms with shared facilities and Deluxe rooms with private terrace and en suite.

Features:

24 rooms, dining room, terrace.



Simple

Bespoke Hideaways Bedu Camp, Wadi Rum

Located at a scenic viewpoint in the heart of Wadi Rum, the Bespoke Hideaways Bedu Camp is run by local Bedouins and is considered to be the best camp in the area. The small camp has just six tented suites, all with en suite bathrooms and full amenities. There is a central dining tent furnished with comfortable, low Bedouin style seating.

Features:

6 tented suites, dining tent.



Simple

UTA Desert Camp, Wadi Rum

Situated in the Wadi Rum Wildlife Reserve, the UTA Desert Camp offers a range of comfortable accommodation, each with en suite bathrooms, and is ideal for those seeking the tranquillity of the desert. From the camp you can view the Wadi Rum mountains and stargaze. Buffet style meals are served in an air-conditioned tent in the evenings.

Features:

8 comfortable tents, 2 family suites, 20 glamping domes, air-conditioned dining dome tent, limited Wi-Fi.

Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay, Aqaba

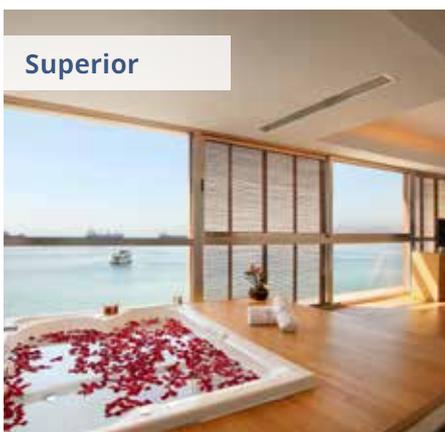
Set in a stunning location on the southern shores of the Red Sea, adjacent to the ancient ruins of Ayla and close to Aqaba's town centre, the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay provides a calming ambience. The hotel has a 150-metre private beach with mountain views as a backdrop as well as several pools and a lazy river. All rooms are modern with private terraces or balconies with views of the Red Sea, mountains, gardens or pools. The hotel's restaurant serves fresh seafood, authentic Italian cuisine and informal dining across eight restaurants and bars. The extensive spa facilities offer a skylight hydro pool, treatment rooms and an ice fountain all in a tranquil area with calming music, soft lighting and stimulating aromas.

Features:

306 rooms & suites, 8 restaurants & bars, 4 swimming pools, private beach, spa.



Superior



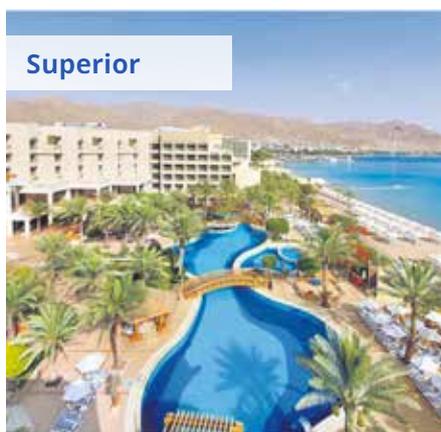
Superior

Kempinski Hotel, Aqaba

The Kempinski Hotel occupies a tranquil location on the white sandy beaches of the Red Sea, just a 5-minute walk away from Aqaba city centre. Rooms are light and airy, decorated in natural shades and take advantage of the sea views with private balconies. There are five dining options and the two-storey spa offers a range of treatments against the backdrop of panoramic sea views.

Features:

200 rooms & suites, 5 restaurants & lounges, spa, gym, Wi-Fi.



Superior

InterContinental, Aqaba

Located on its own private white-sand beach, the InterContinental Aqaba enjoys wonderful views over the Gulf of Aqaba. All rooms have balconies overlooking a lagoon-style pool surrounded with palm trees. Choose from three restaurants serving a mixture of international and local cuisine, while the Martini Lounge is a chic location to relax with an aperitif.

Features:

255 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants, outdoor swimming pools, gym.



Simple

Feynan Eco Lodge, Dana Biosphere Reserve

Entirely isolated on the western edge of the Dana Reserve, Feynan Eco Lodge makes an excellent base from which to explore the surrounding area using the numerous trails and hiking routes. The lodge has a traditional design and is lit entirely by candlelight. Rooms are basic but comfortable with private facilities and hot water, heated using solar panels.

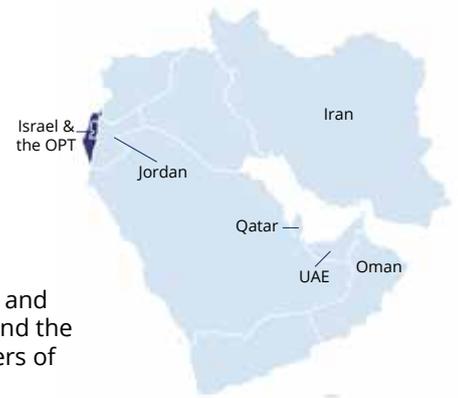
Features:

26 rooms, dining room, cafe, daily programme of activities.



Israel & the OPT

Group tours • Tailor-made travel



Stretching along the eastern Mediterranean coastline and pushing down to touch the tip of the Red Sea, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) pack many layers of history into a relatively small area.

From the dynamic modern city of Tel Aviv with its vibrant nightlife, street cafes and Mediterranean beaches, venture north to the biblical sites around the Sea of Galilee, the old crusader stronghold of Acre and the terraced gardens of Baha'i shrine in the Mediterranean city of Haifa. To the south lies the Dead Sea, the desert fortress of Masada and the beach resort of Eilat on the Red Sea coast. However, the jewel in the crown has to be the ancient city of Jerusalem. With monuments sacred to all three major monotheistic religions and a history that dates back over 3,000 years, the city holds a significant status for Christians, Jews and Muslims alike.

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Climate

Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories have warm and mostly cloudless days year round. Spring and autumn offer the best time to visit, with mild temperatures and low rainfall. The summer months can be uncomfortably hot in some areas and the winter months have the highest rainfall.

Tel Aviv

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	17	18	20	24	26	28	30	31	30	27	24	19
B	8	8	10	12	15	19	21	21	20	17	13	10
C	135	85	53	19	3	0	0	0	1	31	82	141

Jerusalem

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	13	15	17	22	26	29	30	30	29	26	20	15
B	5	5	7	10	13	16	18	18	17	14	10	6
C	136	111	88	27	3	0	0	0	1	19	60	111

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

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Image left: Shrine of the Bab and lower terraces at the Baha'i World Centre, Haifa, Israel

Discover Israel & the OPT

Jerusalem

Temples, churches & historical sites • Yad Vashem
Holocaust memorial

Jerusalem has maintained a central place in history for more than 3,000 years. Situated in the Judean hills, the strategic importance of the city has made it a much fought over prize. Israelites, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Christians, Muslims and Turks have all ruled the city at one time or another and have left their mark in the form of synagogues, churches, mosques, minarets and shrines.

With monuments sacred to all three major monotheistic religions, the city is of significant importance for Christians, Jews and Muslims alike. Ascend the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view over the old city, visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, touch the Western (Wailing) Wall and walk in the footsteps of Jesus along the Via Dolorosa. Despite covering an area of only 1 sq km, the number of sights within the city walls defies belief. Outside the walls of the old city, the Yad Vashem centre should not be missed. Established in 1953 as the Jewish people's living memorial to the Holocaust, Yad Vashem safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations.



Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

Bethlehem

Church of the Nativity, supposed birthplace of Jesus

Just south of Jerusalem lies the Palestinian city of Bethlehem, home to one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the world, the Church of the Nativity. Built over the cave where Jesus is believed to have been born, this magnificent place of worship is entered through a tiny doorway, known as the Door of Humility. The church's basilica opens under a huge dome, with columns, pews and sculptures lining the walls. Inside, the Grotto of the Nativity is thought to be the actual cave where Jesus was born, the spot indicated by a 14-point star. The church itself is the focal point of Manger Square, a major gathering point for worshippers at Christmas. Around the square you will also see the Palestinian Peace Centre, and just outside Bethlehem the Shepherds' Fields can be visited.



Jaffa, Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv

Cosmopolitan city • Ancient port of Jaffa

Located on the outskirts of the biblical port of Jaffa, where thousands of years of history come together, Tel Aviv is a modern, cosmopolitan city with many boutiques, galleries, street cafes, stylish restaurants and Mediterranean beaches.

The White City, declared a Unesco world heritage site for its fascinating examples of 1930s Bauhaus architecture, is an interesting part of Tel Aviv to explore. Visit the Jewish Diaspora Museum, which details the history of the Jewish people, and the Cymbalista Synagogue, an outstanding example of contemporary architecture. North of Tel Aviv, the ruined city of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great, makes for an interesting day trip from the city.



Masada

Southern Israel

Float in the Dead Sea • Desert fortress of Masada • Beaches and snorkelling in Eilat

At almost 400 metres below sea level, the Dead Sea is famed for its high salt content. At the complex of hotels in Ein Bokek, swim or float in the health-giving waters. Perched on a plateau overlooking the Dead Sea, Masada, one of King Herod's desert fortresses, is notable as the site of the last stand of the besieged Sicarii rebels.

At Israel's most southerly point lies Eilat, Israel's most popular beach resort. Located on the shores of the Red Sea, it offers fine beaches and ideal snorkelling conditions. Other attractions in the region include the Coral Beach Nature Reserve, Hai-Bar Yotvata Nature Reserve and Timna Valley Park. The region is easily accessible from Tel Aviv on domestic flights with El Al Airlines.

The North Coast & the Sea of Galilee

Crusader fortifications in Acre • Baha'i terraced gardens in Haifa • Biblical sites of the Sea of Galilee

The Mediterranean city of Haifa, located in the Carmel mountain range, is home to the gold-domed Baha'i Shrine and the accompanying Persian Gardens. Further north, the walled city of Acre has much to see and explore, including Al Jazaar mosque and the subterranean Crusader Halls by the Knights Hospitaller, still used today for atmospheric concerts. In the town of Nazareth, where Mary learned from the angel Gabriel that she was to have a child, explore the Church of Joseph, Mary's Well and the Church of the Annunciation. Many sites around Lake Kinneret (the Sea of Galilee), Israel's largest freshwater lake, appear in the Bible and hold special significance for Christians as the setting for stories, including the feeding of the 5,000.



Baha'i terraced gardens, Haifa

A suggested itinerary...

The Holy Land in Style

8 days & 7 nights from £4,795

Category • Superior

Explore the many aspects of Israel, from the modern metropolis of Tel Aviv to the biblical sites of Jerusalem, while staying in luxurious accommodation throughout.

Day 1: Fly to Tel Aviv

Transfer to the Norman Hotel for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Jaffa • Tel Aviv

Morning visit to Jaffa, one of the world's earliest ports. Return to Tel Aviv to explore the historic Neve Tzedek quarter with its boutiques, galleries, and stylish cafes and restaurants. (B)

Day 3: The Sea of Galilee

Head north to Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee. Stay 2 nights at Scots Hotel, Tiberias. (B, D)

Day 4: The Sea of Galilee

Visit the Mount of Beatitudes, from where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount; Tabagna, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes; and Mount Bental, with views out to the Golan Heights. (B, D)

Day 5: Cana • Nazareth • Jerusalem

Morning drive to Jerusalem via Cana and Nazareth. Visit the Holocaust memorial at Yad Vashem. Stay at the American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem for 3 nights. (B)

Day 6: Masada • The Dead Sea

Full-day tour of the desert fortress of Masada. Continue to the Dead Sea and experience floating in the salty mineral-rich waters. (B)

Day 7: Jerusalem

Full-day tour of the Old City of Jerusalem. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Tel Aviv for your flight home. (B)

Guideline Prices

Low season from: £4,795 (incl. flights)
Guide price month: Feb

High season from: £4,995 (incl. flights)
Guide price month: Oct

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Adventure**

Tour overview

Israel is a very family-oriented, welcoming country. The bustling markets with their heady mix of colours and aromas are fun places to visit, and the country's diverse landscapes are within easy reach from either Tel Aviv or Jerusalem, so there are no long, tiring car journeys between destinations. Visits to biblical sites including Nazareth, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Sea of Galilee will bring biblical history to life.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Travel in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ 4x4 ride through Ramon crater, the biggest of its kind in the world
- ❖ Take part in an archaeological dig, where artefacts from the Roman era are often found
- ❖ Discover the inner workings of a kibbutz
- ❖ Take a cooking class with a local family
- ❖ Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee

Area map



Makhtesh Ramon, Negev desert

Day 1: Fly to Tel Aviv

Fly to Tel Aviv and transfer to the **Market House** hotel for 2 nights. This boutique property is located in the heart of Jaffa district, a short walk from the beach. (N)

Day 2: Tel Aviv

Pass by Independence Hall before discovering the historic Neve Tzedek quarter with its boutiques, galleries and restored houses. Also explore Jaffa, the birth place of Tel Aviv and one of the world's first ports. (B)

Day 3: Caesarea • Haifa • Acre • Sea of Galilee

Visit the ruined city of ancient Caesarea and stop for panoramic views over the Baha'i shrine and gardens in Haifa. See the well-preserved old city walls at Acre, a Unesco world heritage site with superb Crusader remains. Stay 2 nights at the **Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel**, located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Take a guided walking tour of the kibbutz and gain a fascinating insight into this type of collective community. (B, D)

Day 4: Sea of Galilee

There will be the opportunity to visit several biblical sites today such as the Mount of Beatitudes, believed to be where Jesus

delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the Church of the Multiplication at Tabgha and the town of Capernaum, said to have been the scene of many of Jesus's miracles. A light lunch and Galilean cooking workshop will be taken with a local family. (B, D)

Day 5: Sea of Galilee • Nazareth • Jerusalem

Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus was said to have miraculously walked on water. Continue to Nazareth, Jesus's hometown; walk in his footsteps as you visit the Church of the Annunciation, where Mary learned from the angel Gabriel that she was to have a child. Continue to Jerusalem via Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle of turning water into wine. Stay at the **Herbert Samuel** in Jerusalem for 3 nights. (B)

Day 6: Jerusalem

Morning tour exploring the old city of Jerusalem; visit the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane, named in the New Testament as the place where Jesus went with his disciples to pray the night before he was crucified. Visit the Western Wall and tunnels, and Cardo, the spectacular main street in the old city. Continue to the Tomb of King David then along the Via Dolorosa to the



Ancient port and marina of Acre

Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Afternoon visit to Machane Yehuda market for a food tasting tour. (B)

Day 7: Jerusalem • Bethlehem

Visit the Israel Museum and then continue to Bethlehem via the Knesset Menorah and the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial. Visit the Church of the Nativity, one of the oldest churches in the world and the place where Jesus was said to have been born. (B)

Day 8: Qumran • Masada • Negev desert

This morning visit Qumran, one of the most significant archaeological discoveries of the 20th century, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Travel through the desert to the Unesco world heritage site of Masada to see the mountain-top ruins. Continue to the Dead Sea and take a dip in the mineral-rich waters

before travelling to the **Beresheet Hotel** for 2 nights, close to the Ramon Crater. (D)

Day 9: Negev desert

Visit the visitor centre at the Ramon Crater (Makhtesh Ramon) before a 2-hour 4x4 ride in the crater itself. Makhtesh Ramon is shaped like a long heart and is the largest national park in Israel. Afternoon at leisure. (D)

Day 10: Beit Guvrin • Tel Aviv

Drive north and visit Beit Guvrin, a Unesco world heritage site and national park; enter the caves and join in with an archaeological dig. Continue to Tel Aviv and stay overnight at the **Market House** hotel in Jaffa for 1 night. (B)

Day 11: Fly home

Transfer to Ben Gurion 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 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

* Please note prices are based on four people sharing two rooms throughout

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: FIH

Guideline price: From £4,595



Tower of David, Jerusalem

Jerusalem & the Holy Land

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Superior

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

Israel & the OPT offers many fascinating classical and Biblical sites. This tour combines these with the cosmopolitan city of Tel Aviv, the glistening Mediterranean coast and the mineral-rich Dead Sea.

Day 1: Fly to Tel Aviv

Transfer to the **Dan Panorama** hotel in Jerusalem for 4 nights. (D)

Day 2: Jerusalem (Old City)

Visit the Mount of Olives, and then drive to the Old City for a tour including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Western Wall. (B, D)

Day 3: Jerusalem (New City) • Bethlehem

Visit the Israel Museum and the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial. Continue to Bethlehem, walk through Manger Square and visit the Church of the Nativity. (B, D)

Day 4: Masada • Dead Sea • Jerusalem

Today visit the ancient fortress at Masada and experience floating in the salty mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea. (B, D)

Day 5: Tel Aviv

Transfer to Tel Aviv. Overnight stay at the **Dan Panorama**. (B, D)

Day 6: Caesarea • Megiddo • Acre

Drive to the ruined city of Caesarea, once the Roman capital of the region. Continue to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon. Visit the underground crusader city and crypt at Acre. Stay 2 nights at the **Kibbutz Lavi Hotel**. (B, D)

Day 7: Tiberias • Capernaum • Banias

After a tour of Tiberias, take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and stop at Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of Fish and Loaves. Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive to Banias Spring and take a tour of the Golan Heights. (B, D)

Day 8: Cana • Nazareth • Beit Shean

Visit the Wedding Church in Cana, then continue to Nazareth and visit the Church of Annunciation. Visit Yardenit, the Baptist site on the Jordan river. Continue to Jerusalem and stay at the **Dan Panorama** for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 9: Fly home

Transfer to Tel Aviv airport for your flight home. (B)

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

Important information

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Old town and port of Jaffa, Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv & Jerusalem Short Break

Duration • 6 days & 5 nights

Category • Superior or Luxury

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

Explore two diverse cities: Jerusalem with its sacred monuments and 3,000-year history, and Tel Aviv, a modern metropolis with glistening golden beaches and a lively promenade.

Day 1: Fly to Tel Aviv

Transfer to the **Dan Panorama / American Colony*** in Jerusalem for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Jerusalem

Full-day tour of the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting the Tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Walk through the Jewish Quarter before visiting the Western Wall. Continue along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Travel to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. (B)

Day 3: Jerusalem

Day at leisure. Visit the Israel Museum, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls or take a food tour of Mahane Yehuda market. (B)

Day 4: Tel Aviv

Travel north to Tel Aviv. Remainder of the day at leisure, perhaps take a stroll along the bustling promenade, Tayelet. Stay at the **Dan Panorama / The Norman*** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Tel Aviv

Morning visit to Jaffa, one of the world's earliest ports, before returning to Tel Aviv to explore the historic Neve Tzedek quarter, brimming with boutiques, galleries, and stylish cafes and restaurants. (B)

Day 6: Fly home

Transfer to Tel Aviv airport for your flight home. (B)

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

Important information

***Tour standards:** Superior tour departures are based in 4- and 5-star accommodation. Luxury tour departures will feature upgraded accommodation as indicated by the asterisks. Prices are based on the superior room category.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: JHL

Guideline price: From £4,795

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: TEJ / LEJ

Superior

Guideline price: From £2,595

Luxury

Guideline Price: From £2,895

Experiences in Israel & the OPT



Float in the Dead Sea

Situated at the lowest point on Earth, the Dead Sea is the deepest hypersaline lake in the world and is nearly 10 times as salty as the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Effortlessly float in the mineral-rich waters and immerse yourself in the healing mud, renowned for its curative properties. Take a day trip and visit one of the popular beaches or relax in one of the many spa resorts that surround the northern shore.



Explore the Ramon Crater (Makhtesh Ramon), Negev desert

Shaped like a long heart, 40km in length and between 2km and 10km in width, the Ramon Crater is Israel's largest national park. Located in the Negev Desert, it is ideal for sports and nature enthusiasts. The town of Mitzpe Ramon, set on the northern edge of the crater, is an ideal base for hiking and 4x4 tours, and is home to a visitors centre giving information on the topography of the region.



Explore Baha'i terraced gardens, Haifa

Located in the heart of Haifa are the Baha'i gardens, comprising a staircase of nineteen terraces extending all the way up the northern slope of Mount Carmel. The golden-domed Shrine of the Báb is the resting place of the Prophet-Herald of the Baha'i Faith and stands on the central terrace, looking across the bay towards Acre. Discover the history and planning of the gardens during a tour.



Visit the Western Wall (Wailing Wall), Jerusalem

Dating from around the second century BC, the Western Wall, or 'Wailing Wall', is the last remaining relic of the Second Jewish Temple and is the most important Jewish prayer site in the world. Millions of pilgrims and visitors from around the world place notes with requests and prayers into its cracks. Tunnels beneath the Western Wall provide a glimpse of the various periods in the history of Jerusalem.



Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

The Church of the Nativity is one of the oldest churches in the world, built by the emperor Justinian in the 6th century above the spot where Jesus is traditionally believed to have been born. Visit the silver 14-pointed Star of Bethlehem, which marks the spot and is a focal point as you approach the altar. The Chapel of the Manger, 'the Crib', is to one side of the grotto and represents the scene of the nativity.



Hometown of Jesus, Nazareth

World renowned as the childhood home of Jesus, Nazareth is an important site for pilgrims. Visit Mary's Well and the Church of the Annunciation, and the bustling mini-metropolis with its shop-lined thoroughfares and stone paved alleys lined with Ottoman-era mansions. In recent years, the city has been successfully reinventing itself as a sophisticated cultural and culinary destination.

Treasures of Israel

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights

Category • Superior

Group tour • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Nazareth

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	15	16	19	23	27	30	31	31	30	27	23	17
B	7	8	9	12	15	19	21	21	20	17	12	9
C	140	103	76	34	6	0	0	0	1	26	74	139

Jerusalem

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	13	15	17	22	26	29	30	30	29	26	20	15
B	5	5	7	10	13	16	18	18	17	14	10	6
C	136	111	88	27	3	0	0	0	1	19	60	111

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Roman amphitheatre, Port of Caesarea

Combine the ancient biblical cities of Jerusalem, Nazareth and Acre with cosmopolitan Tel Aviv, while discovering ancient ruins in coastal Caesarea, Capernaum on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and Masada above the Dead Sea.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Spend 2 full days exploring Jerusalem
- ❖ Stay in a kibbutz for 2 nights
- ❖ Visit Unesco world heritage sites at Masada & Acre
- ❖ Float in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea

Day 1: Fly to Tel Aviv

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Ben Gurion airport with British Airways. Transfer to the **Cinema Hotel / Lily & Bloom** (or similar) in Tel Aviv for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Tel Aviv • Jaffa

Explore Jaffa's ancient port and modern

Tel Aviv. Visit Neve Tzedek, the oldest neighbourhood in Tel Aviv and the bustling Carmel Market. Continue to Rothschild Boulevard and view Independence Hall, where David Ben-Gurion famously declared the independence of the modern State of Israel. (B)

Day 3: Nazareth • Kibbutz Degania Bet • Sea of Galilee

Travel north to Nazareth and visit the imposing Church of the Annunciation. Take a tour of a kibbutz then visit the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Continue to Capernaum and see ruins of a fifth-century synagogue and the early octagonal church built around the house of St Peter. Stay at the **Merom Golan kibbutz** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Banias Spring • Mount Bental

Visit the impressive Banias Waterfall and the archaeological remains of Caesarea Philippi at Banias Spring, at the foot of Mount Hermon. Take a tasting tour at an award-winning winery. Continue to Mount Bental for stunning views of the Golan and a visit to the Syrian bunkers. (B, D)

Day 5: Acre • Caesarea • Tel Aviv

Visit the Old City of Acre, a Unesco world



Western wall, Jerusalem

heritage site with stunning Crusader remains. En route to Caesarea, stop at Yemin Orde, a safe haven and home for Holocaust orphans. Visit Caesarea National Park to see the large Roman amphitheatre and the historic port. Continue to Jerusalem for a 5-night stay at the **Lady Stern Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Jerusalem (Old City)

Take a guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Western Wall among other sites. (B)

Day 7: Jerusalem (New City)

Take a guided tour of the New City of Jerusalem. Visit the Israel Museum, home to the Dead Sea Scrolls; Knesset, the building of the Israeli parliament; and the Yad Vashem Holocaust monument. Continue to Mahane Yehuda market. (B)

Day 8: Masada • Dead Sea • Qumran

Travel through the desert to the Unesco world heritage site of Masada and its mountain-top ruins. Continue to the Dead Sea for a dip in the mineral-rich waters. Then visit Qumran, one of the most significant archaeological discoveries of the 20th century, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. (B)

Day 9: Jerusalem

Day at leisure to explore the city further or taken an optional excursion to Bethlehem. (B)

Day 10: Fly to London

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

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

Important information

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: TOY

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £745

British Airways Flight upgrades

Club World from £1,195 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
3 Mar 20	12 Mar 20	26 Mar 20	04 Apr 20	09 Sep 20	18 Sep 20	22 Oct 20	31 Oct 20

Hotel Collection

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



Luxury

The American Colony, Jerusalem

A member of the Leading Hotels of the World, The American Colony Hotel was built in 1860 as a small palace by a local pasha for himself and his four wives. For more than 120 years the hotel has been providing luxurious hospitality. The property is set in extensive gardens and is located less than 10 minutes' walk from the walls of the Old City.

Features:

92 rooms, 3 restaurants & bars, outdoor heated swimming pool, gym, dry sauna, treatment room, Wi-Fi, free parking.



Luxury

The David Citadel, Jerusalem

The David Citadel hotel is located in the city centre near the most sought-after sights of both old and new Jerusalem. Starting from the second floor, each of the spacious rooms and suites features a terrace with breathtaking views and luxury amenities. Dine alfresco on the hotel's garden terrace with views of the Old City walls or relax by the outdoor heated pool.

Features:

385 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants, executive lounge, outdoor heated pool, children's pool & play centre, gym, spa.



Superior

Orient Jerusalem Hotel

The elegant Orient Jerusalem Hotel, part of the Isrotel Exclusive Collection, is located in Jerusalem's German Colony, overlooking the city. Rooms are elegant with an eclectic design, merging classic motifs with modern innovations. 39 of the rooms are housed in a lovingly restored 19th-century Templar heritage building offering VIP exclusive services.

Features:

243 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, indoor & seasonal outdoor rooftop pool, wellness centre, sauna, hot tub, hammam, gym.



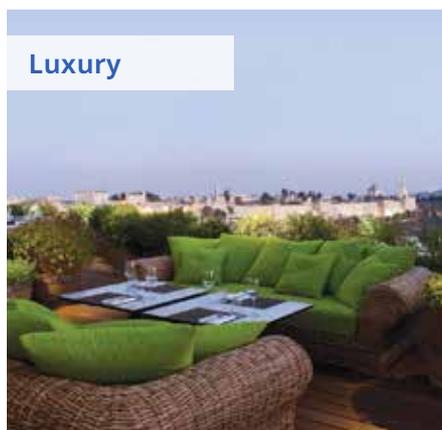
Superior

King David, Jerusalem

The King David is perhaps the most well-known hotel in Jerusalem, located in the heart of the city and only a 15-minute walk from the Old City. Its beautiful situation affords superb views of the historic minarets and domes. Built in the 1920s, its stately pink quartz exterior and exotic public rooms are a fine combination of the Old City and the dynamic new city.

Features:

237 rooms, 2 restaurants, bar, swimming pool, spa, gardens.



Luxury

The Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Designed by esteemed Italian architect and designer Piero Lissoni, The Mamilla Hotel offers elegantly appointed rooms and suites. The hotel has a choice of restaurant and bar venues including the open-air Rooftop and the Mediterranean-inspired Happy Fish. The Akasha Wellbeing Centre features bespoke spa treatments and is a true urban spa escape.

Features:

194 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants, bar, espresso bar, executive lounge, indoor pool, children's pool, Akasha Wellbeing Centre.



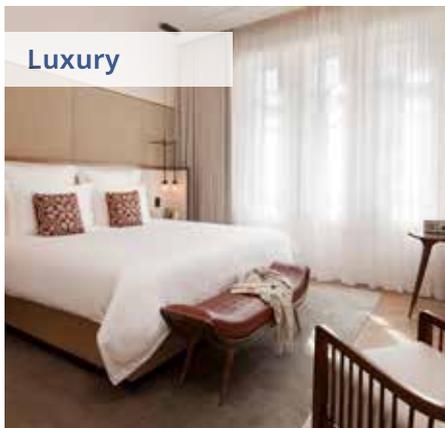
Superior

The Inbal Jerusalem Hotel

The Inbal Jerusalem is ideally located in a picturesque neighbourhood of Jerusalem with all the major sights within walking distance. Built entirely from traditional Jerusalem stone, the hotel is centred around a courtyard. Rooms feature modern, sophisticated decor and furnishings, and some offer views of the Old City walls. There is also a rooftop terrace.

Features:

331 rooms, restaurant, bar/lounge, cafe, executive lounge, indoor & outdoor pool, rooftop terrace, gym and spa.



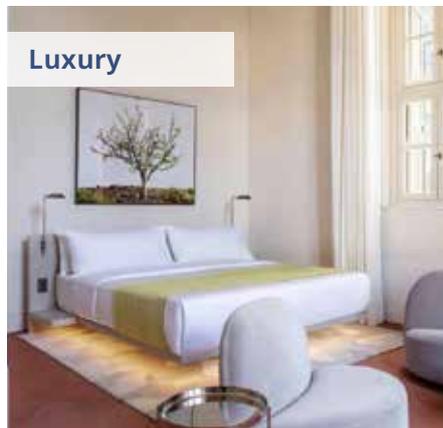
Luxury

The Norman, Tel Aviv

Located in the heart of residential Tel Aviv, the Norman Hotel is close to Tel Aviv's art galleries, museums, restaurants and designer shops, yet is just a 10-minute stroll from its fabulous beaches. The hotel is set within two historic buildings restored to their original glory with an elegant 1920s finish. The hotel has a rooftop pool, wellness centre and world-class restaurants, which all use fresh, local produce.

Features:

50 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, rooftop swimming pool, wellness centre.



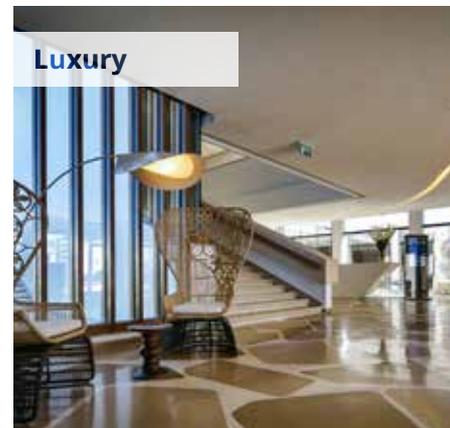
Luxury

The Jaffa Hotel, Tel Aviv

Located in one of Tel Aviv's oldest neighbourhoods, The Jaffa Hotel is within the walls of a 19th-century complex that was once home to Jaffa's French hospital. The property provides state-of-the-art luxury, yet keeps to the original heritage of the building. There is an Italian restaurant and delicatessen offering inventive takes on traditional New York deli food, and the beach is a short walk away.

Features:

120 rooms & suites, restaurant, gym, swimming pool, spa, Wi-Fi.



Luxury

Elma Hotel, Zichron Ya'akov

The Elma Hotel is located in Zichron Ya'akov, about 65km along the coastline from Tel Aviv. The property is set on the rim of Israel's Mount Carmel Ridge, overlooking vast sloping forests and the deep blue Mediterranean. Designed by award-winning architect Yaakov Rechter and the vision of arts patron Lily Elstein, the hotel is entirely dedicated to the arts. The two concert halls offer a varied performance calendar.

Features:

95 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, indoor & outdoor swimming pool, gym, spa, 2 concert halls, art galleries and creative studios.



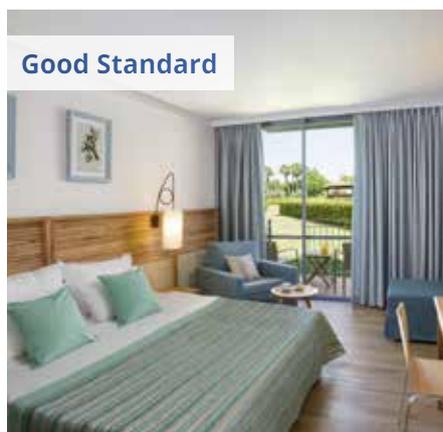
Luxury

Scots Hotel, Tiberias

Originally a 19th-century Scottish hospital, the Scots Hotel is located in Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Owned by the Church of Scotland, this boutique hotel offers a magnificent combination of historical 19th-century stone buildings and a modern building together with the exquisite comfort and service of a superior hotel.

Features:

69 rooms, restaurant, terrace, wine cellar, ceilidh bar, lakeside swimming pool, spa.



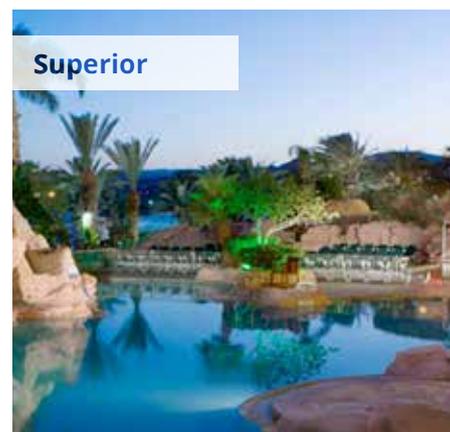
Good Standard

Nof Ginosar Kibbutz, Tiberias

The Nof Ginosar Kibbutz is situated on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and offers stunning views of the Golan heights. The property is a short drive away from Tiberias and provides a comfortable base for visiting some of the most important sites to Christianity. The hotel's kosher restaurant serves excellent buffets of Israeli and Middle Eastern cuisine.

Features:

245 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, cafe, swimming pool, garden, picnic area.



Superior

Dan, Eilat

Situated in a beautiful beachfront setting on the Red Sea, the Dan Eilat Hotel provides a luxurious paradise with cascading waterfalls and a delightful outdoor pool, as well as numerous state-of-the-art amenities and activities for children and adults alike. All rooms are sea-facing with either a private balcony or terrace.

Features:

374 rooms, 8 restaurants & bars, 2 swimming pools, gym, Turkish bath, squash courts, jacuzzi, sauna, spa.



Central Asia

Group tours • Tailor-made travel • Rail journeys



Uzbekistan is a land of soaring minarets and blue-domed mosques, positioned at the crossroads of the ancient trading routes of the Silk Road, which brought a mix of traditions, cultures and wealth that can still be seen today. Central Asia is also full of beautiful landscapes, with sweeping desert, mountains and meandering river valleys.

In Uzbekistan, visit ancient cities such as Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva, home to some of the most audacious architecture in the Islamic world. To the south-west, Turkmenistan is covered in desert and awesome canyons, while chaotic bazaars and opulent palaces abound in its capital, Ashgabat.

To the north, Kazakhstan offers futuristic architecture, contrasting with the surrounding wild landscapes. Further east is Kyrgyzstan, a country packed with dramatic scenery, home to rare animals such as snow leopards and red wolves. Semi-nomadic yurt dwellings sit in the rolling summer pastures in the shadows of unspoilt mountains with Alpine vistas.

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Climate

The topography of Central Asia consists largely of open steppe and desert with hot, arid summers and cold, snow-laden winters. Spring (March to May) and autumn (September to November) provide brief respites from these extremes. In a lot of areas, temperatures can fall sharply at night, whatever the time of year.

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	6	8	15	22	28	34	36	34	29	21	14	9
B	-3	-1	4	10	14	18	20	18	13	8	4	0
C	60	57	79	73	47	11	7	2	6	44	56	60

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	2	3	10	18	23	28	31	30	25	17	10	5
B	-9	-8	-1	6	11	15	17	15	10	4	-1	-6
C	26	28	48	63	60	35	17	10	14	39	41	32

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

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Image left: Door in Shah-i-Zinda, a memorial complex, Samarkand

Discover Uzbekistan



Statue of Timur, Shahrhisabz



Registan Square, Samarkand

Samarkand

Magnificent architecture of Registan Square • Ulugbek observatory

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

Samarkand was also an influential scientific centre. Among the many scholars here was Ulugbek, Tamerlane's grandson and the ruler of Samarkand. His observatory, built in the 1400s, was a model for the two famous Indian observatories of the 18th century in Jaipur and Delhi. The observatory has not survived, but an underground portion of its enormous sextant is still visible.

Shakhrisabz

Former centre of the Timurid dynasty • Palace of Tamerlane & the Kok-Gumbaz mosque

Located 2 hours' drive from Samarkand, Shakhrisabz is the birthplace of Tamerlane. After his dramatic rise to power and huge conquests, Tamerlane turned his hometown into something of a monument to himself and his family. In its prime it would have rivalled any of the Silk Road cities, but because it was not a natural centre for trade, it declined rapidly with the passing of the Timurid dynasty.

Today, just enough remains to indicate the former splendour of the city: the centrepiece of Tamerlane's building was the Ak-Saray Palace, and parts of the monumental entrance remain, displaying exquisite mosaics. There is also a beautiful mosque, the Kok-Gumbaz. The name means 'Blue Dome' and the dome itself has now been restored with the traditional blue tiles that gave it its name.

Bukhara

Kalyan minaret • The Ark, an imposing fortress

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

No visit to Bukhara is complete without a tour of the Ark, an imposing fortress that was continuously occupied from the fifth century until the 1920s. Behind the Ark is the prison, where the British agents Charles Stoddart and Arthur Connolly were held and eventually beheaded in 1842 on charges of spying for the British empire.



Islom Xoja mosque, Khiva

Khiva & Urgench

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

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

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

Fergana Valley

Vast, fertile region • Central Asian silk production

Covering an area of 22,000km and with mountain ranges only sometimes visible in the far distance, it’s hard to think of this region as a valley. It covers three provinces in total – Fergana, Namangan and Andijan – and is famed for its fertile soil and good climate. It was this that attracted the Greeks, Persians and Chinese in the second century BC, and then the Russians who used the valley to produce vast quantities of raw cotton during the Soviet era. Today the region continues to be the centre of silk production in Central Asia with agriculture and industry turning it into the most densely populated part of Uzbekistan.

The Fergana valley is the most traditional region of the country, an Uzbek heartland with strong traditions and Islamic values; visitors should note that a more modest dress code applies here than in other parts of the country.



The Fergana valley

Tashkent

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

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

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

Discover Kyrgyzstan



View of Bishkek and Tien Shan mountains



Eternal flame monument, Victory Square, Bishkek



Holy Trinity Cathedral, Karakol

Bishkek

Capital in the Tien Shan mountain range • Ala-Too Square • Eternal flame monument in Victory Square

The capital of the Kyrgyz Republic, Bishkek is a green, tree-lined city located on the flat steppe below the majestic snow-capped Tien Shan mountains. It was first settled in the 1820s as one of many fortresses built to guard the caravan routes through the mountains to Lake Issyk-Kul and on to China. Originally known as 'Pishpek' the city was renamed Bishkek in 1991. Ala-Too Square is the city's central square, built in 1984 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Kirghiz Soviet Socialist Republic, at which time a large statue of Lenin was placed in the centre of the formerly named Lenin Square, until 1991 when Kyrgyzstan gained its independence. Today, the square is used for events and celebrations as well as being home to the State History Museum and the Erkindik (Freedom) statue.

In Victory Square, a monument was built to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the end of the second world war; a poignant statue of a woman stands waiting for her husband to return home from the war, and an eternal flame burns beneath three arches of red granite representing a yurt. The monument is manned by a Guard of Honour and a changing of the guard ceremony takes place every hour.

Karakol

Lakeside town • Colonial Russian 'gingerbread' houses • Holy Trinity Cathedral • Chinese mosque

The small town of Karakol is located at the eastern end of Lake Issyk-Kul and is the administrative centre of the region. It began life as a Russian military garrison town established in the 1860s and was originally known as Przewalsky after the Russian explorer, Nikolai Przewalsky. The town has many whitewashed colonial style houses. The Russian Orthodox Holy Trinity Cathedral is a beautiful wooden building topped with green-roofed towers and gold onion domes. Completed in 1895, it was partially destroyed and turned into a gymnasium in the 1930s by the Soviets. It has since undergone restoration and contains some excellent paintings and reliefs.

Another notable wooden building, completed in the early 1900s and constructed entirely without nails, is the Chinese mosque. Resembling a Chinese pagoda, this functioning mosque took three years to complete. On the outskirts of the main town is a large memorial to Nikolai Przewalsky, who died in 1888 and was buried here at his request. Alongside his tomb set in large gardens is a huge eagle-topped stone memorial and a small museum about the life of this man who explored what was once uncharted Central Asia.



Ala-Archa National Park

Ala-Archa National Park

Ala-Archa gorge • Alpine landscapes reminiscent of the Swiss Alps

Established in 1976, the Ala-Archa National Park is located approximately 50km south of Bishkek and is part of the Tien Shan mountain range. In Krygыз its name means 'colourful juniper', after the numerous bushes that dot the landscape and colour the park yellow and orange when they turn in autumn. Quiet and peaceful, the landscape is reminiscent of the Swiss Alps, with snow-capped mountains and green slopes covered with pines. The gorge carved out by the Ala-Archa river is the ideal starting point to explore the park, and is popular with walkers and families from nearby Bishkek. Look out for the 'sacred trees', which normally mark a stream or river; local people often tie ribbons to their branches to bring good luck. Wild goats, roe deer and marmots are commonly seen here, and the higher mountain slopes are the domain of elusive snow leopards, which are rarely seen.

Osh

One of the oldest cities in Central Asia • Osh bazaar

Osh is Kyrgyzstan's second largest city and is often referred to as the 'capital of the south'. It is believed to be one of the oldest cities in Central Asia; the Sulayman mountain in the centre of the city has numerous stone inscriptions and evidence of an Iron Age settlement on its southern slope. In the 10th century, Osh was known as a centre for silk production and was an important point on the Great Silk Road, which led to China, India and Afghanistan.

Osh bazaar has occupied the same site on the banks of the Akbura river for 2,000 years, the atmosphere and activity reflecting its long heritage. Whether buying or just browsing, a visit to the bazaar captures a sense of Kyrgyzstan's bygone days.

Issyk-Kul Lake

Second largest alpine lake in the world • Former Soviet-era holiday destination

Issyk-Kul lake is situated in the northern Tien Shan mountains in north-western Kyrgyzstan. It has a length of 182km and is 60km at its widest point, covering an area of 6,332 sq km. This makes it the second largest mountain lake in the world after Lake Titicaca in South America. It occupies the central area of a valley and lies sandwiched between the Terskei and Ala-Too mountain ranges. The name literally means 'hot lake' and with an average temperature of around 15°C the lake never freezes, even in the depths of Krygыз winter. It is fed by springs and snow melt-off and it has no outlet. Its southern shore is dominated by the ruggedly beautiful Tien Shan mountain range. During the Soviet era, the lake became a popular holiday resort, with numerous boarding houses and holiday homes along its northern shore. During this period, the lake also served as a secret testing ground for torpedoes.



Spices in the Osh bazaar

Uzbekistan: Heart of Central Asia

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights

Category • Discovery

Group tour • From £1,845 (incl. flights)

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

This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 20 people (max 26)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 8 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at all hotels

Weather

Tashkent

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	6	8	15	22	28	34	36	34	29	21	14	9
B	-3	-1	4	10	14	18	20	18	13	8	4	0
C	60	57	79	73	47	11	7	2	6	44	56	60

Samarkand

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	6	8	13	21	26	32	34	32	28	21	14	9
B	-4	-2	3	9	13	16	18	16	11	6	2	-1
C	39	35	59	62	34	4	3	1	3	21	22	35

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Minarets & madrasa, Khiva

Set on the Silk Road, Uzbekistan has played host to waves of conquerors and nomads.

See the legacy they left behind in the towering fortresses of Khiva and Bukhara, and the Islamic architecture of Samarkand. The remnants of more recent Soviet history are evident in the capital city, Tashkent.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ **Comprehensive tours of the mosques, madrasas & mausoleums of Khiva, Bukhara & Samarkand**
- ❖ **Learn how to make traditional Uzbekistan cuisine with a cooking demonstration**
- ❖ **Excursion to Shahrisabz, birthplace of Turco-Mongol conqueror Timur**

Day 1: Fly to Tashkent

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Tashkent with Uzbekistan Airways. (N)

Day 2: Tashkent

Arrive and transfer to the **Miran International Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. Afternoon tour of the old city stopping at Amir Timur Square and the Kukeldash mosque and madrasa. (D)

Day 3: Fly to Urganj • Khiva

Transfer to the airport and take a 1-hour

morning flight to Urganj. Visit the ancient fortresses of Ayaz Kala and Toprak Kala before an afternoon drive to Khiva via Ulli Khovli. Stay 2 nights at the **Malika Kheivak Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Khiva

Full-day tour of Khiva, including Kunya Ark, Islam Khoja minaret, Tash Havli Palace and a local bakery. (B, D)

Day 5: Bukhara

Full-day drive to Bukhara (7-8 hours) through the Kyzylkum desert, stopping at the Amudaryo river for photos. Stay at the **Zargaron Plaza** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Bukhara

City tour of Bukhara, including visits to Chor Minor mosque, the Poi-Kaylan complex, the surviving trade domes and Lyab-i-Hauz complex, once the city's principal source of water. This evening enjoy dinner and a cooking demonstration. (B, D)

Day 7: Bukhara

After breakfast, continue your tour of Bukhara, including visits to the imposing fortress known as 'The Ark', located on the site of a 2,000-year-old fortress; the Summer Palace; and the Samanid mausoleum, built in the early 10th century with a facade incorporating Zoroastrian symbols. (B)

Day 8: Shahrisabz • Samarkand

Drive to Shahrisabz, birthplace of Tamerlane, and visit the summer palace, mosques and mausoleums. Continue to Samarkand for 3 nights at the **Emir Khan Hotel** or the **Dilimah** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 9: Samarkand

Full-day tour of Samarkand, including visits to Registan Square, the Ulugbek observatory, Afrosiab Museum, Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, and the Bibi Khanum mosque. (B)

Day 10: Samarkand

Continue your tour of Samarkand. Visit Gur Emir mausoleum, which marks the final resting place of several members of the Timurid dynasty, including Timur himself. Other visits include Nodir Divan Begi madrasa, Hazrat Khizr mosque and the Khodja Doniyor mausoleum. After lunch, stop at a silk carpet factory before returning to your hotel. (B, D)

Day 11: Tashkent

Morning at leisure in Samarkand. This afternoon drive to Tashkent with a stop en route at a small market and Tamerlane Iron



Shah-i-Zinda, Samarkand

Gate. Transfer to the **Miran International Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 12: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to the airport. Fly from Tashkent to London with Uzbekistan Airways. (B)

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

Important information

Discovery tour: Cox & Kings uses the best available accommodation in Uzbekistan. However, outside Tashkent the standard is relatively simple. This tour involves some long drives and walking over rough terrain.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020-21

Tour code: UZB

Group tour

Low season from £1,845
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £2,145
Guide price months: Apr

Single supplement from £395

Private travel

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

High season from £2,545
Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £395

Uzbekistan Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £995 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020-21

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Tue)						
20 Mar 20	31 Mar 20	08 May 20	19 May 20	18 Sep 20	29 Sep 20	26 Mar 21	06 Apr 21
27 Mar 20	07 Apr 20	22 May 20	02 Jun 20	25 Sep 20	06 Oct 20	02 Apr 21	13 Apr 21
03 Apr 20	14 Apr 20	28 Aug 20	08 Sep 20	02 Oct 20	13 Oct 20	09 Apr 21	20 Apr 21
10 Apr 20	21 Apr 20	04 Sep 20	15 Sep 20	30 Oct 20	10 Nov 20		
24 Apr 20	05 May 20	11 Sep 20	22 Sep 20	19 Mar 21	30 Mar 21		

Tour Extensions

Tour + Termez

4 days & 3 nights from £695

CODE: UZBTER

Travel to the far south of Uzbekistan and learn about the fascinating history of the region; discover how Termez was first established in the third century BC by Ghengis Khan and how it has changed through the years.

Day 11: Samarkand

Day at leisure. Stay overnight at **Emirkhan Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 12: Termez

Drive to Termez (6 hours) stopping at Sayrob village en route. In Termez, join a guided visit to the archaeological museum. Stay 2 nights at the **Merian Hotel**. (B, D)

Day 13: Termez • Denau

Full-day tour of the surrounding areas. Highlights include an ancient minaret at Jarkurgan, Alexander's ancient bridge, an archaeological monument at the first capital of the Kushan empire and a citadel of Alexander the Great. (B, D)

Day 14: Tashkent

Drive to Karshi and then take the train to Tashkent. Overnight at the **Miran International** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 15: Fly to London

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



Stupa zermala, near Termez, Uzbekistan



Shipwreck from the Aral Sea, Moynak, Uzbekistan

Nukus & Moynak + tour

4 days & 3 nights from £895

CODE: UZBNUS

Journey to the Aral Sea, once one of the four largest lakes in the world but today largely dried up due to poor agricultural planning in the 1960s. Visit the ghost town of Moynak, a former fishing village, and Nukus.

Day 1: Fly to Tashkent

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Tashkent with Uzbekistan Airways. (N)

Day 2: Tashkent

Arrive and transfer to the **Miran International Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. Afternoon tour of the old city including Amir Timur Square and the Kukeldash mosque and madrasa. (D)

Day 3: Nukus

Fly to Nukus and enjoy a tour including several museums, City Hall and the local bazaar. Stay 2 nights at **Jipek Joly** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 4: Nukus

Drive to Moynak town, visiting Mizdakhhan ruins en route. (B, D)

Day 5: Khiva

After breakfast, drive to Khiva and then the afternoon is at leisure. Stay overnight at **Malika Kheivak** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 6: Urgench

Early morning drive to Urgench where you will join the rest of the group for the tour (day 3 of the main tour). (B, L, D)

Tour + Fergana Valley

4 days & 3 nights from £625

CODE: UZBFER

Explore Uzbekistan's cultural heartland on visits to some major towns in the Fergana valley. Highlights include Andijan's vibrant local market and the Yodgorlik silk factory in Margilan, which uses traditional production methods that date back to the days of the Silk Road caravans.

Day 12: Kokand • Fergana valley

Drive to the Fergana region of Uzbekistan, visiting Kokand en route. Stay 2 nights at the **Asia Fergana Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 13: Fergana valley

Full-day tour of the region, including Andijan and Fergana. (B, D)

Day 14: Tashkent

Morning at leisure. Return to Tashkent and stay at the **Miran International** (or similar). (B)

Day 15: Fly to London

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



Fergana valley, Uzbekistan



Takyr in Aktau mountains, Altyr-Emel National Park, Kazakhstan



Charyn canyon, Kazakhstan



Singing sand dunes, Altyr-Emel National Park

Tour + Kazakhstan

6 days & 5 nights from £1,595

CODE: UZBKAZ

Extend your tour with a trip to Kazakhstan, the world's largest landlocked nation and a former Soviet republic. Explore the country's largest city, Almaty, then travel into the remote countryside. Stop at dramatic canyons, hike through striking mountain scenery and listen to the 'singing dunes' in Altyr-Emel National Park.

Day 12: Almaty

Fly to Almaty (Kazakhstan) and enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the city. Visit Panfilov Park, Zenkov Cathedral, a local baazar and a chocolate factory. Stay 1 night at the **Kazzhol** (or similar). (B)

Day 13: Charyn canyon • Altyr-Emel National Park

Travel to the spectacular Charyn canyon for a gentle hike before continuing to Altyr-Emel National Park, home to dunes, burial mounds and rock carvings. Stay 2 nights at a guest house. (B)

Day 14: Altyr-Emel National Park

Spend a full day in the park exploring natural springs, oases and listening to the natural phenomenon of the 'singing dunes', where the rumbling sound omitted from the sand sounds like an instrument is playing in the heart of the desert. Finish the day with a hike along the grandeur of the Aktau and Katutau mountains, where the red colours and remains of lava flows leave a lasting impression. (B)

Day 15: Almaty

Return to Almaty with several photo stops en

route including Kapchagay reservoir, Ili river and the deserts of the national park. Stay 2 nights at the **Kazzhol** (or similar). (B)

Day 16: Altyr-Emel National Park • Almaty

Drive to the picturesque valley of Medeo Gorge and take a cable car up to an altitude of 2,230 metres above sea level for scenic views of the surrounding mountains. Return to Almaty for a city tour, including visits to the Central State Museum, Republic Square, Presidential Park and the Monument of Independence. (B)

Day 17: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London with Turkish Airlines*. (B)

* **Note:** Your outbound flight to Uzbekistan on day 1 will also need to be with Turkish Airlines rather than Uzbekistan Airways.

The Golden Road to Samarkand

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights
Category • Standard

Expert-led group tour • From £2,895 (incl. flights)
Art • Architecture • History

Arts & Culture

Tour overview

Visit the most magnificent cities of the ancient Silk Road with Islamic expert Diana Driscoll. These include Uzbekistan's second largest city, Samarkand, built by the infamous 14th-century Emperor Tamerlane; the medieval city of Bukhara, with its dazzling blue mosaic domes; the jade-green city of Khiva; and Nukus, which once protected the Russian avant-garde art collection of archaeologist and artist, Igor Savitsky from the Soviets.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Private tour of the Karakalpakstan State Museum of Art in Nukus with a local specialist
- ❖ See traditional silk weavers at work
- ❖ Full-day tours of Bukhara & Khiva
- ❖ Discover the intricacies of Samarkand's Islamic architecture
- ❖ Visit ceramicist workshops

Expert lecturers

Diana Driscoll read ancient Middle East and Islamic studies at SOAS. She is an independent researcher who gives regular talks at the British Museum. Her area of expertise is the Islamic world: religion, history, culture and languages.



Area map



Chor Minor, Bukhara

Day 1: Fly to Tashkent

Board the overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Tashkent with Uzbekistan Airways. (N)

Day 2: Tashkent • Fly to Nukus

Arrive in Tashkent and transfer to the **Miran International Hotel** (or similar) for a rest. After an introductory lecture and welcome lunch, take a city tour to see the highlights of Tashkent, including Kukeldash mosque, Muyie Mubarak library and Tillya Sheikh mosque. In the afternoon, fly to Nukus and overnight at **Hotel Jipek Joli** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 3: Chilpak • Khiva

Morning tour of the Karakalpakstan State Museum of Art, which houses the collection of Igor Savitsky, who secreted away thousands of Russian avant-garde and post avant-garde paintings during the Stalinist Soviet period. Besides this rare and extensive collection of art (second only to St Petersburg), he also collected thousands of Uzbek artefacts, textiles and jewellery. Tour the museum with a local specialist. En route to Khiva, stop at Chilpak to see the fourth-century Zoroastrian Tower of Silence. Stay for 2 nights at **Orient Star Khiva** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 4: Khiva

Full-day tour of the old walled city of Khiva, capital of Khorezm between the 16th and 20th centuries, and one of the most remote of the Silk Road cities. Visits include the Kunya Ark (old fortress), the original residence of the Khiva khans; the beautifully decorated Tash Hauli (stone palace); the Friday Mosque; and madrasas (theological colleges), which now

house museum collections. Also visit a Unesco silk carpet workshop. (B)

Day 5: Drive to Bukhara

Full-day drive to Bukhara (7-8 hours), through the Kyzylkum desert stopping at the Amu Darya river, known as the Oxus river in the ancient world. Stay at **Emir Hotel** (or similar) for 4 nights. (B, L)

Day 6: Bukhara

Take a full-day walking tour of Bukhara, visiting the Persian Samanid brick mausoleum, the Chashmai Ayub, known as Job's Well, and the Bolo Hauz mosque. Visit the trade domes, madrasas and traditional Bukharan bazaars. Continue to the Poi-Kalyan complex, which includes the towering Kalyan minaret and the twin-domed Miri-Arab madrasa. (B)

Day 7: Bukhara

Visit the architectural ensemble around the Lyab i-Hauz pool, fed by the waters of the royal canal. Continue to the Chor Minor, a curious four-towered gatehouse, and the Sitora-i Mokhi-Khosa, the summer palace of the last emir of Bukhara. Then visit the Fayzulla Khodjaev Museum, set in the house of a wealthy Bukhara merchant showing aspects of life in the early 20th century. Continue to the Balyand neighbourhood mosque, a jewel of 16th-century architecture, and the imposing ark fortress of the Bukhara emirs. Walk down the narrow streets of historic Bukhara to the old Jewish quarter. See one of the city's hidden gems, the Jewish synagogue, which houses a collection of ancient torahs dating back approximately 600 years. (B)

Day 8: Rabat i-Malik • Gijduvan • Vabkent

Drive along the royal road to the 11th-century Rabat i-Malik caravanserai (a trading route stop-off). Continue to Gijduvan, renowned for its traditional ceramics, and see Abd-al-Khalyk Gijduvani mazar. Return to Bukhara via Vabkent to see the minaret commissioned in the 12th century by one of the rulers of Bukhara. (B, L)

Day 9: Shahrisabz • Samarkand

Drive to Shahrisabz, birthplace of Tamerlane, where he built an enormous palace, of which part of the beautifully ornamented audience chamber remains. Drive alongside the Zerafshan mountains to Samarkand for a 2-night stay at the **Dilimah Premium** or **Malika Diyora** (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Afrosiyob • Samarkand

Drive to the ancient deserted site of Afrosiyob on the outskirts of Samarkand, where a settlement once thrived until it was destroyed



Western Gate, Itchan Kala, Khiva

by Tamerlane. Archaeological finds are housed in the Afrosiyob History Museum. Continue to the observatory of Ulugbek, Tamerlane's astronomer grandson, and see the Bibi Khanum mosque, built by Tamerlane for his favourite wife. End the day at the magnificent Gur Emir mausoleum, where Tamerlane is buried beneath the Timurid fluted blue domes. (B)

Day 11: Samarkand • Tashkent

Visit Registan Square, framed by three brilliantly ornamented madrasas, and see the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis. Visit the Amir Timur gate in Djizak. Drive to Tashkent. After a farewell dinner, overnight at the **Miran International Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 12: Tashkent • Fly to London

This morning, visit the Museum of Applied Arts in a former Russian diplomat's residence. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for a flight to London. (B)

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

Extensions

Tour + Fergana Valley

4 days & 3 nights from £625

Explore Uzbekistan's cultural heartland with visits to some of the major towns in the Fergana valley. Highlights include Andijan's vibrant local market and the Yodgorlik silk factory in Margilan, which still uses traditional production methods that date back to the days of the Silk Road caravans.

Day 12: Fergana valley

Drive to the Fergana region of Uzbekistan. Stay for 2 nights at the **Hotel Asia Fergana** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 13: Fergana valley

Full-day tour of the region, including Andijan and Fergana. (B, D)

Day 14: Kokand • Tashkent

Return to Tashkent visiting the ancient city of Kokand en route. Overnight at the **Miran International Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 15: Fly to London

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

Alternative extensions are also available to Tashkent, Muynak and Termez.

Important information

Arts & Culture tours: A collection of expert-accompanied tours focusing on creativity in its many forms. All tours are open to everyone

and can be viewed at CoxandKings.co.uk/art

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

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

Accessibility: The tour involves some long drives and requires a good level of fitness as there is walking over rough terrain and up some high, uneven steps. There are also some long road journeys.

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

Guideline prices for 2020-21

Tour code: UZA

01 May – 12 May 20	with Diana Driscoll	from £2,995	single supp from £345
25 Sep – 06 Oct 20	with Diana Driscoll	from £2,895	single supp from £345
23 Apr – 04 May 21	with Diana Driscoll	from £2,995	single supp from £345

Uzbekistan Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £995 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Colours of Kyrgyzstan

Duration • 10 days & 8 nights
Category • Discovery

Group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,695 (incl. flights)

NEW TOUR

This group tour features...

- ❖ Basic accommodation throughout
- ❖ Small group size – maximum 26 people
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing
- ❖ All entrance fees

Weather Bishkek

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	2	3	10	18	23	28	31	30	25	17	10	5
B	-9	-8	-1	6	11	15	17	15	10	4	-1	-6
C	26	28	48	63	60	35	17	10	14	39	41	32

Karakol

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	-7	-6	2	11	16	20	23	22	18	10	1	-5
B	-19	-17	-9	-1	4	7	9	8	4	-2	-10	-16
C	9	10	19	35	51	56	60	53	37	25	17	11

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

Area map



Seven Bulls canyon, Djety-Oguz gorge

Discover the spectacular landscapes of one of Central Asia's most picturesque countries. From the white peaks of the Tien Shan mountain range and the deep-blue of Lake Issyk-Kul, to the striking red cliffs of Djety-Oguz and the green alpine meadows of Chon-Kemin valley, this tour explores the country's most colourful highlights and the nomadic lifestyle of some of its inhabitants.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ **Scenic boat ride on Lake Issyk-Kul, the second highest navigable lake in the world**
- ❖ **Walk beneath the striking red sandstone cliffs of Djety-Oguz**
- ❖ **Discover the prehistoric petroglyphs at Cholpon-Ata**
- ❖ **Stay overnight in a yurt on the shores of Lake Issyk-Kul**
- ❖ **Learn about the ancient art of hunting with eagles**

Day 1: Fly to Bishkek

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Bishkek, via Istanbul, with Turkish Airlines. (N)

Day 2: Bishkek

Early morning arrival. Transfer to the **Orion Hotel Bishkek** for 1 night (including immediate occupancy). Afternoon sightseeing tour of Bishkek with a visit to Osh Bazaar. (B, L)

Day 3: Chon-Kemin valley

Drive to Chon-Kemin valley. On arrival, have lunch at a local guest house. This afternoon, walk through a village and enjoy panoramic views of the valley, where alpine meadows are surrounded by mountain peaks. There will be an opportunity to take a gentle hike within the Chon-Kemin gorge stay overnight at a local guesthouse. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Lake Issyk-Kul

Drive to the northern shore of Lake Issyk-Kul, via Boom gorge. Visit the prehistoric petroglyphs that lie around the nearby town of Cholpon-Ata and stay overnight at the Karven Issyk-kul hotel (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Karakol

Take a boat ride on the lake then travel to a nearby gorge for a walk among the stunning scenery. In the afternoon, drive around the northern lake shore to Karakol, stopping en route at a museum dedicated to the Russian explorer Nikolay Przhevalsky. Stay for 2 nights at the **Green Yard Guest House** (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Karakol

Travel to the Djety-Oguz gorge, known for the 'Broken Heart' and 'Seven Bulls' red rock



Burana Tower, Chuy valley

formations. Return to Karakol to visit the wooden church and mosque. (B)

Day 7: Bokonbaevo village

Drive along the southern shores of Lake Issyk-Kul, stopping at several scenic viewpoints along the way. Stop at Fairy Tale canyon, where it is possible to take a hike (weather permitting). On arrival at Bokonbaevo village, visit a workshop and see a carpet making demonstration. Continue to the shores of Lake Issyk-Kul for an overnight stay in a **yurt camp***. (B, D)

Day 8: Chunkurchak

This morning, meet a local eagle hunter to learn about this tradition followed by a show. Later, travel to Chunkurchak via Burana Tower, an ancient 24-metre minaret. Stay overnight at **Supara Chunkurchak**. (B, D)

Day 9: Bishkek

Day at leisure to relax in this green mountain setting or enjoy a walk through the pristine scenery. Drive back to Bishkek this afternoon and stay overnight at **Orion Hotel Bishkek**. (B)

Day 10: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport and fly to London, via Istanbul, with Turkish Airlines. (B)

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

Important information

Discovery tour: Kyrgyzstan is a rewarding wilderness destination and accommodation should be considered basic outside of Bishkek. A reasonable level of fitness is required for this tour, due to several gentle hikes. This tour is therefore best suited to the hardier traveller.

* **Yurt camp:** Please note that the yurt camp accommodation on day 7 is very basic and has shared bathroom facilities.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: CKZ

Group tour

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

High season from £2,195
Guide price months: Jul & Aug

Single supplement from £445

Private travel

Low season from £2,695
Guide price months: May

High season from £2,895
Guide price months: Aug

Single supplement from £445

Turkish Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £1525 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
19 May 20	28 May 20	02 Jun 20	11 Jun 20	16 Jul 20	25 Jul 20	20 Aug 20	29 Aug 20

Central Asia Explorer

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights

Category • Discovery

Private tour • From £3,245 (incl. flights)

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Tour overview

Visit two of Central Asia's contrasting countries on this two-week exploration of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. Begin by discovering the mosques, Silk Road history and Islamic architecture of the former soviet republic of Uzbekistan. Then continue to explore the nomadic culture, sapphire lakes, red rock formations, snow-capped peaks and green open spaces of Kyrgyzstan.

This private tour features...

- ❖ Basic accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Private arrival & departure transfers
- ❖ Accompanied by experienced local guides
- ❖ Guided sightseeing
- ❖ All entrance fees included
- ❖ Travel in air-conditioned vehicles

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Sample herbal tea in a teahouse in the heart Bukhara's old town
- ❖ Learn how to cook traditional Kyrgyz cuisine with a local family
- ❖ Watch a demonstration of how to hunt with a golden eagle
- ❖ Hike in the picturesque alpine scenery of Ala-Archa National Park
- ❖ Visit the stunning Registan Square

Area map



Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, Samarkand

Day 1: Fly to Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Fly overnight to Tashkent. (N)

Day 2: Tashkent

Arrive and transfer to the **Miran International Hotel** (immediate occupancy) for 1 night. Afternoon tour of the old city including Applied Arts Museum and Kukeldash madrasa. Optional visit to a ceramic workshop. (N)

Day 3: Samarkand

Drive to Samarkand and take a city tour including Registan Square and Gur Emir Mausoleum. Stay at **Emir Khan Hotel** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Samarkand

Full-day tour of Samarkand including visits to the Ulugbek observatory, Shah-i-Zinda necropolis and Afrosiab Museum. See the ancient process of silk paper production and visit a silk carpet factory. (B, D)

Day 5: Bukhara

Travel to Bukhara and visit the silk market, the Jewish Quarter, Poi-Kalyan complex, the surviving trade domes and Lyab-i-Hauz complex, once the city's principal source of water. Sample a range of herbal teas in a family-owned teahouse in the old part of the city. Stay 2 nights at **Malika Bukhara**. (B, D)

Day 6: Bukhara

Continue your tour of Bukhara, including visits to Chor Minor mosque, the summer residence

of the last Emir of Bukhara, Chashmai Ayub and the Ark fortress, built in the fifth century AD. (B)

Day 7: Tashkent

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

Day 8: Fly to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Fly to Bishkek via Almaty and transfer to the **Plaza Hotel** for 2 nights. Optional evening meal with folklore concert (additional cost). (B)

Day 9: Ala Archa National Park • Bishkek

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

Day 10: Burana Tower • Issyk-Kul lake

Visit the Burana Tower and its surrounding ruins, an important trading post on the Silk Road. See the Bronze Age petroglyphs at Cholpon-Ata. Optional 1-hour lake cruise (additional cost). Overnight at **Karven Issyk-Kul Hotel**. (B, D)

Day 11: Karakol

Drive to Karakol and visit the museum dedicated to the Russian explorer Nikolai Przewalsky. Also visit the colourful Dungan Mosque and the Holy Trinity Cathedral. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Amir**. (B)



Issyk-Kul lake

Day 12: Djety-Oguz

Learn about the nomadic way of life in Kyrgyzstan, beginning with a walk in Djety-Oguz gorge, with its impressive red rock formations and spruce forests. Join a golden eagle hunting show, which showcases the birds and this ancient tradition. This evening, join a Uighur family to learn how to cook traditional dishes. (B)

Day 13: Bokonbaevo • Bishkek

Short walk at Fairy Tale canyon then continue to Bokonbaevo village. Visit a local handicraft centre before driving to Bishkek and staying overnight at **Plaza Hotel**. Optional cooking demonstration of *boorsok* (Kyrgyz bread) with a local family (additional cost). (B)

Day 14: Fly home

Transfer to Bishkek airport and fly home. (B)

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

Important information

Discovery tour: Accommodation in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan should be considered basic and simple outside of Bishkek and Tashkent. A reasonable level of fitness is required for this tour, due to several gentle hikes and walking over rough terrain. This tour is therefore best suited to the hardier traveller.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: CAX

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

High season from £3,595
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

Silk Road Adventure

Duration • 22 days & 20 nights

Category • Discovery

Private tour • From £5,195 (incl. flights)

NEW TOUR

Tour overview

Discover the rich history of the Silk Road and the dramatic scenery of Central Asia on this 22-day journey through Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Explore ancient cities, visit important Silk Road trading points, wander through expansive green valleys and see stunning Islamic architecture. Along the way, learn about the different cultures within this fascinating region.

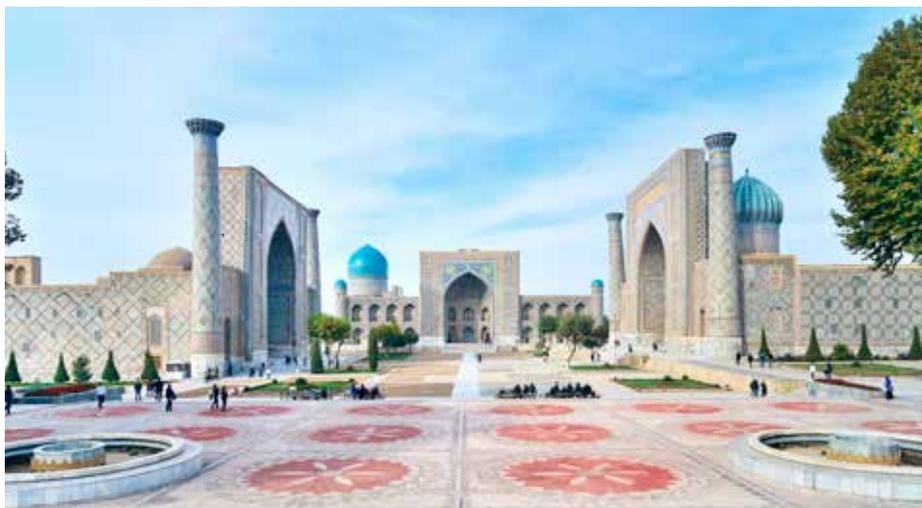
This private tour features...

- ❖ Basic accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Private arrival & departure transfers
- ❖ Accompanied by experienced local guides
- ❖ Guided sightseeing
- ❖ All entrance fees included
- ❖ Travel in air-conditioned vehicles

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit Burana Tower in Kyrgyzstan & learn about the site's Silk Road significance
- ❖ Learn how to cook traditional Uzbek & Kyrgyz cuisine with local families
- ❖ Discover Kazakhstan's history at the Central State Museum
- ❖ Spend 3 nights in ancient Samarkand & tour the city's highlights
- ❖ View the peaks of the Tien Shan mountains on a hike in Ala-Archa National Park

Area map



Registan Square, Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Day 1: Fly to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Fly overnight to Bishkek via Istanbul. (N)

Day 2: Bishkek

Arrive and transfer to the **Plaza Hotel** for 2 nights (including immediate occupancy). Afternoon city tour including visits to the Open-Air Sculpture Museum, Victory Park, Ala-Too Square and the Kyrgyz State Philharmonic Hall. (N)

Day 3: Ala-Archa National Park • Bishkek

Drive to Ala-Archa National Park, a picturesque area of wooded valleys, rivers, glaciers and waterfalls. View the magnificent peaks of the Kyrgyz Alatau Ridge (Tien Shan mountains), with a range of walking options available. A packed lunch is included. Return to Bishkek, with a guide at your disposal in the city. (B, L)

Day 4: Bokonbaevo • Karakol

Drive to Bokonbaevo village on the shores of Issyk-Kul lake and watch the villagers make felt carpets and other handicrafts. Continue to Karakol, stopping en route at Fairy Tale canyon for a short walk to see the striking rock formations. Stay 2 nights at **Green Yard Hotel**. (B, L)

Day 5: Djety-Oguz

Drive to Djety-Oguz gorge for a walk among its impressive red rock formations and spruce forests. Join an optional golden eagle hunting show, to witness this ancient tradition. This evening, return to Karakol and join a Uighur family for a cooking demonstration of *lagman* (Kyrgyz noodle dish). (B)

Day 6: Karakol • Issyk-Kul lake

Tour of Karakol including Dungan Mosque,

built for a community of Chinese Muslims who arrived in the late 19th century. Continue to the Bronze Age petroglyphs found at Cholpon-Ata on the northern shores of Issyk-Kul lake. Optional 1-hour boat cruise on the lake. Stay overnight at **Karven Issyk-Kul Hotel**. (B)

Day 7: Burana Tower • Bishkek

Drive to Burana Tower and explore the ruins of this important Silk Road trading point. The 24-metre-high minaret is the last remnant of a mosque found in the medieval city of Balasagun that was established in the ninth century. Continue to Bishkek and stay overnight at the **Plaza Hotel**. (B, L)

Day 8: Fly to Almaty, Kazakhstan

Fly to Almaty and take a guided tour of the city. Visit Panfilov Park, a local bazaar, a chocolate factory and Zenkov Cathedral, one of the world's highest wooden buildings. Stay 3 nights at the **Kazzhol**. (B)

Day 9: Almaty

Take another city tour including Republic Square and the Central State Museum, which showcases the country's history from Bronze Age burials and nomadic culture to modern times. Drive to the picturesque valley of Medeo Gorge and take a cable car to an altitude of 2,230 metres above sea level for views of the surrounding mountains and to see one of the world's most famous ice rinks. Visit Sunkar falcon farm and Kok Tobe hill with its 37-metre-high TV tower, offering sweeping views of the city from its viewing deck. (B)

Day 10: Charyn canyon

Travel to the spectacular Charyn canyon for a gentle hike amid spectacular scenery. The red



Charyn canyon, Kazakhstan

sandstone canyon is approximately 90km long and features some stunning rock formations. Return to Almaty, a journey of approximately 4 hours. (B)

Day 11: Fly to Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Fly to Tashkent and transfer to the **Miran International Hotel** for 1 night. (B)

Day 12: Tashkent • Fly to Urgench • Khiva

Morning tour of Tashkent's old city, visiting Amir Timur Square, Kukeldash mosque and madrasa, and some of the unique metro stations. This evening, take a 1-hour flight to Urgench then drive to Khiva. Stay 3 nights at the **Malika Kheivak Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 13: Khiva

Morning visit to the ancient fortresses of Toprak Kala and Ayaz Kala, situated on a hill overlooking the Kyzylkum desert. Take lunch in a yurt then continue to Goybu village to visit Ulli Khovli, an ancient Khorezmian local house. Take a tour through the village to see the traditional lifestyle of the Khorezmians. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Khiva

Full-day tour of Khiva including Kunya Ark, Islam Khoja minaret, a local bakery and Tash Havli Palace. (B, D)

Day 15: Bukhara

Full-day drive to Bukhara (7-8 hours) through the Kyzylkum desert, with a photo stop en route at Amudaryo river. Stay at the **Omar Khayyam Hotel** for 3 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Bukhara

City tour of Bukhara including visits to the Poi-Kaylan complex, the surviving trade domes,

Lyab-i-Hauz complex, ancient Silk Market and the historic Chor Minor mosque. This evening, enjoy dinner at a family home with a cooking demonstration of *plov* (Uzbek rice dish). (B, D)

Day 17: Bukhara

Continue exploring Bukhara including visits to the Summer Palace, the imposing fortress known as The Ark, located on the site of a 2,000-year-old fortress; and the Samanid mausoleum, believed to be the oldest Islamic architectural monument in Central Asia, with its design derived from Zoroastrian burial structures and fire temples. (B)

Day 18: Shahrissabz • Samarkand

Drive to Shahrissabz, birthplace of Tamerlane, and visit the mosques, mausoleums and summer palace. Continue to Samarkand and stay at the **Emirkhan Hotel** for 3 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Samarkand

Full-day tour of Samarkand, including visits to the Ulugbek observatory, Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, Afrosiab Museum, the Bibi Khanum mosque and Registan Square. (B)

Day 20: Samarkand

Continue your tour of Samarkand, visiting Gur Emir mausoleum, the final resting place of several members of the Timurid dynasty including Timur himself. Other highlights include Hazrat Khizr mosque, Nodir Divan Begi madrasa and the Khodja Doniyor mausoleum. This afternoon, stop at a silk carpet factory and silk paper workshop before returning to your hotel. Dine at a local restaurant this evening. (B, D)

Day 21: Samarkand • Tashkent

Morning at leisure in Samarkand. Late

afternoon *Afrosiyob Express* train to Tashkent. On arrival, transfer to a local restaurant for dinner and then stay 1 night at the **Miran International Hotel**. (B, D)

Day 22: Tashkent • Fly home

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: SIK

Low season from £5,195
Guide price month: May

High season from £5,395
Guide price month: Aug

The Legendary Silk Route by Rail

Duration • 15 days & 12 nights

Category • Standard

Rail journey • From £5,495 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

This rail journey traverses Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, travelling from the Caspian Sea to the Tien Shan mountains along the route of the ancient Silk Road. Cross windswept deserts, pass towering mountains and marvel at Central Asia's ancient monuments.

This rail journey features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star hotel & rail accommodation
- ❖ 7 nights on board the *Orient Silk Road Express*
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Shared arrival & departure transfers
- ❖ Ali Baba class twin cabin with shared washing facilities
- ❖ All meals included
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified
- ❖ Lectures on local customs & culture
- ❖ All entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at all rail stations

Special experiences

- ❖ Experience three contrasting countries: Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan & Kazakhstan
- ❖ Music concert in Tashkent (schedule permitting)
- ❖ Meals with a difference including lunch in Kazakh yurts & lunch with a local Turkmen family

Area map



The Orient Silk Road Express

Day 1: Fly to Almaty, Kazakhstan (N)

Day 2: Almaty

Early morning arrival in Almaty. Transfer to the **Rahat Palace Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night with immediate check in. Afternoon at leisure. (N)

Day 3: Almaty

Morning city tour including Zenkov Russian cathedral, one of the world's tallest wooden buildings. Lunch in Kazakh yurts before transferring to the *Orient Silk Road Express* train. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Turkestan

After breakfast, arrive in Turkestan. Visit the mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi, famed for its dome hall and monumental mosque. Later the train continues its journey, crossing the Kazakh-Uzbek border towards Tashkent. Border formalities are completed in the comfort of your compartment. Overnight on the train. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Early morning arrival into Tashkent, followed by a sightseeing tour, including the Kukeldash madrasa, the Kavoj and Amir Timur monuments and the typical Kazakh mud brick houses. In the evening, schedules permitting, attend a concert in a music hall. The train leaves in the evening for Shakhrisabz. Overnight on the train. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Shahrisabz

Today includes a regional folklore performance and a visit to the site of Tamerlane's large summer palace, as well as the monumental memorials to the Mongol prince. In the evening, the train departs for Samarkand and you are invited to a tasting of Uzbek wines. Overnight on the train. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Samarkand

Full-day tour of Samarkand, with visits to Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, the imposing madrasas on Registan Square and the excavation sites of Afrosiyob, the oldest part and ruined site of the ancient and medieval city. Stay at the **Registan Plaza Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Samarkand

Another day to explore Samarkand, with a chance to see the Bibi Khanum mosque, the Ulugbek observatory and the Gur Emir mausoleum, as well as visiting a carpet factory and local craftsman's family. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Samarkand

Morning at leisure. At midday, the train departs for Khiva. Overnight on board. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Khiva

On arrival in Khiva, enter the imposing old city and, after visiting palaces, mosques,



Mir-e-Arab madrasa, Bukhara

minarets and mausoleums, enjoy lunch at the former emir's summer palace. Evening departure to Bukhara. Overnight on the train. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Bukhara

On arrival in Bukhara, visit the great Kalyan minaret, the Labi-Hauz architectural ensemble and the 'Nasreddin on a Donkey' monument. Dinner is served at a local restaurant followed by local music and dancing in a madrasa's courtyard. Overnight at the **Asia Bukhara Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 12: Bukhara

Full-day city tour, with visits including the beautiful Mir-e-Arab madrasa, the Ark (fortress), the Samanid mausoleum and the last emir's summer residence. Board the train for an evening departure. Overnight on the train. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Merv, Turkmenistan

Morning arrival in Merv for a chance to see the gigantic walls, ramparts and ruins of this Unesco world heritage site. Enjoy lunch with a local family in their home's picturesque courtyard. Stay overnight at the **Grand Turkmen Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 14: Nisa • Ashgabat

In the morning, drive to the nearby Unesco-

listed ruins of the ancient city of Nisa. After lunch, take a guided tour of the modern-day capital followed by a guided tour of the National Museum in Ashgabat, where you will view artefacts excavated from the ruins at Nisa. Evening transfer to Ashgabat airport. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Fly home (N)

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

Important information

Non-exclusive activities: Your arrival and departure transfers may be shared with other parties and, when on board, all transfers and excursions are operated as a group with other passengers who may not be Cox & Kings clients.

*** Reverse departures:** Departures are available in reverse from Ashgabat to Almaty. These depart on 13 April and 19 October 2020.

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The Orient Silk Road Express

Travel in comfort aboard the *Orient Silk Road Express* train, which offers five cabin categories: Habibi, Ali Baba, Aladdin, Sultan and Kalif. The restaurant car serves excellent local cuisine. After dinner, the restaurant carriage offers a bar service. The train is air conditioned while moving.

The Ali Baba class cabins have two comfortable lower beds and a table. Each car in the Ali Baba category has nine cabins with bathroom facilities located at both ends of each carriage. The Aladdin class cabins are the same size as the Ali Baba class however each carriage has bathroom facilities including a shower. Each carriage has eight cabins. The Kalif class cabins are larger in size and include en suite bathroom facilities including a wash basin, lavatory and shower. This category consists of only four cabins per carriage.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: TUK / KUT

Guideline price: From £5,495

Departure dates:

1 Apr – 15 Apr

*13 Apr – 27 Apr

7 Oct – 21 Oct

*19 Oct – 2 Nov

Hotel Collection

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



Good Standard

Asia Bukhara Hotel, Bukhara

The Asia Bukhara Hotel is located in the heart of the old city, within easy walking distance of the historical buildings and monuments of old Bukhara. The hotel is constructed in the style of a traditional two-storey madrasa, with much of the furniture handmade by local craftsmen.

Features:

95 rooms, restaurant, rooftop bar, seasonal outdoor swimming pool, sauna.



Good Standard

Zargaron Plaza Hotel, Bukhara

The Zargaron Plaza Hotel is ideally located within walking distance of the historical centre of Bukhara and a 15-minute drive from the airport. Rooms are spacious and decorated in a classic style, each equipped with satellite television, air conditioning, a safety deposit box, telephone and minibar.

Features:

66 rooms, restaurant, bar, gym, sauna, massage rooms.



Good Standard

Asia Fergana Hotel, Fergana

Located in the city centre of Fergana, the Asia Fergana Hotel is a simple but well-presented property. The two restaurants serve a variety of local and European cuisine with a high level of service. Rooms are basic in design but have a full range of amenities. Facilities include an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, and a sauna.

Features:

99 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants, indoor & outdoor swimming pools, gym, sauna, beauty salon, Wi-Fi.



Good Standard

Malika Kheivak, Khiva

Located within the Ichan Qala (the walled inner city of Khiva), the Malika Kheivak hotel is ideally situated to explore all the main sights of Khiva. This welcoming hotel offers comfortable rooms decorated in traditional style. The restaurant serves local cuisine and regional wines and spirits at the bar.

Features:

22 rooms, restaurant, laundry & ironing service, cafe.



Good Standard

The Bek Hotel, Khiva

The Bek hotel is located outside the Ichan Qala (the walled inner city of Khiva), about 200 metres from Bogcha gate and a 2-minute drive from the main entrance gate. The hotel was opened in 2016 and offers simple but comfortable guestrooms decorated in a modern style.

Features:

54 rooms, restaurant, bar, lift, Wi-Fi.



Good Standard

Jipek Joli Hotel, Nukus

The Jipek Joli Hotel is located in the centre of Nukus, across the road from the Savitsky Art Museum. Rooms offer modern amenities and are decorated in the style of old Karakalpak houses, furnished with handcrafted furniture. The restaurant offers a variety of local and European dishes.

Features:

15 rooms, restaurant, bar, open-air cafe, internet.



Hyatt Regency Tashkent

With a prime location on Navoi Street in downtown Tashkent, the Hyatt Regency Tashkent is one of the city's premier accommodation options. Rooms are elegantly decorated in a contemporary style with locally inspired artwork. Restaurants include an Italian and an authentic Uzbekistani restaurant.

Features:

300 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants, bar, spa & gym, indoor swimming pool, Wi-Fi.



Lotte City Hotel Tashkent Palace, Tashkent

Lotte City Hotel Tashkent Palace is located in the centre of Tashkent, close to Independence Square and opposite the Alisher Navoi opera house. The restaurant serves international and traditional Central Asian dishes either on the rooftop terrace or in the courtyard garden.

Features:

232 rooms & suites, 2 restaurants (only one open during the summer months), piano lounge bar, swimming pool, sauna, gym.



Ichan-Qala Hotel, Tashkent

The Ichan-Qala hotel is one of the best hotels in the centre of Tashkent, close to the Fine Arts Museum of Uzbekistan and about 4km from the airport and train station. Guestrooms are comfortable and decorated in rich fabrics. The restaurant serves local Uzbek and international cuisine.

Features:

60 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, terrace, garden, summer cafe, indoor & outdoor pool, sauna, gym.



Malika Prime Hotel, Samarkand

The Malika Prime Hotel is a simple hotel, ideally located in the centre of Samarkand. The Gur-e Amir complex and the Amir Temur monument are only a 5-minute walk away. All guestrooms feature en suite facilities and traditional furnishings. The hotel restaurant offers a selection of Uzbek and European cuisine with the option of alfresco dining in the summer.

Features:

22 rooms & suites, restaurant, garden, terrace, Wi-Fi.



Emirkhan Hotel, Samarkand

The Emirkhan is a characterful property located within picturesque gardens in the heart of Samarkand, approximately 15 minutes' walk from Registan Square. All guestrooms are air conditioned and traditionally furnished in bright colours with gold detail. The Emirkhan's restaurant offers a selection of authentic Uzbek fare.

Features:

58 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, seasonal outdoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, lift, Wi-Fi.



Grand Samarkand Superior Hotel, Samarkand

The Grand Samarkand Superior Hotel is located 2km from the old town and Registan Square. The hotel is decorated in traditional Uzbek style throughout, including the restaurant, which is furnished with Uzbek rugs and serves Uzbek and European cuisine.

Features:

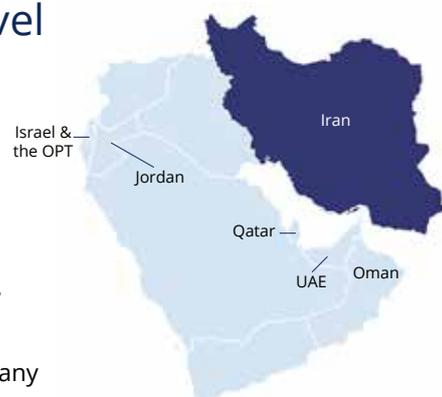
38 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, Finnish sauna, rooftop & indoor pools, gym, Wi-Fi.



Iran

Group tours • Tailor-made travel Rail journeys

Iran is an awe-inspiring mix of striking cities, remarkable scenery and archaeological wonders. The country is characterised by great physical and climatic differences, from the towering Zagros mountains in the west, to the scorched central desert, and down to the southern coast of the Persian Gulf. The Iranians are very welcoming people and as Iran remains far from a mainstream tourist destination, many of its finest sights can be explored in relative peace.



Any trip to Iran will bring you into contact with the architectural wonders of the ancient world including the tiled mosques of Isfahan, the verdant gardens of Shiraz, the ancient Achaemenian capital of Pasargadae, the desert architecture of Yazd and the splendid bas-reliefs of the Palace of Persepolis. Roll through the country on board a train, visit towns that sit on ancient caravan routes and explore the cafes and markets of Tehran.

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Climate

Iran is located between the arid Arabian desert and the eastern Mediterranean. The country is vast and is subject to a range of climates, from the wet and mild coast of the Caspian Sea to the arid central plateau, the cold of the high mountains and the hot, dry southern coast and south-east. The best months to visit are April and October, when the temperatures in the south are not at their peak and the mountains are cool.

Tehran

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	5	8	14	20	26	32	35	34	30	22	15	8
B	-3	-1	3	9	14	19	22	21	17	11	5	-
C	37	35	40	33	22	6	5	3	3	17	22	36

Shiraz

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	12	14	18	23	30	36	37	36	33	27	20	14
B	-1	1	4	8	13	17	20	18	14	8	3	-
C	77	44	47	34	8	-	2	-	-	4	28	60

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

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Image left: Nasir al-Mulk mosque (Pink mosque), Shiraz

Discover Iran



Tehran



Sheikh Lotfollah mosque at Naqsh-e Jahan Square, Isfahan

Tehran

Modern capital • Views of the Alborz mountain range

Tehran is a modern metropolis set at the foot of the Alborz mountain range, with Mount Damavand, the highest peak in Iran, clearly visible from the city at over 5,500 metres above sea level. Tehran is not considered an old city and remained a relatively unimportant settlement until the end of the 18th century, when it was made the Persian capital by Agha Mohammed Khan, the founder of the Qajar dynasty. The most secular and liberal of Iran's cities, with a healthy student population, Tehran has an impressive number of art galleries, fascinating museums and a burgeoning cafe culture. It is in the bustle of the cafes and teahouses where you will experience the real Tehran, the beating heart of 21st-century Iran.

Isfahan

Historic former capital of Persia • Shop for Persian rugs

Isfahan is located in the centre of the country and is currently the third largest city in Iran after Tehran and Mashhad. Zayandeh Rood, the 'life-giving river' runs through the city. The climate is dry but not extreme; the total annual rainfall rarely exceeds 12cm. The origins of Isfahan go back more than 1,500 years, and over the centuries the city has changed roles many times; an important commercial centre, it was for a time the capital of old Persia. The city is known today for its beautiful crafts, in particular its world-famous Persian rugs. Isfahan's verdant green trees and flower gardens, its long beautiful walkways along the Zayandeh Rood and many historic palaces attract hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.



Nasir al-Mulk mosque, Shiraz

Shiraz

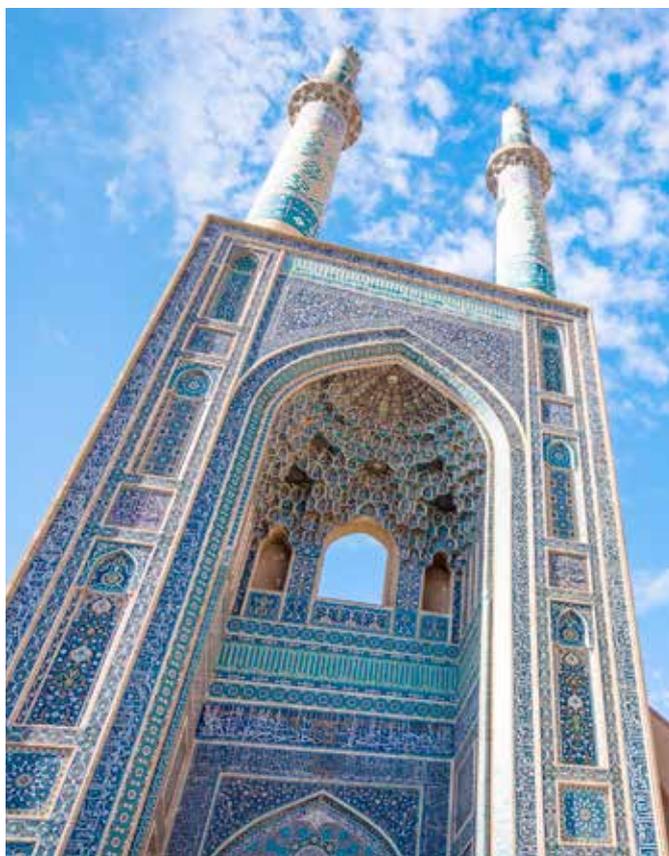
Tombs of Saadi & Hafez • Bustling bazaars

Shiraz is the capital of the Fars province of Iran and lies about 935km south of Tehran. The city sits at an altitude of 1,600 metres above sea level, ensuring a pleasant year-round climate, with the possible exception of the very height of summer and the depths of winter. Shiraz boasts numerous sights of interest, including the tombs of Saadi and Hafez, each considered the greatest poets of their respective times. The populous quarters in the centre of Shiraz are busy trading areas with several bazaars, their otherworldly quality enhanced by the presence of nomadic vendors who travel from southern Iran.

Yazd

Islamic architecture • Situated on the ancient Silk Road

The city of Yazd and the surrounding province have many buildings of historic and architectural significance, such as the Zoroastrian fire temple in Yazd, home to a flame that has been kept alight continuously for over 1,100 years by Zoroastrian priests, and the Fort of Naren, Iran's largest mud-brick structure that predates even Islam itself. The city was once a stop on the ancient Silk Road, with many travellers and merchants passing through and its caravanseries (inns for travellers) providing a welcome stop. Yazd's wind towers, built to combat the stifling heat in the height of summer in the central Iranian plateau, are cooling systems for homes and public structures that remain a marvel of architectural design and innovation to this day.



Jameh mosque, Yazd

Mashhad

Popular pilgrimage site • Largest mosque in the world

Mashhad is the provincial capital of Khorassan, Iran's second largest province, and is itself Iran's second largest city. It was once just a small village called Sanabad, but became Iran's holiest city after the death of Imam Reza, the eighth Shi'ite imam, who died and was buried here in 818AD. The Shi'ites believe that he was poisoned by the caliph of the time, and so Sanabad came to be known as Mashhad, or 'place of martyrdom'. The Imam Reza shrine complex now contains the largest mosque in the world (dimensionally) and includes a vast library, making it one of the most magnificent religious centres and a place of pilgrimage for Shi'ite Muslims from all over the world.

Kerman

Blue-tiled Friday Mosque • Ancient covered bazaar

The key location of Kerman, on the trade route between Persia and India, has attracted waves of occupation over its long history, which dates back to the third century AD, when the Sasanids founded this desert city. Kerman's lively bazaar and mud-built historic centre reflect the rich mix of people who have traded and lived here. Once famed for its intricate shawls, Kerman owes its continuing status as an important trade centre to the magnificent carpets it has produced since the 16th century. Today the city remains the main exporter in Iran. A highlight of the city is the Friday Mosque, built by the Muzaffarid dynasty in the 14th century and tiled in stunning shades of blue.

Treasures of Persia

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights

Category • Standard

Group tour • From £2,595 (incl. flights)

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

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 15 people (max 26)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at all hotels

Weather

Tehran

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	5	8	14	20	26	32	35	34	30	22	15	8
B	-3	-1	3	9	14	19	22	21	17	11	5	0
C	37	35	40	33	22	6	5	3	3	17	22	36

Shiraz

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	12	14	18	23	30	36	37	36	33	27	20	14
B	-1	1	4	8	13	17	20	18	14	8	3	0
C	77	44	47	34	8	0	2	0	0	4	28	60

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Bas-relief, Persepolis

The fantastically rich and varied history of Iran has left behind an unparalleled cultural heritage. This tour reveals the best of that legacy, including the supreme Islamic architecture of Isfahan and Shiraz, the ancient Achaemenian capital of Pasargadae and the splendid bas-reliefs of the Palace of Persepolis.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit Pasargadae, Cyrus the Great's capital
- ❖ Two full days exploring the boulevards, Persian gardens & Islamic buildings of Isfahan
- ❖ View the ruins of Persepolis, one of the world's greatest archaeological sites

Day 1: Fly to Tehran

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Tehran, via Istanbul, with Turkish Airlines. (N)

Day 2: Tehran

Early morning arrival and transfer to the **Espinas International** or **Azadi Grand** (or similar) for immediate occupancy. Afternoon visit to Tehran's museums before returning to the hotel for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 3: Fly to Shiraz

This morning, fly to Shiraz. On arrival, take a

guided city tour of Shiraz including visits to the Hafez and Saadi tombs, the Narenjestan-e-Ghavam historical house, the Nasir al-Mulk mosque and the Vakil bazaar. Stay at the **Homa** or **Grand Shiraz** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Persepolis • Naghsh-e-Rostam

Visit Persepolis, Darius the Great's summer capital, to view the magnificent stone terrace and palace. Continue to Naghsh-e-Rostam, the site of the royal tombs and Sassanian rock reliefs. (B)

Day 5: Pasargadae • Yazd

Drive to Yazd, via Pasargadae, the first dynastic capital of the Achaemenian empire, founded by Cyrus the Great in sixth century BC. View the Mausoleum of Cyrus the Great, Tall-e-Takht and the presidential palace. Continue to Yazd and stay at the **Dad Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 6: Yazd

Tour the Dowlat-Abad garden, the Zoroastrian fire temple, an abandoned Zoroastrian 'Tower of Silence' and the Jameh mosque. (B, D)

Day 7: Na'in • Isfahan

Drive to Isfahan, stopping at Na'in to view the Jameh mosque and the Pirnia traditional house, built in the Safavid era. Stay at the **Abbasi Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B, L)

Day 8: Isfahan

Full-day tour of the city's monuments, including Naghsh-e Jahan Square, the Imam and Sheikh Lotfollah mosques, and the Khaju Bridge. Conclude with a visit to the impressive Ali Qapu palace. (B, D)

Day 9: Isfahan

Full-day visit to the Vank Cathedral, the Chehel Sotoun palace and the Jameh mosque of Isfahan, which is inscribed as a Unesco world heritage site. During the day enjoy a traditional Persian music performance. (B, D)

Day 10: Natanz • Kashan • Tehran

Drive to Tehran, stopping at Natanz and Kashan en route to visit the Fin gardens and the former merchant's house of Taba-Tabai. Stay at the **Novotel Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 11: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. 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.



Narenjestan garden, Shiraz

Extensions

Tour + Kerman

4 days & 3 nights from £1,345
Tour code: TOPKER

A former capital of Iran, the city of Kerman has a wealth of historical attractions including the renowned Zoroastrian fire temples.

Day 11: Fly to Kerman

Fly from Tehran to Kerman. Afternoon visit to the Friday Mosque and the Hammam-e-Vakil. Stay for 2 nights at the Pars Hotel. (B, D)

Day 12: Kerman

Early morning excursion to the Lut desert to view the Kaluts, which are natural sand formations. Continue to the village of Rayen to visit the Arg-e-Rayen desert citadel and the small town of Mahan to visit the Shahzadeh, Prince Garden and the Mausoleum of Shah Nematollah Vali, the 14th-century Sufi leader. (B, D)

Day 13: Fly to Tehran

Morning visits to the Gonbad-e-Jabalieh, the Moshtaghiyeh dome and the Moayedi ice house. Afternoon flight from Kerman to Tehran. Stay overnight at the Espinas Hotel. (B)

Day 14: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London, via Istanbul, with Turkish Airlines. (B)

Tour + Mashhad

4 days & 3 nights from £1,395
Tour code: TOPMHD

The shrine of Imam Reza in Mashhad is one of holiest sites in Islam. On this 3-night extension, enter the outer precincts of the shrine and explore the rest of this fascinating town.

Day 11: Fly to Mashhad

Fly from Tehran to Mashhad. Afternoon visit to the outer courtyards and museum of Imam Reza shrine, the Khaje Rabie mausoleum and the bazaar. Stay for 2 nights at the Homa Hotel. (B, D)

Day 12: Robat-e-Sharaf

Morning drive to Robat-e-Sharaf to visit the royal caravanserai from the Seljuk period. Return to Mashhad for further sightseeing. (B, D)

Day 13: Fly to Tehran

Morning flight from Mashhad to Tehran. Afternoon visit to the Carpet Museum and the Abguineh Museum. Stay overnight at the Espinas Hotel. (B)

Day 14: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London, via

Istanbul, with Turkish Airlines. (B)

Important information

Dress code: Iran is an Islamic republic and visitors are required to conform to the Islamic dress code. For women, it is essential that all the body is covered, except the hands and face.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: TOP

Group tour

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

High season from £2,845
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £545

Private travel

Year round from £3,695

Single supplement from £545

Turkish Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,195 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)						
05 Mar 20	15 Mar 20	09 Apr 20	19 Apr 20	10 Sep 20	20 Sep 20	01 Oct 20	11 Oct 20
26 Mar 20	05 Apr 20	30 Apr 20	10 May 20	17 Sep 20	27 Sep 20	05 Nov 20	15 Nov 20

Persian Palaces & Gardens

Duration • 15 days & 13 nights
Category • Standard

Expert-led group tour • From £4,695 (incl. flights)
Archaeology • Architecture • History

Arts & Culture

Tour overview

Explore Persian monuments, spectacular Islamic architecture and Zoroastrian Towers of Silence. As well as the must-see sights of Tehran, Yazd, Shiraz, Persepolis, Pasargadae and Isfahan, this tour also includes the little-visited city of Kerman, the Shahzadeh garden in Mahan and the desert citadel of Rayen.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Travel off the beaten track to Kerman
- ❖ Two full days in Isfahan
- ❖ Take tea in a traditional hammam
- ❖ Visit the Isfahan Music Museum with a possible recital

Expert lecturers

Diana Driscoll read ancient Middle East and Islamic studies at SOAS. She is an independent researcher who gives regular talks at the British Museum. Her area of expertise is the Islamic world: religion, history, culture and languages.



Area map



Gate of All Nations, Persepolis

Day 1: Fly to Tehran

Board the overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Tehran with Turkish Airlines via Istanbul. (N)

Day 2: Tehran

Early morning arrival and transfer to the **Espinas Hotel** (or similar, including immediate occupancy) for 2 nights. After an introductory lecture and welcome lunch, visit some of Tehran's highlights, including the fabulous National Jewels Museum, housed in the vaults of the Central Bank of Iran, and the extensive collection of the Carpet Museum. (B, L)

Day 3: Tehran

Full-day visit to some of Tehran's major museums including the National Museum, displaying prehistoric, ancient and Islamic artefacts; the Golestan Palace, a former royal residence; and the Glass and Ceramics Museum, located in an elegant early 20th-century mansion. (B)

Day 4: Fly to Kerman

Morning flight to Kerman and spend the rest of the day visiting this desert trading city. Visits include the 14th-century Friday Mosque, the 17th-century Safavid-era Ganjali Khan complex and the Harandi museum, which contains artefacts from the important Bronze Age site at Jiroft, discovered by chance as recently as 2000. Stay 2 nights at the **Pars Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 5: Rayen • Mahan

Full-day excursion to the village of Rayen to visit the citadel, a medieval mudbrick construction with all the architectural features of a desert citadel. On the return journey stop at Mahan to visit the blue-tiled Mausoleum of Shah Nematollah-e-Vali and the beautiful Shahzadeh garden. (B)

Day 6: Yazd

Drive to Yazd, en route visiting the castle of Saryazd, one of the largest defensive castles in Iran's central desert. Stay at the **Dad Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Yazd

Full-day sightseeing in Yazd, the centre for Iran's Zoroastrian community. Visit an abandoned Zoroastrian Tower of Silence; the active fire temple; the Friday Mosque, with the highest portal and minarets in Iran; and Dowlat-Abad, one of the many beautiful old houses in Yazd, with an 18th-century feudal hexagonal house, the highest wind tower in Iran and an authentic Iranian garden. (B)

Day 8: Abarkuh • Pasargadae • Shiraz

Drive to Shiraz, en route visiting Abarkuh, a charming desert town, to see the old cypress tree. Continue to Pasargadae, the site of the impressive tomb and remains of the palaces of Cyrus the Great, the founder of the Achaemenid Persian Empire. The mausoleum of Cyrus, the palaces and the remains of the ancient gardens are outstanding examples of the first phase of Achaemenid art and architecture. Arrive in Shiraz and stay 3 nights at the **Homa Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 9: Persepolis • Naqsh-e-Rostam

Visit Naqsh-e-Rostam to see the Ka'be-Zardosht square tower and royal tombs, plus magnificent Sasanian rock reliefs. Continue to Persepolis, one of the most important sites of the Ancient World and the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid kings, with remains of the palaces of Darius the Great, Xerxes and Artaxerxes. Admire its bas-reliefs, depicting kings and courtiers. (B)

Day 10: Shiraz

Full-day city tour of Shiraz to visit some of the



Nasir Ol-Molk mosque through the doorway of its summer hall, Shiraz

celebrated gardens of this city of 'roses and nightingales', including the Narenjestan garden and the Eram garden; the tomb of one of Iran's greatest lyric poets, Hafez; the pink-tiled 19th-century Nasir-ol-Molk mosque; the exterior of the Arg-e-Karim Khan (18th-century citadel); and the shrine of either Shah Cheragh or Ali Ibn Hamzeh. (B)

Day 11: Izadkhast • Isfahan

Drive to Isfahan, en route visiting the Unesco site of Izadkhast. This ruined castle fort includes a caravanserai and a Safavid-period bridge. Continue to Isfahan and stay 3 nights at the **Abbasi Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 12: Isfahan

Full-day tour of Isfahan, the 17th-century capital of the Safavids. Visit the Hasht Behesht, the Pavilion of Eight Paradises, also called the Palace of Nightingales. Drive to the Chehel Sotoun Palace, then continue to the Pigeon Tower and the famous covered bridges. Tour the Armenian quarter and visit the Isfahan Music Museum and possibly attend a recital (subject to confirmation). (B)

Day 13: Isfahan

Visit the magnificent Friday Mosque, considered a museum of a thousand years of Persian religious architecture. Visit one of the world's grandest squares, the Maidan-e-Naqsh-e-Jahan, to see the Qeisarieh bazaar, Ali-Qapu Palace with its enchanting music rooms and balcony overlooking the Maidan, and two of the world's greatest mosques – the Sheikh Lotfollah and the Imam – with magnificent architecture and tile work. (B)

Day 14: Natanz • Kashan • Tehran

Return to Tehran, en route visiting shrines at Natanz and Kashan to see the Fin gardens and the former merchant's house of Taba-Tabai.

Farewell dinner and overnight at **Novotel Hotel** (or similar) near the airport for early departure the following morning. (B, D)

Day 15: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London with Turkish Airlines 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 Tehran and Isfahan, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers. Please speak to a Cox & Kings consultant for further details.

Important information

Arts & Culture tours: A collection of expert-accompanied tours focusing on creativity in its many forms. All tours are open to everyone and can be viewed at CoxandKings.co.uk.

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

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

Accessibility: This tour involves some long drives and requires a good level of fitness as there is walking over rough terrain.

Dress code: Iran is an Islamic republic and visitors are required to conform to the Islamic dress code. For women, it is essential that all the body is covered, except the hands and face. Please contact Cox & Kings for more details.

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

Dates & guideline prices for 2020-21

Tour code: IPG

5 Apr – 19 Apr 2020	with Diana Driscoll	from £4,795	single sup from £795
23 Oct – 6 Nov 2020	with Diana Driscoll	from £4,695	single sup from £795
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Oman

Group tours • Tailor-made travel

Combining breathtaking natural beauty with a well-preserved cultural heritage, the Sultanate of Oman is one of the least known yet most exciting tourist destinations in the Middle East. The country perches on the south-east tip of the Arabian Peninsula, overlooking the Arabian Sea, the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf. Within this stretch of land lies an amazing range of scenery, sights and activities.



Visit the capital city of Muscat, which offers a glimpse of authentic Arabia with bustling waterfronts, souks and alleyways; explore magnificent forts and palaces, ancient fishing villages and archaeological sites; venture into the wilderness on 4x4 excursions across the rolling dunes of Sharqiya Sands and the impressive peaks of the Hajar mountains; take a dhow trip and go snorkelling along the coastline of the Musandam peninsula; or simply relax in the tropical atmosphere of Salalah.

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Climate

Oman is very hot and humid during the summer, while the winter months are much more bearable. The coast does remain humid throughout the year and, although the interior is warmer, the heat is dry and less oppressive.

Muscat

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	25	26	29	34	39	40	38	36	36	34	30	26
B	16	17	20	24	27	30	29	27	26	24	20	18
C	22	27	15	11	5	1	2	5	0	0	5	10

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

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Image left: Nakhal fort, Oman

Discover Oman



Main entrance of Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Muscat



Nizwa fort

Muscat

Bustling waterfronts • Ancient forts & castles

The city of Muscat lies between the rugged Al Hajar mountains and the coast. The districts of Mutrah and Muscat, with atmospheric waterfronts and alleyways, offer visitors a glimpse of authentic Arabia. Mutrah's souks are a great spot to soak up the ambience, while the Bait Al Zubair Museum is an excellent place to learn about Omani culture. The forts of Jalali and Mirani guard the entrance to Muscat Bay while to the west of Muscat are the Nakhal and Rustaq castles, both easily accessible as a day trip from the capital.

From the nearby resort town of Sawadi, take a boat trip to the Daymaniyat islands, a designated marine and nature reserve where the crystal-clear water is ideal for snorkelling amid an array of coral and marine species. Turtle sightings are not uncommon, and whale sharks and dolphins have also been recorded in the area.

Nizwa & Sharqiya Sands

Nizwa fort & markets • Desert campsites

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

Further to the east is the spectacular desert landscape of Sharqiya Sands, where bedouin tribes live with their camels. Explore the rolling dunes on thrilling 4x4 drives or camel-back rides. There are also several campsites where you can watch the colours of the sunset over the desert before experiencing the silence of night beneath innumerable twinkling stars.

Salalah & Dhofar Province

Lush scenery during monsoon • Variety of cultural sites

Salalah is the capital of Dhofar province, the southern region of Oman. Unique to the country, the province experiences a monsoon season between late June and September, known as the *khareef*. During this time, the region blooms and visitors can enjoy the lush landscape in cooler temperatures. The coastline is indented with long stretches of spacious beaches, bordered by a brilliant blue sea.

There are also fascinating historic and cultural attractions, including ancient forts, archaeological sites, fishing villages and the tombs of prophets. The lost city of Ubar, said to have been buried by sand due to the wickedness of its ancient inhabitants, is located inland from the city of Salalah and accessible only by 4x4. Rediscovered using satellite technology in the 1990s, it is still mostly unexcavated. Salalah was also the starting point for explorer Wilfred Thesiger's epic journey to cross Arabia's Empty Quarter. A local museum exhibits some of his photographs.



Camels in the highlands of Salalah

The Musandam Peninsula

Dramatic coastline • Deserted, sandy beaches

Separated from the rest of the country by the United Arab Emirates, the Omani governorate of Musandam lies on a peninsula to the extreme north of Oman. Rugged mountains overlook the Strait of Hormuz, and the area has a beautiful fjord-like coastline indented with secluded sandy beaches. Due to Musandam's sparse population, the waters lapping the coastline are teeming with wildlife; sailing on a traditional Omani dhow is a great way to spot dolphins and other marine life.

Musandam's capital, Khasab, is situated in the north corner of the governorate. The port city was built by the Portuguese in the 17th century as a stopping point for ships to stock up on water and dates. Today it is easily accessible from Muscat by a short flight and has become a popular holiday destination with Omanis. You may choose to continue your holiday from here to the United Arab Emirates as it is just a short drive of approximately three hours to Dubai.



Fjord with dhow boats, Khasab

A suggested itinerary...

Oman Grand Tour

9 days & 8 nights from £2,745

Category • Standard

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

Day 1: Fly to Salalah via Muscat

Transfer to the Crowne Plaza for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Salalah

Visit Khor Rori creek, site of the ruined city of Samhuran and capital of ancient Arabia's frankincense trade. Continue to Nabi Ayoub, prophet Job's tomb perched high in the mountains. (B)

Day 3: Muscat

Fly to Muscat and transfer to the Al Falaj

Hotel for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Muscat

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

Day 5: Nizwa

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

Day 6: Muscat

Return to Muscat via Bahla fort, Jabrin Palace and the ruins at the village of Tanuf. Stay overnight at the **Al Falaj Hotel** for 1 night. (B)

Day 7: Fly to Khasab

Transfer to the airport for a flight to Khasab, capital of the Musandam peninsula. Tour the city, then take a 4x4 excursion to Jebel Harim, the Khawr Al Najid coastline and the Birkat Khalidiya park. Stay at the **Atana Khasab** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 8: Khasab

Take a traditional dhow cruise, one of

the most popular means of exploring the stunning coastline. (B)

Day 9: Fly home

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

Guideline Prices

Low season from: £2,745 (incl. flights)

Guide price months: May – Aug

High season from: £2,945 (incl. flights)

Guide price months: Mar & Oct

Tour code: OGT

Tailored travel

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Sur

Traditional art of dhow making • Turtle nesting sites

Located 150km south-east of the capital, Sur is a fishing town on the east coast of Oman. It was Oman's main centre of trade with east Africa for over 1,300 years until two events finally eroded the commercial trade of the city: the abolition of the slave trade and the opening of the Suez Canal. In the past it was well known for the building of *dhow*s (traditional sailing vessels used to transport goods). Dhows are still built in Sur today for cruises as well as trade. The town is very popular with visitors wishing to view the turtle nesting at Ras al Hadd Turtle Reserve, as the beaches are just one hour's drive away.

Ras al Hadd Turtle Reserve & Ras al Jinz

Turtle watching • Archaeological site of Ras al Jinz

Covering an area of 120 sq km of beach, two lagoons and coastal lands, the Ras al Hadd Turtle Reserve is one of the principal sites in the world to view the estimated 20,000 turtles that come to lay their eggs in the reserve. Turtles lay eggs all year round but the best time to view this event is between August and September along the 45-kilometre stretch of coast between Ras al Hadd and Ras al Ruwais. There is an excellent information centre providing further information about the turtles.

Ras al Jinz is another Unesco-listed turtle nesting site. It is also an archaeological site containing a number of interesting graves and settlements from the prehistoric period.



Dhow, Sur



Green sea turtle, Ras al Jinz



Khasab castle

Omani Forts

Omani Islamic military architecture • Unesco world heritage site of Bahla

Built between the 16th and 17th centuries and situated at the foot of the Djebel Akhdar highlands, the four forts of Nizwa, Izki, Rustaq and Bahla are outstanding examples of Omani Islamic military architecture. Each of the forts had a major influence in Oman's history.

The Unesco-listed Bahla fortress is one of the most visited since its restoration by the government in the late 1990s. Its defensive walls and towers, which are almost 50 metres high at certain points, dominate the surrounding landscape. Also explore the adjacent Friday Mosque.



Al Hajar mountain range

Al Hajar Mountains

Ideal hiking destination • High peaks of Jabal Akhdar • Mountain wildlife

The Al Hajar or 'Stone' mountain range stretches for over 500km, from the Musandam peninsula in the north through to the eastern coastal town of Sur. Due to its elevation, the climate is always quite wet, providing the perfect environment for vegetation such as olive and fig trees. A variety of wildlife also inhabits the mountains, including gazelles and the occasional leopard. Hike one of the 11 marked trails to really enjoy the scenery, flora and fauna. At the heart of the range, is the imposing Jabal Akhdar section, which contains Oman's highest point – the Jabal Shams or 'Mountain of the Sun' (3,000 metres).

Experiences in Oman



Traditional cruise through the fjords of Musandam

Spend a day sailing through turquoise waters and past white limestone cliffs on a traditional Omani dhow. The coastline of Musandam provides spectacular scenery and the warm waters are home to an abundance of colourful marine life. During the cruise there will be several stops for snorkelling, and dolphins can regularly be seen swimming alongside the boat. A buffet lunch will be provided on board, as well as soft drinks and snorkelling equipment.



Snorkelling cruise to the Daymaniyat islands

From Muscat there are a variety of snorkelling cruises to the Daymaniyat islands, ranging from a shared half-day trip to overnight stays on a private yacht. The Daymaniyat Islands consist of nine uninhabited islands that have been designated as a marine and nature reserve. The coral here is mostly undamaged and the clear waters are home to an array of different species of fish and other marine life, including a large number of sea turtles.



Dune bashing in Sharqiya Sands

Take a thrilling 4x4 off-roading experience across the spectacular dunes of the Sharqiya Sands. The exhilarating ride will take you across high sand banks, some up to 150 metres tall, down the other side at what feels like a 45-degree angle, spraying sand across the windows and behind. Your experienced driver will then take you to a spot to enjoy the sunset over the dunes. This desert experience can also be done after sunrise.



Explore the Frankincense Trail

Frankincense from the southern province of Dhofar is considered to be the best in the world and was once a commodity more expensive than gold. Starting in Salalah, tour the Frankincense trail to gain scenic views of mountain landscapes with emerald green pastures. Stop at the prophet Job's tomb high in the mountains, visit the blow holes at Mughsail Beach, and navigate hairpin bends, passing the many Frankincense trees dotted along the landscape.



Experience Muscat by night

Begin by exploring the bustling Muttrah souk, where the people, sights and smells will make you feel that you have been transported back in time. Wander along the corniche for the opportunity to take pictures of the city at night and then continue to the illuminated Al Alam Palace in the heart of Old Muscat. Finish the evening with a meal at a local restaurant specialising in Omani and Arabic cuisine.



Rose terraces in the Jabal Akhdar mountains

The Jabal Akhdar mountains rise up to 2,000 metres above sea level and are known for their terraced fruit orchards. Along some of these terraces roses are grown, filling the air with a sweet fragrance during full bloom (usually between March and April). The flowers provide a dramatic cascade of pink down the terraces. These are the roses that are handpicked and used for making Oman's famous rose water.

An Arabian Odyssey

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Superior

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

Private tour • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation*
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 12-16 people (max 26)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Nizwa

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	23	24	28	33	38	39	38	36	35	33	28	24
B	12	13	16	21	24	26	26	25	23	20	16	13
C	16	26	21	19	10	4	5	8	1	1	6	10

Muscat

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	25	26	29	34	39	40	38	36	36	34	30	26
B	16	17	20	24	27	30	29	27	26	24	20	18
C	22	27	15	11	5	1	2	5	0	0	5	10

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Nizwa

Visit the key cultural and scenic sights of Oman including magnificent forts and palaces, the rolling dunes of Sharqiyah Sands, Oman's highest mountains and picturesque coastal fishing villages. Discover the warmth of the Omani people and travel between the contrasting landscapes of the desert, sea and mountains.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Spend a night under the desert sky in Sharqiyah Sands
- ❖ Travel in 4x4 vehicles from day 4
- ❖ Watch the endangered green turtle nesting on the beach
- ❖ Visit a traditional Omani home & watch local artisans at work

Day 1: Fly to Muscat

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Muscat with Oman Air. Transfer to the **Park Inn** for a 3-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Muscat

Morning visit to the spectacular Grand Mosque¹, followed by a tour of the city, including a visit to the Bait Al Zubair Museum, the sultan's palace and the forts of Al Jalali and Mirani. Continue to the magnificent Royal Opera House, the largest in the Middle East. Remainder of afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3: Muscat & surrounds

Full-day tour, including Barka fish market and view the Nakhal fort, before driving to the warm springs of Nakhal, where a picnic lunch is served. Early afternoon visit to Bait Na'aman fort before returning to Muscat. Optional twilight dhow cruise. (B, L)

Day 4: Wadi Shab • Qalhat • Ras Al Jinz

Drive south by 4x4 along the coast from Muscat to Sur, passing the fishing village of Quriyat. Stops en route include Wadi Shab, a palm-fringed lagoon, and Qalhat, an ancient city visited by Marco Polo. Check in at your hotel, then make an evening visit to the green turtle nesting site at Ras Al Jinz beach. Stay overnight at the **Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Sharqiyah Sands

Take a scenic drive through the eastern Hajar mountains to Sharqiyah Sands. Stop at Wadi Bani Khalid, a picturesque river valley, before continuing to Sharqiyah Sands, home to the bedouin people. Stay overnight at **Arabian Oryx Camp** (or similar)*. (B, D)

Day 6: Nizwa

Early departure for Nizwa, stopping en route at the bustling Sinaw livestock market. Proceed to the Wadi Al Madeen checkpoint, which leads to the high peaks of Jabal Akhdar, with spectacular views. Stay 2 nights at **The Sama Hotel, Jabal Akhdar** (or similar)*. (B, D)

Day 7: Nizwa & surrounds

Morning visit to the impressive new souk, then visit the massive Nizwa fort, which dominates the town. Drive past the date plantations in Al Hamra village and visit a traditional Omani house at Bait Al Safah. After lunch, continue to Bahla to visit a pottery maker and watch mud vessels being made. Continue to Jabal Shams, Oman's highest peak, stopping en route at Wadi Ghul and Wadi Nakher farming villages before returning to Nizwa. (B, D)

Day 8: Bahla fort • Muscat

Leave for Muscat. En route, visit Bahla fort, a Unesco world heritage site, before driving through the Sumail Gap to Muscat. Arrive back in Muscat in the late afternoon. Stay overnight at the **Park Inn** (or similar). (B)

Day 9: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for a flight from Muscat to London with Oman Air. (B)

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



Sand dunes, Sharqiya Sands

Extensions

Tour + Salalah

3 days & 2 nights from £575
Tour code: OAOSLL

Relax in the semi-tropical province of Dhofar. Stay in the capital, Salalah, visit some of the cultural sites around the city and unwind amid the palm trees and coconut groves.

Day 9: Fly to Salalah

Morning flight to Salalah (flying time approx. 1 hour). Transfer to the **Crowne Plaza** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 10: Salalah & surrounds

Local visits to Taqah, the province's second town, the ancient port of Khor Rouri and picturesque Mirbat. (B)

Day 11: Fly to London via Muscat

Morning flight to Muscat. Afternoon flight to London with Oman Air. (B)

Tour + luxury Muscat stay

3 days & 2 nights from £525
Tour code: OAOMCT

Extend your tour with a relaxing stay at one of Muscat's best hotels, positioned on the Gulf of Oman with the Hajar mountains as a backdrop.

Day 9: Muscat

This morning take a private transfer to **The Chedi Muscat** for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 10: Muscat

Day at leisure. Dine at one of six on-site restaurants, enjoy treatments at the Balinese spa or cool down in one of three swimming pools. (B)

Day 11: Fly to London

Transfer to Muscat airport for an afternoon flight to London with Oman Air. (B)

Important information

*** Accommodation:** This tour is based in 4-star accommodation, with the exception of Sharqiya Sands and Nizwa, where the accommodation should be considered more basic. Transport will be by air-conditioned minibus and by 4x4 vehicle from day 4 onwards.

† Grand Mosque visit: Both men and women visiting the mosque must be fully covered. Women must also cover their head with a scarf.

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 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020-21

Tour code: OAO

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £595

Private travel

Year round from £2,795

Single supplement from £595

Oman Air flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,745 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020-21

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Tue)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Tue)	Rtn (Wed)
18 Feb 20	26 Feb 20	07 Apr 20	15 Apr 20	16 Feb 21	24 Feb 21
03 Mar 20	11 Mar 20	15 Sep 20	23 Sep 20	02 Mar 21	10 Mar 21
17 Mar 20	25 Mar 20	29 Sep 20	07 Oct 20	16 Mar 21	24 Mar 21
31 Mar 20	08 Apr 20	20 Oct 20	28 Oct 20	30 Mar 21	07 Apr 21

Oman Discovery

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights
Category • Standard

Solo group tour • From £3,095 (incl. flights)

**Solo
Travellers**

This solo group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation*
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 8 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

Weather

Nizwa

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Muscat

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	25	26	29	34	39	40	38	36	36	34	30	26
B	16	17	20	24	27	30	29	27	26	24	20	18
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B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Wadi Bani Khalid

Discover the cultural and scenic highlights of Oman on this 9-day journey for solo travellers. Experience varied terrains as you travel through Oman's mountainous interior, stay overnight in the desert and view the rugged coastline by both land and sea.

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Take a dolphin-watching cruise along Muscat's coastline
- ❖ View the magical sunset over the sand dunes in the desert
- ❖ Witness the exciting cattle market at Nizwa
- ❖ Make traditional Omani food at a cookery school in Muscat

Day 1: Fly to Muscat

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Muscat with Oman Air. Transfer and stay 2 nights at the **Hilton Garden Muscat** (or similar). (N)

Day 2: Muscat

Morning visit to the impressive Grand mosque[†] and new Royal Opera House then learn how to make some traditional Omani cuisine with local

culinary students. After a light lunch, continue to Al Alam Palace, the forts of Mirani and Al Jalali and the National Museum. Optional late afternoon dhow cruise along the coast, with a stop at a stunning cove. (B, L)

Day 3: Muscat • Al Hamra

Drive to Seeb fishing village, the sparkling springs at Nakhla and along the roads of spectacular Wadi Bani Awf. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the canyon before visiting the charming village of Bilad Sayt. Drive to Al Hamra, famous for its date plantations. Stay overnight at the **Sama Heights Resort**, located 1,400 metres above sea level. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Nizwa • Jabal Akhdar

Early this morning drive to Nizwa, the birthplace of Islam in Oman. Experience the atmosphere and excitement of the Friday cattle market before wandering through the souk, home to handicraft stalls and silversmiths working in small shops. Visit the 17th-century round tower fort, then explore the narrow streets of the mountainside village of Misfah. Continue to the cooler climate of the Al Hajar mountains and stay 2 nights at **Sama Hotel**, Jabal Akhdar. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Jabal Akhdar

This morning take a leisurely half-day walking tour ending with a picnic lunch in the mountains. This area is known for its terraced fruit orchards and the sweet fragrance of roses fills the air in April and May. Small villages are



Mountains of Wadi Bani Awf in Western Hajar

dotted along the landscape, which look down on dramatic peaks, gorges and wadis. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Sharqiya Sands

Travel to the village of Birkat Al Mauz, where you can walk through date plantations and see the Unesco-listed irrigation system. Continue to Sinaw market before a picnic lunch. Drive to Sharqiya Sands and stay overnight at **1,000 Nights Camp**. Enjoy the sunset over the dunes before dinner at the camp. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Muscat

Spend a full day travelling to Muscat via the coast and Wadi Bani Khalid with its mountain villages, natural pools and intricate rock formations. Stops will be made at a dhow factory, the limestone crater of Bimah sinkhole and Fins Beach, where there will be an opportunity for a short swim. Stay 2 nights at **Crowne Plaza Muscat OCEC**. (B, L)

Day 8: Muscat

Join a cruise in search of dolphins and whales as you sail along the rugged coastline. A stop will be made at Bandar Al Khayran, where the sheltered bays and copper-coloured mountains provide a perfect location for relaxation. Return to your hotel with the afternoon at leisure. Tonight there will be a farewell dinner at a restaurant serving Mughlai cuisine. (B, D)

Day 9: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for a flight from Muscat to London with Oman Air. (B)

Important information

*** Accommodation:** This tour is based in 4-star accommodation, with the exception of Sharqiya Sands and Al Hamra, where the accommodation should be considered more basic. Transport will be by air-conditioned minibus and by a 4x4 vehicle from day 3 onwards.

† Grand Mosque visit: Both men and women visiting the mosque must be fully covered. Women must also cover their head with a scarf.

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: OMD

Group tour

Low season from £3,095
Guide price month: Oct

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

Oman Air flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,745 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on single occupancy of a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Wed)						
25 Feb 20	04 Mar 20	24 Mar 20	01 Apr 20	22 Sep 20	30 Sep 20	06 Oct 20	14 Oct 20

Oman Family Explorer

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights

Category • Standard

Private tour • From £3,395 (incl. flights)

**Family
Adventure**

Tour overview

The stunning mountains, pristine beaches and desert ranges of Oman are a perfect combination for families seeking both adventure and relaxation. Stay in a mountain eco-resort at Jabal Akhdar, take exhilarating 4x4 drives in the dunes of Sharqiya Sands and watch endangered green turtles nesting on the beach.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Travel in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay at a mountain eco-resort overlooking Wadi Nakhr
- ❖ Overnight in Sharqiya Sands in a desert camp
- ❖ Camel safari & dune bashing excursions in Sharqiya Sands
- ❖ See how dhow boats are made in the coastal town of Sur
- ❖ Watch turtles nesting at Ras Al Jinz

Area map



4x4 drive, Sharqiya Sands

Day 1: Fly to Muscat

Fly to Muscat. Transfer to the **Crowne Plaza** for 2 nights, located in the city centre with its own private beach on the turquoise waters of the Gulf of Oman. (N)

Day 2: Muscat

Morning city tour of Muscat including a tour of the Bait Al Zubair museum and its collection of ancient weapons and costumes, the Sultan's Palace and the twin forts of Al Jalali and Al Mirani. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Nizwa • Al Hajar mountains

Morning drive to Jabal Akhdar, the highest point in Oman and part of the Al Hajar mountain range. Stop en route to visit Nizwa souk and Nizwa fort with its immense round tower. Take a leisurely, guided afternoon walking tour through the mountains and picturesque villages. Stay 2 nights at the **Sama Heights Resort, Jabal Shams**, an eco-resort overlooking Jabal Misht, Wadi Ghul and the famous Wadi Nakhr, also known as the Grand Canyon of Arabia. Explore the rugged surrounds on a gentle hike or bike ride. (B)

Day 4: Al Hajar mountains

Morning visit to Jabrin fort. Built in 1675, its well-preserved rooms, courtyards and fortifications make it easy to imagine what life was like here. Continue to the village of Al Hamra, where there will be an opportunity to ride Arabian horses; these nimble and hardy little horses have a good temperament and are sure-footed with great stamina. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Sharqiya Sands

Set off this morning for a scenic drive to Sharqiya Sands. Early evening sunset camel safari and stay overnight at **1,000 Nights Camp**. (B, D)

Day 6: Sharqiya Sands • Sur

Morning dune bashing excursion, an exhilarating ride across high sand banks in a 4x4. Drive to Sur to see how traditional

wooden dhow boats are built and visit the Sanseela fort. Continue to Ras Al Jinz beach for a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the green turtle nesting site. The reserve is world renowned for the nesting of the endangered green turtle and is the only place where the public can watch the nesting process of these gentle giants of the sea. Overnight at **Ras Al Jinz Scientific & Visitor Centre**. (B)

Day 7: Wadi Shab • Muscat

Drive to Muscat via Wadi Shab with its sinkhole, a spectacular limestone crater holding turquoise waters, waterfalls and terraced plantations. Swim in the upper wadi and duck into a partially submerged cave. Stay at the **Crowne Plaza**, where you can enjoy its facilities for the next 3 nights. (B)

Day 8: Bandar Al Khayran

Take a boat cruise to spot dolphins and whales as you pass rocky mountains and small white-washed houses overlooking the sea. Moor at Bandar Al Khayran, a picturesque inlet with sheltered bays lined by mangrove forests. After lunch, return to Muscat. (B, L)

Day 9: Muscat

Full day at leisure. Alternatively, take part in a range of activities that can be pre-booked including a visit to the National Hospitality Institute for a cooking class with local Omani students or trekking. (B)

Day 10: 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

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 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: OFE

Low season from £3,395
Guide price months: May – Aug

High season from £3,595
Guide price months: Mar & Oct

Prices are based on four people sharing two rooms throughout.

Oman in Style

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £4,975 (incl. flights)

Tour overview

Discover Oman's highlights while enjoying the comfort and superb facilities of luxury accommodation high in the mountains, deep in the desert and by the sea in Muscat. Snorkel in crystal-clear waters, drive through desert dunes in a 4x4, walk through the dramatic scenery of the Al Hajar mountains and relax in the tropical southern region of Dhofar.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation*
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Travel in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Private full-day cruise to the Daymaniyat islands
- ❖ Experience the excitement of Nizwa's cattle market
- ❖ Sleep under the stars in the desert
- ❖ Spend three nights by a private beach in the tropical south
- ❖ Enjoy the thrill of dune bashing in the desert

Area map



Courtyard and gardens of the Grand Mosque, Muscat

Day 1: Fly to Muscat

Fly to Muscat and transfer to the **The Chedi** for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Muscat

This morning take a private tour of Muscat including visits to the Royal Opera House, the fish market, Muttrah souk, Bait Al Zubair museum and the Grand Mosque. Photo stops will be made at Al Alam Palace and the forts of Mirani and Jalali. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Daymaniyat islands

Board your own private catamaran and sail north of Muscat towards the marine nature reserve of the Daymaniyat islands. Swim and snorkel in the clear waters with lunch served on board. Later, sail along the coastline to enjoy the sunset and return to your hotel. (B, L)

Day 4: Wadi Shab • Sur • Sharqiya Sands

Drive to the desert via the fishing village of Quriyat; a limestone crater filled with turquoise water; and Wadi Shab, a palm-fringed lagoon. After lunch at Sur, continue to Sharqiya Sands for Omani coffee in a Bedouin camp and experience dune bashing. Stay overnight at the **Desert Nights Camp***. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Jabal Akhdar

Drive into the cooler climates of the Al Hajar mountains, stopping en route at an uninhabited village to explore its orchards and brick houses. Continue to the **Alila Jabal Akhdar** or **Anantara Jabal Akhdar** for a 3-night stay. Perched at 2,000 metres above sea level,

these luxury resorts are a tranquil base from which to explore the area. (B)

Day 6: Nizwa

Early morning visit to Nizwa's cattle market† before exploring the round fort and the souk. Continue to the 17th-century Jabrin fort and have lunch near to Jabal Shams, the highest peak in the mountains. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7: Jabal Akhdar

Day at leisure. Relax in the infinity pool, go for a gentle hike, take in the spectacular views and enjoy the spa facilities (payable locally). (B)

Day 8: Fly to Salalah

Transfer to Muscat airport and fly to Salalah. Transfer to **Al Baleed Resort Salalah by Anantara** for 3 nights. (B)

Days 9-10: Salalah

Two days at leisure. Relax by the pool or wander along the private beach. Alternatively, book an excursion to experience some of the local sights like the frankincense trail, Bin Ali's tomb, the lost city of Ubar or tropical farms. (B)

Day 11: Fly home via Muscat

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

* **Accommodation in Sharqiya Sands:** Desert Nights Camp may be closed between June and August.

† The cattle market in Nizwa is on a Friday only and finishes around 11am.

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 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: OIS

Low season from £4,975
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £5,445
Guide price month: Sep

Peak to Beach

Duration • 8 days & 6 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £2,545 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

Experience the pristine beaches and spectacular mountain scenery of Oman. Travel the steep, winding road that leads to Jabal Akhdar, the 'green mountains', known for their terraced rose gardens and fruit plantations. Stay in a luxurious mountain resort with dramatic canyon views and superb stargazing opportunities. Next, visit the Arabian Peninsula where you will find the atmospheric waterfront and bustling authentic souks of Muscat. Spend time exploring the city's ancient forts and excellent museums, relax on sandy beaches, or take a snorkelling cruise to the Daymaniyat islands.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation throughout
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Travel in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Accompanied by experienced local guides
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Spend 3 nights at the one of the world's highest luxury resorts
- ❖ Relax for 3 nights at a beachside resort near Muscat
- ❖ Includes days at leisure to explore the mountains & relax by the Arabian Gulf

Area map



Jabal Akhdar

Day 1: Fly to Muscat

Fly overnight to Muscat. (N)

Day 2: Jabal Akhdar

Arrive in Muscat. Transfer to Jabal Akhdar for a 3-night stay at the **Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort**, situated on the rim of a canyon in the Hajar mountains, with panoramic views. (N)

Day 3: Jabal Akhdar

Day at leisure. Explore the surrounding area with a tour to Oman's highest mountain, Jabal Shams, for breathtaking views. Relax in your resort's infinity pool or go for a gentle hike. (B)

Day 4: Jabal Akhdar

Morning tour to Nizwa to visit the bustling Sinaw market and the massive Nizwa fort, which dominates the town. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Muscat

Transfer back to Muscat to the magnificent **Shangri-La Al Husn**, where you will stay for 3 nights. (B)

Days 6-7: Muscat

Day at leisure to relax by the Arabian Gulf or

explore Muscat further. Optional activities include a snorkelling cruise to the Daymaniyat islands, a boat trip in search of whales and dolphins, or seeing a performance at the Royal Opera House. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

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

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 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: OPD

Low season from £2,545
Guide price month: May - Aug

High season from £3,295
Guide price month: Oct

Oman & Zanzibar

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights
Category • Superior

Private tour • From £3,795 (incl. flights)

**NEW
TOUR**

Tour overview

For 200 years, Zanzibar, now Tanzania, was under the control of the Sultanate of Oman, becoming a principal centre for the ivory and slave trade in the mid-19th century. Its importance was such that the Omani capital was moved there from Muscat. This 12-day itinerary travels to Stone Town in Zanzibar to retrace the legacy of Omani rule, before continuing to Oman to explore today's capital city of Muscat, picturesque fishing villages along the coast, the desert dunes of Sharqiya Sands, and Nizwa on the edge of the Hajar mountains.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Travel in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Spend 4 nights in Zanzibar
- ❖ Comprehensive city tours of both Stone Town & Muscat
- ❖ Visit the green turtle nesting site at Ras Al Jinz beach
- ❖ Overnight at a desert camp in Sharqiya Sands

Area map



Stone Town, Zanzibar, Tanzania

Day 1: Fly to Zanzibar via Muscat

Fly overnight to Zanzibar, via Muscat, with Oman Air. (N)

Day 2: Stone Town, Zanzibar

Afternoon arrival into Zanzibar and transfer to the **Serena Inn** (or similar) in Stone Town for 4 nights. (N)

Day 3: Stone Town

Morning walking tour of Stone Town. Follow the trail of the sultans, slaves and explorers through the winding streets, stopping at the former slave market, the Anglican cathedral, the House of Wonders palace, the Sultan's Palace Museum, the Arab Fort and the Old Dispensary. Wander through the markets, packed with fresh seafood, fruits and vegetables. (B)

Days 4-5: Stone Town

Days at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Fly to Muscat, Oman

Morning transfer to the airport and fly to Muscat with Oman Air. Transfer to the **Hormuz Grand Muscat** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 7: Muscat

Morning visit to the Grand Mosque*, followed by a tour of the city including Bait Al Zubair Museum and the forts of Al Jalali and Al Mirani.

Day 8: Wadi Shab • Qalhat • Sur

Drive south by 4x4 along the coast from Muscat to Sur, passing the fishing village of Quriyat. Stops en route include Wadi Shab, a palm fringed lagoon, and Qalhat, an ancient city visited by Marco Polo. In the evening, visit the green turtle nesting site at Ras Al Jinz beach. Overnight at the **Sur Plaza Hotel**. (B)

Day 9: Wadi Bani Khalid • Sharqiya Sands

Scenic drive through the eastern Hajar mountains to Sharqiya Sands. En route, stop at Wadi Bani Khalid, a picturesque river valley.

Overnight at **1,000 Nights Camp**. (B, D)

Day 10: Jabal Shams • Nizwa

After a buffet breakfast, depart for Jabal Shams, Oman's highest peak, stopping en route at Wadi Ghul farming village. Continue to Wadi Nakher, located in Oman's deepest canyon, before arriving in Nizwa. Evening at leisure. Stay 1 night at **The View** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 11: Bahla fort • Muscat

Leave for Muscat. En route, visit the Unesco-listed Bahla fort before driving through the Sumail Gap to Muscat. Late afternoon arrival in Muscat and stay overnight at the **Hormuz Grand Muscat**. (B)

Day 12: Fly home

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

Important information

* **Grand Mosque visit:** Women visiting the mosque must cover their head with a scarf and should not wear shorts, beachwear or sleeveless outfits. Men must also be fully covered.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: OAZ

Low season from £3,795
 Guide price months: May – Aug

High season from £3,995
 Guide price months: Mar & Oct

Hotel Collection

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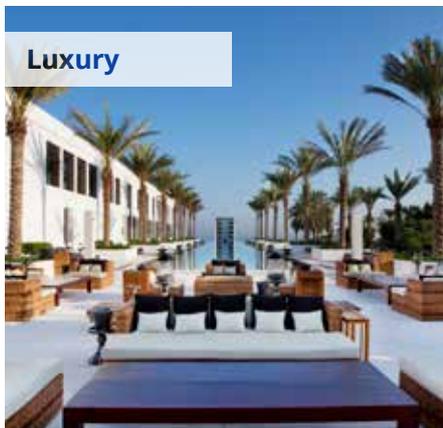
Luxury

Al Bustan Palace, Muscat

Combining contemporary with traditional, the Al Bustan Palace enjoys a dramatic location between the sands of the Gulf of Oman and the towering Hajar mountains. Set along a private beach amid 80 hectares of landscaped gardens, lagoons and infinity pools, the hotel offers Arabian splendour on a grand scale. The property was extensively refurbished in 2018.

Features:

250 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants, private beach, 5 outdoor pools including an infinity pool, pool / garden bar.



Luxury

The Chedi, Muscat

The Chedi is a sophisticated beach resort and spa, and the ideal place to unwind. The low-rise white buildings are accentuated by symmetrical water gardens and all rooms have views of the gardens or the Hajar mountains and the Arabian Sea. Zen, Arabic, Japanese and European influences are evident throughout its minimalist design.

Features:

158 rooms & suites, 8 restaurants, infinity pool, spa, tennis courts.



Luxury

Kempinski Hotel, Muscat

Opened in 2018, the Kempinski Hotel Muscat is located adjacent to the marina within Al Mouj, an up-and-coming area of luxury hotels, green spaces and over 6km of stunning coastline. The hotel provides a seamless blend of local traditions and European luxury throughout, in an ideal location for those setting out on cruises from Muscat.

Features:

310 rooms & suites, 4 restaurants & bars, spa, gym, pool.



Luxury

Al Husn: Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa, Muscat

Situated on a headland commanding fabulous views, the exclusive Shangri-La Al Husn offers the highest levels of luxury and service, and guests have complimentary access to Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa facilities and amenities. Majestic in style, all facilities are exclusive to guests and include a private beach cove and cliff-top infinity pool.

Features:

180 rooms, swimming pool, over 20 dining choices within the resort, bar, garden, terrace, treatment villas, spa.



Superior

Al Waha: Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa, Muscat

Al Waha is the largest of the three hotels within Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort and is especially suited to families. The rooms have either a large balcony or a patio with sea view. Al Waha translates to 'the oasis', and the design of the hotel is such that the several swimming pools with date palm trees create the impression of being in an oasis.

Features:

262 rooms & suites, pool, spa, tennis court, 12 restaurants and bars.



Superior

Al Falaj Hotel, Muscat

Part of the Aitken Spence Hotels portfolio, the Al Falaj Hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Muscat with easy access to the city's main attractions and only 35km from the airport. Rooms are comfortably furnished in contemporary style with modern facilities. Dine on local specialities in the Souk Cafe or sample Japanese dishes in the Tokyo Taro Restaurant.

Features:

150 rooms & suites, 3 restaurants & bars, gift shop, hairdresser & beauty salon, health club, swimming pool.



Luxury

Sahab Resort & Spa, Jabal Akhdar

The Sahab Resort & Spa is an intimate boutique property situated high on the Saiq plateau, 2,000 metres above sea level on Jabal Al Akhdar in the western Hajar mountains. Its location gives it spectacular views overlooking the canyon and mountains. Friendly staff offer a personalised service and the spa offers a menu of massages and treatments.

Features:

27 rooms, restaurant, 2 outdoor pools, spa services.



Luxury

Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort, Jabal Akhdar

Set on a canyon rim 2,000 metres above sea level, Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort offers elegant architecture in a stunning mountain setting, just 30 minutes' drive from Nizwa. Rooms have a contemporary feel with Arabic touches and the dramatic canyon provides a striking backdrop for the infinity pool.

Features:

115 rooms & villas, infinity pool, 3 restaurants, spa, gym, cooking school.



Luxury

Alila, Jabal Akhdar

Set 2,000 metres above sea level, Alila Jabal Akhdar, which means 'the green mountain' in Arabic, is set in Oman's Al Hajar mountain range and overlooks a dramatic gorge yet is just a couple of hours' drive from Muscat. All suites and villas have outstanding views of the surrounding mountain scenery and are decorated with Omani-inspired furnishings.

Features:

78 suites & villas, restaurant, outdoor heated infinity pool, spa, gym, Wi-Fi.



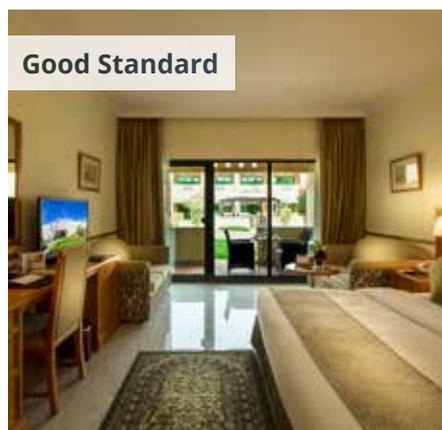
Good Standard

The View, near Nizwa

The View is located at 1,400 metres above sea level in a valley spanning the Jebel Shams mountains. As its name suggests, it offers spectacular views over the surrounding terrain. The rooms have a pod-like design, each with en suite facilities and their own private terrace. Local activities include trekking, cycling and visits to cultural sites and surrounding villages. At night, guests can relax by a campfire.

Features:

30 rooms, restaurant, cafe lounge, heated infinity swimming pool.



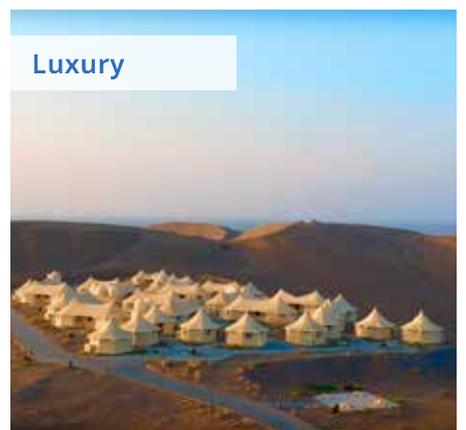
Good Standard

Golden Tulip Hotel, Nizwa

Built with traditional Omani-style architecture, the Golden Tulip Hotel provides an oasis of peace and tranquillity set against the magnificent Hajar mountains. Just a short drive from Nizwa, the hotel is within easy reach of other tourist attractions such as the pottery town of Bahla, Jabrin fort and the picturesque mountain villages of Al Hamra and Misfah. Most rooms feature a private terrace.

Features:

120 rooms & suites, restaurant, bar, swimming pool, spa, gym.



Luxury

Dunes by Al Nahda, Barka

Providing a luxury desert experience, Dunes by Al Nahda is located in Wadi Al Abiyad, less than 1 hour from Muscat airport. The beautifully appointed, free-standing, tent-style rooms are air conditioned with en suite bathrooms and panoramic views of the surrounding dunes. Meal plans can be added at the Fleur Restaurant, which combines delightful alfresco dining with Omani and western-style seating.

Features:

50 rooms spread across 30 tents, restaurant, bar, spa, swimming pool, room service.

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Six Senses Zighy Bay, Musandam

The Six Senses Zighy Bay is located on the Musandam peninsula in the far north of Oman. The setting is spectacular, with mountains to one side and a 1.6-kilometre sandy beach on the other.

The resort resembles a traditional Omani village, with individual villas separated by shaded, sandy roads. The villas combine traditional Omani architecture with modern amenities, each with a private pool with sun deck, indoor and outdoor showers and oversized bathtub. Some villas have direct beach access while others have their own in-villa spa.

Dining options include mountaintop fine dining at Sense on the Edge or a bedouin dining experience at Shua Shack. Activities include guided hikes, dhow cruises and snorkelling tours.

Features:

82 rooms & suites, 4 restaurants, 2 bars, outdoor swimming pool, health club & spa.

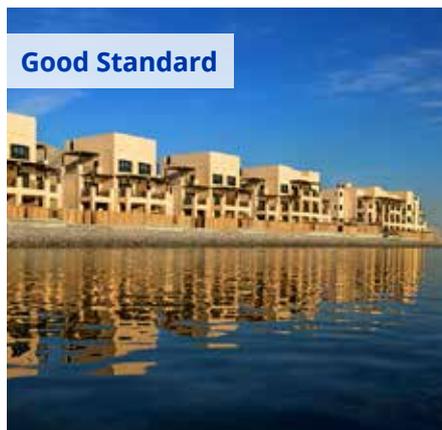


The Ras Al Jinz Scientific & Visitors Centre, Ras Al Jinz

The Ras Al Jinz Scientific and Visitors Centre is a 1 hour's drive from Sur in the Ras Al Hadd Nature Reserve, where endangered green turtles come to nest. The centre offers comfortable rooms and eco tents with air conditioning and en suite bathrooms. Turtle viewing excursions and museum entry is included with all stays.

Features:

31 rooms & eco tents, restaurant, gift shop, library room.



Atana Musandam, Musandam

Located on the northern tip of the Musandam peninsula, the Atana Musandam has been inspired by a typical Omani village with eight clusters of low-rise buildings. The property provides a great base for exploring the nearby fjords and the onsite Al Mawra restaurant offers a menu featuring both international and Omani fare.

Features:

110 rooms, restaurant, bar, outdoor swimming pool, gym.



The Sur Plaza Hotel, Sur

The Sur Plaza Hotel is located in the picturesque town of Sur, an old fishing village where traditional dhow boats are manufactured. The hotel is close to Ras al Jinz where guests can visit the turtle sanctuary and watch green turtles nesting. Rooms are modern and comfortable while the restaurant serves a variety of continental, Indian, Arabic and Chinese cuisine.

Features:

92 rooms & suites, restaurant, 3 bars, outdoor swimming pool, health club & gym.

Luxury



Al Baleed Resort Salah by Anantara, Salah

Set between a beach and freshwater lagoon, Al Baleed Resort Salah by Anantara is one of the finest properties in the area. Inspired by the coastal fortresses, the design of the resort reflects Dhofar's rich heritage with walkways around the hotel surrounded by tropical gardens, water features and towering palms.

The elegant rooms offer beach, sea or garden views, and offer either a private balcony or terrace. Some of the villas have their own private pool.

Relax by the stunning infinity pool or on the hotel's private shoreline. Dining options include Mekong, focusing on Asia's diverse culinary heritage, and the informal Al Mina beachside restaurant, which serves Mediterranean dishes. A romantic private dinner on the beach or in the gardens can also be arranged.

Features:

40 rooms & 96 villas, 3 restaurants, private beach, spa, infinity pool, gym, tennis court.



Superior



Crowne Plaza Resort, Salah

Crowne Plaza Resort is set within lush, landscaped gardens with the turquoise waters of the Oman Gulf and beach nearby. The centre of Salah is just 10 minutes' drive away and there is a courtesy shuttle bus for transfers to the airport. The property has a good range of facilities with three interconnecting pools, alfresco dining and a pub.

Features:

153 rooms & villas, 2 restaurants, bar, gym, outdoor pool.

Superior



Desert Nights Camp, Sharqiya Sands

The Desert Nights Camp site is set in the vast Sharqiya Sands desert with a backdrop of craggy mountains. The camp has air-conditioned bedouin tents with separate living room and an en suite bathroom with shower. The camp has an air-conditioned dining area or there is the option to eat alfresco. Activities include camel rides through the desert.

Features:

39 Bedouin style tents, restaurant, recreation room.

Simple



1,000 Nights Camp, Sharqiya Sands

The 1,000 Nights Campsite is located in an isolated area of Sharqiya Sands surrounded by endless red dunes and set among cineraria trees. Marvel at the sunset, the sunrise and the myriad stars peppering the night sky, all while enjoying the comfort of a bedouin tent. All Cox & Kings clients are accommodated in Sheikh tents, which have a private bathroom.

Features:

42 traditional tents, restaurant, barbecue, swimming pool.

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)

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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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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



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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.

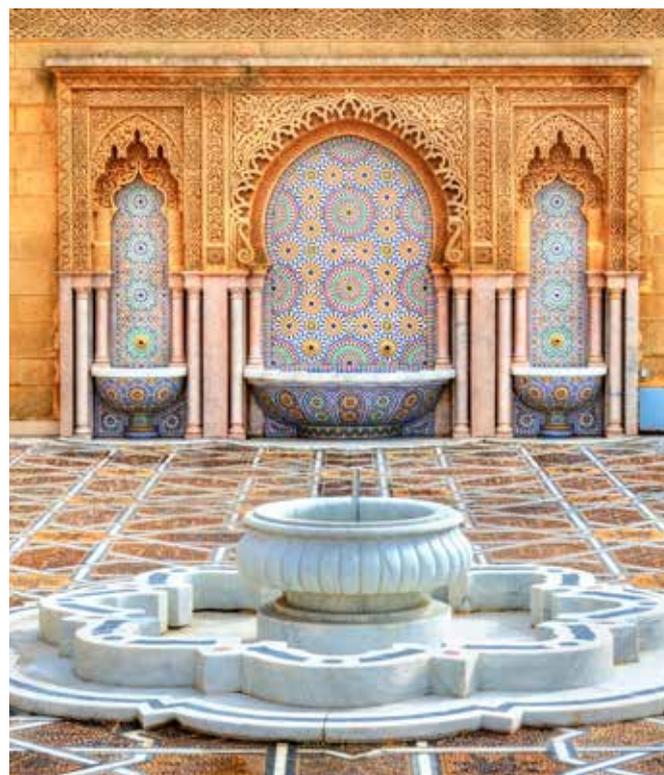
An additional premium applies to any person **aged 66 to 74 years** at the date of payment of the insurance premium. The appropriate premium will be quoted on application. This insurance is **not** available to any person **aged 75 years or more** at the date of payment of insurance premium unless agreed 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.



Fountain at the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco

Travel in the Middle East

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 the Middle East 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 the region.

Flights

International flights: On our group tours, the following carriers will generally be used: British Airways, Royal Jordanian, Oman Air, Royal Air Maroc, Uzbekistan Airways, Turkish Airlines and easyJet. 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 brochures; 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 refer to 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. 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 airline's 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 or First Class, this is normally possible, subject to availability. If you would like to take one of these options, please contact one of our travel consultants, 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, Business is 30kg and First is 40kg.

Internal flights: All 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 and, 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 a different 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. While the airline will sometimes make alternative arrangements to get you to your destination at no extra cost, 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 incurred 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.

Flight amendments: Most of the tours shown in this brochure use special airfares. These have certain conditions, which 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 or First Class. We are able to request general seating preferences for Economy Class passengers. With all special requests, please remember that they are all 'requests' and as such are at the discretion of the airline and cannot be guaranteed.

Road Travel

Generally, the road conditions you will experience in the Middle East are fairly good. The majority of the roads are sealed and in reasonable condition. However, please be aware that some tours involve off-road driving, which can be uncomfortable, dusty and quite strenuous. The distance covered in some of our tours is also considerable. If you have any problems with protracted road travel, please discuss this with your consultant. Types of vehicle vary according to the country visited and the numbers on a tour, but 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 bus. In destinations where conditions require it, off-road driving will be in 4x4 vehicles.

Early Starts

A number of flights to the Middle East arrive and depart early in the morning, and while we will endeavour to schedule your tour with a flight that arrives and departs at a reasonable time, sometimes there is little or no alternative and early check-in or check-out times may be required. To avoid the heat during the warmer months, early morning starts are often made for sightseeing.

Accommodation

Accommodation standards vary dramatically throughout the Middle East and hotels should not generally be compared to western European standards. For our tours in the Middle East, 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 this event, we will advise you of the alternative hotels, which will, where possible, be of the same or a higher standard than those

featured in the itineraries. There are many new hotels being built in the Middle East and we may upgrade those featured in the brochure if better options in the same category become available. Christmas and New Year dinners are compulsory at some hotels – these will be charged as a supplement when the prices are confirmed. Please note, all rooms reserved on your tour are standard.

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-ins and late check-outs cannot be pre-booked, but can sometimes be negotiated on site.

Extensions

In most cases, prices for individual arrangements and tour extensions are quoted excluding a guide. Pre-booked guides are expensive and local guides are available at most major sites at a lesser cost. The supplement for a guide is available on request. For logistical reasons, some extensions are on a shared basis based upon a minimum of two passengers and not on a private basis.

Walking

Many of the sites in the Middle East are quite spread out and our tours consequently necessitate a reasonable amount of walking. While the walking is normally easy going, a full day's sightseeing can be quite tiring and sometimes strenuous.

Dress

Please be aware that tourism is a relatively new concept in many parts of the Middle East and that much of the region is still very traditional. Please respect local customs and dress codes.

Nile Cruises

At certain times of the year, the day-by-day cruise itinerary is subject to change due to low water levels on the Nile. On the longer cruises, visits to Qena may not always be possible. Due to the large numbers of cruise boats operating on the Nile, delays can occur when passing through the Esna lock, sometimes necessitating sailing at night. Embarkation and disembarkation of both Nile and Lake Nasser cruise boats usually involves descending and ascending a flight of steps. Cruise itineraries are run on a full-board basis, but all drinks will be charged as extras.

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 e-mail 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 the 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 or countries that 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:

Egypt:	AB*C'EGHIJL
Iran:	ABC'DEGHIJKL
Israel:	AEGIL
Jordan:	AB*C'EGIJL
Kazakhstan:	AC*EGHIL
Kyrgyzstan:	AC*EGHIL
Morocco:	AEGHIL
Oman:	AB*C'EGHIL
Turkmenistan:	ABEGHIKL
Uzbekistan:	AEGHIL

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 required and can be obtained on arrival, please check requirements with your travel consultant.
B ^o :	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 ^o :	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:	Entry is prohibited or can lead to complications if you have an Israeli stamp or stamps from other countries bordering crossing points with Israel in your passport.
K:	Diphtheria precautions advised.
L:	Hepatitis B precautions advised.

Changes to requirements and recommendations:

The above information is accurate at the time of writing (May 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.

High altitude: Please check with your travel consultant as to which areas are at high altitude. In order to minimise the effects of altitude, it is advisable to rest for a few hours upon arrival. If you have any history of heart complaints, or if you are over the age of 60, please check with your GP that it is safe to visit these areas.

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 an online application is £75.50 or a postal application is £85, 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.

Entry into some Middle Eastern countries is prohibited if you have either an Israeli stamp in your passport or any evidence that you have been to Israel (ie entry or exit stamps from border crossings of neighbouring countries). Please check the Entry Requirements section

for further details and call Cox & Kings if you are unsure.

Information on visas may be obtained from the respective embassies and high commissions at the following addresses:

- Egyptian Consulate, 2 Lowndes Street, London SW1X 9ET. Tel: 020 7235 9777.
- Consulate of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 50 Kensington Court, London, W8 5DB. Tel: 020 7361 0814.
- Embassy of Israel, (Consular Services) 15A Old Court Place, London W8 4PL. Tel: 020 7957 9500.
- Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 6 Upper Phillimore Gardens, London W8 7HA. Tel: 020 7937 3685.
- Embassy of Kazakhstan, 125 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EA. Tel: 020 7925 1757.
- Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ascot House, 119 Crawford Street, London W1U 6BJ. Tel: 020 7935 1462.
- Consulate General of the Kingdom of Morocco, Diamond House, 97-99 Praed Street, London W2 1NT. Tel: 020 7724 0624.
- Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman, 167 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HE. Tel: 020 7225 0001.
- Embassy of Turkmenistan, 131 Holland Park Avenue, London W11 4UT. Tel: 020 7610 5239.
- Embassy of Uzbekistan, 41 Holland Park, London W11 3RP. Tel: 020 7229 7679.

Visas

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.

- For Iran, before you can request a visa, Cox & Kings must obtain an authorisation number from the government in Iran on your behalf, which must be submitted with your visa application. Full details of the information needed in order to obtain this will be included separately with your confirmation invoice. The whole process for obtaining a visa for Iran can take approximately 8 weeks, therefore it is vital that you provide all the necessary information in good time.
- For Turkmenistan you will need a letter of invitation. Cox & Kings will process this on your behalf before you apply for the visa.
- For Oman, you can apply for a Tourist e-Visa with a maximum duration of 30 days and valid for a period of 1 year. Applications can be made online – <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/>

Flying in Style

Your choice of scheduled airlines: It is Cox & Kings' policy to use scheduled flights on airlines with strong reputations for service, reliability and punctuality. In addition, we are able to book easyJet and Air Arabia flights. Our holidays to the Middle East feature a number of world-class airlines and on these pages we have highlighted eight of the best, as well as the different services they offer.

Stretch out: On long-haul flights, a little extra room can make a big difference to your comfort, so Cox & Kings offers a range of upgrade options at great prices. In addition, the faster check in and comfortable lounges available to most upgrading passengers allow you to pass through the airport with ease.

Regional connections: Cox & Kings offers excellent add-on prices for those wishing to connect to long-haul flights from regional UK airports.

For further information, please either refer to the price panel on the tour page in this brochure or contact Cox & Kings.



British Airways flies from London Heathrow to Cairo, Amman, Tel Aviv, Beirut, Muscat, Doha, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Marrakech (October to March only) and from Gatwick to Marrakech*. You can either check in online or by using the British Airways app, printing or downloading your boarding pass and taking your baggage directly to the Bag Drop desk. Alternatively, check in at the check-in kiosk at the airport.



World Traveller benefits: A 79cm (31in) seat pitch with lumbar support, footrest and adjustable headrest; personal flat screen with headphones offering access to hundreds of the latest films, television and music; and balanced meals with a complimentary bar service.



World Traveller Plus benefits: A smaller, more intimate cabin with priority boarding; a wider seat pitch 97cm (38in) and extra leg room offering more personal space than World Traveller; a flat in-flight entertainment screen with noise-cancelling headphones; and two delicious meals served on china crockery with a complimentary bar service.



Club World benefits: Dedicated check-in desks with access to private lounges and luxurious spa treatments[†]; priority boarding to your spacious seat which extends into a 183cm (6ft) fully flat bed with quality bedding and amenity kits specially designed by The White Company; a 31cm (12.1in) flat screen with noise-cancelling headphones; a three-course menu hand delivered with hearty dishes and nutritious salads along with a quality range of spirits and expertly sourced wines; and Club Kitchen snacks to help along with the flight.



First benefits: Experience the exclusive First Wing in London Heathrow Terminal Five, or at other airports use the dedicated check-in desks with access to private lounges, luxurious spa treatments[†] and priority boarding; your personal suite converts into a 198cm (6ft 6in) fully flat bed with a luxurious quilted mattress, crisp white cotton duvet and pillow; exclusively designed Temperley London loungewear, amenity bag and slippers; a 39cm (15.4in) flat screen with noise-cancelling headphones; choose from a formal a la carte menu or an informal dining option, accompanied by fine wines and champagnes.

* Flights to Marrakech are operated on short haul aircraft, therefore product offering will differ.

[†] Elemis Travel Spa: Available at London Heathrow Terminal 5.



Oman Air operates two flights daily from London Heathrow and one daily flight from Manchester to Muscat on the 787 Dreamliner, with onward connections to Salalah, Dubai, Tehran and Abu Dhabi.

Economy Class benefits: A 79cm (31in) seat pitch with adjustable headrest and leg rest; personal 27cm (10.6in) touchscreen with a wide selection of movies, TV box sets, music and interactive games; and varied menus to include international and Arabic dining with a complimentary bar service.

Business Class benefits: Voted the Middle East's leading airline business class since 2016; Dedicated check-in and access to lounges; an innovative cabin layout comparable to many First Class cabins with direct aisle access, privacy dividers and a 191cm (6ft 3in) lie-flat bed; 43cm (17in) touchscreen and noise-cancelling headphones with a large selection of movies, TV box sets, audio and games; and a selection of a la carte cuisine with a wide selection of wines and other beverages to pair with your dishes.

First Class benefits: Dedicated check in and access to lounges; eight first class private suites; 198cm (6ft 5in) lie-flat beds; 56cm (22in) personal touchscreen and noise-cancelling headphones; complimentary Wi-Fi; and a fully on-demand a la carte menu of Omani, Arabic and international cuisine paired with a range of expertly paired wines and champagne.



British Airways World Traveller Plus



British Airways Club World



Oman Air Business Class



From September 2019 Virgin Atlantic will operate a new non-stop flight from London Heathrow to Tel Aviv out of Terminal 3. You can check in online or by using the Virgin Atlantic app – print or download the boarding pass and take your baggage directly to the Bag Drop desk. Alternatively, check in at the check-in kiosk at the airport.

Economy Classic benefits: Seats with 79cm (31in) seat pitch and free seat selection; enjoy a three-course meal, drinks and snacks; and fantastic in-flight entertainment.

Economy Delight benefits: Premium check in and boarding; on board, relax into your extra legroom seat with an 86cm (34in) seat pitch; enjoy a three-course meal, drinks and snacks; and fantastic in-flight entertainment.

Premium benefits: Premium check in and boarding; dedicated Premium cabin; welcome drink; wide leather seat with 97cm (38in) seat pitch; in-seat power supply; premium menu.

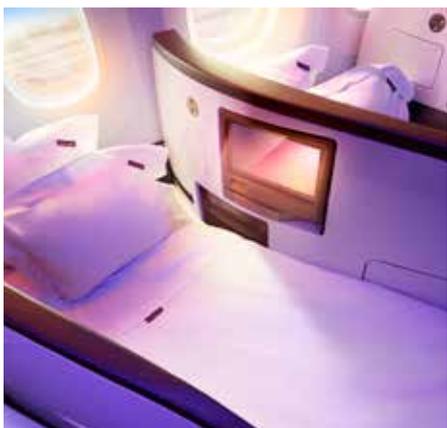


Virgin Atlantic Premium

Upper Class benefits: Chauffeur-driven car service* to take you to the Upper Class Wing within minutes†; access to the Clubhouse airport lounge‡; on board, relax into your suite and enjoy imaginatively designed dishes and fine wines; then drift off to sleep in your fully flat bed.

* Chauffeur driven car service available at most destinations with selected Upper Class fares. Mileage restrictions apply. † Timings based on using Upper Class Wing at London Heathrow.

‡ Lounge facilities vary at each destination.



Virgin Atlantic Upper Class



EgyptAir is a member of Star Alliance, operating two daily flights from London Heathrow to Cairo and one flight a week to Luxor. There are onward connections across Egypt.

Economy Class benefits: On the Cairo routing, up to 81cm (32in) seat pitch with adjustable headrest and footrest; personal 27cm (10.6in) television screen with audio video on demand; and choice of meals and complimentary drinks (alcohol is not available). On the Luxor route, up to 84cm (33in) seat pitch.

Business Class benefits: Separate check in and access to lounges. On the Cairo routing*, 186cm (6ft 1in) flat beds; built-in massage functions; personal 39cm (15.4in) television screen; and three-course meals (alcohol is not available). On the Luxor route, seat pitch of 121cm (48in) seats and personal television screens are available.

* Seating features may vary according to aircraft type.



Royal Jordanian is the national carrier of Jordan and operates a daily non-stop flight from London Heathrow to Amman and beyond, including Aqaba.

Economy Class benefits: An 81cm (32in) seat pitch with headrest; 27cm (10.6in) personal television screen; and choice of two meals (special meals can be requested) with complimentary drinks.

Crown Class benefits: Separate check in and access to lounges; fully flat beds* with 180-degree recline that are 198cm (6ft 5in) long; personal 43cm (17in) television screens; four-course a la carte meals, accompanied by fine wines; and snacks and drinks available from the pantry.

* Boeing 787 (Dreamliner)



Royal Jordanian Crown Class



Royal Air Maroc operates direct flights from London Heathrow, London Gatwick and Manchester to Casablanca with onward connections within Morocco to Marrakech, Fez and Essaouira, and also to Cairo and Beirut. There are also direct flights from London Heathrow to Rabat.

Economy Class benefits: 81cm (32in) seat pitch; choice of meals, complimentary soft drinks, wine and beer; and complimentary newspapers.

Business Class benefits: Dedicated check in; access to lounges; armchair-style seat with 101cm (40in) seat pitch; choice of Moroccan and international cuisine with champagne and wines; in-flight audio and video entertainment; and complimentary newspapers and magazines.



Turkish Airlines flies from London Heathrow, London Gatwick, Manchester, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Dublin to its new hub in Istanbul with onward connections to the Middle East.

Economy Class benefits: A 79cm (31in) seat pitch with an adjustable footrest and headrest; personal television screen with in-flight entertainment; and a choice of two meals (special meals can be requested) with complimentary drinks.

Business Class benefits: Separate check in and access to lounges; fully flat beds* with 180-degree recline that are 193cm (6ft 3in) long; a larger personal television screen with in-flight entertainment; four-course meals created and served by their Flying Chefs, accompanied by fine wines.

* Seating features may vary according to aircraft type.



Uzbekistan Airways operates two flights a week from London Heathrow to Tashkent with an Airbus A320neo aircraft.

Economy Class benefits: Up to 81cm (32in) seat pitch; personal seatback screen with latest films, music and programs; chargeable Wi-Fi; and a mixture of Asian or international cuisine with a complimentary drink.

Business Class benefits: Separate check in and access to lounges; a larger seat with a pitch of 103cm (40in); personal seatback screen with latest films, music and programs; free Wi-Fi on board; and a mixture of Asian and international cuisine with complimentary bar service.

* Please note aircraft may change and seat back television may not be available.

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 per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room.

The pricing for all our tours to the Middle East 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).



Spice stall, Marrakech

Solo Travellers Tours

In addition to our main group tours, we also feature Solo Travellers tours in the Middle East. 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. Numbers for these tours are usually restricted to 18 people.

Arts & Culture Tours

This brochure also features several art tours to the Middle East. 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. Our complete range of Arts & Culture tours can be viewed at CoxandKings.co.uk/Art.

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. The Flying in Style section on pages 144-145 contains more information about the different premium classes on the airlines we most commonly use.

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 if 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

Weather in the Middle East is very variable through the seasons and in different regions. The opening spread of pages for each country / 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.

The Middle East is also well known for its festivals. If you are interested in visiting during a particular celebration, please contact a Cox & Kings travel consultant for dates. Some Cox & Kings tours have special festival departures and these are highlighted on the tour page.

Ramadan: The Muslim holy month of Ramadan will run from 23 April to 23 May 2020. During this time, Muslims abstain from eating food, drinking, smoking and even chewing gum between dawn and dusk, instead using the time for prayer, contemplation and charitable work.

While there is no reason not to travel during this period, non-Muslims should exercise discretion and sensitivity while travelling in Muslim countries. Avoid eating, drinking and smoking in public – while many will understand you are not under the same obligation to fast, they will appreciate your awareness. Be aware too that business hours may be reduced and that restaurants may operate amended opening hours or close completely. Restaurants catering for tourists may install screens to keep western diners sectioned off from Muslim guests. In general, the streets are busier in the evenings after sunset during Ramadan, as people break their daily fast. As such it may prove more difficult to travel, especially by public transport, during this time.

A three-day festival, Eid al-Fitr, marks the end of Ramadan. It is a time of great celebration with plenty of activity as people visit their families.

Mobility & Accessibility

Many Cox & Kings tours visit places that require quite a lot of walking. In the case of historical / archaeological sites in particular, surfaces can be uneven and there may be a lot of steps. If you have any concerns about how strenuous a particular itinerary may be, please speak to one of our expert travel consultants prior to booking to get a realistic sense of what is involved.

Combining Multiple World Regions

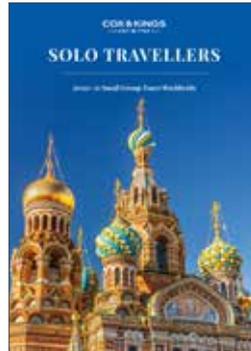
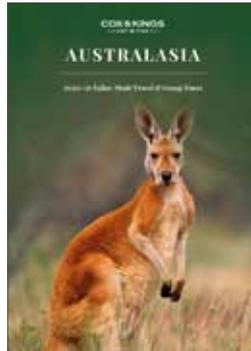
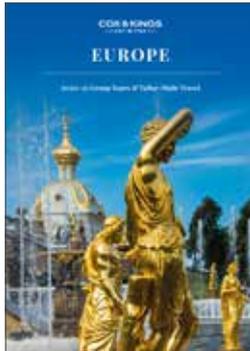
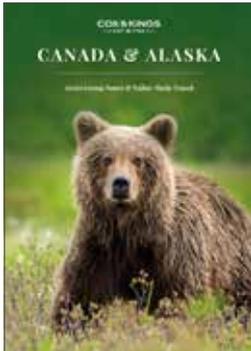
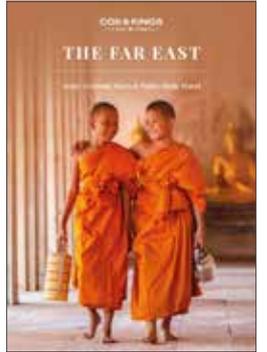
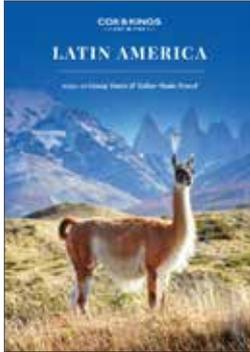
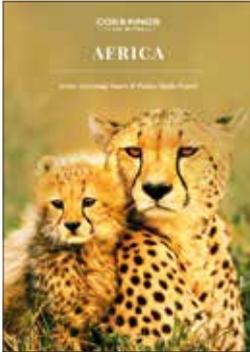
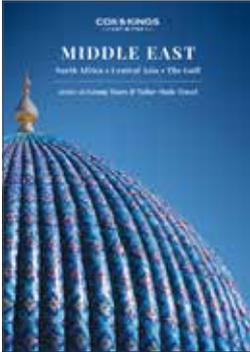
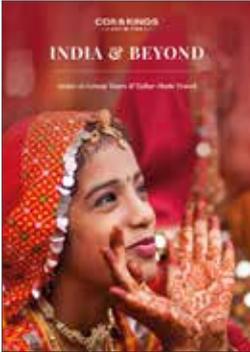
Should you wish to combine multiple regions of the world in a single journey, Cox & Kings has a great deal of experience in tailoring such travel plans, including arranging round-the-world flights. Please contact us for details of the various options and a price quotation.

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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