

CENTRAL ASIA & MIDDLE EAST

ARMENIA | AZERBAIJAN | EGYPT | GEORGIA | ISRAEL | JORDAN | KAZAKHSTAN KYRGYZSTAN | MONGOLIA | TAJIKISTAN | TURKMENISTAN | UZBEKISTAN | DUBAI



Our award-winning collection of Escorted Tours & Tailor-Made Holidays
The winner of Best Specialty Wholesaler - National Travel Industry Awards, 2017



Come and join us on an extraordinary adventure through this magical 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 full. 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 the experiences of a lifetime.

PRIVATE

A private tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide. Perfect for couples and families that want greater flexibility on when they travel and the style of accommodation. Most of our group tours can operate on a private basis.

TAILOR-MADE

For the ultimate in bespoke touring, one of our expert consultants will help you in designing a tour to meet your exact requirements. Select your choice of destinations, accommodation, touring and experiences to create the perfect holiday for you.

SPECIAL GROUPS

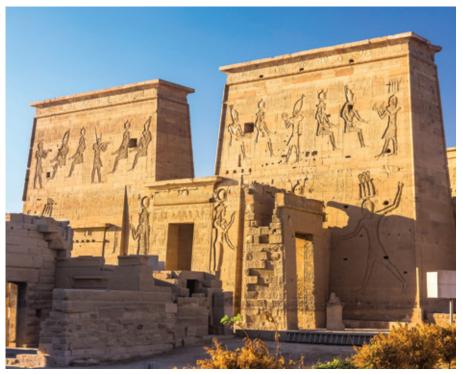
If you're travelling with 10 other passengers or more, we can arrange your very own independent Special Group tour. Whether that's a group of friends and family, or even a club or association, we'll tailor any of our tours to suit your group's wishes so you can enjoy a unique holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself. See page 47 for more details.

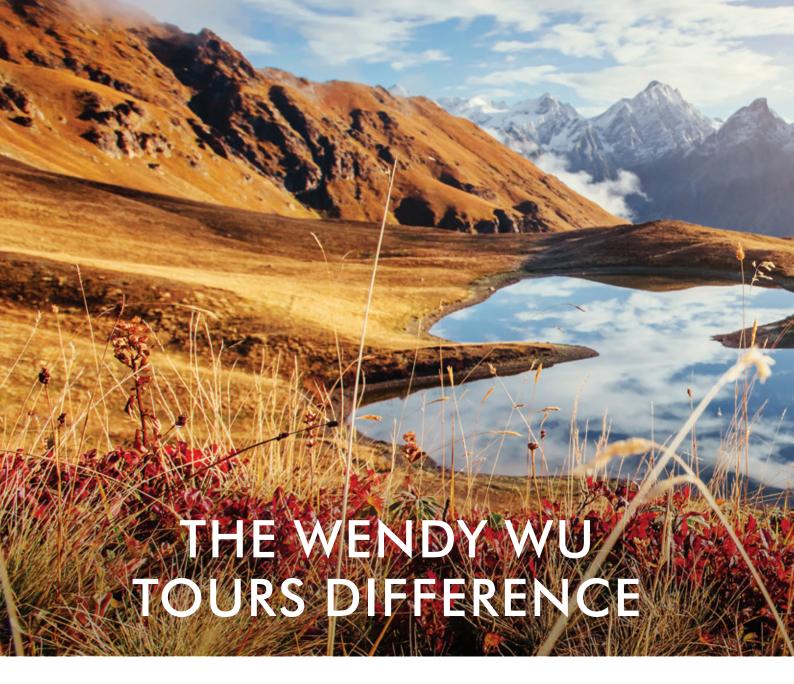
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REPUTATION AND EXPERTISE

With 27 years' experience operating tours throughout Asia and Beyond, our success and longevity speak 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!

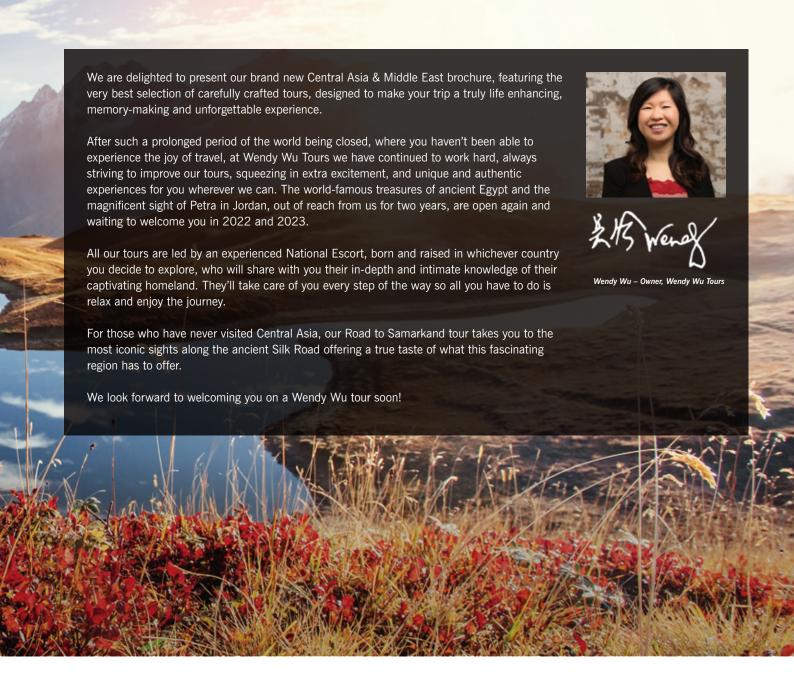
We are forever inspired by our customers and the lifechanging experiences we enable them to discover, so much so that we continue to welcome back customers.

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 27 years, building our local expertise and pioneering the roads less travelled so you can enjoy customs, authentic experiences, packed with local flavour. These encounters will make your holiday truly special. Look out for the 'Authentic Experiences' on each of our tour pages.



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 Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA), 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 region (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!











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).

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

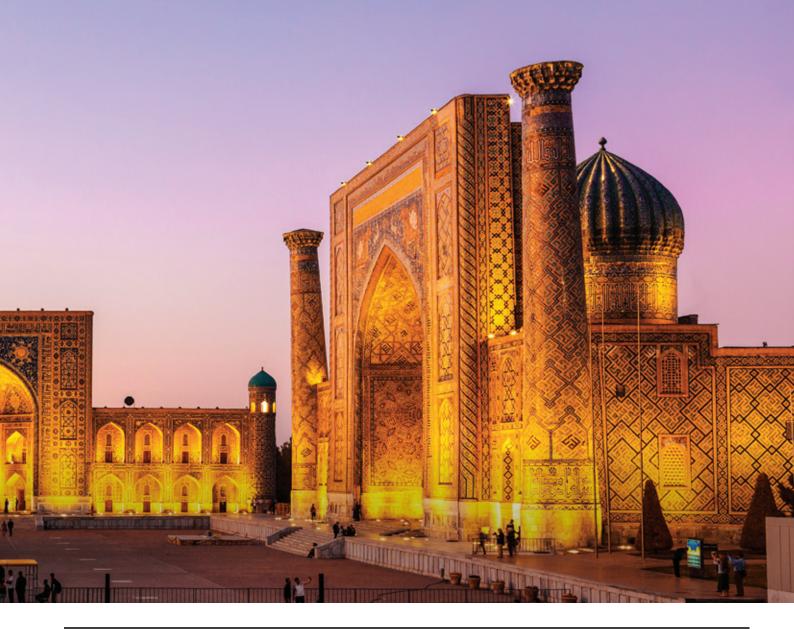
You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the locations you'll visit. Our Classic Tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3-4 star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Go Beyond tours you may find yourself in more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

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 pages 44-47) 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.

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.



PHYSICAL **RATING**

All our tours feature a

physical rating to help

holiday for you. Every

sights unaided, whilst

one of our tours require

the ability to walk around

more active tours involve

longer walks, cycling and

Tours at altitude will have

a higher physical rating.

For more information on

why each tour has been

a look at the 'Detailed

Tour Dossier' available

to download on the tour

page of our website.

rated the way it has, have

other physical activities.

you select the right





LEVEL 1

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

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 vou 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 straightforward 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.

Taking care of your safety

Our customers' safety has always been our highest priority at Wendy Wu Tours. Working closely with our partners overseas and our highly experienced National Escorts, we are proud of our reputation for taking the utmost care of every customer's safety and wellbeing.

For 2021 and beyond we have strengthened our safety management processes to include measures to protect our customers and local staff from COVID-19. These new measures include protection whilst travelling, sightseeing, at mealtimes and at hotels. Guided by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organisation) and WTTC (World Travel & Tourism Council) as well as local government regulations, our protocols include personal protection, extensive disinfecting, and social distancing measures.

Rest assured that we will do everything possible to keep you safe on your holiday, while also helping you enjoy every moment along the way!

For details of our safety guidelines please visit wendywutours.com.au



Guided by the very best

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!



"We thoroughly enjoyed our trip and were impressed with the knowledge and service afforded by our guides in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, and the comfort and cleanliness of our accommodation right throughout the trip. The variety and quality of our meals in these 3 countries was excellent."

Jennifer and Keith Partridge

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
- Are born and raised locally
- 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 our 27 years of operation. The recognition from our customers, our industry peers and partners are rewarding, but our truest 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.



WINNER 2017

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.

1. LOW DEPOSIT

Once you've selected your desired tour, all you need to do is forward your deposit to secure your place. We are pleased to introduce our low deposit policy across our range of group tours.

2. FLEXIBLE PAYMENT

Your final balance is not due until 75 days prior to departure. (If a specific tour or special offer require payment sooner, our Reservations team will notify you at the time of booking).

3. UNLIMITED CHANGES

Benefit from unlimited changes up to 75 days before departure should your plans change for any reason.

4. YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

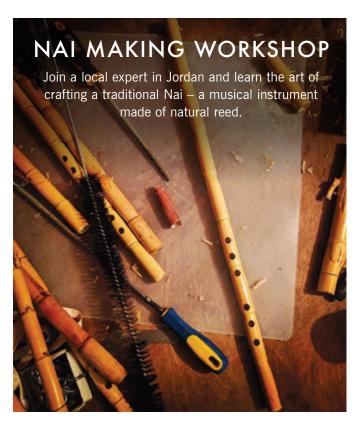
Every tour features our pioneering Travel Safe protocols. Our dedicated 24 hour assistance program is available while travelling on tour, so that you are able to contact us and speak directly to a Wendy Wu Tours team member.

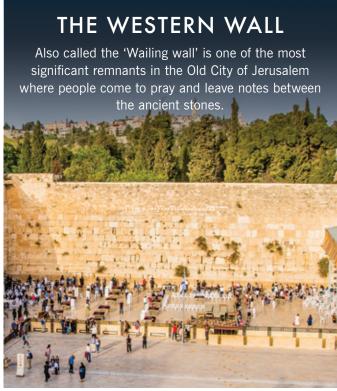
5. WE'VE GOT YOU

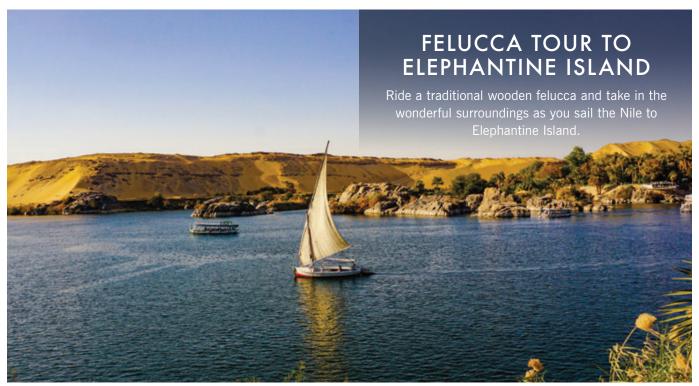
Our commitment is that we are here for you, always. We will work for you to ensure that any COVID related disruption to your travel plans is handled to your benefit as best as possible, therefore offering a complete peace of mind experience. Full details can be found in our terms and conditions.

Cultural Encounters, every step of the way

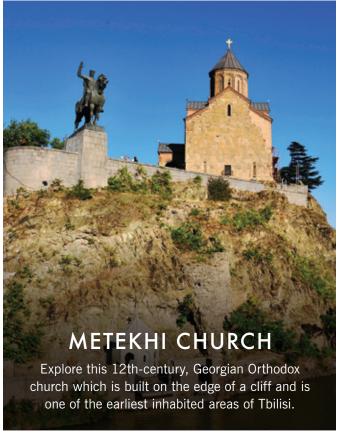
To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the 'Experiences You'll Love' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward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

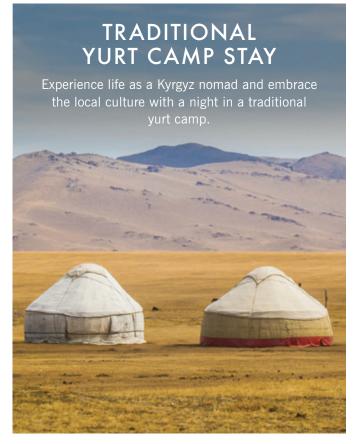


















Discover the Middle East with Wendy Wu Tours

Rich in archaeological treasures, the Middle East is a transcontinental region that has fascinated travellers for centuries. Home to monumental sites such as the Pyramids, Petra and the Western Wall. It is a region that is on everyone's travel bucket list.

WENDY'S TOP 8 MIDDLE EAST SIGHTS



This great ancient city is one of the world's most treasured UNESCO Heritage sites and its wind-blown, mountainous surroundings hid its beautiful façade for years. A highlight is to see it by candlelight and you can explore Petra at night on our Journey through Jordan tour (page 20).





The lowest point on Earth, the Dead Sea is known as a legendary source of healing due to its high mineral content while its salinity keeps bathers buoyant. Enjoy a dip in these soothing waters on our Ancient Israel tour (page 22).



3 EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

This fascinating museum is home to an extensive collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts, from King Tutankhamen's treasures to mummies, pottery and jewellery. You can see it all on the Dreams of Egypt tour (page 18).



4 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 the desert valley on our Dreams of Egypt tour (page 18).



5 MASADA FORTRESS

This ancient stone fortress was built high above the Dead Sea on an isolated rock plateau. A symbol of heroism and one of Israel's greatest archaeological sites, see the incredible views from the top on the Ancient Israel tour (page 22).



6 MOUNT ZION

The highest point in ancient Jerusalem, this broad hill is said to be at the centre of many important religious events, including the Last Supper. Discover the City of David and more on the Egypt, Jordan and Israel Explored tour (page 28).



(7) 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 20).



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JERASH

Often referred to as the 'Pompeii of the East', wander the fascinating ancient Roman ruins and watch live chariot racing on our Jordan & Israel Discovery tour (page 26).





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 programs.

WENDY'S TOP 8 CENTRAL ASIA SIGHTS



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 38).





MOUNT KAZBEGI

This striking mountain looms dramatically on the horizon of the vast Georgian landscapes. Discover more of the spectacular alpine scenery on our Georgia, Armenia & Azerbaijan tour (page 40).





GOLDEN EAGLES

Watch a demonstration of golden eagle hunting, an age-old tradition from the endless steppes of Kyrgyzstan, on our Road to Samarkand tour and on our Journey through Central Asia tour (page 38 & 42).





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 42).





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 42).





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 42).





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 40).





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 Gems of Georgia tour (page 30).





CLASSIC TOURS

For those looking for a fully escorted, all-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 18 travellers.

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.

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



\$9,380



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



ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Egypt's ancient artefacts
- ✔ Bargain at Khan el Khalili Bazaar
- ✓ Sail the world's longest river
- ✓ Visit the Temple of Karnak
- ✓ Discover the Valley of the Kings
- ✓ Stroll through Aswan's market



PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ 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.
- ➤ Explore the Nile in style on a 4-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.
- ➤ 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.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CAIRO

Fly overnight to Cairo via Dubai. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

DAY 3: PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Spend today exploring the Pyramids of Giza and The Sphinx, followed by the Egyptian Museum, filled to its brim with an extensive collection of statues, mummies and treasures. Improve your bargaining skills this afternoon as you stroll through the Khan el Khalili Bazaar, where you will find local souvenirs and food stalls.

DAY 4: OLD CAIRO

Spend the morning exploring Cairo's oldest district, the Coptic Quarter. Explore its Coptic churches and the Christian artefact collection and the Coptic Museum. 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. Enjoy time to relax before this evening's dinner at the revolving restaurant atop Cairo Tower – the best viewpoint in the city.

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 photostop 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, site of two key battles in World War II. Visit the military museum and war cemeteries before travelling south 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: CRUISE THE NILE RIVER

Take a short one-hour flight from Cairo to Luxor, where we transfer to the port and board your Nile cruise ship for a 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.





CLASSIC EGYPT

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





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 crocodileheaded god Sobek. Sail on to Aswan, where we dock for the next two nights.

DAY 10: DISCOVER ASWAN

Discover the many highlights of Aswan on this full-day tour. Visit the 3,600-metre-long 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, where you will visit the botanical gardens.



DAY 11: ABU SIMBEL

Disembark the ship and 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 pharoah of the New Kingdom. Admire it's many halls and imposing statues before returning to Aswan for your flight back to Cairo.

DAYS 12-13: FLY CAIRO TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.



PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2022 DATES

2023 DATES

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth.
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Cairo Cairo) 11 days from \$6,980 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$1,800

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Correct as of 01 June 2021, subject to change. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount approximately US\$110pp (AU\$159pp) is paid locally in Egypt.

Call for our 2024 pricing and departures

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

JOURNEY THROUGH JORDAN

10 DAYS FROM







TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Experience a chariot race in 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
- ✓ Bathe in the Dead Sea



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



► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ➤ An experience not to be missed as it completes your Petra experience is 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 (lantern lit gauge) to the Treasury, which is lit with over 1,500 candles, bringing this major attraction to light.
- ➤ Visitors will learn the art of crafting the Nai, an authentic musical wind instrument, made of natural reed collected from Jordan Valley. It is a simple, long, end-blown flute and you will learn all about the history, social stories and the technique of creating sound with this unique instrument. It is the main wind instrument of Middle Eastern music. Once you've mastered the craft you get to take it home.



DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO AMMAN

Fly via Dubai to Amman, arriving the following day. On arrival, transfer to your hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY 3: DISCOVER JERASH

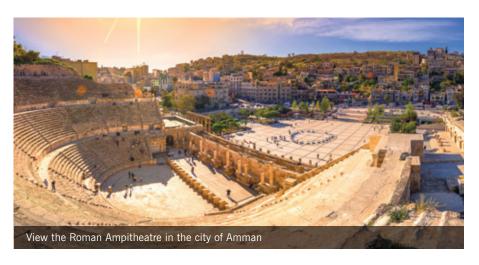
Today enjoy a city tour, followed by a drive to Jerash, an ancient Roman city known as the Pompeii of the East. Learn about the city's past and watch a favoured Roman pastime, chariot racing. Arriving in the town of Ajloun, you will visit the fortress of Qal'at ar-Rabad, overlooking the Jordan Valley.

DAY 4: EXPLORE AMMAN

This morning, enjoy a tour of the old city of Amman, exploring the Citadel and Roman Amphitheatre. 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 for a visit to a Nai-making workshop where, under the tutelage of a local expert, you will learn how to make your own reed flute.

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO PETRA

Today you will make your way to Mount Nebo, the possible site of Moses' Tomb. Here there are ruins of 4th and 5th-century churches whose floors are still covered with marvellous and 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 moments. Tonight, enjoy an authentic Levantine cooking class, preparing soup, appetizers and a main course under the eye of a local chef.





CLASSIC JORDAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A comprehensive tour of Jordan that visits the impressive sites of ancient history, some authentic cultural experiences and camping in the vast desert of Wadi Rum before rounding off an unforgettable tour with a night at the Dead Sea.





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 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 a thousand candles.

DAY 7: WADI RUM DESERT CAMP

Start with a visit to Little Petra before transferring to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon. Wadi Rum is like a moonscape of ancient valleys and towering weathered 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 luxurious en-suite private tents.

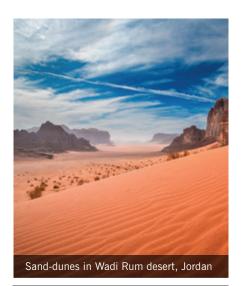
DAY 8: THE DEAD SEA

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.

DAYS 9-10: FLY AMMAN TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



AQABA

4 days from \$1,200pp twin share

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2022 DATES

2023 DATES

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Amman Amman) 8 days from \$5,530 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$800

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Correct as of 01 June 2021, subject to change. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

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ANCIENT ISRAEL



DAYS FROM



\$8,180



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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover the vibrant district of Jaffa
- Tour the Roman ruins of Caesarea
- ✓ Visit Israel's first Kibbutz
- ✓ Take a cable car to Masada Fortress
- ✓ Explore New & Old Jerusalem
- Enjoy an authentic shabbat dinner



PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



► 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.
- ► Located in the Shepherd's Valley Village, you will be enchanted by the sight of palm trees, olive orchards as you experience dinner at Tent Restaurant. With Bedouin style rugs and hand chiselled stone entrance you will sit down to a gastronomic experience with authentic and traditional hospitality followed by an ethical Palestinian dance show.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TEL AVIV

Fly overnight to Tel Aviv. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO GALILEE

The day begins with exploring Jaffa, the world's oldest active harbour. Continue to Caesarea to view the fascinating Roman ruins. Visit the Druze Villages on the slopes of Mount Carmel before arriving at Tiberias, a Biblical town on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

DAY 4: 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 5thcentury 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, spend some time in the charming artistic town of Safed.

DAY 5: THE DEAD SEA

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 this morning where you will take a cable car to the top of Masada Fortress, where as well as the wonderful view, you will learn of the last stand by Jewish rebels against the Romans. Drive to Qumran for lunch and a visit to where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered. Tonight, stay in Bethlehem and enjoy a Palestinian cultural dance performance.

DAY 7: BETHLEHEM & JERUSALEM

Visit the Church of Nativity before driving 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 to the Stations of the Cross and the Church of the Holy Sepuchre before continuing to the Temple Mount, site of the Dome of the Rock and Al Aksa Mosque.





CLASSIC ISRAEL

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Start in Tel Aviv - home of the port district of Jaffa. See Roman ruins en route to the Sea of Galilee. This tour will visit cities and attractions located within Palestinian Territory, before ending in illustrious Jerusalem.





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 its atmospheric olive groves before this evening's Shabbat dinner, prepared by a local rabbi.

DAYS 9-10: FLY TEL AVIV TO AUSTRALIA

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2022 DATES

2023 DATES

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Tel Aviv Tel Aviv) from \$5,830 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$1,480

Important note

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PRICE INCLUDES

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



Dine at the Cairo Tower Restaurant

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ➤ Enjoy dinner 187 metres above the ground at the Cairo Tower Restaurant, offering spectacular views as you enjoy the soothing rotation of the restaurant. Dine on local Egyptian dishes suitable for all tastes as you share the highlights of your day.
- ➤ Stop in El Alamein, which includes a visit to the war cemetery and the war museum. Here you will learn about the history of the war as well as the vehicles, tanks and aircraft used.
- ▶ Petra by night is an experience not to be missed and one of the best ways to explore 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 TO CAIRO

Fly overnight to Cairo via Dubai. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

DAY 3: PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Spend today exploring the Pyramids of Giza and The Sphinx, followed by the Egyptian Museum, filled to its brim with an extensive collection of statues, mummies and treasures. Improve your bargaining skills this afternoon when you stroll through the Khan el Khalili Bazaar, where you will find local souvenirs and food stalls.

DAY 4: OLD CAIRO

Spend the morning exploring Cairo's oldest district, the Coptic Quarter. Explore its Coptic churches and the Christian artefact collection and the Coptic Museum. Later, continue to Sakkara, an ancient necropolis famed for its painted catacombs and the famous Step Pyramid of Djoser. Enjoy time to relax before this evening's dinner at the revolving restaurant atop Cairo Tower – the best viewpoint in the city.

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 photostop 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, site of two key battles in World War II. Visit the military museum and war cemeteries before travelling south 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: CRUISE THE NILE RIVER

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.

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: DISCOVER ASWAN

Discover the many highlights of Aswan on this full-day tour. Visit the 3,600-metre-long 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, where we visit the botanical gardens.

DAY 11: ABU SIMBEL

Disembark the ship and 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 pharoah of the New Kingdom. Admire it's many halls and imposing statues before returning to Aswan for your flight back to Cairo.

DAY 12: FLY TO JORDAN

This morning, you will continue your tour with a flight to Jordan. On arrival transfer to your hotel to settle in and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 13: DISCOVER JERASH

Begin your Jordan adventure with a visit to Al Salt and the Roman city of Jerash, known as the 'Pompeii of the East'. Here, you'll experience an ancient Roman pastime – watching a dramatic chariot race performance in Jerash's restored hippodrome. Continue to Ajloun, where we visit the 12th-century castle overlooking the Jordan Valley.

DAY 14: NAI WORKSHOP

Tour the old city of Amman, exploring the Citadel and Roman Amphitheatre, before continuing to the Desert Castles. Return to Amman this afternoon where you will participate, with the help of a local expert, in making your own wind instrument – a Nai.

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 BY DAY & NIGHT

Enjoy a morning filled with exploration of Petra's many caves and tombs. Petra, a treasured UNESCO World Heritage site, is a historical and archaeological city surrounded by mountains. It is famous for its rock-cut architecture and is also called Rose City for the red stone it is carved into. Spend the afternoon relaxing before the evening tour of Petra where you will get to experience the site by candlelight – another highlight of this tour.

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 desert camp with luxurious en-suite private tents.

DAY 18: FLOAT IN THE DEAD SEA

Head north to the Dead Sea where you have the day to explore on your own. Experience one of the world's saltiest bodies of water by floating in the Dead Sea, or do some exploring of this lovely coastal area.

DAYS 19-20: FLY TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

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EGYPT & JORDAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Combining famous monuments, temples, and one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, this tour of iconic sites showcases the very best of Egypt and Jordan.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2022 DATES

2023 DATES

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Cairo Amman) 18 days from \$10,930 per person twin share
- Single Supplement from \$2,640

Important note

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\$12,290



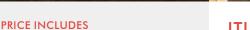
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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover desert castles near Amman
- Float in the Dead Sea
- ✓ Interact with locals in Druze Villages
- ✓ Learn the history of a Kibbutz
- See the Garden of Gethsemane
- Enjoy a Palestinian dance show



• 14 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 14 dinners

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Explore the Masada Fortress

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- 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.
- ► Also known as Valley of the Moon, experience Wadi Rum just like the Bedouins did. Enjoy a jeep tour of the surrounding dunes and rock formations and spend a night in a traditional camp eating local cuisine under the stars.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO AMMAN

Fly overnight via Dubai to Amman. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Stroll the charming seaside ruins of Caesarea, a Roman port city built by King Herod

DAY 3: ANCIENT JERASH

Begin your explorations of Jordan with visits to Al Salt and the Roman city of Jerash with its impressive archaeological remains. Here, you'll witness a re-enactment of a favoured ancient Roman pastime – watching a dramatic chariot race in Jerash's restored hippodrome. Continue to Ailoun, where we visit the 12th century castle overlooking the Jordan Valley.

DAY 4: AMMAN CITY TOUR

Enjoy a city tour of Amman, taking in the Citadel and Roman Amphitheatre, before visiting the Desert Castles, each a beautiful example of early Islamic art and architecture. On return to Amman, participate in a Nai workshop making the traditional flute used in Middle Eastern music.

DAY 5: MOUNT NEBO

Visit Mount Nebo, one of the possible burial sites of Moses. The ruined 4th and 5thcentury churches here are home to impressive Biblical 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 6: EXPLORE PETRA

Today, you will explore the caves and tombs of this "Lost City", Jordan's most valuable treasure. It is surrounded by imposing mountains and has many locations within, such as The Sig, The Dam, Bab Al Sig and the popular Treasury. Petra is unique, unforgettable and an overwhelming experience, and you have the afternoon at leisure before returning this evening to see it under candlelight.

DAY 7: OVERNIGHT IN WADI RUM

En route to Wadi Rum you will stop at Little Petra, a smaller version of Petra. Then, travel to Wadi Rum, also known as the Valley of the Moon, which is inhabited by Bedouin nomads. The area offers unspoilt desert landscapes with a mass of soaring cliffs and granite mountains. A 4x4 drive over the sand dunes will allow for further exploration later today. Stay overnight in a desert camp, dining under the stars just as the Bedouin nomads do.

DAY 8: FLOAT IN THE DEAD SEA

Depart the desert camp and journey to the Dead Sea, an inland saltwater lake between Jordan and Israel. As the lowest body of water on Earth, the high level of salinity allows one to float while the minerals are beneficial to your skin. You will have the afternoon to explore the surrounding area.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO TEL AVIV

Transfer from the Dead Sea to Tel Aviv by road. On arrival you will check into your hotel and have time to relax.

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO GALILEE

Explore 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 at Tiberias, a Biblical town on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.



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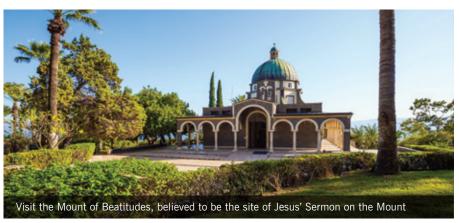
PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover the many wonders these two destinations have to offer as you travel through vibrant cities, ancient ruins, and vast deserts, taking in panoramic views and soaking up local culture along the way.





DAY 11: THE MIRACLES OF GALILEE

Visit Kibbutz Degania B to learn about its development before continuing to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Head to Capernaum to 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, spend some time in the charming artistic town of Safed.

DAY 12: THE DEAD SEA

Drive through the scenic Jordan Valley, into Palestinian Territory, to Qasr El Yahud the original site of Jesus' baptism. Continue to Jericho where you will visit Quarental monastery. After lunch drive to the Dead Sea, where floating in the mineral-rich waters is the perfect end to this day.

DAY 13: MASADA

Drive to Masada this morning where you will take a cable car to the top of Masada Fortress, where as well as the wonderful view, you will learn of the last stand by Jewish rebels against the Romans. Continue to Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered and enjoy lunch. 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 to 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 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

This morning travel overland from Tel Aviv to Amman, Jordan in time to connect with overnight flights to Australia.

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2022 DATES

06 May - 22 May **\$12,290** 11 Nov - 27 Nov **\$12,290** 14 Oct - 30 Oct **\$12,290**

2023 DATES

05 May - 21 May **\$12,490** 10 Nov - 26 Nov **\$12,490** 13 Oct - 29 Oct **\$12,490**

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EGYPT, JORDAN & ISRAEL **EXPLORED**

DAYS FROM

\$17,280



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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore relics in Edfu
- Discover the Temple of Kom Ombo
- 🖊 Stay in a Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum
- Marvel at Petra by night
- Visit Mount of Beatitudes
- Float in the Dead Sea



PRICE INCLUDES

- 24 breakfasts, 25 lunches, 24 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Spend time exploring The Sphinx of Giza

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ► Spend time exploring and learning the history of the Great Sphinx of Giza. Nearby you will find Egypt's famous Pyramids, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, and with all the mystery that surround them, these ancient icons will not disappoint.
- ▶ Petra by night is an experience not to be missed and one of the best ways to explore 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
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ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CAIRO

Fly 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, along with the atmospheric Egyptian Museum, a treasure trove of antiquities. 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 huge Christian artefact collection at the Coptic Museum. Later, continue to Sakkara, an ancient necropolis famed for its step pyramids. Tonight's dinner will be at the revolving restaurant atop Cairo Tower - the best viewpoint in the city.

DAY 5: EXPLORE 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 Shogafa, 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 stillactive Monastery of St Macarius, inhabited since the 4th century AD.

DAY 7: CRUISE THE RIVER NILE

Take a short one-hour flight to Luxor, transfer to the port and board your Nile cruise ship for your four-night cruise. In the 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: THE 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: ASWAN

This morning, visit the 3,600-metre-long Aswan High Dam, see the Unfinished Obelisk 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, where you will visit the botanical gardens.

DAY 11: ABU SIMBEL

Disembark the ship and journey to the iconic twin temples of Abu Simbel, dedicated to perhaps Egypt's greatest pharaoh, Ramesses II. Explore this atmospheric temple complex before returning to Aswan for your flight back to Cairo.



DAY 12: FLY TO AMMAN

Bid farewell to Egypt and fly to Amman. Remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY 13: ANCIENT JERASH

Begin your explorations of Jordan with visits to Al Salt and the Roman city of Jerash with its impressive archaeological remains. Here, you'll witness a re-enactment of a dramatic Roman chariot race in Jerash's restored hippodrome. Continue to Ajloun and visit the 12th-century castle overlooking the Jordan Valley.

DAY 14: AMMAN CITY TOUR

Explore the old city of Amman, with its impressive Citadel and large Roman theatre, before discovering the Desert Castles outside the city. After lunch, return to Amman and visit a Nai-making workshop, where you'll create your own Arabic reed flute.

DAY 15: MOUNT NEBO

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 BY DAY & NIGHT

Petra, the Lost City of the Nabateans, is an iconic site. Approaching the site via the deep canyon known as the Siq, your guide will introduce you to Petra's many secrets before an afternoon at leisure. This evening, you will return to Petra and experience the unforgettable sight of the Treasury lit by over a thousand candles.

DAY 17: WADI RUM DESERT

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.

DAY 18: THE DEAD SEA

Travel north along the Jordanian/Israeli border to the Dead Sea - the lowest point on earth. After lunch enjoy some free time.

DAY 19: TRAVEL TO TEL AVIV

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

DAY 20: TRAVEL TO GALILEE

Explore Jaffa, the world's oldest active harbour before continuing to Caesarea to view the fascinating Roman ruins. Visit the Druze Villages on the slopes of Mount Carmel before arriving at Tiberias.

DAY 21: THE MIRACLES OF GALILEE

Gain an insider's perspective of daily life at Kibbutz Degania 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, spend some time in the charming artistic town of Safed.

DAY 22: THE DEAD SEA

Drive through the scenic Jordan Valley, into Palestinian Territory, to Qasr El Yahud the original site of Jesus' baptism. Continue to Jericho where you will visit Quarental monastery. After lunch drive to the Dead Sea, where floating in the mineral-rich waters is the perfect end to this day.

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

CLASSIC

EGYPT, JORDAN & ISRAEL

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey through three incredible countries taking in world-renowned ancient sites, magnificent temples and sailing Earth's longest river, the Nile. This history-filled tour uncovers the intrigue of the Middle East in one bucketlist trip!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2022 DATES

2023 DATES

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Cairo-Amman) 25 days from \$14,930 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$4,000

Important note

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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 to 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 25: GARDEN OF 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

This morning travel overland from Tel Aviv to Amman, Jordan in time to connect with overnight flights to Australia.

GEMS OF **GEORGIA**

DAYS FROM



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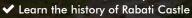
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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ A cable car to Narikala Fortress
- Explore Svetitskhoveli Cathedral
- Visit the mountain village Ushguli
- Stop at historic Gelati Monastery
- Discover Vardzia, the city of caves



ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TBILISI

Highest inhabited village in Europe, Ushguli

Fly overnight via Dubai to Tbilisi. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel where you have the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 3: TBILISI & KAKHETI VINEYARDS

Rise early to take a scenic drive to Kakheti, a region known for its winemaking. Visit Bodbe, a monastic complex near the beautiful 18th-century town of Sighnaghi, then return to Tbilisi and enjoy a city tour with a panoramic cable car ride to Narikala Fortress, Visit Meidan Square with its outdoor cafés, galleries and souvenir shops and enjoy time to shop at the Flea Market.

DAY 4: TBILISI TO KUTAISI

Departing Tbilisi this morning, its a scenic, drive to Mtskheta to see Jvari Monastery and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Travel through Gori stopping to visit the House Museum of Joseph Stalin, and then onto Uplistsikhe with its ancient caves before arriving in Kutaisi, one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities.

DAY 5: KUTAISI TO MESTIA

Today, you will drive to Sataplia Caves, situated in a Nature Reserve in the Imereti region, they are best known for dinosaur footprints as well as the caves themselves. Continue to Mestia in Svaneti with stops along the way at Dadiani Palace History and Architectural Museum. You will then start the drive into the Caucasus Mountains, stopping at the hydroelectric Enguri Dam. Arrive in Mestia where you will stay overnight.

DAY 6: MESTIA AND SURROUNDS

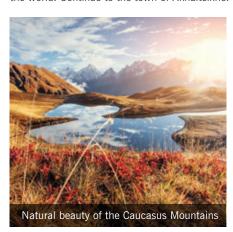
A visit to Svaneti Museum of History and Ethnography starts your day. Explore upper Svaneti, driving in a 4WD to Ushguli Village, the highest continuously inhabited city. You will visit the villages of Mulakhi, Ipari and Kala along the way, seeing churches rich in murals and frescos.

DAY 7: MESTIA TO KUTAISI

Today you will travel through the heart of Georgia to Kutaisi visiting Gelati Monastery and Bagrati Cathedral, both of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

DAY 8: KUTAISI TO AKHALTSIKHE

Rise early to drive to Borjomi Spa Resort where you will walk in Borjomi Park and taste the renowned mineral water from the natural springs. These waters have been famous since the 19th-century and are exported all over the world. Continue to the town of Akhaltsikhe.



PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit Chateau Mukhrani Royal Palace and Winery where you can taste traditional Georgian food and sip on delicious, locally produced wine.
- ► The beautiful city of Tbilisi is built on hot water and here you'll be able to explore the history and relax in the hot baths which are fed by the natural springs.
- ► Known as one of Georgia's most impressive natural sights, explore Dashbashi Canyon where you'll see magical waterfalls, lush vegetation and breathtaking views.



CLASSIC GEORGIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Situated between Europe and Asia in the Caucasus region, discover beautiful mountain scenery, delicious local cuisine, historic fortresses and so much more.





DAY 9: AKHALTSIKHE TO VARDZIA

Start the day with a visit to Rabati Castle, housing several churches, a mosque, synagogue and a museum. The museum offers you a look at different manuscripts, books and archaeological collections. You will then continue to Vardzia.

DAY 10: VARDZIA TO TBILISI

Spend the morning exploring Vardzia, an ancient city carved into volcanic rocks with numerous corridors, secret tunnels and

chapels. You will also be visiting the female monastery Foka, Tetritskaro, Tsalka and Tabatskuri Lakes. Then stop at Dashbashi Canyon, one of the most impressive natural monuments in Georgia.

DAYS 11-12: FLY TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2022 DATES

01 Jun - 12 Jun **\$6,680** 05 Oct - 16 Oct **\$6,680**

2023 DATES

Flight and supplement information

- The tour price listed is based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
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- Land only (Tbilisi Tbilisi) 10 days from \$4,680 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$680

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- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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► 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 the tea ceremony with local sweets baked especially for you.
- Lunch will be held at the local house of Rakhmon Toshev, one of the best suzani (tapestries) makers in the country. You will try your hand at making "plov" the main national Uzbek dish, usually cooked with mutton and rice, adding large quantities of carrots and onions with 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 wine making in the region. This winery also produces vodka and brandy.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1 -2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TASHKENT

Explore majestic Samarkand

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 the 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 avantgarde art, gaining insight into Central Asia's unique cultural heritage. Also, visit the ancient city of Mizdahkan - an Islamic complex offering monuments located on three hills.

DAY 4: NUKUS TO KHIVA

Today, drive 200 kilometres to Khiva, visiting ancient fortresses en route. Chalpik 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'll also get to explore Ayaz Kala, one of the biggest complexes in Karakalpakstan, comprising three fortresses.

DAY 5: KHIVA

Today, you'll set out on foot taking in all the major sights of the Ichan Kala, the citadel, seeing the Kalta Minor minaret, the Kunya Ark, Madrassah Rakhimkhon and Mausoleum of Pakhlavan Makhmud. In the afternoon you will continue, visiting the Friday mosque and Tashauli Palace, including the harem.

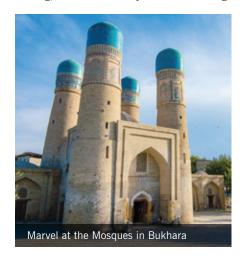
DAY 6: KHIVA TO BUKHARA

Set off today for Bukhara, taking a long drive across the famous Kyzyl Kum desert. The Great Silk Road once ran a similar route that you will be traversing today. There will be several photo opportunities along the way as well as a stop along the banks of the Amudarya River. Your journey today will take approximately seven hours.

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DAY 7: BUKHARA

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





CLASSIC UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy an in-depth tour throughout Uzbekistan, famous for its ancient cities, beautiful mosques and mausoleums, as you travel the ancient trade route - the Silk Road. This journey takes you through nature where you'll discover beautiful rivers and lakes, mountains and architectural wonders.





DAY 8: BUKHARA TO SAMARKAND BY TRAIN

Visit Sitora-i-Mokhikhosa, the summer residence of the former emir of Bukhara, and then visit Bahauddin Naqshbandi — the memorial complex of famous Sufi, 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 existing cities in the world and the oldest in Central Asia. You'll visit Registan Square which was the heart of Samarkand, and the beautiful madrassahs of Ulug-Bek built in the 15th-century, Tillya-Kori built in the 17th-century and Gur Emir the mausoleum of Great Tamerlane. Later you will enjoy a wander through the Silk Road bazaar.

DAY 10: SHAKHRISABZ

Travel two hours to Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of the Great Amir Timur where you will explore sites such as Ak-Saray Palace, Dorus Tilavat cemetery and Kok-Gumbas Mosque. This is a small, traditional city lying 80 kilometres south of 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.

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2022 DATES

Flight and supplement information

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- Single Supplement from \$940

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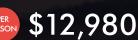
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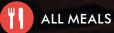
Your National Escort and local guides, all born and bred in your destination, are an endless source of information about the local history, heritage and culture. Of course, they are more than willing to share that wealth of knowledge about their homeland with you. Who better to help you get to grips with a magical sight, city or region than someone who knows it like the back of their hand?

MONGOLIA & NAADAM FESTIVAL

21 DAYS FROM







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 4 star accommodation & ger camps
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ➤ The Naadam Festival represents the heritage of Mongolia with the men 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.
- ► 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.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR

Fly 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 2: 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 giving insight into the culture of Mongolia, you will then visit the Museum of Fine Arts.

DAY 3: GOBI DESERT

This morning, you will fly to Dalanzadgad where you will visit the local market and dinosaur 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 4: 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 5: 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 sees a visit to the Gobi Dinosaurs Cemetery and an opportunity to explore the surrounding landscape.

DAY 6: ONGIIN KHIID

Today, you will journey to the banks of the Ongii River, travelling through over-dry 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 7: 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 8: KHARKHORIN

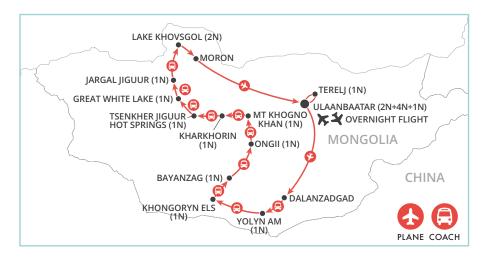
Drive to the ancient capital of Kharkhorin, situated on the Orkhon River. Here you will have the chance to explore the ancient sites within Kharkhorin and the memorable Erdene Zuu Monastery.

DAY 9: TSENKHER

Enjoy the morning at leisure before continuing to Tsenkher Jiguur. You will have more free time to relax in the hot springs and soak up the spectacular surroundings

DAY 10: KHORGO TERKH

Today, you will be heading towards the serene Great White Lake (Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur) to your ger camp which is located within one of the most beautiful areas of the famous Great White Lake and Khorgo Volcano. Why not take a walk up to the crater of the volcano for wonderful views, or stroll along the lake shore with excellent opportunities for bird and wildlife spotting. You will also visit Zayaiin Huree Monastery in Tsetserleg Town.



GO BEYOND

MONGOLIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





DAY 11: JARGAL JIGUUR

Enjoy a walk around the shores of the lake, which is home to a diverse variety of wildlife and birds and take in the breathtaking scenery. After lunch, continue to Jargal Jiguur known as 'home of the yaks', due to many local families seen herding yaks.

DAYS 12-13: LAKE KHOVSGOL

Today is a long drive through Môron 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 be introduced to their way of life. You have the next day at leisure to explore freely.

DAY 14: 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 15: NAADAM EVE

This morning, visit the Mongol Nomadic Show and Khustai National Park to learn about the nomads and their way of life. After lunch, return to Ulaanbaatar city for the Naadam Eve, visiting Central Square where you can view the Naadam Mongol costumes on display.

DAY 16: 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 17: 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 18: 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 19: 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 20-21: DEPART ULAANBAATAR

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2022 DATES

24 Jun - 15 Jul **\$12,980**

2023 DATES

24 Jun - 15 Jul **\$13,280**

Flight and supplement information

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- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
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- Single supplement from \$2,100

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PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation, plus guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visas not required for Australian passport



► 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.

DAYS 1-2: FLY VIA DUBAI TO BISHKEK

Explore the golden city of Samarkand

Fly to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital and cultural hub. Enjoy a welcome lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on a city tour to see Ala-Too Square, the White House and Oak Park.

DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning, drive to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through its picturesque scenery of rugged peaks and dramatic gorges. Return to Bishkek for a free afternoon.

DAY 4: LAKE ISSYK KUL

Visit the magnificent 12th-century Burana Tower before departing for Cholpon-Ata. Set on the shores of Lake Issvk Kul. visit the astonishing collection of 8th Century petroglyphs etched into glacial stone nearby. Later, take a cruise on the beautiful Lake Issvk Kul, admiring its spectacular alpineesque 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-OGUZ GORGE

Rise early to immerse yourself in the hustle and bustle of Karakol's Sunday morning animal market which rivals Kashgar's famous 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 Dungan family. This evening enjoy a homecooked dinner with a local Dungan 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 colours. Travel further to the village of Bokonbaevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millenniaold Kyrgyz tradition practised with majestic golden eagles. Continue to Narvn, 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 caravansary 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

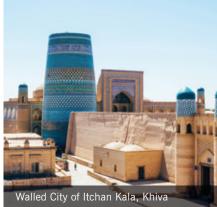
Travel from Kochkor to Chong Kemin, a quiet valley with small villages surrounded by magnificent mountains. Enjoy a walk in the foothills before travelling to Bishkek airport for your flight to Tashkent.

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 madrassah. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring at your leisure.

DAY 13: SAMARKAND

Explore Gur Emir, the mausoleum of Tamerlane, the grandest structure of Emir Timur's times - the chief Friday Mosque called 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 Emir Timur) 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 enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY 15: SHAKHRISABZ

Travel to Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of the Great Emir Timur. Explore the city, visiting sites such as the remnants of Ak-Saray 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. Continue on to Bukhara where you will have the afternoon to begin to explore this fascinating city.

DAY 17: BUKHARA

Explore the legendary Poi Kalon minaret, the Ark Fortress, and Bolo Hauz Mosque. Wander on to the peaceful 16th-century Chor Minor and Chor Bakr necropolis to tour the colourful Khonako-Medrassah-Mosque complex. Later, visit the mausoleum of Ismail Samanid.

DAY 18: BUKHARA

This morning, visit Sitora-i Mohi Khosa, the Emir's summer palace, a 20th Century confection of a building! Continue to the Bahauddin Nagshbandi Mausolem of a famous Sufi spiritual leader of the region. The afternoon is at leisure. 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 Hauli Palace, decorated in blue fine china tiles.

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KYRGYZSTAN & 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, ornatelydecorated cities.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2022 DATES

03 May - 25 May \$13,880 06 Sep - 28 Sep \$13,880 24 May - 15 Jun \$13,880 20 Sep - 12 Oct \$13,880

2023 DATES

02 May - 24 May \$14,880 05 Sep - 27 Sep \$14,880 23 May - 14 Jun **\$14,880** 26 Sep - 18 Oct **\$14,880**

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 (Bishkek Tashkent) 21 days from \$11,380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,720

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as at 01 June 2021, 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 approximately US\$110pp (AU\$160pp) is paid locally in Kyrgyzstan & Uzbekistan.

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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 it's marble and granite decorations the Metro feels like an underground palace.

DAYS 22-23: FLY TASHKENT TO AUSTRALIA

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



• 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 20 dinners

- International flights and current taxes
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PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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DAYS 1-2: FLY VIA DOHA TO AZERBAIJAN

Fly to Baku, Azerbaijan's laidback capital. On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Stroll down Martyrs' Lane to the seafront before heading into Icheri Sheher, the atmospheric old city for a delicious local dinner. (D)

DAY 3: BAKU CITY TOUR

Explore the city, visiting the treasures of Icheri Sheher - Shirvanshah's Palace, a caravanserai and the Maiden Tower. Later, visit the Carpet Museum and the main market square, with its numerous art studios and souvenir stalls. (B.L.D)

DAY 4: VISIT YANAR DAG

Visit Yanar Dag, meaning 'Burning Mountain', a fire fed by natural gas seeping through the sandstone and Ateshgah, the UNESCO-listed Fire Temple of Baku. Explore the medieval fortress of Mardakan and, after lunch, drive to Gobustan National Park to visit the Petroglyph Museum and view rock carvings dating back to 10,000 BC. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: CAUCASUS MOUNTAINS

Head north through the spectacular landscapes of the Caucasus Mountains. Stop in the ancient city of Shamakhi, visiting the 8th-century Juma Mosque and pop into a local home to try your hand at traditional yoghurt making. Continue to the city of Gabala. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: EXPLORE SHEKI

Discover the ruins of the ancient walled city Chukhur Gabala and visit the Gabala Historical Ethnography Museum. Visit Nidj village to meet the native Udin people before arriving in Sheki. Browse the wares of the colourful bazaar, visit Sheki Palace and the village of Kis. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: GEORGIA WINE TOUR

Cross over the border into Georgia. Explore a traditional market and visit a local family. Lunch on homemade food, wine and Georgian 'chacha' before travelling through picturesque landscapes of vineyards and wine villages, to the magnificent wine cave at Kvareli and the Chavchavadze Estate. Continue to Akhasheni Wine Resort which, as well as being your overnight accommodation, will host you for a wine tour and tasting. (B,L)

DAY 8: DISCOVER SIGHNAGHI

Travel to the beautiful 18th-century town of Sighnaghi. Continue to Bodbe Convent, the burial place – so legend tells – of St Nino, who converted Georgia to Christianity in the 4th-century. Arrive in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia and have dinner in the atmospheric old town. (B,D)

DAY 9: EXPLORE TBILISI

Explore the sights of Tbilisi. Visit the 13th-century Metekhi church, the monument to Vakhtang Gorgasali and Narikala Fortress. Stroll through the Sharden area, where narrow streets are lined with cosy cafés, wine bars and souvenir shops. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: DISCOVER ANCIENT MTSKHETA

This morning, visit the 3,000-year-old ancient capital – Mtskheta. Spend time visiting the city's historical sights including the UNESCO-listed Svetitskhoveli Cathedral where, preserved in the crypt, it is said the robe of Christ resides. Later, travel to Gudauri to visit a local painter to learn about Georgian icon painting and 'teka' (felt) making. (B,L,D)



► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ➤ Visit a rural home in the Caucasus Mountains of Azerbaijan where, as well as getting a glimpse of the day to day life of the people here, you can try your hand at making yoghurt, the essential component of the national dish 'dovga'.
- ▶ In the remote village of Lakhiri in the mountainous Sveneti region, learn to make one of Georgia's most popular snacks, khachapuri, a delicious cheese-filled leavened bread.
- ▶ In the ancient city of Mtskheta, home to Georgia's most beautiful frescoes, join a master craftsmen to discover more about the art of icon painting, and the secrets of the traditional craft of 'teka' (felt) making.



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.

DAY 11: UPLISTSIKHE CAVE TOWN

Travel back along the scenic Tergi River to Gori, the hometown of Joseph Stalin. Visit the Stalin Museum and the tiny house where he was born. Continue to the abandoned cave town of Uplistsikhe, a fascinating complex of ancient dwelling quarters and a three-nave basilica church, all hewn from rock. Continue to Kutaisi. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: VISIT OKATSE CANYON

Visit the local Kutaisi farmers' market and then travel to Okatse Canyon, for panoramic views. Travel on to Svaneti – a region that is home to high mountains, glaciers and ancient traditions. Arrive in Mestia and explore the famous watchtowers that look out over the distant mountains. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: LAKHIRI VILLAGE HIKE

This morning, you will visit Lakhiri village and take a short hike through a valley to view the Chalati Glacier. Back in Lakhiri enjoy a baking class where you'll make khachapuri, a famous cheese-filled bread. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: EXPLORE USHGULI

Drive to Mulakhi, one of many villages dotted with twenty-metre-high stone watchtowers, built during the Middle Ages to defend against invaders. Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Ushguli to visit the 12th-century Lamaria Church, Queen Tamar's Tower and the Ushguli Museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: AROUND KUTAISI

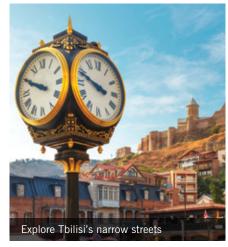
Pay a visit to the beautiful hillside Gelati Monastery before exploring the Prometheus Grotto, one of Georgia's natural wonders. Return to Kutaisi to explore the cobbled streets of the town as you make your way up to the ruins of Bagrati Palace and citadel. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: VISIT BORJOMI SPA

Drive to Borjomi Spa, famous for its mineral springs, and taste the waters for yourself. Continue to Akhaltsikhe, where you will visit the multi-cultural complex of Rabati. Wander the Rabati Fortress (Old Town) with its rare examples of darbazebi (traditional houses), castles, mosques and synagogues. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: INTO ARMENIA

Visit Vardzia, a magnificent 12th-century cave town, before crossing the border into Armenia. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Haghpat Monastery and continue to the medieval kingdom of Dzoraget. Travel to Dilijan, a town that boasts an old district filled with craftsmans workshops, galleries and a museum. (B,L,D)



DAY 18: DILIJAN MONASTERIES

Discover Haghartsin Monastery, a beautiful example of medieval Armenian architecture nestled in lush woodland. Enjoy lunch with a local family before driving on to Lake Sevan, known as the 'Emerald of Armenia'. Visit Sevanavank, a beautiful monastery on its shores. Enjoy stunning sunset views over Lake Sevan, where you will overnight. (B,L,D)

DAY 19: JOURNEY TO GORIS

Start the day at the 'Forest of Khachkars', a fascinating medieval cemetery before travelling by road to the southern town of Goris via Selim Caravanserai. Visit the mysterious Karahunge Observatory, where the scenery and mountain setting provide a spectacular backdrop. (B,L,D)

DAY 20: WINE AND CHEESE MAKING

Travel to the 10th-century Tatev Monastery, before a wine tasting at Areni Winery. Lunch today is in a local home, where you will have the opportunity to see how to distil vodka, enjoy homemade wine, and learn how to make Armenian cheese. Finally, visit Noravank Monastery – a great religious and cultural centre located in the midst of impressive red cliffs. Continue to the capital city of Yerevan. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: EXPLORE YEREVAN

Established in 782 BC, Yerevan is a thriving city with all the hustle and bustle of a modern capital. Start your explorations in Republic Square, continuing to the Opera House and the Cafesjian Centre for the Arts. Travel to Echmiadzin, a spiritual centre and the seat of the Armenian Catholicos and stop at the ruins of 7th-century Zvartnots. (B,L,D)

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2022 DATES

2023 DATES

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 (Baku Yerevan) 22 days from \$7,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,690

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DAY 22: GARNI VILLAGE

Visit Garni Village to see its 13th-century temple and have lunch at a local family home where you will learn flatbread making techniques. After lunch, visit Geghard Monastery and the Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex. Sit down to a farewell dinner tonight. (B,L,D)

DAYS 23-24: FLY YEREVAN TO AUSTRALIA

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- ✓ Browse colourful bazaars
- ✓ Visit fascinating Kazakhstan
- ✓ Explore exotic Khiva
- Discover ancient Samarkand



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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 shepherds camp, where you'll spend the night sleeping in a traditional yurt.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KYRGYZSTAN

Fly overnight to the city of Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan. The rest of the morning is free to relax before a visit to the Manas Monument, Ala Too Square, before finishing at the Old Square and Parliament house.

DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

Drive to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through the picturesque scenery before returning to Bishkek for an afternoon

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, travel to Karakol, on the way stopping at Barskoon Gorge to see the Tears of the Snow Leopard Waterfall. Stop at Skazka Canyon, also known as Fairy Tale Canyon before continuing on to Karakol.

DAY 7: KARAKOL

Visit the Przhevalsky 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 the bustling Karakol Sunday Animal Market. In the afternoon, drive through breathtaking scenery to visit magnificent Charyn Canyon and its Valley of the Castles, before crossing the border into Kazahkstan, finishing the day in the countries largest city of Almaty.

DAY 9: ALMATY

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

DAY 10: FLY TO DUSHANBE

You have the day at leisure before flying late this afternoon to Dushanbe, Tajikistan's capital.

DAY 11: DUSHANBE

Take a full day tour of the capital, walking through the botanical gardens, the Ismoili Somoni monument and Kohi Navruz, a cultural palace and showcase of traditional Tajik architecture. After lunch visit the historical Fortress of Hissor.

DAY 12: ISKANDERKUL LAKE

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

DAY 13: KHUJAND

Stroll through the vibrant Panchshanbe Bazaar, admire the 10th-century citadel and relax at Pushkin Square. Cross the border into Uzbekistan, arriving in the city of Tashkent.



Admire Bukhara's architecture



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.

DAY 15: ARRIVE IN SAMARKAND

Arrive in legendary Samarkand. Wander into the heart of the city for a first glimpse at some of the city's most significant sights in the spectacular Registan Square.

DAY 16: SAMARKAND

This morning, see Gur-e-Amir, the mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane. Later, wander through a local market, visit Shah-I-Zinda and Bibi-Khanum Friday Mosque. visit the Ulugh Beg Observatory, founded in the 15th-century and considered one of the finest observatories 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 Bukhara.

DAY 18: BUKHARA

Explore one of the most famous spots on the Silk Road. Visit sites including Madrassah Nadirkhon Devanbegi, Poi Kalon Minaret and Mosque and the Ark of Bukhara.

DAY 19: BUKHARA

Head out of Bukhara to Sitora-i-Mokhikhosa, 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 the fabulous Silk Road city of Khiva, unrivalled by its 10th-century city walls. You will stop at Amudarya river bank before continuing to Khiva.

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 Khorezm 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.

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2022 DATES

15 May - 11 Jun **\$17,580** 18 Sep - 15 Oct **\$17,58** 28 Aug - 24 Sep **\$17,580**

2023 DATES

Flight and supplement information

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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 Ertoghrul 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

Learn about the Turkmenistan's important cotton and gas industries before a visit to the Old Nisa Fortress, the former residence of the Parthian Empire. After lunch, continue to the colourful Russian Bazaar and the National Carpet Museum.

DAYS 27-28: FLY ASHGABAT TO AUSTRALIA

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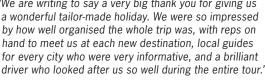
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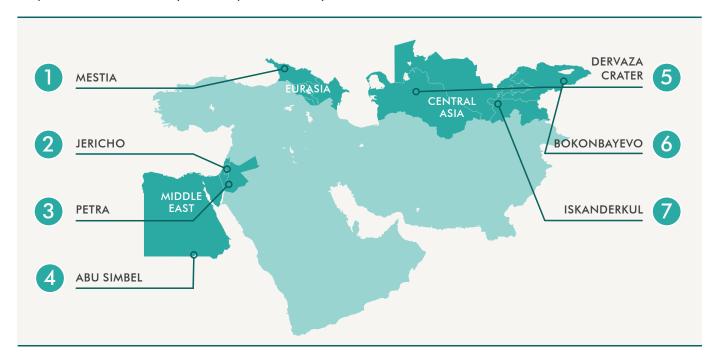






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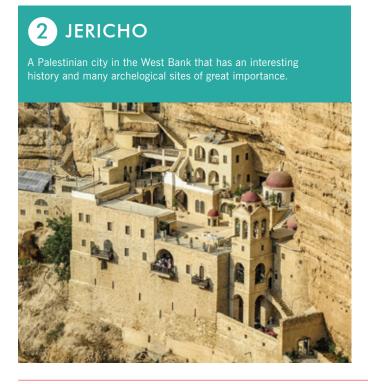
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Located south of Aswan and famous for its two magnificent temples carved out of solid rock.





A picturesque village offering a combination of natural beauty with traditional Kyrgyz character, while staying in a yurt.



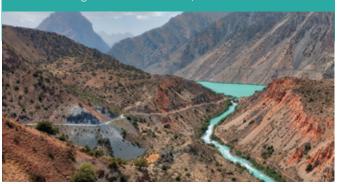
5 DERVAZA CRATER

Known as the "Door to Hell" is a natural gas crater that has been burning for almost half a century.



7 ISKANDERKUL

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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, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way to not only break up your journey, but also to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

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50 Siwa Oasis

Sharm El Sheikh

Aqaba

Eilat

52 Dubai Stopover

4 Hong Kong Stopover

SIWA OASIS



DAYS

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- Meals as stated
- · Transportation as stated
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DAY 1: ARRIVE SIWA

Drive from Cairo to Siwa Oasis, where en route you will stop and visit the WWII memorials, providing a reminder of the history of the area. (L,D)

DAY 2: EXPLORE THE OASIS

Today, will be spent visiting many sites in the area, Shali Fortress, Tombs of Jabal El Mawta, Temple of the oracle of Amun,

Temple of Um Ubeydah and Cleopatra's spring before finishing with Fetnas Island (B,L,D)

DAY 3: DEPART SIWA

This morning, you will transfer back to Cairo. Services end on arrival in Cairo. (B)

SHARM EL SHEIKH



DAYS

Sharm el Sheikh is located on the Egyptian Red Sea on Sinai Peninsula. It boasts beautiful white beaches, crystal clear waters and a diverse marine life. Whether you just want to relax or take part in a water sport, this is the place for some pre- or post- tour beach time.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,100	\$1,605
Deluxe	\$1,200	\$1,760

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Sharm El Sheikh)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- · Return flights from Cairo

Relax on the beaches of Sharm El Sheikh

DAY 1: ARRIVE SHARM EL SHEIKH

Make your own way to Cairo Airport. Fly from Cairo to Sharm El Sheikh. On arrival at Sharm El Sheikh airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a 3 night stay. (D)

DAYS 2-3: SHARM EL SHEIKH

Enjoy the next two days to relax at leisure on the beach, visit the local market or explore the local area. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: DEPART SHARM EL SHEIKH

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your flight back to Cairo. Services end on arrival in Cairo. (B)

AQABA



DAYS

Aqaba is the only coastal city of Jordan with its Red Sea beaches offering a relaxing extension for you. Visit the old town and experience fabulous Jordanian food. A post visit here is worth the stop.

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,200	\$1,535
Deluxe	\$1,390	\$1,795

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Agaba)
- · Meals as stated
- · Return transportation from Dead Sea to Amman



After check-out this morning, you will be transferred by road to Amman where services will end. (B)

DAY 1: ARRIVE AQABA

This morning, you will be transferred from Amman to Aqaba. This journey will take approximately four hours. (D)

DAYS 2-3: AQABA

Enjoy the day to relax at leisure on the beach, visit the local market or explore the surrounding area. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART AQABA

EILAT



DAYS

The southern port and resort town on the Red Sea. The beaches of Eilat are beautiful and known for their calm waters, rich in marine life. A popular resort for locals and tourists to relax and enjoy their surroundings.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,860	\$3,080
Deluxe	\$2,500	\$4,000

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Eilat)
- Meals as stated
- Return transportation from Jerusalem

The pristine waters of Eilat

DAY 1: ARRIVE EILAT

On arrival at Eilat airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a 2 night stay. (D) $\,$

DAYS 2-3: EILAT

Enjoy the day to relax at leisure on the beach, visit the local market or explore the surrounding area. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART EILAT

Transfer from your hotel to the airport to meet your onward flight. (B)



DUBAI HOTELS



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 for shops and restaurant
options. The view from the rooftop pool is
simply superb.



HILTON DUBAI, THE WALK ***
Located on 'The Walk' and close to 'The
Beach' mall, this hotel offers modern and
tasteful décor. With easy access to the beach,
many rooms have views of the beachfront and
some offer a kitchenette and seating area.



JA OCEAN VIEW HOTEL ****
Across the road from Jumeirah Beach on lively 'The Walk', the JA Ocean View is comfortable and modern. All rooms have sea views from their spacious balconies, and there are seven restaurants, and a beautiful infinity pool.



AMWAJ ROTANA, JUMEIRAH BEACH ****
The Amwaj Rotana boasts the largest guest rooms of the Jumeirah Beach Residence, each tastefully furnished and with a spacious balcony. This is the hotel for those looking for fun-filled entertainment in the evenings.



MÖVENPICK HOTEL JUMEIRAH BEACH *****
Located on 'The Walk', the Mövenpick is well situated for shopping and entertainment.
A chic and modern property, contemporary rooms have balconies with partial or full views of the Gulf, and there is an outdoor pool and wellness centre.



SHERATON JUMEIRAH BEACH RESORT *****
Sat on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the
Sheraton has excellent facilities, including
a spa and water sports. The combination of
the contemporary hotel and its expansive
landscape gardens creates a modern paradise.

ESSENTIAL DUBAI

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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 – ultramodern 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
Canopy by Hilton Dubai al Seef	\$490	\$860
Mövenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	\$630	\$1,130
Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	\$1,030	\$1,940

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

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum.

Next, take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks - where the wares here have been the same for centuries – and haggle for a bargain or two! The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI

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

DUBAL & THE DESERT



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
Canopy by Hilton Dubai al Seef	\$730	\$1,200
Mövenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	\$930	\$1,600
Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	\$1,539	\$2,825

Price includes

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

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

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum. Next, take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks and haggle for a bargain or two! The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)



DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE

The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop at the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet with unlimited drinks of selected beverages. Here, you can also try camel riding, sandboarding and have a traditional henna design drawn on your hand. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI

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



KOWLOON HOTELS



THE CITYVIEW ***+

Located in the heart of Yau Ma Tei, The Cityview sits adjacent to bustling Nathan Road. It has a cosy Cantonese restaurant, a casual cafe and an airy Thai eatery. Offering world-class green eco standards and attentive service, The Cityview will make you feel right at home.



HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ****+

For those who like comfort and functionality with their luxury, the Harbour Grand's spacious rooms with floor to ceiling windows, some with harbour views, are perfect. The glass-walled pool, range of international restaurants and half hourly shuttles to Tsim Sha Tsui add to the appeal.



EATON HOTEL ****

Conveniently located on famous Nathan Road, in the heart of Kowloon, and a short walk from Jordan MTR Station and the Temple Street Night Markets. The fabulous rooms, and incredible amenities including a roof top pool and 24 hour gym will help you have a fantastic experience in Hong Kong.



THE LANGHAM, KOWLOON *****

Located at the heart of the Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district, the Langham exudes a timeless elegance. Boasting a three Michelinstarred restaurant, a roof top pool and luxurious accommodation, the Langham's personalised service is one of many things that will make your stay here perfect.

HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS



DORSETT, WAN CHAI ***

Perfectly located next to the Happy Valley Racecourse, the Dorsett offers bright and airy rooms decorated in a series of elegant themes. Just a ten-minute stroll from Causeway Bay MTR station, a free shuttle serves the most popular spots close by.



HARBOUR GRAND HONG KONG ★★★★+

Harbour Grand Hong Kong is an upscale hotel ideally located at the heart of Hong Kong Island. All guestrooms feature modern décor and panoramic harbour views over the iconic Victoria Harbour. Facilities include four restaurants, a lounge, a spa and a seasonal outdoor swimming pool.

HONG KONG GLIMPSES



DAYS

This introductory visit to Hong Kong features the highlights of this vibrant city, including a stop at Victoria Peak for panoramic harbour views and the quaint Aberdeen fishing village. Also take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene and shop till your heart's content in the many markets.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Cityview	\$525	\$760
Eaton Hotel	\$590	\$890
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$630	\$940

Price includes

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



Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a panoramic Peak Tram ride up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below.



Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to the buzzing Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport by coach. (B)

HONG KONG IN FOCUS



DAYS

Designed to show you two aspects of life in the city, tour the best bits of Hong Kong Island before discovering the natural beauty of Lantau, Hong Kong's largest island. See the Grand Buddha and enjoy lunch at Po Lin Monastery, with some time to further explore as you wish.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Cityview	\$890	\$1,245
Eaton Hotel	\$990	\$1,440
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$1,050	\$1,520

Price includes

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island, starting with a panoramic ride on the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)



DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Spend today discovering Lantau Island. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the monastery, sit down for a delicious vegetarian lunch. Later, visit the historical fishing village of Tai O with its traditional stilt houses. (B.L.)

DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport by coach. (B)

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Cathay Pacific Airways is regarded as one of the world's leading airlines, widely recognised for their world renowned service, modern fleet and exceptional safety record.

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For more information visit cathaypacific.com

Enjoy a stopover in the bustling city of Hong Kong. Refer to pages 54 & 55 for a selection of our preferred hotels and recommended services.









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.



EMIRATES

Emirates is the world's largest international airline with a global network of 158 destinations in 85 countries across six continents. Emirates operates 269 modern aircraft and is the world's largest operator of the Airbus A380 and Boeing 777 family of aircraft. The airline's luxurious amenities, regionally inspired gourmet cuisine, award-winning in-flight entertainment system – ice – and unmatched hospitality provided by its iconic multilingual Cabin Crew from over 135 nationalities have made Emirates one of the world's most recognized airline brands.

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Enjoy a stopover in the cosmopolitan city of Dubai. Refer to pages 52 & 53 for a selection of our preferred hotels and recommended services.







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.

Your questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

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, 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. It is mandatory for you to 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. Any of our itineraries can be turned into a private tour, giving more flexibility and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

Q. What size are your tour groups?

A. The group size on our Central Asia & Middle East Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours is usually between 10 and 18 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 travelers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (along with other features like free chauffeur 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 customer 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 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. 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?

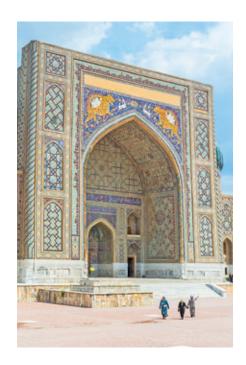
A. We recommend you take the local currency and a credit/debit card. If travelling to more than one country it may also be advisable to bring some US dollars to exchange locally. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, 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 & Middle East is such a large and varied continent there will be drastic differences between and even within countries, sometimes on the same tour.

Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?

A. We use a variety of transportation to operate your itinerary at the best pace and to give you an authentic travel experience so you are not always 'removed' from the locals. The same advice applies to all modes of transport. Carry all valuables with you at all times - a money belt is recommended - and make sure a passenger remains with your belongings at all times. Keep a lock on your main luggage.



WHILE ON TOUR

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 Our coaches are comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times whilst the vehicleis moving. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that vehicles will be fitted with operable seat belts. 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 on a 5* vessel, 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.

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.

We Care -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.

COVID-19 Precautions

We have established a set of firm but practical safety requirements for our overseas partners to follow in 2021 and for as long as COVID-19 is a threat. These are designed to help protect you as well as our local teams of drivers. guides, National Escorts and others. Guided by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organisation) and WTTC (World Travel & Tourism Council) as well as local government regulations, our safety protocols cover all aspects of touring, be it travelling, sightseeing, mealtimes or your hotel stays. Measures include personal protection, extensive disinfecting and social distancing. Please see our website for full details, as these are likely to change and evolve over time. Needless to say, for your own protection you will be expected to follow the rules and regulations laid down by the health authorities in your host destination. Rest assured that we will do everything possible to keep you safe on your holiday, while also helping you enjoy every moment along the way!



Hotels

Your accommodation is chosen for the convenience of its location, its levels of comfort or for its quirky character, so they can range from a smart business hotel to a family-run guesthouse. Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN CENTRAL ASIA & MIDDLE EAST-













Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local 3 to 4 star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between Australia, Central Asia and the Middle East. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

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.



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 Tailor-Made Holidays 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.

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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 19, 15 Castlereagh St, 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 froliday", "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 Wendý 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. 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 reissue 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 arifine 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

- an airline or other common carrier refuses you carriage;
- a hotel or vessel refuses to accommodate you; o
- 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 or 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 redemptionsIf: (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

- 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 Maieure 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

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 tour 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 WI 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 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 of 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.

VACCINATIONS It is mandatory for you to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 with a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration. This is so we can provide a safe environment (by mitigating health risks) for our staff, our contractors, our suppliers and their staff, and our other customers (as relevant). It also assists to protect the communities you will visit. You agree to provide us with evidence of vaccination at least 6 months prior to the commencement of travel arrangements booked with us. If you fail to provide evidence of vaccination by the time required, then you acknowledge and agree that this will be deemed a cancellation by yourself. Please refer to the "Cancellation by You" section above.

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 howsoever 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 chauffeur-driven 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) 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 if you have consented to this. 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.

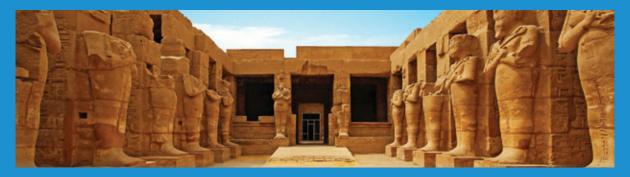
BROCHURE VALIDITY Tour itineraries and prices in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and prices are based on exchange rates as at 1st June 2021. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tax changes or levies imposed by any government or their agencies or any airline. Prices are subject to change without notice. Departure dates of tours are subject to change due to future airline schedules. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to make alterations to itineraries, departure dates and prices due to circumstances beyond its control.

AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES It is the travel agents' responsibility to ensure that all invoice and itinerary details and documentation issued by Wendy Wu Tours are correct and that the customer is aware of amendment and cancellation conditions and other provisions of these Booking Conditions. It is also the agent's responsibility to provide copies of valid passports at time of deposit. If the agent fails to satisfy these obligations, you must make any claims against the agent and you hereby release Wendy Wu from all such claims.

LAW OF CONTRACT This contract is governed by the laws of the state of New South Wales and any legal action arising therefrom shall be litigated only in the appropriate court in that state having jurisdiction in that claim.

TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of Classic Tours, Go Beyond Tours, Dedicated Solo Departures, and Tailor-Made Holidays
- Expert National Escorts and Local Guides
- Exciting journeys to must-see destinations
- Quality hotels and comfortable transportation



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YOUR TRAVEL AGENT



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