

# CENTRAL ASIA & THE MIDDLE EAST

WITH EUROPE & SOUTH AFRICA

2024 - 2025



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**Australia's Leading Specialist Touring Operator**

Fully Inclusive Touring | Group, Solo & Private Touring | Authentic Experiences



# WELCOME TO CENTRAL ASIA, THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE AND SOUTH AFRICA!

Come and join us on an extraordinary adventure through this enchanting region on one of our experience-packed tours. As every traveller is different, we've developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel your way. Discover the best option for you here:

## **CLASSIC**

See the classic sights in the company of an expert guide so that you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our Classic Tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the fullest. The tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring program including authentic cultural experiences.

## **GO BEYOND**

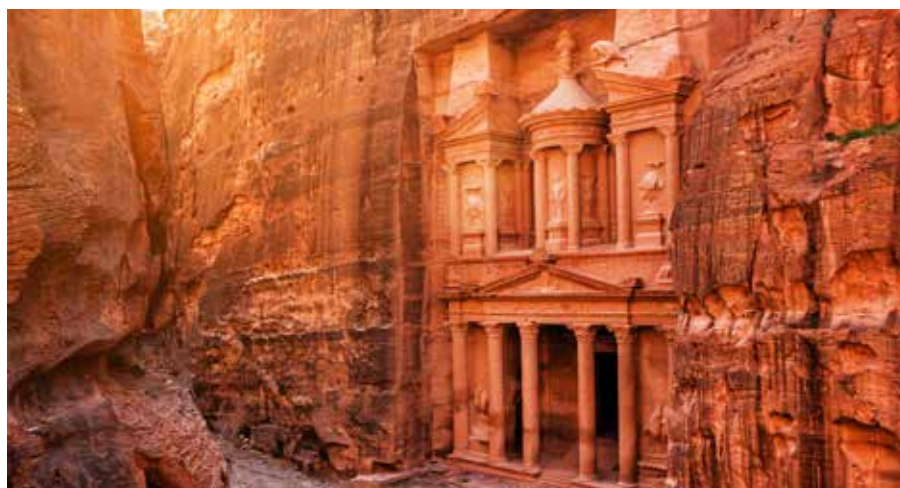
Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. With smaller group sizes and greater flexibility, you will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. Our Go Beyond tours may take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with experiences of a lifetime.

## **SPECIAL GROUPS**

If you're travelling with 10 or more passengers, we can arrange your very own independent Special Group tour. Whether that's a group of friends and family, or even a club or association, we'll tailor any of our tours to suit your group's wishes so you can enjoy a unique holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself.

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# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

## REPUTATION AND EXPERTISE

Wendy Wu Tours was established in 1998 and we have been operating tours to Asia and Beyond ever since. Our success and longevity speaks for itself.

We are passionate about delivering exceptional experiences to our customers that encompass a range of 'must sees' and 'off the beaten track' adventures. We have pioneered access to untapped regions of our world and showcased the amazing spirit in each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout these regions and their knowledge is evident in every detail of your holiday.

We are proud of our awards and achievements but there is still so much to discover and develop!

We are forever inspired by our customers and the life-changing experiences we enable them to discover, so much so that we continue to welcome back customers.

## EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can enjoy every moment! Value for money has been our ethos from the very beginning; your flights, your accommodation, all or most meals, touring, visas, transport, and expert guides are all included and deliver exceptional value.

## EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia and Beyond for over a quarter of a century, building our local expertise and pioneering the roads less travelled so you can enjoy customs and authentic experiences, packed with local flavours.

Welcome to our brand-new Central Asia, Middle East, Europe and South Africa brochure for 2024/2025! Opening its pages, you'll find it packed full of the carefully crafted tours that you would expect from an award-winning tour operator, each designed to make your trip truly unforgettable, so you can return home with a wealth of wonderful memories and travel tales to share.

With 25 years of expertise and experience under our belt, we are always pushing the boundaries of escorted touring. We are continuously learning and exploring so that every year we can add new, unique details to our tours and come up with authentic experiences that you won't find anywhere else.

As always, all of these tours are led by an experienced National Escort, born and raised in the destination you are exploring, who will share with you their in-depth and intimate knowledge of these fascinating lands. They'll take care of you every step of the way, so all you have to do is relax and enjoy the journey.

You may have noticed a new addition to this year's brochure – South Africa! We are so excited to show you all of the classic sights and unique extras of this extraordinary country the Wendy Wu Tours way. You'll find it on page 54. Also added to the collection is Saudi Arabia (page 32) a deep dive into the long and illustrious history of this intriguing nation.

We look forward to welcoming you on a Wendy Wu tour soon.



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Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours



## OUTSTANDING GUIDES

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge, passion, story and dedication to our customers have won us one of the best reputations in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary. You will fall in love with them just as much as their homeland.

## SAFE AND SECURE

We are ATAS accredited members of the Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), as well as foundation members of the Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO). We have a wide network of travel agents working with us nationally, so you benefit from local knowledge combined with Australian understanding and support.

## VISAS

One of our differentiating qualities is that each of our group tours include the cost of the visa for Australian passport holders for each destination (where required), creating a hassle-free process throughout. Our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing, and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

## TIPPING MADE EASY

We have perfected our tipping process to make it as simple as possible! Leave any concerns behind as we advise you how much and when to tip, and our National Escort will take care of the rest. Easy!





# YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

We want everyone who travels with us to enjoy each extraordinary day of their Wendy Wu adventure, so we've made it easy for you to choose your perfect holiday. You can select based on Tour Style (which you'll find inside the front cover) or by Physical Rating (see opposite page) and if you're travelling solo why not join one of our departures reserved exclusively for Solo Travellers?

## ACCOMMODATION STYLES

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the locations you'll visit. Our Classic Tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3-4 star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Go Beyond Tours you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit.

## TOUR PACE

Many of our tours are busy, but that's because we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of special experiences means some early starts and long days, but you can be sure that you'll return home with many incredible memories! Read our Tour Dossiers and check the Physical Ratings to see if the pace and activity levels are right for you.

## CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

If you'd like to explore your destination further, or arrange a stopover on your flight, all you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 58) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our knowledgeable team of experts can help you customise your very own extension to any tour in this brochure.



## PHYSICAL RATING



### LEVEL 1

A reasonable level of fitness is required and you should expect to be on your feet for much of the day. You'll be getting on and off coaches, trains or boats and walking around the sights, often including steps, plus occasional longer walks.

### LEVEL 2

Involves a little more time on your feet than a Level 1 tour and may involve more steps and/or walking.



### LEVEL 3

A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances. Other activities such as cycling will be at a gentle pace and will involve straight-forward terrain.

### LEVEL 4

Similar physical activities to Level 3 but they may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.



### LEVEL 5

You'll need to be fit and adventurous to participate in these tours as on some days you will be active for most of the day. The terrain may be more challenging and the activities more physically demanding.

As the physical demands of each tour are different we recommend you check your Tour Dossier carefully before booking and contact us or your agent if unsure.

# You're in safe hands

Our guides are the stars of the show; it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that will transform your tour experience from good to truly extraordinary!



"Thank you SO much for a wonderful travel experience. I am getting so that I don't want to travel with any other company, after a month with you in China, a month in South America and now the Middle East, with Japan already booked for next year, and New Zealand under consideration, so please expand to cover the whole world! Thank you for making me feel so safe and well looked after throughout, particularly important as a slightly older solo traveller. Your visa service was greatly appreciated so gaining entry to each country was quick and easy. Please just keep doing everything you are already doing so well."

*Anne Pickering*

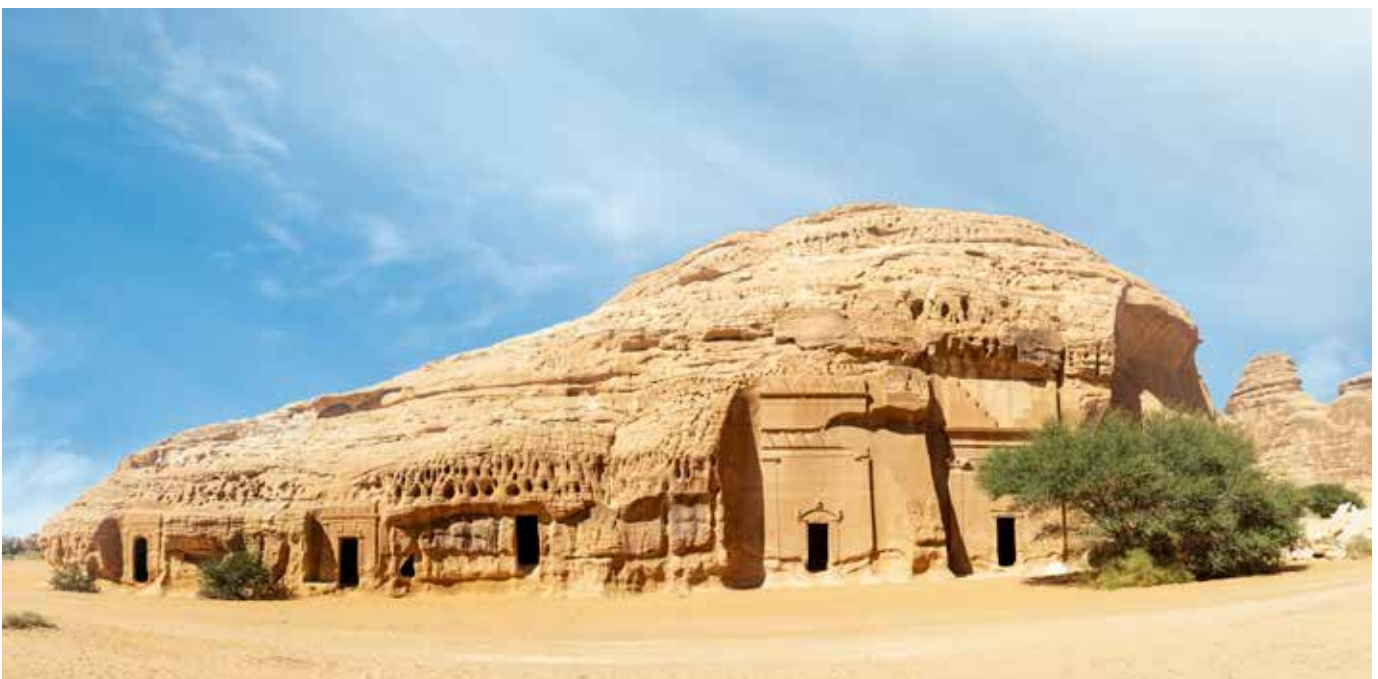
## AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

On all of our group tours you will be accompanied by a dedicated guide, known as your 'National Escort'. Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will immediately put you at ease and make you feel part of the family.

You will be able to put your utmost trust in your guide who will navigate you through the eccentricities of the local way of life.

## ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

- ✔ Have at least five years' guiding experience
- ✔ Are fluent in English
- ✔ Were born and raised in the region they are exploring with you
- ✔ Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- ✔ Are at your service 24 hours a day





# Our Expertise

We are very proud of the awards and the accomplishments we have received over the last quarter of a century that we have been in operation. The recognition from our customers, our industry peers and partners is rewarding, but our most meaningful rewards are when we continually hear the extraordinary tales of adventure from our customers.

Our passion and determination in delivering exceptional experiences to our customers is unwavering, and something we will continue to nurture and deliver. We want you to experience each region with the truest approach, delighting in the amazing spirit of each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout our destinations, with their knowledge and experiences shaping every detail of your holiday.

# Recommended by you

Awards are important, but what matters most are the experiences and feedback we receive from our customers. We're proud of our customer satisfaction ratings and the fact that so many of our customers would happily recommend us, this vote of confidence is all the accolade we need.



# Book with Confidence

Our Book With Confidence guarantee has been introduced to provide you with peace of mind when booking with us so that you can enjoy every moment of your holiday. Our Book with Confidence guarantee applies to group tours.

## 1. LOW DEPOSIT OF \$300pp

Secure your spot with a deposit of \$300pp on every tour. A progress payment may be required with some tour departures. Our reservations team will advise at the time of enquiry.

## 2. YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

Our dedicated 24/7 emergency assistance line is available to all guests travelling with us. Connect with a Wendy Wu Tours expert at any time of day or night, no matter where you are in the world.

## 3. WE'VE GOT YOU

Our commitment is that we are here for you, always. Any disruption to your travel plans will be handled swiftly by our team of professional travel experts who will find the most appropriate solutions for you. Full details can be found in our terms and conditions.

## 4. AUSTRALIAN OWNED & ACCREDITED

We are an Australian owned business with offices in Sydney, London, Auckland and Xian. We are fully accredited members of ATAS (Australian Travel Accreditation Scheme), ATIA (Australian Travel Industry Association), CATO (Council of Australian Tour Operators) and IATA (International Air Transport Association).

# Cultural Encounters, every step of the way

To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the 'Experiences you'll love' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...



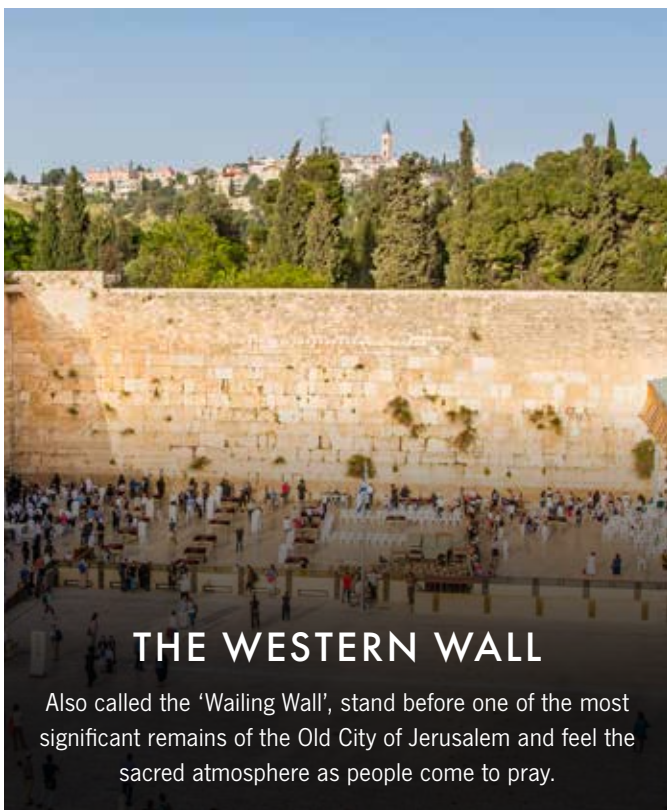
## EAGLE HUNTING

Eagle hunting in Central Asia is a captivating tradition that showcases the deep bond between the local berkutchi hunters and their trained golden eagles. This ancient practice, rooted in both sustenance and culture, highlights the enduring connection between humanity and nature.



## PRIVATE SAFARIS

Experience adventurous, open-air jeep safaris in the heart of South Africa's wild terrain. Led by expert rangers, you eagerly anticipate encounters with 'The Big Five'.



## THE WESTERN WALL

Also called the 'Wailing Wall', stand before one of the most significant remains of the Old City of Jerusalem and feel the sacred atmosphere as people come to pray.



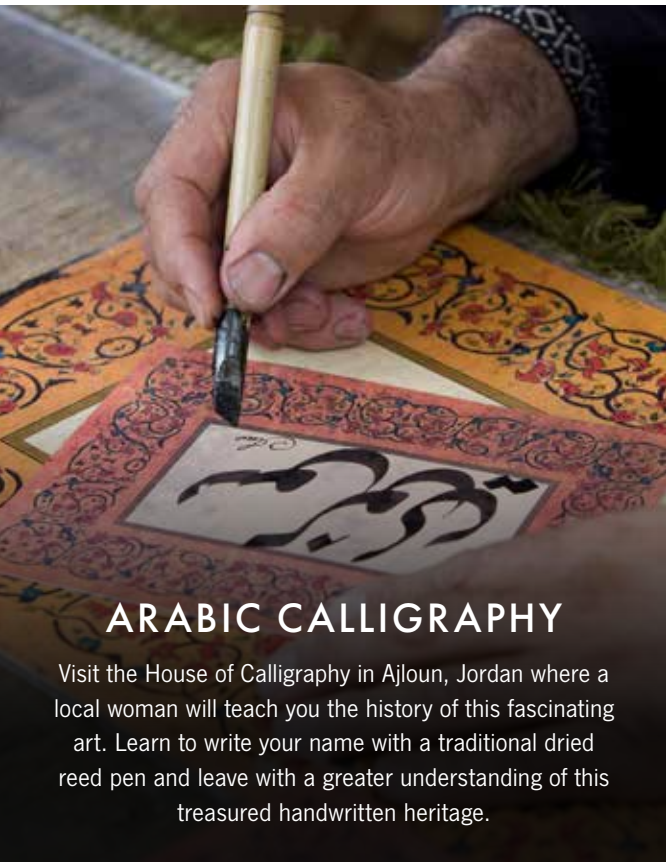
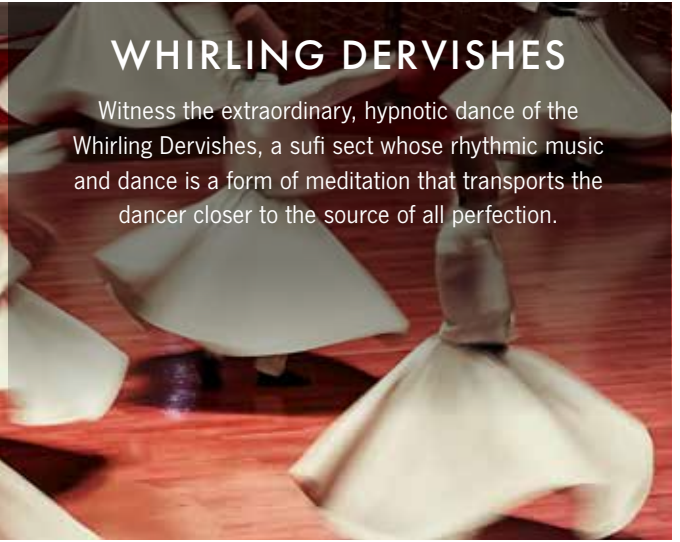
## FELUCCA CRUISE

Ride a traditional wooden felucca and take in the monuments of Aswan as you explore the waters of the Nile.



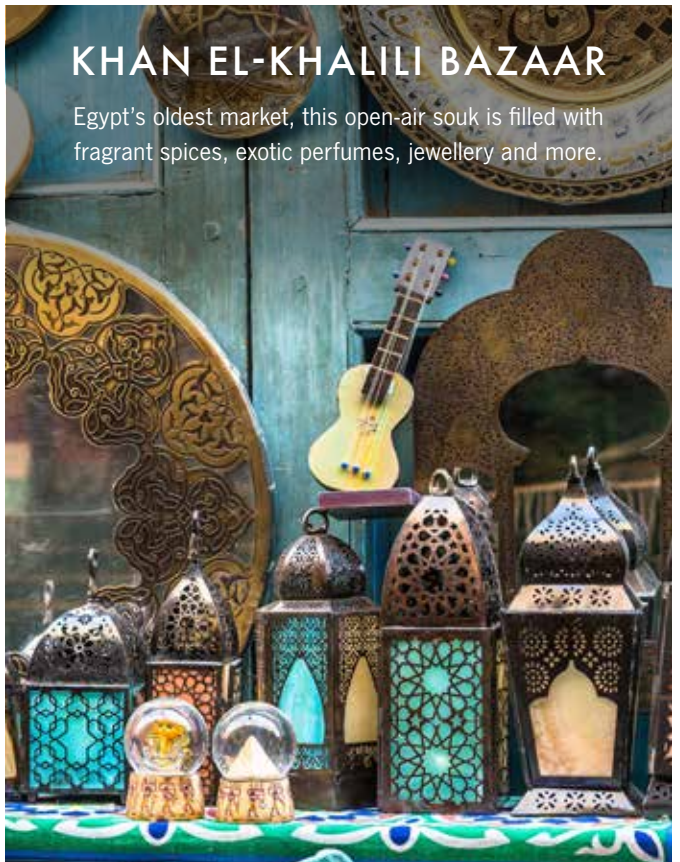
## WHIRLING DERVISHES

Witness the extraordinary, hypnotic dance of the Whirling Dervishes, a sufi sect whose rhythmic music and dance is a form of meditation that transports the dancer closer to the source of all perfection.



## ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY

Visit the House of Calligraphy in Ajloun, Jordan where a local woman will teach you the history of this fascinating art. Learn to write your name with a traditional dried reed pen and leave with a greater understanding of this treasured handwritten heritage.



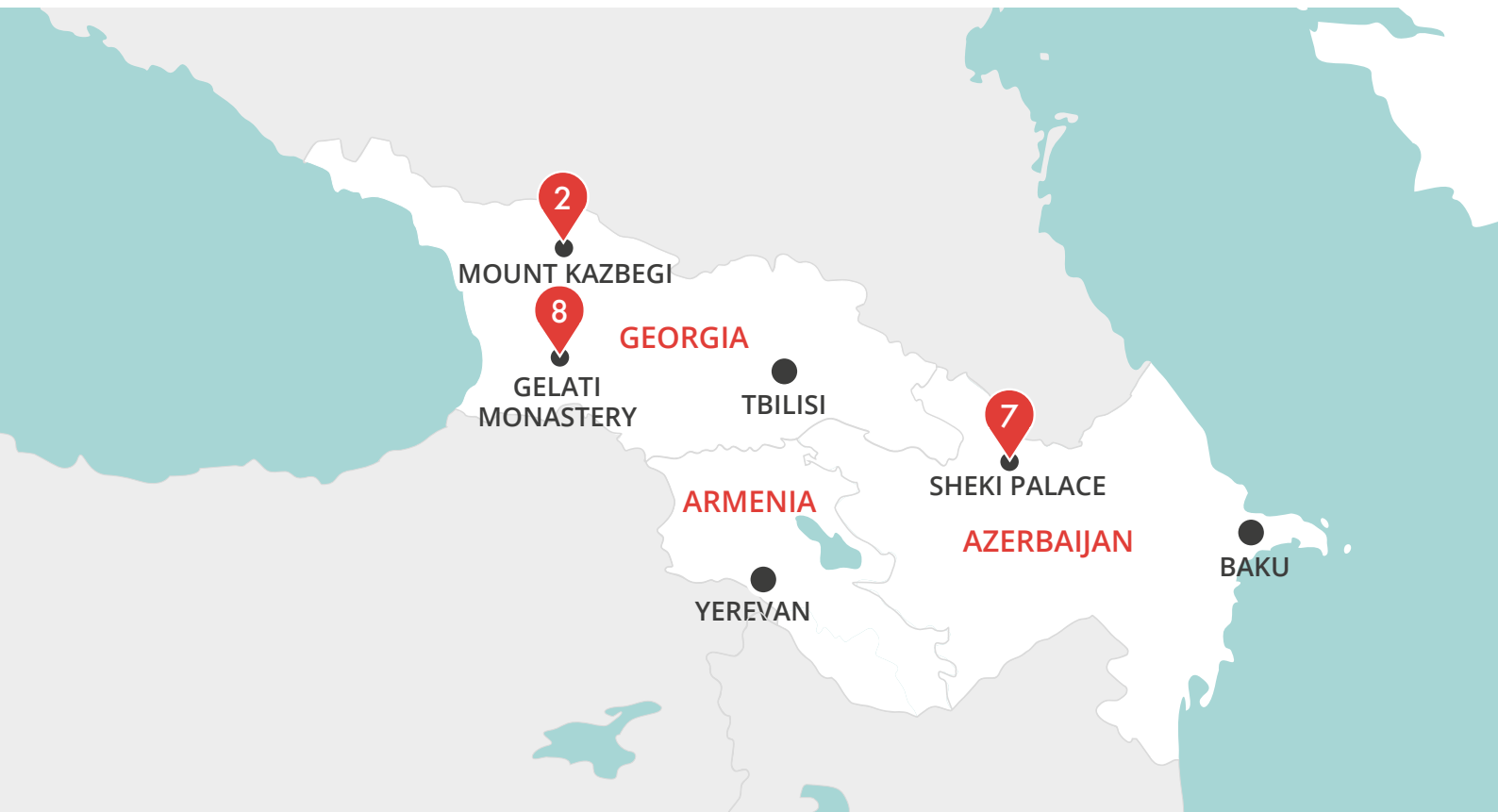
## KHAN EL-KHALILI BAZAAR

Egypt's oldest market, this open-air souk is filled with fragrant spices, exotic perfumes, jewellery and more.



## WINE TASTING IN THE DOURO VALLEY

Visit a small, family-run vineyard in Portugal's scenic Douro Valley. Take a tour of the quinta and hear about the family's passion for small-scale production before enjoying a tasting of their wines with lunch.



# Discover Central Asia with Wendy Wu Tours

Central Asia's dramatic landscapes are entwined with the legend of the Silk Road; the cross-roads for the movement of people, goods and ideas between Asia and Europe. Its culture, people and landscapes are a hybrid of these historical influences. It's no wonder these incredible destinations are a beacon for travellers looking for a new adventure. We trust that you will discover yours across our new programs.

## WENDY'S TOP 8 CENTRAL ASIA SIGHTS

### 1 THE REGISTAN, SAMARKAND

The beautifully ornate heart of ancient Samarkand, explore the Registan, this legendary city's central square. See this majestic gem on our Road to Samarkand tour (page 48).



### 2 MOUNT KAZBEGI

This striking mountain looms dramatically on the horizon of the vast Georgian landscapes. Discover more of the spectacular Caucasus scenery on our Georgia, Armenia & Azerbaijan tour (page 50).



### 3 GREAT WHITE LAKE

This mesmerizing gem nestled within the heart of Mongolia's Khangai Mountains, shimmers with crystalline clarity, as its surface reflects the towering peaks that embrace it. Walk along its shores, on our Mongolia & Naadam Festival Tour (page 46).



### 4 DARVAZA GAS CRATER

A magical sight, the natural gas crater is known as the 'Gates of Hell' and has been burning for over 40 years. View its spectacular glow on our Journey through Central Asia tour (page 52).



### 5 CHARYN CANYON

At 90 kilometres in length, these colourful rock formations on Kazakhstan's Charyn River offer dramatic sights. See it for yourself on our Journey through Central Asia tour (page 52).



### 6 CITY OF MERV, MARY

One of the oldest and best-preserved cities along the old Silk Road, this ancient, oasis-like UNESCO World Heritage Site is visited on our Journey through Central Asia tour (page 52).



### 7 SHEKI PALACE

This lavish palace is the most exquisite architectural monument built in the late 18th century and was the summer residence for the Shaki Khans. Marvel at its intricate decor on our Georgia, Armenia & Azerbaijan tour (page 50).



### 8 GELATI MONASTERY

Home to fascinating murals and imagery dating back to the 12th century, this medieval monastery was one of Georgia's very first. Visit it on our Georgia, Armenia & Azerbaijan (Page 50)





# Discover the Middle East & Europe with Wendy Wu Tours

From the minarets of Istanbul to the shifting sands of Wadi Rum, the landscapes of the Middle East and Europe are as diverse as they are delightful. Join us in discovering the complex stories and cultures of these fascinating regions. River cruises, ancient temples, and scenic vineyards await!

## WENDY'S TOP 9 MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE SIGHTS

### 1 DOURO VALLEY

One of the most picturesque wine regions in Europe, if not the world, the meticulously terraced slopes of the Douro Valley aren't just a thing of beauty: they also produce the most exquisite port wines. Enjoy it all on our Portugal Uncovered tour (page 42).



### 2 LISBON

With its iconic yellow trams and far-reaching ocean views, Lisbon captivates with its easy charm and deep-rooted connections with a glorious seafaring past. Discover the legacies of its historic ties with Brazil, India and the Far East on our Portugal Uncovered tour (page 42).



### 3 ISTANBUL

Beneath its timeless skyline of domes and minarets, the age-old streets of Istanbul offer a unique and multifaceted experience. With its age-old history, dazzling architecture and irresistible air of the exotic, Istanbul can be visited on our Treasures of Turkey tour (page 34).



### 4 EPHESUS

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the monumental remains of the Ancient Greek city of Ephesus offers a window into Turkey's resplendent past. Marvel at the Library of Celsus and much more on our Treasures of Turkey tour (page 34).



### 5 HEGRA

Saudi Arabia's answer to Petra, the breathtaking Nabatean site of Hegra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a treasure trove of weathered tombs and rock hewn facades long left to the sands of time and the desert. Explore it on our Secrets of Saudi Arabia tour (page 32).



### 6 VALLEY OF THE KINGS

One of the world's most famous archaeological sites, this ancient burial ground contains 63 royal tombs built for Egyptian pharaohs. Explore the treasures of this desert valley on our Dreams of Egypt tour (page 20).



### 7 THE DEAD SEA

The lowest point on Earth, the Dead Sea's buoyant, mineral rich waters have been known for their healing properties for millennia. Enjoy a dip in these soothing waters on our Ancient Israel tour (page 24) or on Journey through Jordan (page 22).



### 8 PETRA

Long hidden among the wind-hewn cliffs and gorges of the desert, this great ancient city is one of the world's most treasured UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Seeing it lit by candlelight as you explore by night is unforgettable, and included our Journey through Jordan tour (page 22).



### 9 WADI RUM

Rugged, dramatic and otherworldly, the Wadi Rum desert is a world of rose-gold dunes, ancient ravines and towering cliffs. Follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia and experience the wadi's unrivalled majesty on our Journey through Jordan tour (page 22).





**SOUTH AFRICA**

CAPE TOWN

STELLENBOSCH

OUTDSHOORN

KNYSNA

TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK

JOHANNESBURG

GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

PANORAMA ROUTE



# Discover South Africa with Wendy Wu Tours

South Africa is a place of true adventure, where you can pop from historic winelands to iconic national parks, eat world-class cuisine for dinner and spot lions before breakfast. Bringing together a great wilderness, eclectic cities, a medley of world cultures and a turbulent history, it leaves an indelible mark on all who visit.

## WENDY'S TOP 9 SOUTH AFRICA SIGHTS

### 1 APARTHEID MUSEUM

Housed in a work of architectural brilliance, this iconic museum shines a spotlight on 20th century South Africa and poignant stories around the rise and fall of apartheid.



### 2 BOURKE'S LUCK POTHOLES

Sheltered in the Blyde River Canyon, these impressive geological formations were shaped by the swirling waters of the river and are a testament to the power and artistry of nature.



### 3 GREAT KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

A vast wildlife sanctuary extending beyond the borders of Kruger National Park, Greater Kruger is renowned for being home to Africa's famous 'Big Five' and a myriad of other animal species.



### 4 TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK

A breathtaking coastal reserve on the Garden Route, Tsitsikamma boasts towering cliffs, lush forests, a rugged coastline, and the dramatic suspension bridge that stretches over the Storms River.



### 5 FEATHERBED ECO EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a leisurely exploration of the beauty of the Featherbed Nature Reserve with a cruise across Knysna's lagoon, a nature walk and lunch with incredible views.



### 6 CANGO CAVES

One of Africa's largest cave systems, this spectacular underground maze has immense limestones caverns filled with impressive stalactites and stalagmites.



### 7 TABLE MOUNTAIN

The iconic symbol of Cape Town, most easily ascended by the Aerial Cableway, boasts not only spectacular views from its summit but a unique and diverse ecosystem of plants and wildlife.



### 8 BOULDERS BEACH

A picturesque beach distinguished by its large, granite boulders, this stretch of sand is most famous for its thriving and easily observable colony of African penguins.



### 9 WINELANDS

Among sweeping vistas of grape vines and historic wine estates, indulge in the world-class wines and gourmet dishes for which the region is so famous.





# CLASSIC TOURS

For those looking for a fully escorted, fully-inclusive group journey

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International economy  
airfares & taxes



3 – 4 star  
accommodation



All  
meals



Flights, guides,  
transportation  
& sightseeing



Visa for Australian  
passport holders

Meticulously designed journeys perfect for those who want to see iconic sights and magnificent treasures on a fully-inclusive tour that is also fantastic value! With all your arrangements taken care of you can travel with the utmost ease and confidence, accompanied throughout by one of our industry-leading National Escorts.

### EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

With a Classic Tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and, in most cases if required, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring in a group of maximum 28 travellers, while in the Middle East you will be in a smaller group, normally with a maximum of 24 guests.

### ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, you'll be dining in local establishments. We include a few 'feature meals', so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a whole delicious range of your

destination's best dishes.

### NATIONAL ESCORTS

You can be safe in the knowledge that throughout your tour you'll be in the company of one of our award-winning National Escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are what can push your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable.

### EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

Thanks to the extensive expertise of our team, we can make sure you get to see those rarely visited places that will give you a more authentic experience of the culture of the region and the chance to meet the friendly local people. Keep an eye out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' box on every tour page, for a taste of cultural encounters that you will enjoy.

# DREAMS OF EGYPT

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$10,980

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Egypt's ancient pyramids
- ✓ Bargain at Khan el Khalili bazaar
- ✓ Cruise from Luxor to Aswan
- ✓ Visit Karnak and Luxor
- ✓ Discover the Valley of the Kings
- ✓ Visit the war cemeteries at El Alamein

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Cruise from Luxor to Aswan

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the Nile in style on a four-night cruise aboard the MS Tulip. Renovated in 2018, the Tulip offers 56 air-conditioned staterooms, all outward-facing. Between excursions, why not enjoy the spacious sun deck, or take advantage of the onboard pool?
- ▶ Experience the colossal majesty of the temples at Abu Simbel, built for Ramesses II and his wife Nefertari in the 13th century BC. The Ramesses temple entrance, guarded by four 20-metre-high statues, leads into the vast, beautiful underground halls, whose detailed artworks and imposing Osiris statues are humbling to behold.
- ▶ The richly-decorated pharaonic tombs of the Valley of the Dead never fail to impress. Follow in the footsteps of Howard Carter and visit the atmospheric tomb of Tutankhamun, the boy king, followed by additional tombs of your choice.



Admire the pyramids and Sphinx of Giza

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO CAIRO

Fly overnight to Cairo, the 'city of a thousand minarets', and transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 3: PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Visit two of Egypt's most iconic sites: the Pyramids of Giza and the unblinking Sphinx. Continue to the fascinating Egyptian Museum with its collections of statues, mummies and pharaonic treasures. Later, visit the famous Khan el Khalili Bazaar, a souk known for its jewellery, leather goods and traditional coffeehouses.

### DAY 4: OLD CAIRO & SAKKARA

Spend the morning exploring Cairo's oldest district, the Coptic Quarter. Explore its Coptic churches and the Coptic Museum, with its extensive Christian artefact collection.

Later, continue to Sakkara, an ancient necropolis famed for its painted catacombs and the famous Step Pyramid of Djoser. Built for the Pharaoh by his architect, the high priest Imhotep, this 27th BC structure was Egypt's first ever pyramid. Inside, you'll see wonderful carvings on the alabaster stone walls.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE ALEXANDRIA

Take the desert road to Alexandria on Egypt's northern coast. This afternoon, you'll discover Alexandria's breathtaking highlights, from the Roman theatre to the beautifully-carved Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa, dating back to the 2nd century. Pause for a photo stop at the renovated 15th-century Qaitbay Citadel, once one of the most important defensive strongholds of Africa's Mediterranean coastline. Spend the night in Alexandria.

### DAY 6: EL ALAMEIN

This morning, we visit El Alamein, the site of two key battles in WWII. The Allied victory in the second battle was instrumental in ending the Axis threat to Egypt. Visit the military museum and war cemeteries before travelling southeast back to Cairo. Stop en route to visit the historic Monastery of St Macarius, continuously inhabited by Coptic Orthodox monks since the 4th century AD. Tonight, stay in a hotel close to Cairo Airport.

### DAY 7: LUXOR'S EAST BANK

Take a short one-hour flight from Cairo to Luxor, where we transfer to the port and board your Nile cruise ship for our four-night cruise. Refresh yourself before this afternoon's visits to Luxor's East Bank. Begin at the Temple Complex of Karnak, famed for the majestic Hypostyle Hall with its 134 gigantic stone columns, along with the Avenue of the Sphinxes and the Sacred Lake.



See the Citadel of Qaitbay, Alexandria



**CLASSIC**  
EGYPT

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

Host to two of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, Egypt is a country steeped in history and legend, all waiting to be explored by you. This tour offers famous monuments and temples, a cruise along the world's longest river and many bazaars to perfect your bargaining skills!



**DAY 8: LUXOR'S WEST BANK**

Explore the West Bank of Luxor, one of Egypt's most stunning landscapes. Visit the mysterious Colossi of Memnon, a pair of 64-foot high statues, en route to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the gigantic funerary complex of Egypt's second-ever female pharaoh.

This afternoon, visit the Valley of the Kings, resting place of dozens of pharaohs of the New Kingdom (c.1550–1069 BC). Here, visit the wonderfully-decorated Tomb of Tutankhamun along with other richly-painted tombs of your choice. Return to the ship and sail south toward Esna.

**DAY 9: TEMPLES OF EDFU & KOM OMBO**

Enjoy a morning visit to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, one of Egypt's most beautiful and well-preserved temples, dating back to the 3rd century BC. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to the town of Kom Ombo, where we visit the unusual double temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the eagle-headed god Horus and the crocodile-headed god Sobek. Sail on to Aswan, where we dock for the next two nights.

**DAY 10: ABU SIMBEL**

Visit the iconic and unforgettable Abu Simbel, at Egypt's furthest edge. This dramatic temple complex, perhaps the greatest in Egypt, is dedicated to Ramesses II, often considered the greatest pharaoh of the New Kingdom. Admire the many halls and imposing statues. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the ship in Aswan.



**DAY 11: DISCOVER ASWAN**

Discover the many highlights of Aswan on this full-day tour. Visit the 111-metre-tall Aswan High Dam, see the Unfinished Obelisk in place at Aswan's ancient quarry, and visit the Temple of Philae on Agilkia Island. After lunch, embark on a felucca (traditional Nile sailing boat) and cruise to Elephantine Island and Kitchener's Island. This evening, fly back to Cairo.

**DAYS 12-13: FLY CAIRO TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

| 2024 DATES      |          |                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 20 Feb - 03 Mar | \$10,980 | 29 Oct - 10 Nov | \$11,480 |
| 16 Apr - 28 Apr | \$10,980 | 05 Nov - 17 Nov | \$11,480 |
| 23 Apr - 05 May | \$10,980 | 12 Nov - 24 Nov | \$11,480 |
| 01 Oct - 13 Oct | \$11,480 | 19 Nov - 01 Dec | \$11,480 |
| 15 Oct - 27 Oct | \$11,480 | 26 Nov - 08 Dec | \$11,480 |
| 22 Oct - 03 Nov | \$11,480 |                 |          |
| 2025 DATES      |          |                 |          |
| 28 Jan - 09 Feb | \$11,830 | 30 Sep - 12 Oct | \$12,530 |
| 04 Feb - 16 Feb | \$11,830 | 07 Oct - 19 Oct | \$12,530 |
| 11 Feb - 23 Feb | \$11,830 | 14 Oct - 26 Oct | \$12,530 |
| 18 Feb - 02 Mar | \$11,830 | 21 Oct - 02 Nov | \$12,530 |
| 25 Feb - 09 Mar | \$11,830 | 28 Oct - 09 Nov | \$12,530 |
| 04 Mar - 16 Mar | \$11,830 | 04 Nov - 16 Nov | \$12,530 |
| 11 Mar - 23 Mar | \$11,830 | 11 Nov - 23 Nov | \$12,530 |
| 18 Mar - 30 Mar | \$12,530 | 18 Nov - 30 Nov | \$12,530 |
| 23 Sep - 05 Oct | \$12,530 |                 |          |

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only from \$8,080 (Cairo - Cairo)
- Single supplement from \$2,050

**Important note**

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

**Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$160 (AU\$239pp) is paid locally in Egypt.**

# JOURNEY THROUGH JORDAN

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,990

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Marvel at the Roman city of Jerash
- ✓ Explore Jordan's desert castles
- ✓ See the biblical site of Mount Nebo
- ✓ Discover Petra by day and night
- ✓ Camp in the desert of Wadi Rum
- ✓ Float in the buoyant Dead Sea
- ✓ Enjoy a Levantine cooking class



Marvel at the Lost City of Petra

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation & en suite desert camp
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Experience Petra by candlelight

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ A highlight of Jordan and an experience not to be missed, discover Petra by Night. Seeing part of the rock city by candlelight is a truly memorable moment and one of the best ways to explore the old city. Start by walking the entire Siq (candlelit gorge) to the Treasury, which is lit with over 1,500 candles, bringing this major attraction to light.
- ▶ Visit the Calligraphy House, a socioeconomic project near Ajloun. Enjoy an introduction to the history of this beautiful art form, and learn how to write your name in Arabic! This wonderful initiative provides employment to local women while connecting visitors to this deeply rooted aspect of Arabic culture.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO AMMAN

Fly overnight to Amman, a history-soaked capital with a youthful feel. Transfer to your hotel in the city.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER JERASH

Today enjoy a city tour followed by a drive to Jerash, an ancient Roman city known as the Pompeii of the East. Learn about the city's past and see its well-preserved Hippodrome, once the home of Roman chariot races. Stop by the Calligraphy House to learn how to write your name in Arabic. Arriving in the town of Ajloun, you will visit the fortress of Qa'lat Al Rabad, overlooking the Jordan Valley.

### DAY 4: EXPLORE AMMAN

This morning, enjoy a tour of the old city of Amman, exploring the Citadel and Roman theatre. Head out of the city for a visit to some of Jordan's desert castles, which are beautiful examples of early Islamic art and architecture. Return to Amman this afternoon.

### DAY 5: LEVANTINE COOKING CLASS

Today you will make your way to Mount Nebo, the Biblical site from which Moses was granted a view of the Holy Land. Here, explore the ruins of 4th and 5th-century churches and admire their marvellously intricate mosaics. Continue to the town of Madaba where you will visit the Orthodox Church of St George and the Madaba Mosaic Map, the oldest surviving depiction of the Holy Land.

Travel to Petra, which is sure to be one of many memorable highlights of this tour. Tonight, enjoy an authentic Levantine cooking class, preparing soup, appetisers and a main course under the eye of a local chef.

### DAY 6: PETRA

This morning, explore the beauty of this Lost City of the Nabateans, carved directly from the pink sandstone cliffs. Surrounded by imposing mountains



View the Roman theatre in the city of Amman



**CLASSIC**  
JORDAN

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
Float in the Dead Sea, explore ancient ruins in Roman Jerash and roar through the desert in a 4x4 on this immersive adventure. We'll explore Petra by day and by candlelight, learn the secrets of Levantine cooking, and experience Bedouin hospitality at a Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum.



Explore the ancient Roman city of Jerash



Spend an afternoon floating in the mineral-rich Dead Sea

and approached through a deep, narrow gorge known as the Siq, Petra stands as one of the most unique and unforgettable cities of the ancient world. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before returning to Petra after sunset, when you'll see the Treasury lit by the glow of over 1,500 candles.

**DAY 7: WADI RUM DESERT CAMP**

Start with a visit to Little Petra before transferring to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon. Embark on a 4x4 adventure through the desert, where you'll discover ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains rising out of white and pink coloured sands. Explore Lawrence's Road, drive among sand dunes and canyons and venture through the dry oasis, exploring the most interesting and exciting sites of Wadi Rum. This evening, you will stay in a unique desert camp with en suite private tents.

**DAY 8: THE DEAD SEA**

Check out of your desert camp in Wadi Rum this morning and head north along the Jordanian/Israeli border to the Dead Sea – the lowest point on Earth. After lunch, you are free to enjoy the delights of the Dead Sea. Float in its super-buoyant waters, or perhaps visit the hotel spa for a rejuvenating treatment.

**DAY 9-10: FLY AMMAN TO AUSTRALIA**

Transfer one hour from your Dead Sea hotel to Amman airport. Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

| 2024 DATES      |         |                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| 19 Apr - 28 Apr | \$8,990 | 25 Oct - 03 Nov | \$9,480 |
| 26 Apr - 05 May | \$8,990 | 01 Nov - 10 Nov | \$9,480 |
| 03 May - 12 May | \$8,990 | 08 Nov - 17 Nov | \$9,480 |
| 04 Oct - 13 Oct | \$9,480 | 15 Nov - 24 Nov | \$9,480 |
| 11 Oct - 20 Oct | \$9,480 | 22 Nov - 01 Dec | \$9,480 |
| 18 Oct - 27 Oct | \$9,480 | 29 Nov - 08 Dec | \$9,480 |
| 2025 DATES      |         |                 |         |
| 14 Feb - 23 Feb | \$9,350 | 03 Oct - 12 Oct | \$9,800 |
| 21 Feb - 02 Mar | \$9,350 | 10 Oct - 19 Oct | \$9,800 |
| 28 Feb - 09 Mar | \$9,350 | 17 Oct - 26 Oct | \$9,800 |
| 07 Mar - 16 Mar | \$9,350 | 24 Oct - 02 Nov | \$9,800 |
| 14 Mar - 23 Mar | \$9,350 | 31 Oct - 09 Nov | \$9,800 |
| 21 Mar - 30 Mar | \$9,350 | 07 Nov - 16 Nov | \$9,800 |
| 04 Apr - 13 Apr | \$9,350 | 14 Nov - 23 Nov | \$9,800 |
| 25 Apr - 04 May | \$9,350 | 21 Nov - 30 Nov | \$9,800 |

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only from \$6,190 (Amman - Amman)
- Single supplement from \$1,050

**Important note**  
Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

**Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$80 (AUS\$119pp) is paid locally in Jordan.**



Experience an exhilarating 4x4 ride through the desert of Wadi Rum

# ANCIENT ISRAEL

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$9,260

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover the charming port of Jaffa
- ✓ Tour the Roman ruins of Caesarea
- ✓ Visit Acre's Crusader Fortress
- ✓ Ascend Masada by cable car
- ✓ Explore New and Old Jerusalem
- ✓ See the Biblical town of Bethlehem
- ✓ Enjoy an authentic shabbat dinner



Admire The Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



The Western Wall of the Temple Mount

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ The Western Wall of the Temple Mount is one of the most magnificent and significant remnants in Jerusalem. Only 70 metres is visible and this tour allows you to reach the sectors hidden from view. The tunnels allow you to walk through fascinating ancient areas with large stone arches, water pits and the Strouthion Pool. This is a must-see site in the city of Jerusalem.
- ▶ Experience the warmth of Palestinian hospitality with a wonderful dinner in the Shepherd's Valley outside Bethlehem. Sit down to an authentic local meal of hot and cold meze dishes, followed by a cultural Palestinian dance show.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TEL AVIV

Fly overnight to Tel Aviv and transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 3: TEL AVIV TO NAZARETH

Begin your tour of the Holy Land with a visit to Jaffa, the charming harbour town out of which Tel Aviv has grown. Continue to Caesarea, a fascinating Roman site dramatically situated on the edge of the Mediterranean. You'll stop to visit the ethnoreligious Druze community on the slopes of Mt. Carmel before arriving in Nazareth.

### DAY 4: GALILEE AND ACRE

Begin at Kibbutz Degania Bet to gain an insider's perspective on Israel's Kibbutz movement. Continue to Tabgha, held to be the site of the 'miracle of the loaves and fishes' and home to some of the finest 5th-century mosaics in Israel.

In Capernaum, visit the site where Jesus is said to have raised a woman from the dead. See the House of St Peter and the nearby Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount. This afternoon, head to Acre and explore its Crusader Fortress, once a stronghold of the Knights Templar.



Explore the ruins of Roman Caesarea

### DAY 5: JERICHO AND THE DEAD SEA

Enjoy a morning city tour of Nazareth and the Church of Annunciation. Later, drive through the scenic Jordan Valley into Palestinian Territory to visit Qasr El Yahud, the site of Jesus' baptism.

Continue to Jericho where you'll take a cable car to the cliffside Quarantal Monastery on the Mount of Temptation, said to be where Jesus was tempted by the Devil during his 40-day fast. This afternoon, continue to the Dead Sea to float in the mineral-rich waters.

### DAY 6: MASADA

Drive to Masada and ascend to Masada Fortress by cable car. Admire the spectacular view and hear the story of the last stand of the Jewish rebels against the Romans.

Enjoy lunch in Qumran before a visit to the caves in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Tonight, stay in Bethlehem and enjoy a Palestinian cultural dance performance.



Float in the Dead Sea





**CLASSIC**  
ISRAEL & PALESTINE

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
Join us for a week's exploration of the Holy Land, beginning with visits to Roman Caesarea, Acre, and the Sea of Galilee. Head into the Palestinian Territories to explore Jericho, Masada, Bethlehem and the mineral-rich Dead Sea. End in evocative Jerusalem, with its rich, many-layered history.



Walk in the Old City of Jaffa



Visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Palestinian Territory

**DAY 7: BETHLEHEM & JERUSALEM**

Visit Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, one of the most holy sites in the world. Continue to Jerusalem to visit the famous Western Wall, the last remnant of the original Temple Mount retaining wall, which supported the First and Second Temples of Jerusalem. Walk the Stations of the Cross and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre before continuing to Temple Mount, site of the Dome of the Rock and Al Aksa Mosque.

**DAY 8: MT ZION & GETHSEMANE**

Visit Mt. Zion to see King David's Tomb, the Dormition Abbey and the Cenacle. After lunch, visit the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Jesus' arrest. Wander past atmospheric olive groves before this evening's Shabbat dinner, prepared by a local rabbi.

**DAY 9-10: FLY TEL AVIV TO AUSTRALIA**

Transfer from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv Airport (Ben Gurion) for your return flight. Arriving home the same or following day.



See the spectacular views from the Mount of Olives

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

| 2024 DATES      |         |                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| 18 Oct - 27 Oct | \$9,290 | 15 Nov - 24 Nov | \$9,290 |
| 01 Nov - 10 Nov | \$9,290 | 22 Nov - 01 Dec | \$9,290 |
| 2025 DATES      |         |                 |         |
| 28 Feb - 09 Mar | \$9,260 | 24 Oct - 02 Nov | \$9,690 |
| 07 Mar - 16 Mar | \$9,260 | 31 Oct - 09 Nov | \$9,690 |
| 14 Mar - 23 Mar | \$9,260 | 07 Nov - 16 Nov | \$9,690 |
| 21 Mar - 30 Mar | \$9,260 | 14 Nov - 23 Nov | \$9,690 |
| 28 Mar - 06 Apr | \$9,260 | 21 Nov - 30 Nov | \$9,690 |
| 17 Oct - 26 Oct | \$9,690 |                 |         |

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only from \$6,360 (Tel Aviv - Jerusalem)
- Single supplement from \$1,880

**Important note**  
Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

**Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$80 (AU\$119pp) is paid locally in Israel.**

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# EGYPT & JORDAN ADVENTURE

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$14,980

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore the Pyramids of Giza
- ✓ Tour the catacombs of Alexandria
- ✓ Cruise from Luxor to Aswan
- ✓ Wander the Roman ruins of Jerash
- ✓ Float in the buoyant Dead Sea
- ✓ Experience Petra by candlelight
- ✓ Stay at a Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 17 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 17 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Visit the tomb of Tutankhamun

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Venture inside the tomb of Tutankhamun at one of Egypt's most prolific archaeological sites, the Valley of the Kings. Marvel at the perfectly preserved hieroglyphics surrounding his sarcophagus and see the mummy of The Boy King himself.
- ▶ Pay a visit to El Alamein, the site of one of the most important battles in the Western Desert campaign of WWII. Explore the fascinating war museum and pay your respects at the military cemetery here.
- ▶ 'Petra by Night' is an experience not to be missed. After sunset, walk the lantern-lit gorge to the Treasury to see it illuminated by over 1,500 candles, flickering in a mesmerising play of light and shadow.



Explore the mortuary complex of Queen Hatshepsut, one of Egypt's earliest female pharaohs

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO CAIRO

Fly overnight to Cairo and transfer to your hotel in the city centre.

### DAY 3: PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Visit Egypt's most iconic sites: the Pyramids of Giza and the unblinking Sphinx. Discover the brand-new Grand Egyptian Museum with its collections of statues, mummies and pharaonic treasures. Later, explore the Khan el Khalili Bazaar, a souk famed for its precious and semi-precious jewellery.

### DAY 4: OLD CAIRO

Spend the morning exploring Cairo's oldest district, the Coptic Quarter, with its impressive churches and the Christian artefact collection at the Coptic Museum. Later, continue to Sakkara, an ancient necropolis famed for its painted catacombs and the Step Pyramid of Djoser.

### DAY 5: TO ALEXANDRIA

Take the desert road to Alexandria, on the coast. This afternoon, you'll discover Alexandria's many highlights, from the Roman theatre to the atmospheric Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa, dating back to the 2nd century. Pause for a photo stop at the renovated 15th-century Qaitbay Citadel, once one of the most important defensive strongholds of Africa's Mediterranean coastline.

### DAY 6: EL ALAMEIN

This morning, visit El Alamein, the site of two key battles in WWII. The Allied victory in the second battle was instrumental in ending the Axis threat to Egypt. Explore the military museum and war cemeteries before travelling southeast back to Cairo. Stop en route to visit the still-active Monastery of St Macarius, inhabited by Coptic Orthodox monks since the 4th century AD.

### DAY 7: LUXOR'S EAST BANK

Take a short one-hour flight from Cairo to Luxor, then transfer to the port and board your Nile cruise ship for our four-night cruise. Refresh yourself before this afternoon's excursions around Luxor's East Bank. Begin at the temple complex of Karnak, famed for the majestic Hypostyle Hall with its 134 gigantic stone columns, along with the Avenue of the Sphinxes and the Sacred Lake.

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Enjoy a morning visit to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, one of Egypt's most beautiful and well-preserved temples, dating back to the 3rd century BC. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to the town of Kom Ombo, where you will visit the unusual double temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Horus and Sobek. Sail on to Aswan, where we dock for the next two nights.

### DAY 10: ABU SIMBEL

Journey southwest to the iconic twin temples of Abu Simbel, at Egypt's furthest edge. This dramatic temple complex, perhaps the greatest in Egypt, is dedicated to Ramesses II, often considered the greatest pharaoh of the New Kingdom. Admire the many halls and imposing statues. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the ship in Aswan.



## CLASSIC

EGYPT & JORDAN

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

From the mighty Pyramids of Giza to the starlit sands of Wadi Rum and the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea, this grand adventure showcases the very best of Egypt and Jordan. You'll cruise the ancient waters of the Nile, head underground to explore the tombs of Pharaohs, and discover the legacy of Lawrence of Arabia.



Stay at a Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum



Explore the banks of the Nile at Luxor

**DAY 11: ASWAN**

Discover the many highlights of Aswan on this full-day tour. Visit the 111-metre-tall Aswan High Dam, see the Unfinished Obelisk in place at Aswan's ancient quarry, and visit the Temple of Philae on Agilkia Island. After lunch, embark on a felucca boat for a relaxing cruise around Elephantine Island and Kitchener's Island. Enjoy a farewell dinner before taking a short flight back to Cairo.

**DAY 12: FLY CAIRO TO AMMAN**

Depart Egypt and take a short flight to Amman, Jordan. Transfer to your hotel before this evening's Jordan briefing.

**DAYS 13: JERASH AND AJLOUN**

Begin your Jordan adventure with a visit to Jerash, an ancient Roman city known as the 'Pompeii of the East'. Wander its well-preserved streets and admire the restored hippodrome. Continue to Ajloun, where we visit the 12th-century castle overlooking the Jordan Valley.

**DAY 14: AMMAN**

Explore the old city of Amman, with its impressive Citadel and large Roman theatre, before exploring the desert castles outside the city.

**DAY 15: MOUNT NEBO**

A visit to Mt. Nebo, considered a possible site of Moses' Tomb, will leave you in awe of the ruined 4th and 5th century churches here, with their floors still richly decorated with mosaics. Continue to Madaba to visit the Orthodox Church of St George, famed for its mosaic map. Your evening ends in the town of Petra, where you'll enjoy an authentic Levantine cooking class with a local chef.

**DAY 16: PETRA**

Explore beautiful Petra, the Lost City of the Nabateans, carved directly from the pink sandstone

cliffs. Surrounded by imposing mountains and approached through a deep, narrow gorge known as the Siq, Petra is a poignant remnant of the ancient world. Spend an afternoon at leisure. After sunset, you'll return to Petra and see the Treasury lit by the glow of over 1,500 candles.

**DAY 17: WADI RUM DESERT CAMP**

Start with a visit to Little Petra before transferring to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon. This wondrous desert is filled with ancient valleys, towered over by sandstone mountains. A comfortable 4x4 will whisk you into the heart of the wadi, where you'll follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia and hear the desert's long history. This evening, stay in a unique Bedouin camp with comfortable en suite private tents.

**DAY 18: THE DEAD SEA**

Head north for our final stop – the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth and famed for its spa-like minerals. Your afternoon is at leisure to float in its super-buoyant waters before our farewell dinner. Overnight at the Dead Sea.

**DAYS 19-20: FLY TO AUSTRALIA**

Transfer one hour from your Dead Sea hotel to Amman airport. Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



See Petra's jaw-dropping Treasury

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

| 2024 DATES      |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 16 Apr - 05 May | <b>\$14,980</b> | 29 Oct - 17 Nov | <b>\$15,480</b> |
| 23 Apr - 12 May | <b>\$14,980</b> | 05 Nov - 24 Nov | <b>\$15,580</b> |
| 01 Oct - 20 Oct | <b>\$14,980</b> | 12 Nov - 01 Dec | <b>\$15,580</b> |
| 15 Oct - 03 Nov | <b>\$15,480</b> | 19 Nov - 08 Dec | <b>\$15,580</b> |
| 22 Oct - 10 Nov | <b>\$15,480</b> |                 |                 |
| 2025 DATES      |                 |                 |                 |
| 04 Feb - 23 Feb | <b>\$16,150</b> | 30 Sep - 19 Oct | <b>\$16,550</b> |
| 11 Feb - 02 Mar | <b>\$16,150</b> | 07 Oct - 26 Oct | <b>\$16,550</b> |
| 18 Feb - 09 Mar | <b>\$16,150</b> | 14 Oct - 02 Nov | <b>\$16,550</b> |
| 25 Feb - 16 Mar | <b>\$16,150</b> | 21 Oct - 09 Nov | <b>\$16,550</b> |
| 04 Mar - 23 Mar | <b>\$16,150</b> | 28 Oct - 16 Nov | <b>\$16,550</b> |
| 11 Mar - 30 Mar | <b>\$16,150</b> | 04 Nov - 23 Nov | <b>\$16,550</b> |
| 23 Sep - 12 Oct | <b>\$16,150</b> | 11 Nov - 30 Nov | <b>\$16,550</b> |

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only from \$12,080 (Cairo - Amman)
- Single supplement from \$3,100

**Important note**

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

**Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$240 (AU\$358pp) is paid locally in Egypt & Jordan.**

Call for our 2026 pricing and departures

# JORDAN & ISRAEL DISCOVERY

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$13,980

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Ride a 4x4 through Wadi Rum
- ✓ Float in the Dead Sea
- ✓ Learn to write your name in Arabic
- ✓ Visit Acre's Crusader Fortress
- ✓ See the Garden of Gethsemane
- ✓ Enjoy a Palestinian dance show



Head into Wadi Rum for a unique desert camp overnight stay

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Take a thrilling 4x4 ride through Wadi Rum

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Also known as the Valley of the Moon, Wadi Rum is an unforgettable adventure. Explore the dunes on an exhilarating 4x4 tour before spending the night in a Bedouin desert camp with en suite tents.
- ▶ Explore one of Israel's most famous tourist attractions, Masada Fortress. Located atop a rock cliff, the ancient buildings and palaces have been restored and offer fantastic views.
- ▶ In Palestinian Territory, visit Qarantal, the Monastery of Temptation. Built into a mountain overlooking Jericho, this is where Jesus is said to have spent 40 days fasting. Admire the panoramic views of Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO AMMAN

Fly overnight to Amman and transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 3: ANCIENT JERASH

Begin your explorations of Jordan with visits to Jerash an ancient Roman city known as the 'Pompeii of the East'. Wander its well-preserved streets and admire the restored hippodrome. Continue to Ajloun, where we visit the 12th-century castle overlooking the Jordan Valley. Stop by the Calligraphy House to learn how to write your name in Arabic before returning to Amman.

### DAY 4: HISTORIC AMMAN

Explore the old city of Amman, with its impressive Citadel and large Roman theatre, before exploring the desert castles outside the city. Return to Amman.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO PETRA

Visit Mount Nebo, the site from which Moses is said to have been shown the Promised Land. Admire the panoramic views along with the impressive Biblical mosaics in the church ruins. Continue to Madaba to visit the Orthodox Church of St George, famed for its mosaic map. Your evening ends in the town of Petra, where you'll enjoy an authentic Levantine cooking class with a local chef.

### DAY 6: PETRA

Petra, the Lost City of the Nabateans, is an iconic site. Carved directly into the rugged sandstone cliffs, it is approached through a deep canyon known as the Siq. Your guide will introduce you to Petra's many secrets before an afternoon at leisure. This evening, return to Petra and experience the unforgettable sight of the Treasury lit by over 1,500 candles.

### DAY 7: WADI RUM DESERT CAMP

Start with a visit to Little Petra before transferring to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon. This wondrous

desert is filled with ancient valleys, towered over by sandstone mountains. A 4x4 will whisk you into the heart of the wadi, where you'll follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia and hear the desert's long history. This evening, stay in a unique desert camp with en suite private tents.

### DAY 8: THE DEAD SEA (EAST)

Depart your desert camp and head to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth and famed for its spa-like minerals. Your afternoon is at leisure to float in its super-buoyant waters before dinner.

### DAY 9: TRANSFER TO TEL AVIV

Depart Jordan and transfer to Tel Aviv for your adventure in the Holy Land.

### DAY 10: TEL AVIV TO NAZARETH

Explore Jaffa, the charming harbour town out of which Tel Aviv has grown. Continue to Caesarea, a



See the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem



**CLASSIC**  
JORDAN, ISRAEL & PALESTINE

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
Embark on a fascinating tour of Jordan and the Holy Land. Discover ancient cities, visit sacred sites, and even try your hand at a Levantine cooking class as you follow in the footsteps of caliphs and crusaders on this illuminating 15-day adventure.



Relax in the Dead Sea



Admire Petra's magnificent Siq

fascinating Roman site dramatically situated on the edge of the Mediterranean. You'll stop to visit the ethnoreligious Druze community on the slopes of Mt. Carmel before arriving at Nazareth.

**DAY 11: THE MIRACLES OF GALILEE**

Begin at Kibbutz Degania Bet to gain an insider's perspective on Israel's Kibbutz movement. Continue to Tabgha, held to be the site of the 'miracle of the loaves and fishes' and home to some of the finest 5th-century mosaics in Israel. In Capernaum, visit the site where Jesus is said to have raised a woman from the dead. See the House of St Peter and the nearby Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount. This afternoon, head to Acre and explore its Crusader Fortress, once a stronghold of the Knights Templar.

**DAY 12: THE DEAD SEA (WEST)**

Enjoy a city tour of Nazareth. Drive through the scenic Jordan Valley to visit Qasr El Yahud, the site of Jesus' baptism. Continue to Jericho, where you'll take a cable car to the cliffside Quarantal Monastery. After lunch, return to the Dead Sea for another opportunity to float in its waters.

**DAY 13: MASADA**

Drive to Masada and ascend to Masada Fortress by cable car. Admire the spectacular view and hear the story of the last stand of the Jewish rebels against the Romans. Enjoy lunch in Qumran and visit the caves in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Tonight, stay in Bethlehem and enjoy a Palestinian cultural dance performance.

**DAY 14: BETHLEHEM & JERUSALEM**

Visit Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, one of the most holy sites in the world. Continue to Jerusalem to visit the famous Western Wall, the last

remnant of the original Temple Mount retaining wall, which supported the First and Second Temples of Jerusalem. Walk the Stations of the Cross and see the Church of the Holy Sepulchre before continuing to Temple Mount, site of the Dome of the Rock and Al Aksa Mosque.

**DAY 15: MT. ZION & GETHSEMANE**

Visit Mt. Zion to see King David's Tomb, the Dormition Abbey and the Cenacle. After lunch, visit the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Jesus' arrest. Wander its atmospheric olive groves before this evening's Shabbat dinner, prepared by a local rabbi.

**DAYS 16-17: FLY TO AUSTRALIA**

Transfer to Tel Aviv Airport (Ben Gurion) for your return flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



Explore Roman Jerash

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

| 2024 DATES      |          |                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 11 Oct - 27 Oct | \$13,980 | 08 Nov - 24 Nov | \$13,980 |
| 25 Oct - 10 Nov | \$13,980 | 15 Nov - 01 Dec | \$13,980 |
| 2025 DATES      |          |                 |          |
| 21 Feb - 09 Mar | \$14,590 | 17 Oct - 02 Nov | \$14,590 |
| 28 Feb - 16 Mar | \$14,590 | 24 Oct - 09 Nov | \$14,590 |
| 07 Mar - 23 Mar | \$14,590 | 31 Oct - 16 Nov | \$14,590 |
| 14 Mar - 30 Mar | \$14,590 | 07 Nov - 23 Nov | \$14,590 |
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| 10 Oct - 26 Oct | \$14,590 |                 |          |

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only from \$11,180 (Amman - Jerusalem)
- Single supplement from \$2,930

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**Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$160 (AU\$239pp) is paid locally in Jordan & Israel.**

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# EGYPT, JORDAN & ISRAEL EXPLORED

27 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit the magnificent Giza Pyramids
- ✓ Cruise from Luxor to Aswan
- ✓ Stay at a Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum
- ✓ See Petra by candlelight
- ✓ Float in the Dead Sea
- ✓ Explore Bethlehem & Jerusalem



Visit the unforgettable Abu Simbel at Egypt's furthest edge

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 24 breakfasts, 23 lunches, 24 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Explore the Western Wall of the Temple Mount

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit the Western Wall of the Temple Mount – one of the most significant remnants in Jerusalem. With only 70 metres visible, this tour allows you to reach the sections hidden from view. Walk through the tunnels leading to fascinating ancient areas with large stone arches, water pits and see the Strouthion Pool.
- ▶ Be awed by the grand monuments of the Giza Plateau, from the enigmatic Sphinx to the iconic pyramids of Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure. These majestic works have stood guard over Egypt for over 4,500 years – a testament to the brilliance of ancient engineering.
- ▶ Petra by night is an experience not to be missed and one of the best ways to see the ancient rock city. Walk the lantern-lit gorge to the Treasury, which is illuminated by over 1,500 candles, casting dramatic shadows and bringing this major attraction to light.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO CAIRO

Fly overnight to Cairo and transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 3: PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Visit Egypt's most iconic sites, the Pyramids of Giza and the unblinking Sphinx, along with the Grand Egyptian Museum, a treasure trove of antiquities. Later explore the Khan el Khalili Bazaar, a souk famed for its precious jewellery.

### DAY 4: OLD CAIRO

Spend the morning exploring Cairo's oldest district, the Coptic Quarter, with its impressive churches. Later, continue to Sakkara, an ancient necropolis famed for its step pyramids. Venture inside Egypt's oldest pyramid, built for Pharaoh Djoser in the 27th century BC.

### DAY 5: ALEXANDRIA

Take the desert road to Alexandria, on the coast. This afternoon, you'll discover Alexandria's many highlights, from the Roman theatre and the atmospheric Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa, to the impressive 15th-century Qaitbay Citadel.

### DAY 6: EL ALAMEIN

This morning, visit El Alamein, the site of a key turning point in WWII. Explore the military museum and war cemeteries before travelling back to Cairo. Stop en route to visit the still-active Monastery of St Macarius, inhabited since the 4th century AD.

### DAY 7: LUXOR'S EAST BANK

Take a one-hour flight to Luxor and board your ship ahead of our four-night cruise from Luxor to Aswan. This afternoon, explore Luxor's East Bank, including the Temple Complex of Karnak, famed for the majestic Hypostyle Hall with its 134 gigantic stone columns, the Avenue of the Sphinxes and the Sacred Lake.

### DAY 8: LUXOR'S WEST BANK

Explore the West Bank of Luxor, one of Egypt's most stunning landscapes. Admire the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the gigantic funerary complex of Egypt's second-ever female pharaoh and visit the Valley of the Kings, resting place of many pharaohs of the New Kingdom. Visit the tomb of Tutankhamun along with other richly-painted tombs of your choice. Tonight, sail for Esna.

### DAY 9: TEMPLES OF EDFU & KOM OMBO

Enjoy a morning visit to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, one of Egypt's most beautiful and well-preserved temples. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to the unusual double temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Horus and Sobek. Sail on to Aswan and dock for the next two nights.

### DAY 10: ABU SIMBEL

Visit the unforgettable Abu Simbel, at Egypt's furthest edge. This dramatic temple complex is dedicated to Ramesses II, perhaps the greatest pharaoh of the New Kingdom. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the ship in Aswan.

### DAY 11: DISCOVER ASWAN

Discover the many highlights of Aswan on this full-day tour. Visit the 111-metre-tall Aswan High Dam, see the Unfinished Obelisk at the ancient quarry, and visit the Temple of Philae. Board a felucca and sail around Elephantine Island and Kitchener's Island. This evening, fly back to Cairo.

### DAY 12: FLY CAIRO TO AMMAN

Depart Egypt and take a short flight to Amman, Jordan. Transfer to your hotel before this evening's Jordan briefing.

### DAY 13: ANCIENT JERASH

Begin your explorations of Jordan with a visit to Jerash an ancient Roman city known as the 'Pompeii of the



East'. Wander its well-preserved streets and admire the restored hippodrome. Continue to Ajloun, where we visit the 12th-century castle overlooking the Jordan Valley.

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Explore the old city of Amman, with its impressive citadel and large Roman theatre, before discovering the desert castles outside the city.

#### DAY 15: TRAVEL TO PETRA

Visit Mount Nebo, one of the possible burial sites of Moses and the site of some impressive Biblical mosaics. Continue to Madaba to visit the Orthodox Church of St George, famed for its mosaic map. In the evening enjoy an authentic Levantine cooking class with a local chef.

#### DAY 16: PETRA

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#### DAY 17: WADI RUM DESERT CAMP

Start with a visit to Little Petra before transferring to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon, a landscape of ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains. Hear the desert's fascinating history before retiring for your stay in a unique desert camp with en suite private tents.

#### DAY 18: THE DEAD SEA (EAST)

Depart your desert camp and head to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth and famed for its spa-like minerals. Your afternoon is at leisure to float in its super-buoyant waters.

#### DAY 19: FROM JORDAN TO ISRAEL

Depart the Dead Sea and transfer to Tel Aviv.

#### DAY 20: TEL AVIV TO NAZARETH

Wander the charming historic harbour town of Jaffa before continuing to Caesarea, a dramatic coastal Roman site. Visit the ethnoreligious Druze community on the slopes of Mt. Carmel before arriving in Nazareth.

#### DAY 21: GALILEE AND ACRE

Gain an insider's perspective of daily life at Kibbutz Degania Bet before exploring the many biblical sites of Galilee: Tabgha, held to be the site of the 'miracle of the loaves and fishes', Capernaum, where Jesus is said to have raised a woman from the dead and the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount. This afternoon, visit the Crusader Fortress at Acre, once a stronghold of the Knights Templar.

#### DAY 22: THE DEAD SEA (WEST)

Tour Nazareth, the town of Jesus' youth. Drive through the scenic Jordan Valley into Palestinian Territory to visit Qasr El Yahud, the site of Jesus' baptism. Continue to Jericho, where you'll take a cable car to the cliffside Quarantal Monastery on the Mount of Temptation. After lunch, return to the Dead Sea to experience its western shore.

#### DAY 23: MASADA

Ascend Masada Fortress by cable car. Admire the spectacular views and hear the story of the last stand of the Jewish rebels against the Romans. Stop for lunch in Qumran and visit the caves in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Tonight, stay in Bethlehem and enjoy a Palestinian cultural dance performance.

#### DAY 24: BETHLEHEM & JERUSALEM

Visit Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity and continue to Jerusalem to visit the famous Western Wall. Walk the Stations of the Cross and see the Church of the Holy Sepulchre before continuing to Temple Mount, site of the Dome of the Rock.

## CLASSIC

EGYPT, JORDAN, ISRAEL & PALESTINE

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Witness the majestic legacy of Ancient Egypt, visit lost cities and Bedouin camps in Jordan, and immerse yourself in the fascinating history of Israel & Palestine, all on one unforgettable trip.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2024 DATES

|                 |          |                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 01 Oct - 27 Oct | \$19,580 | 29 Oct - 24 Nov | \$19,980 |
| 15 Oct - 10 Nov | \$19,980 | 05 Nov - 01 Dec | \$19,980 |

#### 2025 DATES

|                 |          |                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 11 Feb - 09 Mar | \$21,250 | 07 Oct - 02 Nov | \$21,250 |
| 18 Feb - 16 Mar | \$21,250 | 14 Oct - 09 Nov | \$21,650 |
| 25 Feb - 23 Mar | \$21,250 | 21 Oct - 16 Nov | \$21,650 |
| 04 Mar - 30 Mar | \$21,250 | 28 Oct - 23 Nov | \$21,650 |
| 11 Mar - 06 Apr | \$21,250 | 04 Nov - 30 Nov | \$21,650 |
| 30 Sep - 26 Oct | \$21,250 |                 |          |

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only from \$16,680 (Cairo - Jerusalem)
- Single supplement from \$4,980

#### Important note

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#### DAY 25: MT. ZION & GETHSEMANE

Visit Mt. Zion to see King David's Tomb, the Dormition Abbey and the Cenacle. After lunch, visit the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Jesus' arrest. Wander its atmospheric olive groves before this evening's Shabbat dinner, prepared by a local rabbi.

#### DAYS 26-27: FLY TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to Tel Aviv Airport (Ben Gurion) for your return flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



Admire Madaba's Byzantine mosaics

NEW

# SECRETS OF SAUDI ARABIA

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$12,980

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover cosmopolitan Riyadh
- ✓ Visit the world's largest camel market
- ✓ See the holy city of Medina
- ✓ Explore the rock-cut tombs of Hegra
- ✓ Admire Elephant Rock
- ✓ View Jubbah's UNESCO-listed rock art



Visit the ancient tombs at Hegra

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Explore Ushaiger Heritage Village

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Enjoy a window through time at the enchanting Ushaiger Heritage Village. Wander its labyrinth of side streets, tracing the echoes of Bedouins who settled here in centuries gone by, and explore the abandoned Najdi houses of this open-air museum.
- ▶ Bear witness to the sacred city of Medina, which has recently opened some sections of its forbidden city to non-Muslims for the first time. Glimpse the exterior of the Prophet's Mosque, and admire the beautiful Ottoman architecture of the old railway station.
- ▶ Immerse yourself in the bustling atmosphere of the world's largest camel market in Buraidah. Witness the lively spectacle as prized Arabian camels command attention and high prices.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO RIYADH

Fly overnight to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's dynamic capital city in the heart of the Arabian Peninsula. Meet your driver and transfer to the hotel ahead of this evening's welcome dinner.

### DAY 3: DIRIYAH & RIYADH

Head to the outskirts of Riyadh to visit Diriyah, the original capital of the Saudi dynasty. Uncover the secrets of its UNESCO-listed At-Turaif district, known for its mesmerising maze of traditional Najdi mudbrick architecture. The citadel here was the centre of power for the House of Saud in the 18th and early 19th centuries; this emirate was the first unifying power in the Arabian Peninsula.

Return to Riyadh for lunch. Head to the National Museum to learn more about the rich tapestry of Saudi history before exploring the nineteenth-century Masmak Fort. Finally, explore the alleyways of the Souq Al-Zal, one of Riyadh's oldest traditional markets.

### DAY 4: USHAIGER HERITAGE VILLAGE

Depart Riyadh and drive north to the captivating Ushaiger Heritage Village, a labyrinth of charming side streets, palm groves and traditional Najdi buildings that evoke the essence of old-world Saudi Arabia. Bedouins first settled here some 1,500 years ago, when it was a popular stopping point for pilgrims travelling to Mecca. Now, the city is a living museum, with just a small, friendly community still resident here. Continue to Buraidah and check in at your hotel.

### DAY 5: CAMEL MARKET & HA'IL

Head to Buraidah to experience the hustle and bustle of the world's largest camel market – a truly immersive experience, where prized Arabian camels command astounding prices. Continue to Ha'il, stopping en route to see the oasis city of Fayd, once

an important stop on the Hajj route from Baghdad to Mecca. Admire Hutaymah Crater before checking in at your hotel in Ha'il.

### DAY 6: JUBBAH & ELEPHANT ROCK

Explore the historical treasures of Ha'il. Stop for a photo at the formidable Qishlah fortress before driving through the red sands of the Great Nefud Desert to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Jubbah. Discover its rich variety of rock art dating back some ten thousand years, with petroglyphs depicting camels, archers, chariots, kings and more.

This evening, pause to admire Elephant Rock, a monolithic sandstone formation standing 52 metres high. Its distinctive trunk and body were shaped by millennia of weather erosion. As the sun sets, the sandstone turns a beautiful shade of red. Continue to your accommodation in AIUla, home for the next two nights.

### DAY 7: ALULA

Explore the wonders of AIUla, once a crossroads of ancient civilisations. The region once offered rest for merchants on the caravan routes between Egypt and Arabia.



Discover Diriyah's mudbrick architecture



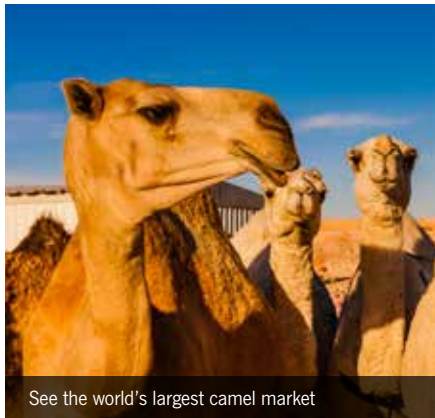


**CLASSIC**  
SAUDI ARABIA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

The winds of change are blowing through Saudi Arabia, which only recently opened to non-pilgrims. Discover ancient fortresses, camel markets and UNESCO World Heritage sites in its vast deserts, before experiencing the cosmopolitan comforts of its cities and high-speed railway.



See the world's largest camel market



Admire the breathtaking sunset at Elephant Rock

Begin with an exploration of AIUla's atmospheric Old Town. Wander through its labyrinth of narrow streets, mudbrick houses, and imposing fort, and feel the vivid history of a once-thriving settlement along ancient incense routes. Later, join a shared two-hour coach tour of Hegra, formerly known as Madain Saleh. Founded by the Nabatean Arabs in the first century AD, Hegra was built to protect the Nabateans' long-distance caravans, which brought precious goods from southern Arabia to Petra in Jordan. Marvel at the grandeur of the site's rock-hewn tombs, dating back two thousand years. Dozens of well-preserved tombs stand amid the stunning desert landscape, carved into its dramatic cliffs and rock formations.

*The Royal Commission of AIUla does not permit independent visits to the site. Touring here is strictly on a hop-on hop-off coach basis, with rawis (storytellers) at each site.*

**DAY 8: MEDINA & BULLET TRAIN TO JEDDAH**

Spend the morning driving through a landscape of desert and mountains to reach Medina, the second holiest city in Islam. While non-Muslims cannot enter the mosques, visitors can now explore some of the previously forbidden central area. See the battlefield site of Jabal Uhud and admire the façade of the Prophet's Mosque. Visit Medina's attractive Ottoman railway station and see the Hijaz Railway memorabilia.

Finally, experience the sleek Haramain Railway. Board the bullet train from Medina to the vibrant city of Jeddah on the shores of the Red Sea. This modern, air-conditioned train travels at 186 mph, covering the 260 miles to Jeddah in less than two hours. Check in to your hotel in Jeddah.

**DAY 9: JEDDAH**

Known as the Bride of the Red Sea, this coastal city has been the port for Mecca for centuries. Visit the House of Islamic Art, housing a vast collection of artistic items. Drive along the spectacular Corniche and admire the gleaming Floating Mosque, built on stilts over the waves of the Red Sea. Later, discover Jeddah's UNESCO-listed Old Quarter, Al Balad, home to ornate houses built of coral stone. Look out for the beautiful roshan-style bay windows, overlaid with intricate wooden latticework. Finally, settle down to a farewell dinner with a local host and enjoy an insight into modern family dynamics in Jeddah.

**DAYS 10-11: FLY TO AUSTRALIA**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

*This tour can easily be combined with our popular tour of Jordan – please see page 22 for details.*



Explore the coastal city of Jeddah

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

| 2024 DATES      |          |                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 24 Oct - 03 Nov | \$12,980 | 07 Nov - 17 Nov | \$12,980 |
| 31 Oct - 10 Nov | \$12,980 |                 |          |
| 2025 DATES      |          |                 |          |
| 06 Feb - 16 Feb | \$13,540 | 23 Oct - 02 Nov | \$13,540 |
| 13 Feb - 23 Feb | \$13,540 | 30 Oct - 09 Nov | \$13,540 |
| 20 Feb - 02 Mar | \$13,540 | 06 Nov - 16 Nov | \$13,540 |
| 16 Oct - 26 Oct | \$13,540 | 13 Nov - 23 Nov | \$13,540 |

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only from \$9,680 (Riyadh - Jeddah)
- Single supplement from \$2,060

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# TREASURES OF TURKEY

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit Istanbul's iconic landmarks
- ✓ Pay your respects at Gallipoli
- ✓ Discover ancient Ephesus
- ✓ Exclusive tour of Magnesia
- ✓ Be mesmerised by a Whirling Dervish ceremony
- ✓ Marvel at Cappadocia's fantastical geology



Explore the other-worldly rock formations of Cappadocia

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Lone Pine ANZAC Memorial

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Pay your respects to the fallen soldiers at Gallipoli, the site of the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign including Cape Helles Memorial, Anzac Cove, Shrapnel Valley and Lone Pine.
- ▶ Visit archaeological sites that are not usually open to the public on your exclusive visit to the ancient Greek city of Magnesia.
- ▶ Embrace everyday life in Cappadocia as you enjoy a delicious lunch with a local family, get involved with the region's handmade pottery and enjoy tea in a traditional village home.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO ISTANBUL

Fly overnight to Istanbul and transfer to your hotel in the heart of the city.

### DAY 3: OLD ISTANBUL

Explore Istanbul's landmark sites. Visit the remains of the once mighty Hippodrome and marvel at the Blue Mosque's 2,500 stained glass windows before continuing to Hagia Sophia, the crowning achievement of the Byzantine Empire. Visit the extraordinary Basilica Cistern, a 10,000 square meter underground water store in the heart of the ancient city, then immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the Grand Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world.

### DAY 4: BOSPORUS STRAIT

This morning, discover the mesmeric beauty of Topkapi Palace. Then stroll through the Spice Bazaar and visit the Rustem Pasah Mosque. After lunch, uncover the UNESCO-listed Fener and Balat districts. Walk through the colourful, labyrinth-like streets of these historical neighbourhoods. This afternoon, enjoy a private cruise along the Bosphorus Strait, the waterway that divides Europe and Asia, to witness the city's minaret-studded skyline and its most famous sites from the water, including the dramatic Rumeli Fortress, Dolmabahce Palace and the sultan's former summer residence - Beylerbeyi Palace.

### DAY 5: GALLIPOLI PENINSULA

Pay your respects to the fallen soldiers of the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign at the Cape Helles Memorial. A defining moment in the history of Australia and New Zealand, the tragic events that unfolded in Anzac Cove, Shrapnel Valley and Lone Pine marked the birth of the Anzac spirit of courage, loyalty and friendship that continues today. Later cross the strategic Dardanelles Straits to Canakkale.

### DAY 6: TROY & PERGAMON

Visit the ruins of Troy and learn about its fabled history, then continue to the Greco-Roman city of Pergamon, known for its Acropolis and its unusually steep theatre. Today's lunch will be a home-cooked Turkish meal, to be enjoyed with a local family. This afternoon continue to your hotel in Selcuk.

### DAY 7: EPHESUS

Spend the morning exploring one of the ancient world's most famous cities. Remarkably well preserved, Ephesus is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and its roads, pavements, facades and enormous theatre paint a vivid picture of what everyday life in the ancient city might have been like. Enjoy a picnic lunch and learn how hand-woven Turkey carpets are produced.

### DAY 8: ANCIENT CITY OF MAGNESIA

Today travel to the ancient city of Magnesia. On an exclusive guided tour, you'll learn about the city's fascinating history from experts and visit archaeological sites that are not usually open to the public. Later continue by road to Pamukkale and enjoy a dip in the thermal waters.

### DAY 9: PAMUKKALE

Explore the ancient spa city of Hierapolis, where you can marvel at the spectacular terraces of calcium pools cascading down the hillside. Founded during the Hellenistic period, the city later became a centre of worship for the Romans. Drive to Antalya in the afternoon, on Turkey's south coast.

### DAY 10: ANTALYA

Drive to the ancient Greek city of Aspendos, home to the best-preserved Roman theatre in the Mediterranean, and then relax and unwind on a 2-hour private boat tour along the attractive Mediterranean shoreline.

**CLASSIC**  
TURKEY

PHYSICAL RATING



**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

The place where East meets West, Turkey is a treasure trove of fascinating history and archaeological wonders. From Istanbul's iconic landmarks and Gallipoli's bloody battlegrounds to Cappadocia's other-worldly landscapes and much more, this all-encompassing tour uncovers the very best of Turkey.



Sample delicious Turkish cuisine



Visit the exquisitely decorated Blue Mosque

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After breakfast, travel to Turkey's capital city, Ankara. Explore the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, renowned for its staggering collection of artefacts from every era of Turkey's complex history. And finally, visit the colossal Mausoleum of Ataturk, resting place of the founder of modern Turkey.

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After breakfast drive approximately 5 hours to Istanbul, where we have lunch at a waterside restaurant on the Asian shore, close to Beylerbeyi Palace. Check into your hotel then enjoy the rest of the afternoon in one of the world's great cities. Enjoy a farewell dinner at the atmospheric Cicek Pasaji (Flower Passage) which is a small, covered street of traditional restaurants.

**DAYS 17-18: FLY TO AUSTRALIA**

Transfer to Istanbul Airport for your flight home. Arrive home the same or following day.



The magnificent Celsus Library at Ephesus

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**

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|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
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| 23 Apr - 10 May | \$10,580 | 24 Sep - 11 Oct | \$10,580 |
| 07 May - 24 May | \$10,580 | 08 Oct - 25 Oct | \$10,580 |
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| 08 Apr - 25 Apr | \$11,420 | 09 Sep - 26 Sep | \$11,420 |
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| 06 May - 23 May | \$11,420 | 07 Oct - 24 Oct | \$11,420 |

**Flight and supplement information**

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NEW

# TREASURES OF TURKEY

## ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$10,900



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM  
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,  
ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Experience the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Gallipoli
- ✓ Visit Istanbul's iconic landmarks
- ✓ Discover ancient Ephesus
- ✓ Exclusive tour of Magnesia
- ✓ Marvel at Cappadocia's fantastical geology



Experience the Anzac Day Memorial Service at Chunuk Bair

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 17 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 17 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Explore the rock formations of Cappadocia

### ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Embrace everyday life in Cappadocia as you enjoy a delicious lunch with a local family, get involved with the region's handmade pottery and enjoy tea in a traditional village home.
- ▶ Visit archaeological sites that are not usually open to the public on your exclusive visit to the ancient Greek city of Magnesia.
- ▶ Pay your respects to the fallen soldiers at Gallipoli, the site of the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign including Cape Helles Memorial, Anzac Cove, Shrapnel Valley and Lone Pine.

## ITINERARY

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### DAY 3: OLD ISTANBUL

Explore Istanbul's landmark sites. Visit the remains of the once mighty Hippodrome and marvel at the Blue Mosque's 2,500 stained glass windows before continuing to Hagia Sophia, the crowning achievement of the Byzantine Empire. Visit the extraordinary Basilica Cistern, a 10,000 square meter underground water store in the heart of the ancient city, then immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the Grand Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world.

### DAY 4: BOSPORUS STRAIT

This morning, discover the mesmeric beauty of Topkapi Palace. Then stroll through the Spice Bazaar and visit the Rustem Pasah Mosque. After lunch, uncover the UNESCO-listed Fener and Balat districts. Walk through the colourful, labyrinth-like streets of these historical neighbourhoods. This afternoon, enjoy a private cruise along the Bosphorus Strait, the waterway that divides Europe and Asia, to witness the city's minaret-studded skyline and its most famous sites from the water, including the dramatic Rumeli Fortress, Dolmabahce Palace and the sultan's former summer residence - Beylerbeyi Palace.

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Pay your respects to the fallen soldiers of the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign at the Cape Helles Memorial. A defining moment in the history of Australia and New Zealand, the tragic events that unfolded in Anzac Cove, Shrapnel Valley and Lone Pine marked the birth of the Anzac spirit of courage, loyalty and friendship that continues today. Later cross the strategic Dardanelles Straits to Canakkale.

### DAY 6: VISIT ANCIENT TROY

Discover the fabled UNESCO World Heritage site of Troy, with its multi-layered history and wonderful legends. See the legendary walls of Troy and the replica of the wooden Trojan Horse. The afternoon will be yours to enjoy free at leisure, returning for dinner at your hotel in Canakkale. Later in the evening, you will be transferred to the Anzac Commemorative Site in preparation for tomorrow's Dawn Service.

### DAY 7: ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Treasure the once-in-a-lifetime experience of an Anzac Day Dawn Service on the shores of Gallipoli. The Dawn Service is followed by the Australian Memorial Service at Lone Pine. Later make your way to Chunuk Bair, after which you'll be transferred back to your hotel in Canakkale to relax and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 8: PERGAMON

This morning drive to the Greco-Roman city of Pergamon, known for its Acropolis and its unusually steep theatre. Today's lunch will be a home-cooked Turkish meal, to be enjoyed with a local family. This afternoon continue to your hotel in Selcuk.

### DAY 9: EPHEBUS

Spend the morning exploring one of the ancient world's most famous cities. Remarkably well preserved, Ephesus is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and its roads, pavements, facades and enormous theatre paint a vivid picture of what everyday life in the ancient city might have been like. Enjoy a picnic lunch and learn how hand-woven Turkish carpets are produced.

### DAY 10: ANCIENT CITY OF MAGNESIA

Today travel to the ancient city of Magnesia. On an exclusive guided tour, you'll learn about the city's fascinating history from experts and visit



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TURKEY

PHYSICAL RATING 4

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
Commemorating one of the fiercest and most bitterly fought campaigns of the First World War, the deeply evocative ANZAC Day Dawn Service unfolds among the barren valley and ridges of Gallipoli. Also in Turkey visit Istanbul's iconic landmarks, the stunning Greco-Roman city of Ephesus, the thermal pools of Pamukkale, Cappadocia's other-worldly landscapes and much, much more.



The magnificent Celsus Library at Ephesus



Explore Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula

archaeological sites that are not usually open to the public. Later continue by road to Pamukkale and enjoy a dip in the thermal waters.

**DAY 11: PAMUKKALE**

Explore the ancient spa city of Hierapolis, where you can marvel at the spectacular terraces of calcium pools cascading down the hillside. Founded during the Hellenistic period, the city later became a centre of worship for the Romans. Drive to Antalya in the afternoon, on Turkey's south coast.

**DAY 12: ANTALYA**

Drive to the ancient Greek city of Aspendos, home to the best-preserved Roman theatre in the Mediterranean, and then relax on a 2-hour private boat tour along the attractive Mediterranean shoreline.

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**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
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Browse traditional ceramics in Cappadocia

NEW

# CHRISTMAS IN TURKEY

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$10,890

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit Istanbul's iconic landmarks
- ✓ Pay your respects at Gallipoli
- ✓ Explore ancient Ephesus
- ✓ Witness the Whirling Dervishes
- ✓ Taste Cappadocian home cuisine
- ✓ See Cappadocia in her winter glory

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Visit Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Pay your respects to the fallen soldiers at Gallipoli, the site of the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign. Afterwards, raise a glass at sunset overlooking the Dardanelles – scene of so many conflicts including the Trojan War.
- ▶ Embrace everyday life in Cappadocia as you enjoy a delicious lunch with a local family, get involved with the region's handmade pottery and enjoy tea in a traditional village home.
- ▶ Experience Christmas morning with a walking tour of Goreme's ancient churches which are among some of the very earliest Christian churches in the world.



Experience Hagia Sophia in the snow in Istanbul

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE ISTANBUL

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### DAY 3: OLD ISTANBUL

Explore Istanbul's landmark sites. Visit the remains of the once mighty Hippodrome, marvel at the multiple domes and six minarets of the Blue Mosque, then venture inside majestic Hagia Sophia, the crowning achievement of the Byzantine Empire. Next visit the extraordinary Basilica Cistern, a 10,000 square meter underground water store in the heart of the ancient city, whose vaulted ceilings are supported by a forest of 9-metre high columns plundered from all over the Byzantine empire. Finally, immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the Grand Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world.

### DAY 4: BOSPORUS STRAIT

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Visit the ruins of Troy and learn about its fabled history, then continue to the Greco-Roman city of Pergamon, known for its Acropolis and its unusually steep theatre. Today's lunch will be a home-cooked Turkish meal, to be enjoyed with local families. This afternoon continue to your hotel in Selcuk.

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### DAY 8: FLY TO CAPPADOCIA

Transfer to Izmir for your flight eastwards to the other-worldly region of Cappadocia, where over millennia the soft tufa rock has been eroded into fantastical shapes, a magical sight at any time of year but especially in winter if coated in snow. Arrive at your hotel and then enjoy a Christmas Eve with a difference, at the beautifully restored Seljuk-built caravanserai of Saruhan. Here witness the mesmeric and mysterious ritual dance of the Whirling Dervishes, before continuing to dinner at a local restaurant.

### DAY 9: CHRISTMAS IN CAPPADOCIA

Happy Christmas! For those that wish today could begin pre-dawn with an unforgettable hot-air balloon flight (optional and at your own expense) over Cappadocia's extraordinary landscapes of volcanic cones and wind-eroded cliffs. Later spend a memorable Christmas morning among the wonderfully

**CLASSIC**  
TURKEY



PHYSICAL RATING



**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

What better place to celebrate Christmas than in Turkey, among the fairytale landscapes of Cappadocia where some of the very earliest Christian settled and lived? Along the way explore a treasure trove of fascinating history, from Istanbul's iconic landmarks and Gallipoli's bloody battlegrounds to the Greco-Roman majesty of ancient Ephesus and so much more. A Christmas adventure that encompasses the very best of Turkey.



Visit the Temple of Trajan in Pergamon



Witness sunrise in spectacular Cappadocia

preserved rock-hewn churches of Goreme, a UNESCO-protected site and home to one of the very earliest Christian communities in the world. Continue to the amazing rock formations of Pasabag Valley, take in the magnificent views of Cappadocia from Uchisar citadel, and in Avanos watch potters create masterpieces from local clay from the Halys River. Finally, celebrate Christmas with a special dinner at an atmospheric local restaurant.

**DAY 10: BOXING DAY LUNCH WITH LOCAL FAMILY**

Boxing Day begins with a visit to the Greek-built village of Mustafapasa, then continue for a walk through the beautiful Soganli Valley, home to early Christian churches dating from the 9th to 13th centuries. Lunch today will be in a traditional Cappadocia village home, decorated with textiles and local flatweave carpets. Your hosts will prepare

and serve a variety of traditional dishes in their family home, a unique experience. Then continue to Kaymakli Underground City, a multi-layered subterranean settlement that provided refuge for early Christian communities.

**DAY 11: ISTANBUL**

Say goodbye to Cappadocia and fly back to Istanbul, with some free time to enjoy one of the world's greatest cities. Your farewell dinner is planned for the bustling and historical district of Kumkapi, on the Sea of Marmara, where fishermen have lived and worked for centuries. Enjoy your meze starters with fish or seafood main courses, often with traditional live music and belly-dance performances going on around you.

**DAYS 12-13: DEPART ISTANBUL**

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your flight home, arriving the same or following day.

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**

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| 2024 DATES      |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| 17 Dec - 29 Dec | \$10,890 |

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|-----------------|----------|
| 17 Dec - 29 Dec | \$11,490 |

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Witness the mesmerising Whirling Dervishes



Enjoy a traditional lunch in Cappadocia

# ULTIMATE UZBEKISTAN

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$9,580

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit Toprak Kala Fortress
- ✓ Explore Bukhara's monuments
- ✓ Discover Registan Square
- ✓ Shop at Chorsu bazaar
- ✓ Be mesmerised by Gur Emir's tilework
- ✓ Stroll through Ichan Kala



Explore majestic Samarkand

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit a family-run ceramics workshop

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit the workshop of a famous family known for their ceramics – Akbar and Alisher Rakhimov. You will learn about the history of ceramics and get to see the unique collection of their exclusive works. Enjoy a tea ceremony with local pastries baked especially for you.
- ▶ Enjoy lunch at the house of a local, who just happens to be an expert suzani (tapestry) maker! You'll dine on 'plov', the national Uzbek dish, which you'll also help to prepare - made with mutton and rice, it includes a large quantity of spices.
- ▶ Experience a wine tasting at Khovrenko Winery in Samarkand. You will be taken on a tour of the wine museum, familiarising yourselves with the history of winemaking in the region. This winery also produces vodka and brandy.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TASHKENT

Fly overnight to Tashkent. This afternoon you will explore the capital visiting the old town, Barak Khana Seminary, Tila Shaikh Mosque and the archives known for a rare copy of the Quran. Later, continue to Chorsu bazaar, the oldest market in Tashkent, and Kukeldash Madrassah.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER NUKUS

This morning you will fly to Nukus where the day's highlight is the Igor Savitsky Museum, home to the finest collection of Soviet avant-garde art, where you'll gain insight into Central Asia's unique cultural heritage. Also, visit the ancient city of Mizdahkan – a complex of Islamic monuments spread over three hills.

### DAY 4: NUKUS TO KHIVA

Today, drive 200 kilometres to Khiva, visiting little-known, ancient fortresses en route. These include Chilpik Kala, also known as the Tower of Silence, Kizil Kala Fortress and Toprak Kala Fortress – an excavated town considered to be one of the most important monuments on Khorezm. You can also explore Ayaz Kala, one of the biggest complexes in Karakalpakstan, comprising three fortresses.

### DAY 5: KHIVA

Set out on foot, taking in all the major sights of the Itchan Kala, Khiva's evocative and wonderfully preserved old city. Visit the citadel, Kalta Minor Minaret, Kunya Ark, Madrassah Rakhimkhon and the Mausoleum of Pakhlavan Makhmud. Keep exploring this afternoon, at the Friday Mosque and Tashauli Palace, including its harem.

### DAY 6: KHIVA TO BUKHARA

Set out for Bukhara, taking a long drive across the famous Kyzyl Kum Desert. The Great Silk Road once ran a similar route to the one you will travel today.

There will be several photo opportunities along the way as well as a stop along the banks of the Amudarya River.

### DAY 7: BUKHARA

Begin your full day of touring this incredible city, home to hundreds of registered monuments. The main highlights will include Lab-i-khauz, Madrassah Nadirkhon Devanbegi, Khanaga and Mogaki Attari Mosque. After lunch, visit Ark Fortress, Bolo Hauz Mosque and see the locals doing block printing, metal chasing and suzani embroidery as well as carving.

### DAY 8: BY TRAIN TO SAMARKAND

Visit Sitara-i-Mokhikhosa, the summer residence of the emir of Bukhara, and then visit Bahauddin Naqshbandi – the memorial complex of famous Sufi,



Discover the mosques of Bukhara



**CLASSIC**  
UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

Enjoy an in-depth exploration of the Central Asian nation of Uzbekistan, a heartland of ancient culture, timeless cities and associations with the myths and legends of the Silk Road. Explore among spectacular scenery, discovering architectural wonders and epic history.



See the ruins of ancient Mizdahkan



Marvel at the tilework of Itchan Kala, Khiva

the spiritual leaders of this region. In the afternoon you'll make your way to the train station for your journey to Samarkand.

**DAY 9: SAMARKAND**

Today you will explore one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world and the oldest in Central Asia. Visit the breathtakingly beautiful Registan Square which was the heart of Samarkand, and the beautiful madrassahs of Ulug-Bek built in the 15th century, Tilya-Kori built in the 17th century and Gur Emir, the mausoleum of great conquerer Tamerlane. Later you will enjoy a wander through the Silk Road bazaar.

**DAY 10: SHAKHRISABZ**

Travel two hours to Shakhrisabz, a small traditional city lying 80 kilometres south of Samarkand. Here,

the birthplace of Tamerlane, you will explore Ak-Sarai Palace, Dorus Tilavat cemetery and Kok-Gumbas Mosque, before returning to Samarkand.

**DAY 11: SAMARKAND TO TASHKENT**

Exploring today begins with a visit to Ulugbek's observatory followed by a visit to the ancient settlement of Afrosiab situated in the hills. You will have some leisure time in Samarkand before transferring to the train station, heading back to Tashkent.

**DAYS 12-13: FLY TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.



Admire traditional suzani embroidery

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
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# PORTUGAL UNCOVERED

14 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Porto's colourful backstreets
- ✓ Visit the beautiful Douro Valley
- ✓ Uncover the rural charm of Alentejo
- ✓ Savour the best of Portugal's wines
- ✓ Discover charming medieval towns
- ✓ Experience Lisbon: a capital city like no other

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Sample Douro Valley wines

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Immerse yourself in the glorious beauty of the Douro Valley, with its famous terraced vineyards rising up from the languid river; explore first by traditional 'Rabelo' boat and then by train before finishing up at a local, family-run vineyard where you'll enjoy a delicious lunch and sample some of the exquisite wines.
- ▶ Discover the rural paradise of rolling hills, cork forests, olive groves and vineyards that make up Portugal's Alentejo region. Visit a centuries-old cork farm and learn from the owners about cork farming along with their other crops.
- ▶ Rumble through the soulful heart of Lisbon on board your privately chartered 'No. 28 Tram'. These tiny, colourful trams date back to the 1930s and the No. 28 route takes you through the oldest and most picturesque districts of the city, passing through impossibly narrow streets.



Enjoy views of traditional gondolas on Aveiro's charming canals

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO PORTO

Fly overnight to the vibrant and colourful city of Porto, on the Douro River in northern Portugal. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the culture of Porto's picturesque city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE PORTO ON FOOT

Uncover Porto's most famous sights and its hidden treasures on a guided walking tour. Along the way your guide will explain the politics, religion and traditions of this fabulous city. In the afternoon head to one of Porto's oldest port cellars and learn all about the wine to which this city gave its name, with a tasting session to follow.

### DAY 4: NORTHERN PORTUGAL

Enjoy a walking tour through the UNESCO listed medieval centre of Guimaraes, including the castle and the Palace of the Dukes. Continue to Braga, the religious heart of Portugal, to visit the Bom Jesus do Monte complex. Then end the day at Viana do Castelo, a port city famous for its fresh seafood.

### DAY 5: VINHO VERDE

Take a guided stroll through Viano do Castelo and discover its medley of architectural styles, inspired by the Manueline, Renaissance, Baroque and Art Deco movements. Stop to admire the famous medieval bridge at Ponte de Lima before visiting Quinta do Ameal, a 300-year-old wine estate in the heart of the lovely Vinho Verde region. Learn about their organic winemaking production and enjoy a tasting. Continue to your hotel in Geres National Park.

### DAY 6: GERES NATIONAL PARK

Today experience the wild beauty of Geres National Park on a countryside walk. Look out for crystal-clear streams and peaceful lakes, with a picnic lunch along the way. Drive to Mateus Palace, a baroque masterpiece still owned by a noble Portuguese family. Continue to the scenic Douro Valley, famous for the terraced vineyards that cloak the steep hillsides above the river.

### DAY 7: THE DOURO BY RAIL AND SAIL

Explore the exquisite landscapes of the Douro Valley. Start with a Rabelo boat cruise along the river, then take a scenic train ride from Pinhão to reach a charming, family-run Douro vineyard. Learn about the wine making process and enjoy sampling some of the wines along with lunch at the quinta.

### DAY 8: AVEIRO & COIMBRA

Spend a morning in Aveiro, 'the Portuguese Venice'. Admire the colourful striped houses and vibrant moliceiros (gondolas) that line its criss-crossing canals. Continue to beautiful Coimbra and walk through the historic centre.



Explore Pena Palace in Sintra

**CLASSIC**  
PORTUGAL

PHYSICAL RATING



**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

This tour focuses not just on Portugal's extraordinary history as a global seafaring superpower, but also on its natural beauty and rich traditions, with many opportunities to experience local foods, wines and music.



Ride a vintage tram ride through Lisbon



Take a walking tour of historic Porto

**DAY 9: HISTORIC HEART OF PORTUGAL**

A history-packed day first visiting the UNESCO listed Templar town of Tomar, considered one of Portugal's finest historical jewels. Visit the extraordinary medieval monastery of Batalha, also UNESCO listed, and hear the dramatic 14th century love story of Prince Pedro and Inês de Castro. End the day at the medieval, walled town of Obidos and enjoy a taste of its famous cherry liqueur, Ginja.

**DAY 10: RURAL ALENTEJO**

Drive south into the Alentejo region. Explore a family-run cork farm, set in a rural paradise of rolling hills, cork forests, olive groves and vineyards. Visit Evora and explore the UNESCO listed city centre, dating back to Roman times, and admire the sweeping views from the roof of the cathedral.

**DAY 11: PALACES OF SINTRA**

Today visit the historic heart of Sintra, a fabulously romantic 19th-century hilltop town famous for its

gardens and ornate villas and palaces. The whole area is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later experience the evocative, atmospheric and deeply traditional music of Fado, with a dinner in one of Lisbon's Fado bars.

**DAY 12: LISBON AND BELEM**

Travel by electric tuk-tuk to Lisbon's Belem district, with its impressive monuments to Portugal's golden age of exploration and discovery. Take a relaxed cruise along the Tagus River to see the city's waterfront. Return to Lisbon, where we board a vintage 'No. 28 Tram' to explore the city's oldest and most picturesque districts. End the day with a farewell dinner.

**DAYS 13-14: FLY TO AUSTRALIA**

Transfer to Lisbon airport for your flight home, arriving the following day.

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**

Prices are per person, twin share

**2024 DATES**

|                 |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 20 Sep - 03 Oct | <b>\$10,990</b> | 01 Nov - 14 Nov | <b>\$10,990</b> |
| 11 Oct - 24 Oct | <b>\$10,990</b> |                 |                 |

**2025 DATES**

|                 |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 14 Mar - 27 Mar | <b>\$11,650</b> | 31 Oct - 13 Nov | <b>\$11,650</b> |
| 10 Oct - 23 Oct | <b>\$11,650</b> |                 |                 |

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only from \$8,090 (Porto - Lisbon)
- Single supplement from \$1,900

**Important note**

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**Customary tipping amount of approximately EUR70 (AU\$121pp) is paid locally in Portugal.**

Call for our 2026 pricing and departures



Enjoy time at leisure in the charming medieval town of Óbidos



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accommodation



Most  
meals



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transportation  
& sightseeing



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# MONGOLIA & NAADAM FESTIVAL

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$13,980

INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore the Gobi Desert
- ✓ Discover Bayanzag's flaming cliffs
- ✓ Venture to the Singing Sand Dunes
- ✓ Visit Turtle Rock
- ✓ Wander through Ulaanbaatar
- ✓ Admire the steppe grasslands

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation & ger camps
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Watch traditional Mongolian dancing

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Immerse yourself in fascinating culture as you enjoy a Mongolian folklore show, featuring old music traditions such as throat-singing and horsehead fiddles, dancing and performing arts.
- ▶ The Naadam Festival represents the heritage of Mongolia with competitors participating in archery, wrestling and horseback riding. Enjoy the opening cultural performance, and cheer for the participants alongside the locals.
- ▶ Amongst the dramatic landscapes of Mongolia's steppe, receive a warm welcome from a local family as they show you around their ger camp home and introduce you to their nomadic life as livestock herders.



See the traditional 'Three Manly Skills' at the Naadam Festival

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR

Fly overnight to Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. You have the rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 3: ULAANBAATAR CITY

Start your explorations with a visit to Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important monastery in Mongolia. Later, explore the Museum of Mongolian History for insight into the culture of Mongolia. You will then visit the Museum of Fine Arts.

### DAY 4: GENGHIS KHAN STATUE COMPLEX

This morning, travel to Terelj National Park stopping en route to visit the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue Complex. Spend the afternoon exploring the area, enjoying the alpine scenery and seeing Turtle Rock.

### DAY 5: GOBI DESERT

This morning, fly to Dalanzadgad where you will visit the local market and dinosaur-themed garden before transferring by 4WD to the ger camp near Gurvansaikhan (Three Beauty) National Park. You will then spend the day exploring Vulture Valley and the famed Eagle's Gorge, before driving back to the camp for a visit to a Mongolian family to learn about their lifestyle.

### DAY 6: KHONGORYN ELS

After an early start you will be travelling by 4WD to Khongoryn Els to explore the remarkable desert landscapes and beautiful sand dunes.

### DAY 7: BAYANZAG – FLAMING CLIFFS

This morning is at leisure for you to explore. After lunch, continue to Bayanzag – more commonly known as the 'Flaming Cliffs'. This afternoon there will be a visit to the so-called dinosaur graveyard, an area in the desert littered with prehistoric bones and fossils.

### DAY 8: ONGIIN KHIID

Today, journey to the banks of the Ongii River, travelling across vast plains. On arrival, visit the ruins of two famed monasteries, the Barlim Khiid to the north and the Khutagt Khiid to the south. Combined they form the complex known as Ongiin Khiid Monastery.

### DAY 9: MOUNT KHOGNO KHAN

Depart for Mount Khogno Khan to explore the remains of the 17th-century monastery, the Uvgun Khiids, located at the foot of the mountain. The monastery offers views of the spectacular scenery so enjoy some time to explore the monastery and its surroundings.

### DAY 10: KHARKHORIN

Drive to Kharkhorin, a town on the Orkhon River. Explore the ancient sites within Kharkhorin and the memorable Erdene Zuu Monastery.

### DAY 11: TSENKHER

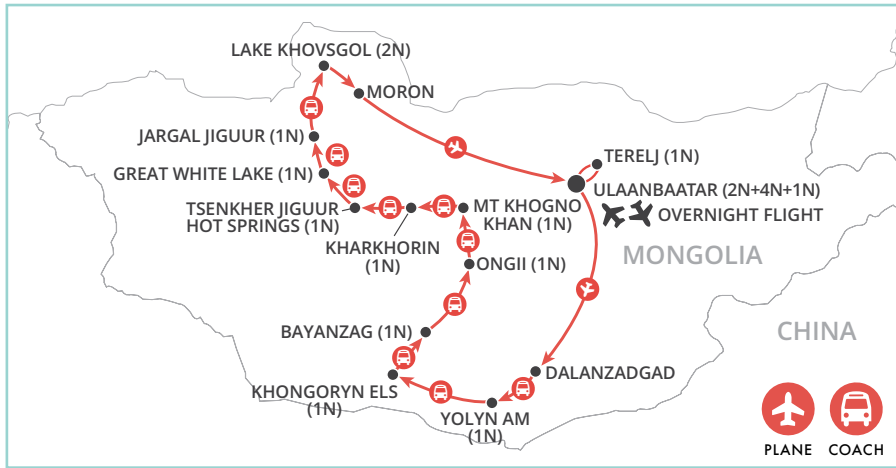
Enjoy the morning at leisure before continuing to Tsenkher Jiguur. On arrival you'll have more free time to relax in the hot springs and soak up the spectacular surroundings.

### DAY 12: KHORGU TERKH

Today, you'll travel to the serene Great White Lake (Terkhii Tsagaan Nuur) to a ger camp that sits on its shores, overlooked by Khorgo Volcano. Take a walk up to the volcano's crater for wonderful views or wander the lake shores to spot birds and wildlife. There is also a visit to Zayaiin Huree Monastery in Tsetserleg Town.

### DAY 13: JARGAL JIGUUR

Enjoy a walk around the shores of the lake and soak up the breathtaking scenery before heading on to Jargal Jiguur, also known as the 'home of the yaks', due to the many local families who herd these docile, hairy creatures.



**GO BEYOND**  
MONGOLIA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

Journey through the less-discovered land of Genghis Khan, traversing vast, rolling plains and seeing sights of immeasurable beauty. Including three exciting days at the Naadam Festival, expect many long, but scenic drives.



Relax in a Mongolian ger



See Eagles in Mongolia

**DAYS 14-15: LAKE KHOVSGOL**

Today is a long drive through Mōron to Lake Khovsgol watching plains and glacial peaks pass by. Your ger camp is situated on the eastern shore of the lake. In the afternoon, take a walk to the forest and visit a reindeer breeding family, where you will get introduced to their way of life. You have the next day at leisure to explore freely.

**DAY 16: ULAANBAATAR CITY**

This morning, you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Ulaanbaatar. Upon arrival you will transfer to your hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure.

**DAY 17: NAADAM EVE**

This morning, visit the Mongol Nomadic Show area to see how the nomads live. After lunch, return to Ulaanbaatar city for the Naadam Eve, visiting Central Square where you can view the Naadam Mongol costumes on display.



Witness the Naadam Festival

**DAY 18: NAADAM FESTIVAL**

Today starts the highlight of your journey as you interact with locals and nomads, witnessing the Opening Ceremony of the Naadam Festival. The featured events you will see are wrestling, horseracing and archery. View the procession of the athletes, officials and monks as the first round of competitions in the wrestling tournament begin.

**DAY 19: HORSE RACE**

Travel outside the city to enjoy the second day of the Naadam Festival. An exciting day unfolds as you view the cross-country horseracing, also known as 'tumnii ekh' (leader of ten thousand). Cheer along with the locals as the athletes compete in a carnival-like atmosphere.

**DAY 20: ULAANBAATAR CITY**

You have the day in Ulaanbaatar to explore as you wish. This evening you will enjoy a traditional Mongolian performance followed by dinner.

**DAYS 21-22: DEPART ULAANBAATAR**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.



Admire Lake Khovsgol

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

| 2024 DATES      |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 24 Jun - 15 Jul | <b>\$13,980</b> |
| 2025 DATES      |                 |
| 24 Jun - 15 Jul | <b>\$14,590</b> |

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only from \$11,780pp (Ulaanbaatar - Ulaanbaatar)
- Single supplement from \$2,180

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# ROAD TO SAMARKAND

23 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$15,580

INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Uncover the beauty of Samarkand
- ✓ Learn about silk production
- ✓ Discover holy Bukhara
- ✓ Meet nomads in Kyrgyzstan
- ✓ Lose yourself in vibrant bazaars
- ✓ Watch traditional eagle hunting



Discover Bukhara's magnificent architecture

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation, plus guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



See golden eagles hunting

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ One of Central Asia's most iconic experiences, witness the skill and majesty of golden eagle hunting – an age-old Kyrgyz practice – in the spectacular setting of Kyrgyzstan's highlands.
- ▶ Take to the tranquil, vivid-blue waters of Issyk Kul, the world's second largest alpine lake, enjoying a relaxing cruise as you admire the spectacular views of the rugged Ala-Too Mountains.
- ▶ In Kochkor, visit a wonderful local cooperative where women are trained in traditional Kyrgyz handicrafts and given space to show and sell their work, allowing them to earn a wage and keep old traditions alive.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BISHKEK

Fly overnight to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital and cultural hub. Once you have checked in, the rest of the day is for you to relax before dinner.

### DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast embark on a city tour to see Ala-Too Squire, the White House and Oak Park. Continue to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through its picturesque scenery of rugged peaks and dramatic gorges. Rest of day at leisure in Bishkek.

### DAY 4: LAKE ISSYK KUL

Visit the magnificent 12th-century Burana Tower before departing for Cholpon-Ata. Set on the shores of Lake Issyk Kul, visit the astonishing collection of 8th-century petroglyphs etched into glacial stone nearby. Later, take a cruise on the beautiful lake itself, admiring its spectacular alpine-esque surroundings.

### DAY 5: DRIVE TO KARAKOL

Drive to Karakol, stopping at Semenov Gorge for a gentle hike, and Kyrchyn Jailoo ethnic village en route. This afternoon visit the Przhevalsky Museum, dedicated to the Russian explorer, and visit the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Church and the Chinese Mosque.

### DAY 6: JETI-ORGUZ GORGE

Rise early to immerse yourself in the hustle and bustle of Karakol's Sunday morning animal market. In the afternoon, travel to the Jeti-Oguz Gorge for a walk through the canyon of red sandstone. Visit an Irdyk village and enjoy a home-cooked dinner with a local Dugan family.

### DAY 7: EAGLE HUNTING

Depart Karakol early and travel to Skazka Canyon, also known as Fairy Tale Canyon, due to its

unusual shapes and colors. Travel further to the village of Bokonbayevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition practised with majestic golden eagles. Continue to Naryn, where you will stay the night.

### DAY 8: JOURNEY TO TASH RABAT

Pass through dramatic mountain and valley landscapes to reach Tash Rabat, a small stone caravanserai that was of great significance at the height of the Silk Road. Enjoy the peaceful valley said to contain some of the finest landscapes in Kyrgyzstan before returning to Naryn.

### DAY 9: KOCHKOR

Transfer to Kochkor, the centre of Kyrgyz felt handicrafts. Visit a traditional 'shyrdak' (wool carpet) workshop and a co-op that provides training for local women in traditional handicrafts. In the evening you will travel to a guesthouse near Chong-Kemin National Park.

### DAY 10: CHONG KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

Travel from Kochkor to Chong Kemin, a quiet valley with small villages surrounded by magnificent mountains. Enjoy a walk in the foothills before travelling to Bishkek airport for your flight to Tashkent.

### DAY 11: TASHKENT

Explore Tashkent's sights, including the Barak Khana Seminary, Kukeldash Madrassahs, Tila Shaikh Mosque and their archives. Browse the wares of Chorsu bazaar before experiencing a ceramic workshop.

### DAY 12: GOLDEN CITY OF SAMARKAND

Travel to the legendary city of Samarkand where you will enjoy a tour of Registan Square, the Ulug-Bek and Tillya-Kori madrasah. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring at your leisure.





## GO BEYOND

KYRGYZSTAN &amp; UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Follow the famous Silk Road through Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan! This tour will take you off-the-beaten-track to mingle with nomads in traditional yurt camps, to stroll through vibrant bazaars and discover timeless, ornately-decorated cities.



Admire scenic Kyrgyzstan



Explore Khiva and Kalta Minor, its beautiful unfinished minaret

## DAY 13: SAMARKAND

Explore Gur Emir, the magnificent mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane, the chief Friday Mosque Bibi-Khanum and the Siab Bazaar and Shahi Zinda Necropolis. Later in the afternoon see Mausoleum of the Prophet Daniel.

## DAY 14: KONIGIL VILLAGE

Visit Ulugbek's observatory, constructed by Ulugbek (grandson of the great Tamerlane) in 1428-1429. Later see the ancient settlement of Afrosiab. Continue to Konigil Village to visit a papermaking workshop. In the afternoon return to Samarkand and remainder of the day at leisure.

## DAY 15: SHAKHRISABZ

Travel to Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of the Tamerlane. Explore the city, visiting sites such as the remnants of Ak-Sarai Palace, Dorus Tilavat cemetery and Kok-Gumbas Mosque. Return to Samarkand this afternoon.

## DAY 16: BUKHARA

Journey to Bukhara. En route, visit Gijduvan, a centre of famous handmade ceramics. Here you will see the fascinating process of making these ceramics. Arrive in the holy city of Bukhara, a treasure trove of history and magnificent architecture. Take this afternoon to begin your explorations and soak up the atmosphere.

## DAY 17: BUKHARA

Today explore the fabulous Bukhara including Lyab-i Hauz ensemble, Madrassah Nadir Devanbegi, Magoki Attari Mosques, Poi Kalan Minaret and Mosque. After lunch you will visit the Ark of Bukhara, Bolo Hauz Mosque and the Mausoleum of Ismail Samani.

## DAY 18: BUKHARA

This morning visit Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa, the Emir's summer palace, a 20th-century confection of a building. Continue to the Bahauddin Naqshbandi Mausoleum of a famous Sufi spiritual leader of the region. Return to Bukhara and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

## DAY 19: KHIVA

This morning you will set out for Khiva, a journey that will take you across Kyzyl Kum Desert and a stop at Amudarya River. The route runs 480 kilometres through the stark beauty of the desert, the scenery changing from sparse saksaul trees to the lush riverbanks of the Amudarya.

## DAY 20: WALLED CITY OF ITCHAN KALA

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kunya Ark and the turquoise tiled Islom-Khodja. Wander through the fascinating Madrassah Rakhimkhon, a beacon of religious, astronomic, geographic and mathematical studies, and see the 19th-century Tash Hauuli Palace, decorated in blue fine china tiles.

## DAY 21: FLY TO TASHKENT

Transfer to Urgench to fly to Tashkent. Upon arrival visit the Museum of Applied Arts as well as the Mustakilik Square and the famous Tashkent Metro. With its marble and granite decorations the Metro feels like an underground palace.

## DAYS 22-23: FLY TASHKENT TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

## PRICES &amp; DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

## 2024 DATES

|                 |          |                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 07 May - 29 May | \$15,580 | 24 Sep - 16 Oct | \$15,580 |
| 10 Sep - 02 Oct | \$15,580 | 01 Oct - 23 Oct | \$15,580 |

## 2025 DATES

|                 |          |                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 13 May - 04 Jun | \$16,280 | 16 Sep - 08 Oct | \$16,280 |
| 27 May - 18 Jun | \$16,280 | 23 Sep - 15 Oct | \$16,280 |
| 02 Sep - 24 Sep | \$16,280 | 30 Sep - 22 Oct | \$16,280 |
| 09 Sep - 01 Oct | \$16,280 |                 |          |

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- Land only from \$12,780pp (Bishkek - Tashkent)
- Single supplement from \$1,780

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# GEORGIA, ARMENIA & AZERBAIJAN

24 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$12,580

INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Sample Georgian cuisine
- ✓ Discover ancient caravanserais
- ✓ Learn about the 1st Christian nation
- ✓ Marvel at Mount Kazbegi
- ✓ Taste popular local wines
- ✓ Explore an abandoned cave town



Discover Gergeti Trinity Church

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 21 breakfasts, 20 lunches, 21 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Taste delicious Gabala yoghurt

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Experience the art of yoghurt-making in Gabala. Discover the secrets behind this ancient culinary technique and savour the delicious results – this is a hands-on opportunity to immerse yourself in Gabala's culinary heritage.
- ▶ Explore the Khareba Winery as you venture into a mountain-carved tunnel to discover the atmospheric environment where the wines mature. Learn about the winemaking process while tasting a diverse range of Georgian wines.
- ▶ Participate in a delightful Kubdari masterclass within a local home, learning to prepare the savoury filling, fold the dough, and create these delectable meat-filled pastries. Enjoy the culinary traditions of the region and the warm hospitality of a local family.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2 FLY OVERNIGHT TO AZERBAIJAN

On arrival at Baku airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day relaxing or exploring before your dinner in Baku Old Town.

### DAY 3: BAKU CITY TOUR

Today you will enjoy a walking tour through the historic Old City, known as 'Icheri Sheher'. Landmarks such as the majestic Shirvanshahs' Palace, the emblematic Maiden Tower, and various caravanserais and mosques come to life, brimming with history. Lunch at a local restaurant is followed by some leisure time before dinner.

### DAY 4: VISIT GOBUSTAN & YANARDAG

Travel to the Absheron region, famous for its preserved rock paintings "petroglyphs", before visiting Azerbaijan's distinctive mud volcanoes – an example of its unique landscapes. Next, Yanardag, the 'burning mountain', comes into view as your journey continues to Ateshgah, the Fire Worshipers Temple.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO GABALA

Depart today for Gabala, visiting the Juma Mosque in Shamakhi en route. Here you will learn all about yoghurt making. Enjoy lunch before a visit to Meysari winery for a wine degustation. Continue on to Gabala.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE NIDJ VILLAGE & SHEKI

After breakfast, you will be exploring Nidj village, home to the world's largest Udi population. Move on to Sheki, a renowned point along the Great Silk Road. Discover its treasures, starting with the Summer Palace of the Sheki Khans, before visiting a local family.

### DAY 7: GOODBYE AZERBAIJAN, HELLO GEORGIA

Upon crossing from Azerbaijan to Georgia, you'll enter Lagodekhi, stopping at a local market. Lunch will be at a family house in Gavazi, enroute to Telavi.

Following that, the Khareba Winery beckons—indulge in a diverse array of Georgian wines while gaining knowledge about winemaking techniques and the storied history of Georgian viticulture.

### DAY 8: VISIT SIGHNAGHI

Discover the enchanting town of Signaghi with its winding streets and impressive architecture. A visit to a local family winery unveils the secrets of traditional Qvevri wine, followed by lunch. Exploring the town, including historical landmarks like the Signaghi Wall and the Bodbe Monastery. Arrive in Tbilisi for dinner.

### DAY 9: CONTINUE TO ARMENIA

Set out for Sadakhlo to cross the Georgia-Armenia border, where your first stop is the remarkable 10th-century Haghpats Monastery. Proceed to Vanadzor, known as the Green City, and engage in a captivating khachkar carving masterclass. The journey then leads to Dilijan, dubbed the Armenian Switzerland, nestled in between the Aghstev River and surrounding lush mountains.

### DAY 10: SELIM CARAVANSERAI

Today's journey begins with a visit to Sevanavank Monastery and views of Lake Sevan. Continue to Noratus, home to an astounding collection of ancient Armenian khachkars. Passing through Selim Caravanserai, a relic of the Silk Road, you reach Noravank Monastery, nestled amidst dramatic rock formations that shift in colour with the sun. End the day in Goris.

### DAY 11: TATEV MONASTERY

After breakfast, you head to Khndzoresk village, where a famous swinging bridge spans 160 meters long and 36 meters high, connecting the village's banks. Continue to Halidzor for the record-breaking 'Wings of Tatev' aerial cableway, leading to the 9th-century Tatev Monastery perched on Vorotan River's gorge. After lunch, continue to Yerevan.

GO BEYOND

GEORGIA, ARMENIA & AZERBAIJAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An adventure through the Caucasus, this tour highlights a real contrast of cultures. See beautiful mountain scenery, enjoy delicious food and wine, and marvel at ancient fortresses, cathedrals, mosques and temples.



See 7th-century Zvartnots Cathedral



Enjoy a Baku city tour

DAY 12: YEREVAN CITY TOUR

Today is all about Yerevan as you explore the historic Republic Square and its concealed millennia of history beneath the stone carpet. Ascend the Cascade Monument for breathtaking views and then travel to Ejmiatsin where you will experience a 'tolma' masterclass before the day ends with a visit to Zvartnots Cathedral.

DAY 13: GEGHARD MONASTERY

After breakfast, explore the Matenadaran, home to Armenia's impressive collection of ancient manuscripts. Visit Geghard Monastery, Garni Pagan Temple and after a lavash-baking class, return to Yerevan, visiting Symphony of Stones enroute.

DAY 14: TRAVEL TO GYUMRI

Head to Saghmsovank Monastery, set atop a stunning gorge and proceed to Gyumri, Armenia's second-largest city with a 3000-year history and cultural prominence. Following lunch, enjoy a city tour, exploring Gyumri's Old Town.

DAY 15: BACK INTO GEORGIA

After breakfast, cross the Armenia-Georgia border at Bavra, heading to explore Vardzia. The next stop is Rabati Castle, a 13th-century fortress transformed through various rulers' influences. Today, it stands restored as a cultural centre with museums and galleries showcasing the region's history.

DAY 16: KUTAISI CITY TOUR

Today you will travel to Borjomi and on to Kutaisi for a city tour that includes the White Bridge, Colchis Fountain, Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati Monastery, where the architecture reflects Georgia's Golden Age.

DAY 17: MESTIA

After breakfast, head to Mestia, pausing at Enguri Dam. Mestia's preserved landscape features

medieval villages with iconic tower houses built by the Svan people, and this entire region is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 18: USHGULI

Today you visit Ushguli, a collection of five villages. Its medieval charm is preserved due to its inaccessibility, and is surrounded by the majestic Caucasus peaks. Here you explore the Svaneti Museum before preparing lunch at a Kubdari masterclass in a local family's home.

DAY 19: SISA TURA & ZUGDIDI

Journey back to Kutaisi, stopping along the way at Sisa Tura Ethno Village to prepare local dishes elarji, gebjalia and khachapuri. Continue to Zugdidi and explore the Dadiani Palace Museum, home to impressive art and historical treasures, including Napoleon Bonaparte's death mask.

DAY 20: KUTAISI TO GORI

After breakfast, continue to Gori, visiting the Joseph Stalin Museum and exploring the ancient cave city of Uplistsikhe. En route to Gudauri, enjoy breathtaking panoramic views across the region's landscapes.

DAY 21: KAZBEGI

Journey to Kazbegi where the highlight of your visit is the Gergeti Trinity Church, a magnificent 14th-century Orthodox church situated atop a hill. Enjoy lunch at a local guesthouse and experience a khinkali master class before returning to Gudauri.

DAY 22: MTSKHETA AND TBILISI

Start the day visiting Mtskheta's Svetitskhoveli Cathedral before continuing on to explore Tbilisi's Old Town. A lift takes you to the Narikala fortress, and afterwards visit Anchiskhati and Sioni churches, Meidan Square, and Metekhi Cliff. The day ends with a lively folk show, offering a sample of local culture.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES

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Flight and supplement information

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- Land only from \$9,880 (Baku - Tbilisi)
- Single supplement from \$1,900

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DAYS 23-24: DEPART TBILISI

Today your journey comes to an end as you are transferred to the airport for your onward flight. Arrive home the following day.

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Uncover historic Silk Road
- ✓ Experience Karakol's market
- ✓ Browse colourful bazaars
- ✓ Visit fascinating Kazakhstan
- ✓ Explore exotic Khiva
- ✓ Discover ancient Samarkand

Admire the red cliffs of Charyn Canyon in Kazakhstan

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches, 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation, plus yurts
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Learn about the Akhal Teke horses

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a stud farm to learn about the famous Akhal Tekes, a native horse breed with a distinctive metallic sheen. These majestic animals have played an essential role in Turkmenistan's history and are the emblem of the country.
- ▶ Stroll through Bukhara's Lyab-i Hauz district at twilight, admiring the spectacular architecture that surrounds one of the city's last remaining ponds (hauz), before sitting down to a delicious local dinner.
- ▶ Get a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads at a shepherd's camp, where you'll spend the night sleeping in a traditional yurt.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KYRGYZSTAN

Fly overnight to the city of Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan. The rest of the day is free to relax or explore your surroundings.

### DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning you visit Manas Monument, Ala Too Square and Parliament House before driving to Ala Archa National Park where you take a leisurely hike through this alpine area offering spectacular glaciers, waterfalls and high summits.

### DAY 4: CHONG KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

Travel to Chong Kemin National Park, where you will have the chance to walk through the foothills as well as experience local village life.

### DAY 5: EAGLE HUNTING

Journey to Kochkor, a local centre of felt handicrafts, before stopping at the village of Bokonbayevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition. Spend the night with local shepherds in their camp, sleeping in a traditional yurt, for a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads.

### DAY 6: BARSKOON GORGE

Today visit Skazka Canyon, also known as Fairy Tale Canyon followed by Barskoon Gorge to see the 'Tears of the Leopard' waterfall before continuing on to Karakol.

### DAY 7: KARAKOL

Visit the Przhnevsky Museum and see the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of the Flowers and Jety-Orguz where you can enjoy a light hike through the magnificent canyon of red sandstone.

### DAY 8: SUNDAY MARKET

Rise early for Karakol's bustling Sunday market. In the afternoon, drive through breathtaking scenery to

visit magnificent Charyn Canyon and its Valley of the Castles, before crossing the border into Kazakhstan, finishing the day in the country's largest city, Almaty.

### DAY 9: ALMATY

Enjoy an orientation walk that takes in Republic Square, Abai Opera Theatre, Central Mosque, Green Market and Zenkov Cathedral. Spend the afternoon among the panoramas of Big Almaty Lake.

### DAY 10: FLY TO DUSHANBE

Today is at leisure until your late afternoon flight to Dushanbe, Tajikistan's capital.

### DAY 11: DUSHANBE

Today we visit famous Museum of National Antiquities followed by a city tour which include walking through the city's Botanical gardens, Rudaki Park and stopping at the Ismoil Somoni monument. In the afternoon visit Hissor town to see ancient Fortress of Hissor.

### DAY 12: LAKE ISKANDERKUL

Today you will travel to mountain lake of Iskanderkul, before continuing on to Khujand.

### DAY 13: KHUJAND

Enjoy a tour of Khujand, visiting Pushkin Square, Timur Malik's Fortress and the atmospheric Panjshanbe Bazaar. Travel to Tashkent this afternoon.

### DAY 14: TASHKENT

Take a step back in time in the old town and explore the Tila Shaikh Mosque, home to rare copies of the Koran. Stop at Chorsu Bazaar and admire the opulently decorated Tashkent Metro. Visit the ceramic workshop of Akbar and Alisher Rakhimov, and explore the history of ceramics.



**GO BEYOND**  
CENTRAL ASIA

PHYSICAL RATING 4

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
Retrace legendary journeys on this unforgettable Central Asian adventure through the 'Five Stans' visiting Silk Road gems, charming villages and remote landscapes while soaking up the mystical old-world atmosphere.



Admire Bukhara's architecture



Dinner at Darvaza Crater

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**DAY 15: ARRIVE IN SAMARKAND**

Arrive in legendary Samarkand. Wander into the heart of the city for a first glimpse of some of the magnificent sights in the spectacular Registan Square.

**DAY 16: SAMARKAND**

This morning, see Gur Emir, the mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane. Then, wander through a bustling local market and pause to visit Shah-I-Zinda and Bibi-Khanum Friday Mosque. Visit the Ulugh Beg, an observatory founded in the 15th century and considered one of finest in the Islamic world.

**DAY 17: SHAKHRISABZ**

Visit Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Tamerlane, and visit the Ak-Sarai Palace, the Dorus Tilayat Cemetery and Kok-Gumbas Mosque. Journey on to the holy city of Bukhara.

**DAY 18: BUKHARA**

Spend the day exploring one of the most famous and spectacular Silk Road cities, visit Lyab-i Hauz ensemble, Madrassah Nadir Devanbegi, Magoki Attari Mosques, Poi Kalan Minaret and Mosque. After lunch you will visit the Ark of Bukhara, Bolo Hauz Mosque and the Mausoleum of Ismail Samani.

**DAY 19: BUKHARA**

Head out of Bukhara to Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa, the summer residence of the former Emir of Bukhara. Visit Bahauddin Naqshband Mausoleum, a famous Sufi spiritual leader of this region in the 14th-century. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 20: JOURNEY TO KHIVA**

Journey across the Kyzyl Kum Desert to Khiva, a magical Silk Road city still hidden behind its 10th-century walls. En route you'll make a stop on the picturesque banks of the Amudarya River.

**DAY 21: WALLED CITY OF KHIVA**

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kuhna Ark and the turquoise-tiled Islom-Khodja.

**DAY 22: EXPLORE KONYE-URGENCH**

Cross into Turkmenistan and drive to Konye-Urgench, capital of the Khorezmshah Empire in the 12th-13th centuries. Explore its magnificent mausoleums, the Kutlug Timur minaret and the fabled Mamun's Academy of Sciences. Fly to Ashgabat this evening, the nation's capital.

**DAY 23: EXPLORE ASHGABAT**

This morning is free to relax before a visit to a local stud farm to learn about beautiful Akhal Tekes horses. Visit the Kipchak complex, the largest mosque in Turkmenistan, then learn about the country's unique history at the National Museum of History and Ethnography.

**DAY 24: ANCIENT CITY OF MERV**

Rise early and fly to the city of Mary to tour the UNESCO-listed oasis-city of Merv, a major archaeological site of Central Asia.

**DAY 25: DARVAZA GAS CRATER**

Fly back to Ashgabat to explore both ancient and modern sides of the city visiting Independence Square and the Turkmenistan Independence Monument to see the Ertoghrlul Ghazi Mosque. Drive to the Darvaza Gas Crater to walk around the crater as dusk approaches. Enjoy a nomad-inspired dinner under the stars, with a spectacular view of the crater and its glowing flames. Return to Ashgabat.

**DAY 26: ASHGABAT**

Visit the Old Nisa Fortress; the former residence of the Parthian Empire. After lunch you will continue

the fun at the colourful Russian Bazaar. Later, continue to the National Carpet Museum that exhibits an interesting collection of hand-made Turkmen carpets and various carpet objects.

**DAYS 27-28: FLY TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.



Visit the legendary Silk Road city of Merv

NEW

# KRUGER TO CAPE EXPLORED

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MOST MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover the wonders of the Panorama Route
- ✓ Search for the Big Five in Kruger
- ✓ Feed ostriches in Oudtshoorn
- ✓ Taste renowned wines in scenic beauty
- ✓ Ascend Table Mountain for breathtaking views



Encounter the fascinating wildlife of Greater Kruger National Park

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Enjoy scenic views at Graskop Gorge

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Enjoy a thrilling glass-floored elevator trip that descends into Graskop Gorge, offering breathtaking views of the indigenous forest, cliffs, and waterfalls below. Explore gorge walkways, interactive exhibits, and shop for local crafts.
- ▶ Experience an immersive and unforgettable African wildlife experience, as you connect with nature, witness incredible animals in their natural habitat, all while enjoying open-air 4x4 jeep safaris in a private game reserve.
- ▶ Indulge in an authentic South African gastronomic adventure with a 14-course tasting safari. While dining, you'll be entertained by traditional Mali puppets, marimba percussion and djembe drums, which will sweep you up in dynamic performances of African folklore.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG

Fly overnight to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city. In recent years Johannesburg has enjoyed a rapid rise to cultural capital, packed with the diverse style, art, music and gastronomy that is representative of the country as a whole. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, where the rest of the day is yours to relax and start exploring your surroundings. (D)

### DAY 3: APARTHEID MUSEUM

Spend the morning at the inspiring Apartheid Museum, learning more about South Africa's struggle for freedom, human rights and equality and the resilience and determination of those who fought for it. Depart the city for the magnificent Mpumalanga region, ending up among the spectacular panoramas of the Drakensberg Mountains. Here, you are at the gateway of the famous Kruger National Park. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: PANORAMA ROUTE

Today you will experience the highlights of the Panorama Route around the town of Graskop. Ride the Graskop Gorge Lift for glorious views over the forest canopy. Head to the Blyde River Canyon, the world's third largest canyon, to the viewpoint known as God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes, rock formations formed by centuries of swirling sand and rocks in the river. Continue to the Three Rondavels, named for their resemblance to traditional African huts. Check in to your private game lodge and, as the sun sets, set out on a dusk safari to spot wildlife. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 5-6: GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

You will spend the next two days among the wilderness with unrestricted access to hectares of unspoilt beauty.

The Greater Kruger National Park protects an extraordinary wealth of wildlife, including the infamous Big Five, and a diverse range of habitats. You'll head out on safaris in open 4x4 vehicles twice a day, at dawn and in the late afternoon, to maximise your chances of spotting some wonderful creatures. The rest of the time is spent at leisure at the game lodge. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: FLY TO GQEBERHA

Transfer back to Johannesburg and fly to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth). On arrival, transfer to your hotel in time for dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK

Depart Gqeberha, stopping off at the Oudebosch Protea Farm to learn more about South Africa's national flower. Continue to Tsitsikamma National Park, a beautiful stretch of wild coastline, where you can explore the untouched forest and cross the Storms River Mouth on the picturesque suspension bridge. The journey ends at Knysna, called the 'jewel of the Garden Route', a charming town set between the Knysna Heads on a beautiful lagoon. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: DISCOVER KNYSNA

Today will be spent on the Featherbed Eco Experience, an adventure through this unspoiled reserve. It begins with a scenic ferry trip across the lagoon, followed by a guided tractor ride to the top of the western head, part of the Featherbed nature reserve, for panoramic views. There'll then be a nature walk through the coastal forests to learn more about the region's unique flora and fauna, finishing off with a delicious lunch among nature. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: KNYSNA TO CAPE TOWN

From the coast, head inland en route to Cape Town, stopping at the fascinating Cango Caves for a walk



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PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

Featuring wildlife safaris in the Kruger, the Garden Route, Cape Town and the Cape Winelands, this tour is an unforgettable adventure through the diverse landscapes, culture, and history of the Rainbow Nation: South Africa.



Sample wines in the Franschhoek region



Explore the intriguing world of the Cango Caves

through the magnificent underground chambers. Continue to nearby Oudtshoorn, famous for its ostriches, where you'll embark on a tractor tour to meet the resident birds and dine on ostrich delicacies for lunch. Continue to Cape Town, passing through breathtaking scenery as you go. (B,L)

**DAY 11: DISCOVER CAPE TOWN**

Today begins with an orientation tour, delving into the city's rich history and vibrant culture. Drive past the Castle of Good Hope, Company Gardens and Houses of Parliament before stopping for lunch at Bo-Kaap Kombuis where you'll have a cooking demonstration before dining on authentic Cape Malay cuisine. Then, ascend Cape Town's most iconic landmark, Table Mountain via the cableway for amazing views over the city, along the coast and out to sea (weather dependent). (B,L)

**DAY 12: EXPLORE THE CAPE PENINSULA**

Start the day with an ocean safari around the Cape Peninsula, spotting lazing seals, a huge variety of seabirds and dramatic coastal landscapes. Then take a spectacular drive along Chapman's Peak (weather dependent), a coastal road that hugs the mountains and gives sweeping views of the Atlantic. Head to Cape Point and look out over the meeting of the waters of the Indian and Atlantic oceans from the historic Cape Point Lighthouse. The final stop of the day is Boulders Beach where you can wander walkways that pass through a colony of delightful African penguins. (B,L)

**DAY 13: TO THE WINELANDS**

From Cape Town, embark on a tour of the renowned Cape Winelands, a region that is an absolute feast for the senses. Starting in Stellenbosch, tour the town before continuing to Franschhoek, where you'll spend some time at the historic Boschendal Wine Estate.

Learn about the art of winemaking, taste some of their exquisite vintages before enjoying lunch at Haute Cabriere winery, offering views over the valley. Return to Cape Town and sit down to a final night dinner at Gold Restaurant, where you'll feast on a 14-course tasting safari and enjoy an immersive and authentic African experience. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 14-15: DEPART CAPE TOWN**

Today is at leisure in Cape Town, with time to shop or explore, before transferring to the airport in the afternoon. Board your overnight flight back to Australia, arriving home the following day. (B)



Search for lions in Greater Kruger National Park

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Seek out the Big Five on a 3-night stay in Greater Kruger National Park
- ✓ Get up close to the penguins on Boulder's Beach
- ✓ Enjoy a sensory journey through the Cape Winelands
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Explore scenic Featherbed Nature Reserve

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Enjoy a premier eco-experience on the Garden Route, The Featherbed Nature Reserve. Travel by ferry and 4x4 vehicle to reach spectacular views of the lagoons, ocean and mountains. Discover the history, fauna and flora with the specialist guide, and savour a delicious lunch in an outdoor setting under a canopy of Milkwood trees.
- ▶ Embark on exhilarating game drives to immerse yourself in the festive spirit of both Christmas and Boxing Day amid the captivating wilderness of South Africa.
- ▶ Enjoy a New Year's Eve dinner by the waterfront to welcome the New Year in style. Bid Farewell with a memorable dinner at Gold Restaurant, complete with a Djembe drumming experience.



Explore for wildlife in Greater Kruger National Park

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG

Upon your arrival at O.R. Tambo International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel where you have the rest of the day at leisure. (D)

### DAY 3: MPUMALANGA

Following breakfast, explore the Apartheid Museum before embarking on a journey to the Mpumalanga Panorama Route region. This enchanting and scenic area, embraced by the majestic Drakensberg Mountains, waterfalls, and canyons, unfolds in lush greenery during the summer season. Serving as a splendid gateway to the renowned Kruger National Park, the region awaits your check-in, leaving the remainder of the day for you to relax at your leisure. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: PANORAMA ROUTE

Celebrate Christmas Eve today! Take a ride in the Graskop Gorge Lift, offering stunning views of the forest canopy. Continue your journey to God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes, a natural marvel featuring swirling pools and unique rock formations. After Three Rondavels, check in at the private game in time to partake in a dusk safari for the chance to encounter local wildlife. Cap off the day with a delightful Christmas Eve dinner at the lodge, immersing yourself in the festive spirit. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Wishing you a Merry Christmas! This year, your festive celebration takes a unique turn as you spend Christmas Day on thrilling game drives, the primary means of exploring the park, providing a close encounter with the animals. Christmas dinner promises to be a joyous event, served under the stars in the boma. Engage in an African drumming class where you'll not only master traditional beats but also delve into the rich cultural history, discovering how stories, songs, and traditions have been passed down through the universal language of rhythm and dance. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Boxing Day offers further opportunities for spotting 'The Big 5', as your expert ranger and tracker lead the way. Adept at spotting wildlife and sharing insights about the animals and their habitats, they ensure memorable and informative game drives, while contributing to the park's overall conservation efforts. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: FLY TO GQEBERHA

Transfer back to Johannesburg and fly to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth). On arrival, transfer to your hotel in time for dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: GARDEN ROUTE

Set out this morning on your journey to Knysna, with a captivating stop at Oudebosch Protea Farm, where you'll discover fascinating insights into the country's national flower. Continue to Tsitsikamma National Park, a protected expanse celebrated for its breath-taking coastal and forest scenery. As you travel further south, you'll reach the charming town of Knysna, renowned for its scenic lagoon, the iconic Knysna Heads, and a lively waterfront that adds vibrancy to its picturesque surroundings. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: DISCOVER KNYSNA

The standout experience today is The Featherbed Eco Experience, an enchanting journey that commences with a picturesque boat cruise across the Knysna Lagoon. Following this, a guided tractor ride elevates you to the summit of the western head, where you'll be treated to awe-inspiring views of the lagoon, ocean, and mountains. A leisurely nature walk through the coastal forest unveils the unique flora and fauna of the area, culminating in a delightful lunch amid this beautiful setting. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: KNYSNA TO CAPE TOWN

Today the journey from Knysna to Cape Town promises a delightful fusion of distinctive experiences and stunning landscapes. From Oudtshoorn, your



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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy Christmas at the height of summer with a once-in-a-lifetime journey through South Africa's highlights! Spend a magical Christmas Eve and Day in Great Kruger National Park, traverse the scenic Garden Route with its picturesque coastline and charming towns, to finally immerse yourself in the cosmopolitan allure of Cape Town. This unforgettable adventure showcases the best of South Africa's diverse landscapes and experiences with a festive twist.



Encounter African penguins at Boulders Beach



Visit the unique rock formations at Bourke's Luck Potholes

exploration begins with the captivating Cango Caves, an underground marvel adorned with impressive stalactite and stalagmite formations. Subsequently, venture to an ostrich farm for a tractor tour and indulge in a delectable lunch showcasing ostrich delicacies, before continuing to Cape Town. (B,L)

**DAY 11: CAPE TOWN**

The final day of the year takes you around the highlights of Cape Town! Cruise past landmarks such as the Castle of Good Hope, Company Gardens, and Houses of Parliament before a unique lunch experience has you ascending Table Mountain (weather permitting) via the cableway. Usher in the New Year at a restaurant on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, surrounded by great company, delectable food, and lively entertainment. As the clock strikes midnight, raise a toast with your travel companions and relish a spectacle of lights and pyrotechnics. What a remarkable place to welcome the new year! (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: CAPE PENINSULA**

Kick off the New Year with a sea island cruise to witness playful seals in their natural habitat. If the weather permits, embark on a breath-taking drive along Chapman's Peak, revealing sweeping views of

the Atlantic Ocean. Explore the rugged beauty of Cape Point, the meeting point of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans, visiting the historic Cape Point Lighthouse before concluding the day with a visit to Boulders Beach, renowned for its resident African penguin colony, offering a close-up observation of these charming creatures. (B,L)

**DAY 13: THE WINELANDS**

Today you will explore the renowned Winelands, commencing in Stellenbosch. Begin with a tour of the town before heading to Franschhoek. At Boschendal Wine Estate, take in the scenic vineyards and delve into its rich history. Indulge in tasting exquisite wines and relish a delightful lunch at Haute Cabriere, where magnificent views of the valley enhance the experience. Explore the art of winemaking and sample their finest vintages. Conclude the day with an unforgettable dinner at Gold Restaurant, where you'll enjoy an immersive and authentic African experience. (B,L,D)

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Take the cableway up Capetown's iconic Table Mountain



# EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into a region. Our extensions can be fully tailored to suit your needs, ensuring that wildlife lovers, city goers, beach enthusiasts and those seeking a rich cultural experience will be well catered for. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way not only to break up your journey, but also to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

Most of the extensions and stopovers that you'll find in the following pages are available to be added onto any of our tours. Just ask your reservations consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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# ROVOS RAIL & VICTORIA FALLS

7 DAYS

One of the world's most luxurious trains, step back into old-world opulence with three nights onboard the iconic Rovos Rail. With a romance that is unrivalled, you'll travel 1,400 kilometres from Pretoria to stand in awe before the majestic Victoria Falls. Passing through the spectacular landscapes of South Africa and then Zimbabwe, the train pauses for a game drive in Hwange National Park. Once in Victoria Falls enjoy a scenic Zambezi cruise at sunset and visit the mighty Victoria Falls. This is a brief, but unforgettable and glamorous southern Africa adventure.



Enjoy the old-world opulence of a Rovos Rail journey to Victoria Falls

Prices are from per person, based on low season

| CATEGORY | TWIN SHARE | SOLO TRAVELLER |
|----------|------------|----------------|
| Superior | \$6,130    | \$9,340        |

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Pretoria, 3 nights Rovos Rail - Pullman Suite, 2 nights Victoria Falls)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Select departure dates only, please check with our reservations



Marvel at the breathtaking Victoria Falls



Enjoy a sunset cruise on the Zambezi

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: PRETORIA

Transfer to the hotel in Pretoria for your overnight stay. (D)

### DAY 2: BOARD ROVOS RAIL

This morning you will transfer to the Rovos Rail Station, the elegant, private rail station from which this iconic train departs. Settle into your Pullman Suite as the journey begins. Pulling out of Pretoria, the train will pass through Bela-Bela, once called Warmbaths thanks to its mineral springs and the fascinatingly named Nylstroom, called so by Voortrekkers who believed the river here was the source of the River Nile. As the Highveld ends, the train will soon cross the Tropic of Cancer and the Limpopo River as it approaches the border between South Africa and Zimbabwe. Dinner onboard Rovos is always an elegant affair - hosted in 1920s carriages, make sure you dress to impress! (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: BULAWAYO

The train travels on into Zimbabwe - head to one of the observation cars or an open balcony as it passes through scores of majestic baobab trees to reach Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second-largest city. Cosy up on the luxury sofas of the lounge car, enjoy afternoon tea, or sip on some of South Africa's best wines and watch the world go by as the journey continues. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: HWANGE RESERVE GAME DRIVE

Today you'll travel along one of the world's longest stretches of straight railway track, at 114 kilometres, which runs along the border of Hwange National Park. Disembark the train for a thrilling game drive. Hwange is well known to be teeming with wildlife and has one of Africa's largest elephant

populations and regular sightings of lions, leopards and cheetah. Back on the train, you can share your spots with your fellow passengers over after-dinner cocktails. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: ZAMBEZI RIVER SUNSET CRUISE

After a final breakfast onboard it's time to disembark as Rovos pulls into Victoria Falls. You'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Later this evening, enjoy a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, soaking up the serene beauty of this mesmerising African landscape. Keep an eye out for 'smoke' in the distance, coming from the falls themselves! (B)

### DAY 6: VICTORIA FALLS TOUR

The largest curtain of falling water on the planet, feel the mist on your skin as you stand at its edge and take in the breathtaking views of the surrounding rainforest. (B)

### DAY 7: DEPART VICTORIA FALLS

Check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Search for elephants in Hwange Reserve

# VICTORIA FALLS

**4** DAYS

One of the world's greatest sights, feel the power of the iconic Victoria Falls on this unforgettable extension where you'll cruise the Zambezi and stand before the falls themselves.

## Prices are from per person, based on low season

| CATEGORY | TWIN SHARE     | SOLE TRAVELLER |
|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Superior | <b>\$1,980</b> | <b>\$1,980</b> |

## Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Victoria Falls)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Experience the thunder of the magnificent Victoria Falls

### DAY 1: ARRIVE VICTORIA FALLS

On arrival in Victoria Falls you will be met and transferred to your hotel. (D)

### DAY 2: ZAMBEZI RIVER CRUISE

Spend the morning at leisure as you explore this quaint town and its warm and welcoming locals.

This afternoon set off down the Zambezi River on a Ra-Ikane cruise, named after one of the guides that lead David Livingstone to Victoria Falls. Enjoy high tea as you revel in the tranquil beauty of the African landscapes as the sun descends. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: VICTORIA FALLS TOUR

Today you will stand before one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Mosi-oa-Tunya, the Smoke That Thunders in the local Sotho language, or Victoria Falls, on the Zambezi River, is the largest sheet of falling water in the world - prepare to feel its power as you tour its Zimbabwean side before a walk through the misty rainforest. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: DEPART VICTORIA FALLS

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

# UMHLANGA BEACH

**6** DAYS

Lapped by the Indian Ocean, the golden sands of the vibrant Umhlanga on the KwaZulu-Natal coast, offer both a place to relax and plentiful activities as part of your South Africa adventure.

## Prices are from per person, based on low season

| CATEGORY | TWIN SHARE     | SOLE TRAVELLER |
|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Superior | <b>\$950</b>   | <b>\$1,470</b> |
| Deluxe   | <b>\$1,630</b> | <b>\$2,840</b> |

## Price includes:

- Accommodation (5 nights Umhlanga)
- Meals as stated
- Transfers as stated
- Meet & assist on arrival



Stroll along the sands to Umhlanga's iconic lighthouse

### DAY 1: ARRIVE DURBAN

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Umhlanga, where you will have the rest of the day at leisure.

### DAYS 2-5: UMHLANGA AT LEISURE

Umhlanga boasts stunning beaches perfect for swimming and sunbathing with a promenade that offers picturesque views of the coastline.

There is a variety of restaurants, shops and cafes offering a vibrant

shopping or dining experience with one of South Africa's largest malls close by. For birdlife enthusiasts why not visit The Umhlanga Lagoon Nature Reserve or the Umhlanga Rocks Lighthouse, the town's iconic landmark. (B)

### DAY 6: DEPART UMHLANGA

After breakfast you will be transferred back to Durban's King Shaka International Airport for your departure flight. (B)

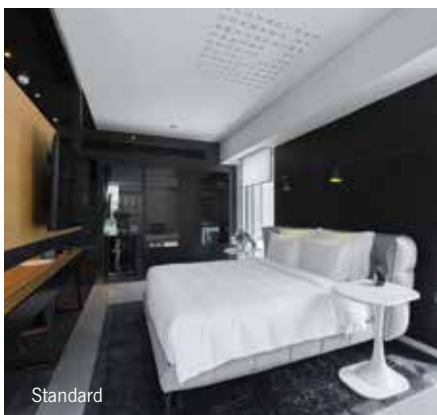
# DUBAI STOPOVERS

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination – a city full of cutting-edge architecture, epic shopping malls, the finest of the world’s luxury hotels and a cosmopolitan nightlife, all topped off with excellent beaches. As modern and extravagant as Dubai might be, there is still plenty of rich and traditional culture to be found, particularly amongst the labyrinthine alleys of the old city.



Explore downtown Dubai

## DUBAI HOTELS



Standard



Superior



Deluxe

### CANOPY BY HILTON DUBAI AL SEEF ★★★★★

Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef is a contemporary new hotel located on the waterfront promenade which means you are spoilt for choice of shops and restaurant options. The view from the rooftop pool is simply superb.

### AMWAJ ROTANA HOTEL ★★★★★

Located on 'The Walk', the Amwaj Rotana is well situated for shopping and entertainment. Within walking distance of the Arabian Gulf beaches, the hotel facilities include an outdoor pool, five restaurants and a wellness centre.

### HILTON DUBAI JUMEIRAH HOTEL ★★★★★

Ideally located on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the Hilton Dubai Jumeirah is where contemporary luxury meets the timeless charms of the Arabian Gulf. Facilities include a spa and water sports.

# ESSENTIAL DUBAI

**3 DAYS**

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Admire the incredible architecture – ultra-modern and deeply traditional, and browse through the wares of Dubai's old souks, as atmospheric today as they have been for centuries.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

| HOTEL    | TWIN SHARE | SOLO TRAVELLER |
|----------|------------|----------------|
| Standard | \$315      | \$455          |
| Superior | \$505      | \$840          |
| Deluxe   | \$665      | \$1,155        |

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Dubai)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



Dubai Creek

## DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

## DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

Explore Dubai on a half day seat-in-coach city tour. Discover Dubai's rich history by exploring the heritage enclave of Bastakiya, home to the 225-year-old Fort Al Fahidi, now housing the Dubai Museum. Enjoy a serene cruise across the captivating Dubai Creek on a traditional Abra boat, then immerse yourself in the

vibrant scents and dazzling displays of the Spice and Gold Souks. Take in the opulence of the iconic Burj Al Arab during a scenic drive, where luxury knows no bounds. Lastly, don't miss the chance for a photo beside the awe-inspiring Jumeirah Mosque, a true architectural wonder. (B)

## DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)

# DUBAI & THE DESERT

**4 DAYS**

Discover Dubai's iconic architecture, culture and rich history before an adventure on a desert safari where you will spend the evening enjoying entertainment as you feast on Arabic cuisine under the stars in a traditional Bedouin-style camp.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

| HOTEL    | TWIN SHARE | SOLO TRAVELLER |
|----------|------------|----------------|
| Standard | \$435      | \$650          |
| Superior | \$725      | \$1,225        |
| Deluxe   | \$960      | \$1,695        |

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Dubai)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



Dubai Desert

## DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

## DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

Explore Dubai on a half day seat-in-coach city tour. Discover Dubai's rich history by exploring the heritage enclave of Bastakiya, home to the 225-year-old Fort Al Fahidi, now housing the Dubai Museum. Enjoy a serene cruise across the captivating Dubai Creek on a traditional Abra boat, then immerse yourself in the vibrant scents and dazzling displays of the Spice and Gold Souks. Take in the opulence of the iconic Burj Al Arab during a scenic drive, where luxury knows no bounds. Lastly, don't miss the chance for a photo beside the awe-inspiring Jumeirah Mosque, a true architectural wonder. (B)

## DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE

Embark on a heart-pounding adventure with exhilarating dune bashing in a comfortable air-conditioned 4x4 vehicle. At an authentic Bedouin camp, engage in sandboarding, camel rides, henna artistry, and the chance to don traditional attire while relishing refreshing treats. As the stars twinkle above, relish a delectable barbecue dinner, accompanied by mesmerizing performances from a belly dancer and a captivating Tannoura dancer. (B,D)

## DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)

# SINGAPORE STOPOVERS

Singapore is a city just waiting for you to discover its magnificent mix of tastes, sights and sounds. As one of Asia's most iconic and vibrant cities it offers experiences such as exploring Sentosa Island, Gardens by the Bay, cultural neighbourhoods and, of course, an ever growing selection of food!



Visit Singapore's iconic Merlion

## SINGAPORE HOTELS



### IBIS SINGAPORE ON BENCOOLEN ★★★

Located in the heart of Singapore's cultural and shopping district of Bugis, you will find the ibis Singapore on Bencoolen. The hotel is a perfect choice for shoppers, foodies and sightseers. Bugis Street Shopping District, Haji Lane, Little India, Chinatown and Orchard Road are all within walking distance from the hotel. Chinatown and Orchard Road are easily accessible by MRT which is conveniently located within 5-8 mins walk from the hotel.



### ORCHID HOTEL SINGAPORE ★★★★★

The Orchid Hotel Singapore, located in the financial district, is a peaceful retreat with modern comforts following a recent redesign overhaul. Guests can enjoy the 50meter long outdoor swimming pool and dine at Ya Ge, the hotel's Modern Chinese restaurant. Less than a 2 -minute walk to Tanjong Pagar MRT Station makes it easy access to Singapore's well-known attractions including Marina Bay Sands, Gardens By The Bay, Chinatown and Orchard Road.



### PARADOX SINGAPORE MERCHANT COURT AT CLARKE QUAY ★★★★★

Located in Singapore river district you find the Paradox Singapore Merchant Court at Clarke Quay. Offering both the experience of a cosmopolitan city and a resort style oasis, the hotel is conveniently located a stone's throw from the bustling entertainment and dining district of Clarke Quay and Boat Quay. Clarke Quay MRT station is right next to the hotel or take a stroll along Singapore River Walk to many popular attractions of Singapore.



### OASIA HOTEL DOWNTOWN ★★★★★

Refresh, refuel and recharge at the Oasia Hotel Downtown, Singapore. Situated in Singapore's Central Business District, the hotel's stands out due to its unique lush green vertical garden façade. Tanjong Pagar MRT Station, conveniently located at the hotel's doorstep, provides easy access to Singapore attractions and dining precincts. Or simply relax by one of the hotels' 2 rooftop pools.



### GRAND PARK CITY HALL ★★★★★

The Grand Park City Hall is located conveniently in Singapore's Civic District only a stone's throw from major shopping malls, dining hubs and entertainment. It is less than a ten minutes' drive to Marina Bay Sands. Iconic sites such as the Singapore Flyer and Chinatown are only minutes away.



### PULLMAN SINGAPORE ORCHARD ★★★★★

Located right in the heart of Singapore's most famous shopping and entertainment district, Orchard Road, you will find Singapore's new 5-star hotel Pullman Singapore Orchard. Premier retail malls, Paragon, ION Orchard and Ngee Ann City are all worth visiting. A 5-minute walk to Orchard and Somerset MRT Stations giving easy access to top attractions such as Singapore Botanic Gardens, Singapore Zoo, Chinatown, Gardens By The Bay, Universal Studios Singapore.



# SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

**3 DAYS**

See the waterfront Merlion Park, see 'old' Singapore at Thian Hock Keng and visit the National Orchid Garden.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

| HOTEL                       | TWIN SHARE   | SOLO TRAVELLER |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen | <b>\$500</b> | <b>\$890</b>   |
| Orchid Hotel Singapore      | <b>\$570</b> | <b>\$1,040</b> |
| Grand Park City Hall        | <b>\$670</b> | <b>\$1,225</b> |

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



Delight in the famous Singapore cityscape

## DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel by coach. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

## DAY 2: SINGAPORE

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Kampong Glam, drive round the civic centre, stop at Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, and walk through the National Orchid Garden. (B)

## DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# GARDENS BY THE BAY

**4 DAYS**

See Singapore's many sights, stroll the cool Cloud Forest and Flower Dome and marvel at the Supertrees.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

| HOTEL                       | TWIN SHARE   | SOLO TRAVELLER |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen | <b>\$730</b> | <b>\$1,280</b> |
| Orchid Hotel Singapore      | <b>\$840</b> | <b>\$1,510</b> |
| Grand Park City Hall        | <b>\$985</b> | <b>\$1,785</b> |

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



See the wondrous Supertrees in the Gardens by the Bay

## DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel by coach. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

## DAY 2: SINGAPORE

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Kampong Glam, drive round the civic centre, stop at Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, and walk through the National Orchid Garden. (B)

## DAY 3: GARDENS BY THE BAY

Transfer independently to Gardens by the Bay. It spans 101 hectares and houses more than 500,000 plants. Wander through the two clouded conservatories – Flower Dome and Cloud Forest - at your leisure. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

## DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

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Enjoy a stopover in the cosmopolitan city of Dubai. Refer to pages 62 and 63 for a selection of our preferred hotels and recommended services.



Premium Economy



Economy Class



Business Class

## AIR TRAVEL NOTES

- Please be advised that Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades can only be secured on the initial international flights in/out of Australia. They cannot be guaranteed on any other sector due to very limited availability and the types of aircraft used. Please contact our Reservation Consultants to discuss upgrade options.
- At the time of booking, every effort will be made to secure the best flight schedule or connection possible; however, at times the airline schedule may vary from what is in the brochure due to availability and time of travel.

## JOINING YOUR TOUR

Airline schedules vary from city to city, meaning travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre- or post tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for additional accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at your own expense.

Our Reservation Consultants can assist with arranging any of these additional services. The accrual of frequent flyer points and pre-seat allocation may not be possible on group fares and is at the discretion of each airline.

# Your questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



The Blue Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey

**Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?**

**A.** Once we have received your deposit we will send your confirmation documents.

**Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?**

**A.** It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au), or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide as well as a phrasebook with your final documents.

**Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying in before I go?**

**A.** Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our

staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late checkout on your arrival or departure day, please contact us.

**Q. Do I need a visa?**

**A.** The cost of your visa is nearly always included in the price of your tour (Australian passport). Simply send us your passport, completed visa application form and passport size photos 75 days before departure, along with final payment and we aim to have them sent back to you with your final documentation 2-3 weeks prior to departure. If you require your passport back earlier, please let us know so that we can arrange for an express visa service at an additional charge. Passports or visa application forms received six weeks or less before departure will automatically incur an express visa fee. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items. Personal collection or courier services are available on request.

Please note that visa regulations can change at any time, therefore please refer to our website for up-to-date information.

**Q. Do I need travel insurance?**

**A.** We strongly recommend that you are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of your travel arrangements. We recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit.

**Q. What vaccinations do I need?**

**A.** Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up-to-date information please seek your doctor's advice. You may also need to comply with local requirements to undertake COVID-19 tests or be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

**Q. How fit do I need to be?**

**A.** Our group tours are graded on each page to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the tour dossiers which you can find on our website. Some of our tours to Central Asia are also at altitude. Please contact us if you require any advice.

**Q. What size are your tour groups?**

**A.** The group size on Middle East, Central Asia, Europe and South Africa Classic tours and Go Beyond tours is usually between 10 and 28 passengers. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in comfort.

**Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?**

**A.** Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 10 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

**Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?**

**A.** We offer two ways to avoid paying a single supplement. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travellers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (along with other features like free airport transfers, free access to an airport lounge in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne and a drinks reception on arrival). The second is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option, which may enable you to share a twin room with another solo customers of the same gender who also requests 'Happy to Share', thus avoiding the need to pay single room supplements. Note that 'Happy to Share' requests can be received when you make your booking with us but will not be confirmed until after your final payment due date. Our Customer Services

## WHILE ON TOUR



The Palace Tomb, Petra, Jordan

Team will make contact around 60 days before departure to let you know if a share partner has been found thus refunding the single room supplement. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking and refunded. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain and is payable with your final balance in line with our normal booking conditions. Alternatively a private room of your own is available on any of our tours at an extra cost. Please check the tour pages or our website for details.

**Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?**

**A.** Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights and trains.

**Q. What currency should I take?**

**A.** We recommend you take the local currency and a credit/debit card. If travelling to more than one country it may also be advisable to bring some US dollars to exchange locally. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs and optional extras.

**Q. When is the best time to travel?**

**A.** Our group tour dates are based on the best time to travel in each destination, however as Central Asia, the Middle East, Europe and South Africa are such a large and varied continents there will be drastic differences between and even within countries, sometimes on the same tour.

**Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?**

**Domestic Flights** Planes are very similar to what you would travel on at home with allocated seats. Depending on flight duration meals may/may not be provided. Group members may not necessarily be seated together. The flight schedule of domestic airlines changes frequently, hence all domestic flights that appear in your itinerary are subject to change. Please ensure that all valuables and any medications you may need for the rest of the day are carried in your hand luggage. The luggage limit is 20kg per passenger, and bags must be locked. Airlines currently do not allow liquids (alcohol, spirits, wine, water, perfume etc) or sharp objects to be carried onboard the aircraft in hand luggage and these will be confiscated.

**Coaches** Road coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On smaller private tours we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party. There will also be some instances where smaller vehicles such as jeeps are used to access



certain areas. If this is the case this will be stated in your itinerary.

**Trains** Trains are used in some of the itineraries, travelling through areas with stunning scenery.

**Boats** In Egypt you will cruise the Nile where the cabins have a private bathroom, air conditioner and river views while the communal area offers a swimming pool, outdoor bar, lounge, gift shop, restaurant and sauna & gym. You will enjoy various forms of entertainment in the evenings such as belly dancing and an oriental show.

**Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?**

**A.** Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings and smart casual clothes are recommended for evenings.

**Q. Are meals included?**

**A.** Each tour will state the number of meals included. Beverages are not included and must be paid for locally, unless otherwise specified in your itinerary. Included meals are normally taken at local restaurants however on some days, your guide may arrange for a simple, packed meal for your group. No refund will be given for any meals missed.

**Q. Are there shopping opportunities on your tours?**

**A.** There will be an array of shopping opportunities for those who love to seek out a bargain. We encourage all passengers to enjoy their local shopping expeditions but to take care and be wise when purchasing.



Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue Complex, Mongolia

### Q. Can special requests be arranged?

**A.** If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

### Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

**A.** We allow children 12 years and over on most of our group tours. Alternatively, private tours offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are suitable for any age group. Any of our tours can be enjoyed as a private tour.

### Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?

**A.** Our passengers are mainly from the UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking passengers from other countries.

### Q. What is the average age on your group tours?

**A.** The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

### Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?

**A.** They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet touring requirements. For details regarding your daily itinerary including how much time is spent travelling, please refer to the tour dossier.

### Q. How do standards abroad compare with Australia?

**A.** We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in Australia. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your national escort or local guide.

### Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

**A.** Tipping is expected in Central Asia & Middle East. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each Group Tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or local guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages.

## WeCare – Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits.

In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.



# Booking your trip

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1-2-3.

## 1. Choose your tour

Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

## 2. Speak to an expert

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions, check availability instantly and confirm prices.

## 3. Make a booking

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay your deposit and secure your booking. On occasions, a progress payment will be required to secure your flights which will be explained to you at the time of booking. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure and you will be issued with your documentation approximately two to three weeks before travel. You will also be able to manage aspects of your booking via My Wendy Wu, your personal online booking portal.



# Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

### LOYALTY DISCOUNT\*

After completing your tour, we hope you will return to travel with us again. As a member of the Wendy Wu Tours family, you will be eligible for savings each time you return to travel with us on a group tour. Savings apply to Classic and Go Beyond group tours, as well as dedicated Solo departures, but are not applicable for independent arrangements or Special Groups.

### REFER A FRIEND

If you refer a new friend to Wendy Wu Tours, and they book a group tour with us (and quote your details), you will receive a delicious hamper delivered to your door. Please visit our website for further details.

### JOIN THE FAMILY

Keep up to date with the latest news, receive inspiring stories and be one of the first to hear about our exclusive offers. To subscribe, visit [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au)

### KEEP IN TOUCH

Keep in touch with all of the latest news and offers by 'liking' our Facebook page and by following us on Instagram or check out our blog at [wendywutours.com.au/blog](http://wendywutours.com.au/blog)



\*Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions ('Booking Conditions') form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd, of Level 8, 92 Pitt Street, Sydney, Australia. ATAS: A10517. ABN: 87 082 688 202. Please read them carefully before making a booking request as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By making a booking request, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the Booking Conditions as well as the specific day to day demands of your chosen tour and agree to be bound by them.

These Booking Conditions set out the terms on which you contract with us for the arrangement and delivery of travel arrangements for your trip and which we agree to make, provide, or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. In these booking conditions, "you", "your", "customer" or "passenger" means each person named on a booking request (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd. By making a booking with us, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions. Please note that we reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you placing a booking request. The latest version of our Booking Conditions is published at [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au). It is your obligation to review the latest version of our Booking Conditions prior to making a booking request.

**YOUR HOLIDAY CONTRACT** The first named person on a booking request ("Lead Traveller") promises that s/he is authorised to request a booking subject to these Booking Conditions by all persons named in the booking request and by the parents or guardians for any party member who is under 18 when the booking request is made. The Lead Traveller is responsible for making all payments due under a booking by all party members. The Lead Traveller must be at least 18 when the booking is requested. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see "Payments" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the 'Lead Traveller' or the travel agent through whom the booking was requested. We reserve the right to decline any booking at our discretion.

**OUR SERVICES** The services we provide to you are limited to (a) the arrangement and coordination of your travel arrangements; and (b) the delivery of travel arrangements which we directly control (if any). This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements.

**YOUR DETAILS** Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking. A copy of your passport is required at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing. If you do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then you will be responsible for any fees charged (such as airline cancellation charges or re-issue fees) in addition to our own reasonable administration fees.

**YOUR OBLIGATION TO CHECK DETAILS** Please check your confirmation invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation invoice or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits, but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later, you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See "Amendments by You" & "Cancellations by You" below).

**PRICES** General: Prices and services are subject to availability of tour, airline, and specific economy airfare. Prices may differ once a preferred booking class is sold out. Prices stated are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and are current at the time of publication. The most up to date pricing is available on our website. The price includes international flights (where tour specifies it is flight inclusive), accommodation, transportation and other inclusions as per the published itinerary. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to release specials which are applicable to new bookings only. We also reserve the right to correct any obvious errors in rates quoted or calculated, or any omissions made at any time during your booking. Any verbal quote given is an indication only of the final price and is subject to confirmation in writing. Costs associated with passports, vaccinations, insurance, meals (other than those stipulated), emergency evacuation costs, gratuities, and all items of a personal nature are not included.

**Itinerary Deviations:** All fully inclusive Classic Tour or Go Beyond Tour prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation, etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost.

**Airline Fuel Charges:** In addition to the cost of any airfares, airlines also charge an additional levy to cover the ever-increasing cost of aviation fuel. As fuel prices have fluctuated, so too has the amount airlines charge for this levy. At the time of pricing, some airline fuel surcharges are included in the cost of the fare; however, this amount is subject to change until your airline ticket is issued.

**PAYMENTS** Deposit: You are required to pay a deposit of \$300 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of commencement of your travel arrangements) to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent within three days of you making your booking request. Please note that we may not hold any services for you until we receive payment of your deposit, meaning that services may become unavailable or prices may increase, in which case you will be responsible for paying the increased price, and we will not be responsible if services become unavailable. In some cases the amount of the deposit may be higher where, for example,

we need to pre-purchase flight tickets, accommodation or other services and in the case of our flight upgrade special offers, to which early airline ticketing may apply – please see the terms and conditions of individual special offers for further information. This will be advised at the time of quotation.

**Balance Payment:** The final balance of the travel arrangements is due no later than 75 days prior to the confirmed tour commencement date. Air tickets are issued upon receiving final payment only. If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you have cancelled your booking, and cancellation fees will apply (See "Cancellations by You" below). Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 75 days prior to departure to cover the cost of earlier ticketing should it be requested by the airlines, or tickets issued by our overseas operators due to airline ticketing time limits.

**Card Processing Fees:** Please note that any payments made by credit or debit card are subject to a 1.2% processing fee, which represents the cost charged to us to process the payment.

**Tailor-Made Quotations:** For Tailor-made itineraries, the first two quotes are complimentary. After this, we reserve the right to request a non-refundable commitment fee of \$100.00 per person. This will be deducted from your required deposit amount at the time of confirmation.

**AMENDMENTS BY YOU** We will endeavour to accommodate amendments and additional requests. You acknowledge that these may not be possible to fulfil, and for group departures a transfer of a booking to a different departure is deemed a cancellation. An amendment fee of \$50 per change will be levied to cover communication and administration costs for any changes to bookings. You will also be required to pay any additional costs charged by suppliers. Please note that airfares are subject to strict airline policies and booking fare rules. Special airfares that require early ticketing may be non-refundable and non-changeable. Once a booking is confirmed, any name change, or passenger change will incur additional charges and/or may be deemed a cancellation of the airfare.

**AMENDMENTS BY US** Prior to travel: Occasionally, we may need to make amendments or modifications to the itinerary and its inclusions and you acknowledge our right to do this. If we become aware of a significant change to your itinerary or its inclusions prior to the commencement of your trip (where the trip can still proceed), then we will notify you within a reasonable time.

**During travel:** You acknowledge that the itinerary, modes of transport, accommodation and/or the trip's inclusions may need to change during your trip due to local circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including road conditions, poor weather, changes in transport schedules, and/or vehicle breakdowns. You agree that we have the right to pass on any costs we incur for alternative arrangements we put in place for your benefit in these circumstances.

**General:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any omissions or modifications to the itinerary or the inclusions due to Force Majeure or other circumstances beyond our control happening after we have accepted your booking. This includes any loss of enjoyment or distress caused by omissions or modifications. If you are entitled to any compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept. We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

**CANCELLATION BY YOU** Group Tours: Cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and are subject to the following cancellation charges (Cancellations are also dependent upon other additional charges imposed for air/rail/cruise tickets as referred to below) from the date the written cancellation is received:

- More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit
- Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
- Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
- 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of total cost
- Any 'no show'; 100% of total cost

**Airfare, Cruise & Rail Tickets:** If airline, cruise and rail tickets have been issued, the rules of the fare will determine cancellation and/or amendment charges. It is often the case that air, cruise and rail tickets are non-refundable.

Following the commencement of your tour, no refunds will be made for any services which you choose not to use or which you cannot use for any reason other than a reason within our control. If you are not fully and validly vaccinated against Covid-19 in the destination(s) where services are to be provided, and particular suppliers refuse to provide you with travel arrangements, then you agree you will not be entitled to any refund for those arrangements. We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses you incur (including loss of enjoyment or the costs of alternative arrangements) if you are denied services in these circumstances.

Regrettably, cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. Please note that employees of any overseas or domestic company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside Australia are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in

respect of refunds or any other matters. Please note Special Groups, Short Stays, Extensions & Tailormade tours may have differing cancellation fees, these will be communicated in writing at time of booking.

**ILLNESS OR VACCINATION STATUS PREVENTING TRAVEL** If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests (such as a PCR or rapid antigen test in relation to Covid-19 or vaccination requirements):

- an airline or other common carrier refuses you carriage;
- a hotel or vessel refuses to accommodate you; or
- we or our suppliers (acting reasonably) exclude you from the trip and you are consequently prevented from commencing or continuing your trip, then:
  - if you have already commenced your trip, we will provide you with reasonable assistance to arrange alternative travel arrangements to continue the trip. This will be at your cost.
  - if you have not commenced your trip then we regret we will not be in a position to provide such assistance.

We will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) because we would have already paid (or committed to pay) suppliers and we would have already performed significant work preparing for the delivery of your trip and servicing your booking. We will not be responsible for any loss or other costs you incur in connection with your booking (for example, airfares and visa expenses) if you are prevented from commencing or continuing your trip in these circumstances.

### Covid-19 credit redemptions

If: (a) we issued you with a credit due to your original travel arrangements being disrupted by Covid-19 and associated restrictions; and (b) you have redeemed that credit for new travel arrangements; then (c) you agree that we will not be obliged to refund you the value of the credit if you cancel your new travel arrangements.

If you cancel travel arrangements that have a value which exceeds the value of your credit (Excess Payment), then we will refund you the Excess Payment, less cancellation fees in accordance with the table below, calculated from the date which we receive written notice of cancellation:

- More than 75 days prior to departure - refund of Excess Payment
- Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of Excess Payment
- Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of Excess Payment
- 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of Excess Payment
- Any 'no show': 100% of Excess Payment

**CANCELLATIONS OR RESCHEDULING BY US** In these Booking Conditions, the term Force Majeure means an event or events beyond our control and which we could not have reasonably prevented, and includes but is not limited to: (a) natural disasters (including not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide, volcanic eruption), adverse weather conditions (including hurricane or cyclone), high or low water levels; (b) war, armed conflict, industrial dispute, civil strife, terrorist activity or the threat of such acts; (c) epidemic, pandemic; (d) any new or change in law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (including travel advisories and restrictions).

**Force Majeure - Prior to travel**

If in our reasonable opinion we (either directly or through our employees, contractors, suppliers, or agents) consider that your travel arrangements cannot safely or lawfully proceed due to a Force Majeure Event then we at our discretion may elect to:

- reschedule your travel arrangements (in whole or in part); and/or
- cancel your travel arrangements (in whole or in part), in which case our contract with you will terminate (in whole or in part).

If we cancel any of your travel arrangements, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other for the cancelled arrangements. However, we will refund payments attributable to the cancelled travel arrangements less: (a) unrecoverable third-party costs and other expenses incurred by us for the cancelled travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of the cancelled travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to the cancelled travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

**Force Majeure - During travel**

If due to Force Majeure we cancel travel arrangements after your trip has commenced, we will provide you with a refund of recoverable third-party costs for cancelled travel arrangements only.

**Force Majeure – General**

If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel arrangements are cancelled or rescheduled due to Force Majeure, then you agree the amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and assistance.

You acknowledge that the terms in this section are reasonably necessary to protect our legitimate business interests. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance that adequately responds to cancellation and rescheduling risks associated with Force Majeure events.

**Other cancellations**

**Minimum Numbers:** Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. We will advise you no less than 60 days prior to your tour commencement if minimum numbers have not been achieved.

If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure, you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid, or the offer of a trip of substantially equal



quality if appropriate. We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur if your travel arrangements are rescheduled or cancelled whether or not due to Force Majeure.

If we cancel your travel arrangements, neither party will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third-party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund.

**CANCELLATION DUE TO GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY** If you are ordered into a period of quarantine by a government or public health authority as a mandatory directive for any reason and this requires you to cancel or amend your travel arrangements with us within 75 days of your departure date, Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any third-party costs, cancellation fees or prepaid arrangements such as (but not limited to) airfares and cruise ship bookings.

We will not be responsible for any additional cost incurred to you while on tour if you are instructed by a government or public health authority to enter into a period of quarantine or to return home early, this includes any extra accommodation costs or amendments to your onward travel arrangements.

Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to recover as much of your funds as we can on your behalf, or negotiate a credit for future use, should a disruption to your travel arrangements occur due to a government or public health authority directive.

Wendy Wu Tours highly recommends you investigate and secure travel insurance options that best suit your individual circumstances, including any applicable to pre-existing medical conditions and world events.

**JOINING YOUR TOUR** Airline schedules from different cities vary so travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en-route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation (including but not limited to airport transfers) or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services. If you have booked a land only option, please email a copy of your flight schedule and passport copy at time of final payment so we can arrange transfers and visas.

**REFUSAL OF CARRIAGE** Wendy Wu Tours retains the right to remove customers from our group tours for reasons that impact on the enjoyment or safety of other tour members, such as, but not limited to, the physical, medical or mental inability of customers to undertake the arrangements of the tour, unsocial or unruly behaviour, or the carriage of prohibited substances and materials. You will not be entitled to any refund for unused services and you will be responsible for any additional costs you incur.

**HOTELS** Hotel descriptions featured on our website are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers. Any facilities described are subject to change at any time. Maps and photographs are included for general information only and may not necessarily reflect actual routings, location or services. Wendy Wu Tours has made reasonable enquiries to verify that the descriptions and details are accurate but does not warrant that they are. We reserve the right to substitute hotels, vessels and other forms of accommodation with properties or vessels of a comparable or higher standard.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** It is strongly encouraged that you are adequately insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health and vaccination requirements specific to the countries being visited. Any pre-existing dietary requirement/food allergy; disability; medical, health, physical, psychological, or behavioural condition ('health conditions') must be discussed with your doctor who can confirm your suitability to travel on your chosen tour.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the trip of your choice. If you suffer from a medical condition which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention, or which may affect the normal conduct of the trip, then you must advise us at the time you make your booking request.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you will require special assistance from personnel which we cannot reasonably provide, then we may cancel your booking. Provided you notified us of your medical condition at the time you made your booking request, we will provide you with a full refund of payments made. If you fail to notify us at that time or if you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time of our request, then this will be considered a cancellation by you.

We reserve the right to cancel your booking if any changed or non-disclosed medical conditions mean that you will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide. We strongly suggest that your travel insurance policy includes comprehensive cancellation coverage.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING** A passport with a minimum of six months validity and at least 2 blank pages upon return to Australia is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders in all fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours. Non-Australian passport holders may incur additional fees and require additional documentation. Wendy Wu Tours may not

be able to assist with processing the visas for some nationalities. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure (90 days for multi-country, Myanmar and Central Asia), you will be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee, which we will advise at the time. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned to you with final documentation approximately two to three weeks prior to your departure date. If the customer requests the passports to be returned prior to this, an additional fee will be incurred. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity, purchase of additional required passport photos, the cost for sending passports to Wendy Wu Tours and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. Wendy Wu Tours does not issue foreign visas. We only submit passports and application forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and accepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability. Relevant authorities may require additional documentation to approve your visa application. The cost of additional documentation or application forms are at the travellers expense. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

**Late Bookings:** If a booking is made within 75 days prior to departure it is considered a late booking. Late bookings may incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

**SINGLE TRAVELLERS** When booking more than 80 days prior to departure, single travellers on fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours may avoid paying the Single Supplements by opting to travel on a 'Happy to Share' basis. Note that 'Happy to Share' requests can be received when you make your booking with us but will not be confirmed until your final payment due date. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain and is payable with your final balance in line with our normal booking conditions. Either way, our Customer Services Team will contact you around 75 days before departure to let you know whether a share partner has been found or not. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to change or withdraw this arrangement at any time. If the booking originated as a twin share booking and one traveller cancels, the remaining traveller will be charged the applicable single supplement.

If the cancellation occurs more than 75 days prior to the tour departure date, the option to select 'Happy to Share' will apply if it is available on the selected tour. Our dedicated solo departures are guaranteed a single room with no additional supplement and do not have a 'Happy to Share' option.

**SEATBELTS** Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in all destinations featured in this brochure and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason local operators may or may not have seatbelts in vehicles or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. As such, customers acknowledge that seatbelts may not be available and therefore travel at their own risk. Customers warrant that they shall not make any claim whatsoever arising from injury or damage in respect of, arising from or contributed to by the absence of seatbelts and hereby release Wendy Wu Tours from all such claims.

**INDEPENDENT SERVICES** We are not responsible for any additional activities or excursions which are not included in the booked itinerary or which we sell as agent for the principal operator. Any advice or recommendation made by a guide or local representative does not make us responsible.

**SOLO DEPARTURE AIRPORT TRANSFERS** Private transfers are eligible from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Cairns, based on executive sedan or similar. After hours surcharges apply between 12:00am-6:00am. Available within a radius of 50 driven kilometres from the nearest international airport. Up to 10 extra kilometres can be booked at a supplement. Based on a maximum of two passengers travelling together with standard airline luggage allowance. Any unused portion of this service is non-refundable.

**SHOPPING & OTHER SERVICES** Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion. Leisure activities and services undertaken during free time is at the customer's own discretion.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RISK** You acknowledge that travel involves personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be as a result of the adventurous nature of your trip or the visiting of destinations which present geographical, political or cultural risks and dangers. You should consult guidance issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) applicable to the destinations within your itinerary. You acknowledge that your choice to travel is made having had the benefit of DFAT guidance, and you accept any additional personal risks associated with your travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we disclaim any liability for these risks.

**RESPONSIBILITY** Services supplied by independent suppliers: Where a third party over whom we have no direct control (Independent Supplier) is the supplier of travel arrangements that form part of your trip, you acknowledge that our obligations to you are limited to taking reasonable steps to select a reputable

Independent Supplier and arranging for them to provide those travel arrangements to you. Independent Suppliers over whom we have no direct control include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators, hoteliers, independent transport companies (i.e., vehicles not operated by us) and common carriers. We act as an intermediary only and you will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Independent Supplier. Any disputes between you and the Independent Supplier are to be resolved between you and them. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any loss, damage, personal injury or delay attributable to the actions or omissions of an Independent Supplier.

Services we directly supply: To the extent only that we are the principal supplier to you of travel arrangements or other services which we control, then we will provide those travel arrangements and services with reasonable skill and care. We will only be responsible for our employees in the course of their employment, and for our agents and suppliers (where we are not the supplier's agent or an intermediary for an Independent Supplier) if they were carrying out the work we had asked them to do. We will not be responsible for any loss, damage, claim or expense caused by the acts or omissions of yourself, of any other third party not connected with the provision of the travel arrangements or services, or due to an event of Force Majeure. While we endeavour to meet scheduled arrival and departure times, we cannot guarantee this. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/services attributable to delays.

General liability limitation: You acknowledge that travel arrangements or services which comply with local laws and regulations will be deemed to have been properly performed, even if this would not be considered the case in Australia. Australian Consumer Law and corresponding legislation in State jurisdictions in certain circumstances imply mandatory conditions and warranties into consumer contracts ("Consumer Warranties"). These Booking Conditions do not exclude or limit the application of the Consumer Warranties. Other than the Consumer Warranties, we disclaim all warranties. To the fullest extent permitted by law, our maximum liability to you under these Booking Conditions, in tort (including negligence) or at law is limited to arranging for the travel arrangements to be resupplied or payment of the cost of having the travel arrangements resupplied.

#### PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS OR CLAIMS

At Wendy Wu Tours we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints effectively and efficiently. Should the customer not be satisfied with any aspect of their arrangements they must immediately inform the National Escort or Local Guide who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If this is not possible and you wish to lodge a complaint or claim this must be done in writing to Wendy Wu Tours in Sydney (or by email to [customerrelations@wendywutours.com.au](mailto:customerrelations@wendywutours.com.au)) within 30 days of the date of the completion of your Wendy Wu Tours arrangements. Relevant receipts and substantiating evidence must be attached to the letter of claim. Our complaints handling policy is available upon request.

**AIRLINES** Airlines featured in this brochure do not by virtue of their endorsement represent themselves either as contracting with any purchaser of a holiday from Wendy Wu Tours, or as having any legal relationship with such a purchaser. Frequent flyer miles may not be accrued on some packaged fares. Pre-flight seat allocation may not be available. If seat allocation, additional baggage, airport assist services or medical clearance is required and is permitted by the airline, this is to be booked by the traveller directly with the airline and additional fees incurred at the time of arranging these services is payable by the traveller. For details, contact our office. Schedule changes or flight cancellations are subject to the airlines policy and are outside Wendy Wu Tours control.

**PRIVACY** We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Wendy Wu Tours' offers and product information that may be of interest to you. You can opt out of receiving information at any time if you choose to do so. Any personal information you provide will be managed in accordance with Wendy Wu Tours' privacy policy, which can be viewed at [wendywutours.com.au/help-and-advice/privacy-policy](http://wendywutours.com.au/help-and-advice/privacy-policy).

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