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# Christmas & New Year's Highlights

To make sure you celebrate during this magical season, no matter where you choose to travel, we have packed each of our Christmas tours with unique Christmas or New Year celebrations or activities. We've highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the 'Special Festive Experiences' box; but for now here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...





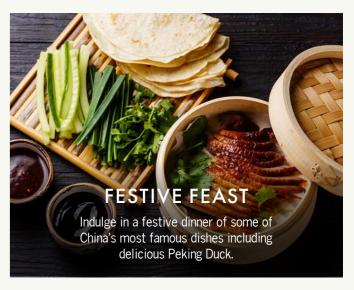








and hands, accompanied by music and vocal performances.









# **CHRISTMAS** IN JAPAN

- DAYS FROM
- £7,090
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- **ALL MEALS**
- 3-4 STAR ACCOMMODATION
- TRANSPORTATION, SIGHTSEEING & **ENTRANCE FEES**



Although not a national holiday in Japan, Christmas is a wonderful time to explore this diverse destination. In the cities you'll find gargeous illuminations marking the festive period (and of course, no one does it quite like Japan), and the cold, dry weather means the countryside is often blanketed with fresh snow - the white Christmas we all dream of! This tour showcases the bright lights of Tokyo and Osaka, magnificent Mount Fuji and the beautiful Himeji Castle including many immersive experiences such as soba noodle making, origami classes and a Geisha encounter.

Christmas Eve is spent in historic Kyoto with a traditional tea ceremony and very special dinner. On Christmas Day you may be lucky enough to see a dusting of snow on the iconic Golden Temple, Kinkakuji, before riding the iconic bullet train to Hiroshima where you'll enjoy a scenic Christmas dinner cruise on Hiroshima Bay.





# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✔ Puzzle over Ryoanji
- ✓ Be captivated by Kyoto
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Explore relaxed Miyajima

### SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- ► Spend Christmas Eve in charming Kyoto and experience a traditional tea ceremony
- ► Enjoy Christmas morning at Kinkakuji, Kyoto's Golden Temple
- ▶ Dine on a delicious Christmas dinner while cruising Hiroshima Bay



### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ✓ Explore medieval Polonnaruwa
- ✓ Discover Udawattakele Rainforest
- ✓ Take a street food tour
- ✓ Try your hand at curd making
- ✓ Visit Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

# SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Spend Christmas morning at a beautiful tea plantation plucking leaves while dressed in a handmade silk saree or sarong
- ▶ Enjoy high tea in the beautiful gardens of the iconic Grand Hotel on Christmas afternoon

Christmas is widely celebrated in Sri Lanka with festivities beginning at dawn on the 1st December where locals will let off fireworks to mark the start of the season. There is so much happening leading up to Christmas Day, with families gathering, preparation of Christmas cake and mince pies, and decorations hung. The weather is pleasant with warm, sunny days and balmy nights. Witness the many highlights of Sri Lanka on this extra special departure, including the Rock Fortress at Sigiriya, the ruined cities of Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura and the UNESCO-listed Dambulla Cave Temple.

DAYS FROM

**ALL MEALS** 

£5,090

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

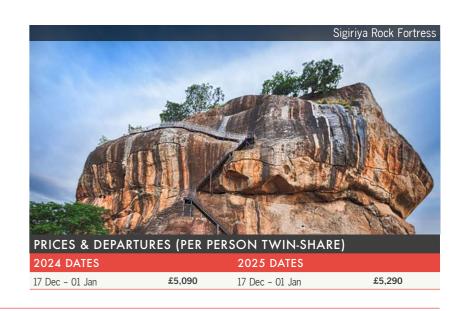
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VISA FEES FOR UK **PASSPORT HOLDERS** 

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4 STAR ACCOMMODATION

Meet the elephants of Udawalawe and spot leopards in Yala National Park with two safari experiences. Spend Christmas in Sri Lanka's gorgeous tea country, Nuwara Eliya with a delicious Christmas Eve dinner. On Christmas Day take part in an exclusive tea plantation experience and enjoy high tea at the iconic Grand Hotel.



# **CHRISTMAS** IN VIETNAM

DAYS FROM

£4,190

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ALL MEALS

STAR ACCOMMODATION

TRANSPORTATION, SIGHTSEEING & **ENTRANCE FEES** 



Despite being a predominantly Buddhist country, the Vietnamese are extremely fond of Christmas. This is a time of great celebration with locals gathering for festivities, beautiful lights and decorations, abundant throughout the cities.

Our Christmas in Vietnam tour will see you exploring the full length of this spectacular country, from the Mekong Delta in the south all the way up to Hanoi in the north. Along the way, you'll admire the lantern-lit streets of Hoi An and imperial treasures of Hue, as well as the many highlights of Saigon. From Christmas Eve until Boxing Day, cruise the picture-perfect waters of Halong Bay and its lesser-known but equally spectacular twin, Lan Ha Bay. On Christmas Eve, enjoy a memorable Christmas dinner on deck. Enjoy the festivities with newfound friends and your National Escort as the stars glimmer over the bay. Your Christmas Day is spent cruising on tranquil Lan Ha Bay, with opportunities to kayak, swim or sunbathe before a drinks reception back on board.





# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Discover Saigon's fascinating history
- ✓ Be charmed by Hoi An's Old Town
- ✓ Explore Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Cruise Halong Bay for two nights
- ✓ Paddle boats on the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Tour Hanoi by cyclo

# SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- ► Come Christmas Eve, embark on a wonderful two-night cruise into the waters of Halong Bay and its secret twin, the ethereally beautiful Lan Ha Bay.
- ► Enjoy a Vietnamese-style Christmas Eve dinner and let the champagne flow as the sun sets.
- ▶ Wake to a Christmas Day sunrise over the emerald waters of the bay. Spend the day swimming, sunbathing or even kayaking in its tranquil coves, then return to the ship for Christmas drinks reception on deck.



### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Marvel at Bangkok's Grand Palace
- ✓ Ride the WWII Thai-Burma Railway
- ✓ Explore historic Ayutthaya
- ✓ Meet minority hill tribes
- ✓ Stroll through laidback Chiang Rai
- ✓ Master Thai cuisine at a cooking class in Chiang Mai

### SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- ► Spend Christmas morning at a sanctuary for rescued elephants, where you'll meet and learn all about these magnificent residents.
- Savour a Thai Christmas dinner at The House by Ginger, a beautifully converted colonial mansion in Chiang Mai.
- ▶ Start Christmas Eve soaking up Mae Taeng's rural landscapes on a gentle bamboo rafting trip.

This Christmas, journey through the magic of Thailand. A traditionally Buddhist country, there is no shortage of celebration and cheer here, no matter the time of year. In Bangkok, explore the Grand Palace, Wat Pho, and Chinatown, then sail the Chao Phraya River on a long-tail boat. Venture to Kanchanaburi and bear witness to its WWII legacy at the Thai-Burma Railway Museum and the Bridge on the River Kwai.

DAYS FROM

ALL MEALS

£4,390

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TRANSPORTATION,

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**ENTRANCE FEES** 

3-4 STAR ACCOMMODATION

Next, fly to Chiang Rai to see its beautiful rolling hills and tea plantations. As Christmas approaches, relax in an eco-lodge nestled in the northern highlands, where you'll experience a magical evening with a local dinner and Hmong Hilltribe folklore. Spend Christmas morning at an elephant rescue centre near Chiang Mai, fostering memories with these majestic creatures. Later, sit down to a celebratory Christmas dinner in a 1930s colonial mansion with a stylish heritage feel. From exploring Ayutthaya's ancient splendour to marvelling at the White Temple in Chiang Rai, join us for an unforgettable holiday adventure!



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# **CHRISTMAS** IN CHINA









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Explore the world's largest ice and snow festival in Harbin

# **CHINA: WINTER** WONDERLAND

DAYS FROM

£5,590

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**ALL MEALS** 

3-4 STAR ACCOMMODATION

TRANSPORTATION, SIGHTSEEING & **ENTRANCE FEES** 

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Although Christmas isn't widely recognised as a religious holiday in China, you'll still see plenty of illuminations in major cities like Beijing and Leshan and may even pay witness to the new trend in China of gifting friends with elaborately-boxed apples on Christmas Eve. The weather is cool this time of year, particularly in the north where you'll find the Great Wall, which means you may get to experience it surrounded by snow-covered peaks and valleys.

You'll soak up all of China's most famous attractions on this tour: the Terracotta Warriors of Xian, Beijing's Tiananmen Square and Temple of Heaven, the Grand Buddha of Leshan, and the adorable giant pandas of course! And you'll enjoy a Christmas Day like no other – spent on China's iconic Great Wall before swapping traditional turkey for an authentic Peking Duck feast!





# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Feast on Peking Duck
- ✓ Explore the Forbidden City
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ See the Grand Buddha at Leshan
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play

# SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Spend Christmas Day walking the magnificent Great Wall of China
- ▶ Indulge in a festive dinner of some of China's most famous dishes including delicious Peking Duck
- ▶ On New Years Eve, visit the famous Panda Conversation Centre to see these charismatic animals and enjoy a local Sichuan dinner



# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Discover Harbin's Ice and Snow Festival
- ✓ Stay overnight at the Great Wall
- ✓ Get up close to the Giant Pandas
- ✓ Feast on China's best delicacies
- ✓ See the ancient Terracotta Army
- ✓ Travel by bullet train

# SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Explore the Christmas markets, cruise the mighty Huangpu River and indulge Shanghai's gastronomic delights on Christmas Day
- ▶ Spend New Year's Eve at the base of the Great Wall. Walk on the illuminated wall at night, wander the charming cobble stone streets or relax at a hot spring resort
- ► Ring in the New Year with a champagne toast on the secluded Jinshanling Great Wall

Join us for an enchanting Winter Wonderland journey through China. Starting in Shanghai, the city's glittering skyline will set the stage for a truly memorable Christmas celebration. Start with the festive magic as you stroll through Christmas markets, visit Yu Gardens, Old Town and take a scenic Huangpu River Cruise.

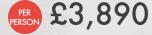
Later explore the ancient wonders of Xian and see the iconic pandas at the Chengdu Panda Conservation Centre. Visit a real-life winter wonderland at the Harbin Ice Festival, one of the oldest and largest ice festivals in the world. Ring in the New Year with a magical visit to the Great Wall, exploring the Simatai section by night and toasting with champagne. Traverse the remote Jinshanling section on New Year's Day, making memories against the backdrop of this ancient marvel. From the Terracotta Warriors to the Forbidden City, indulge in the rich tapestry of China's history and cuisine.



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# CHRISTMAS IN INDIA

















CHRISTMAS IN KERALA

16 DAYS FROM

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December is one of the finest months to visit India with warm temperatures, minimal rainfall and low humidity – the perfect conditions for exploring the iconic sights of India's Golden Triangle, as well as delightful Udaipur and Ranthambore National Park where you'll go in search of Bengal tigers!

After attending Midnight Mass in Agra on Christmas Eve, you'll awake on Christmas Day to explore India's most famous monument, the magnificent Taj Mahal. Enjoy a delicious Christmas feast, before ascending a rooftop to sip on champagne while enjoying breath taking views of the Taj Mahal against a stunning sunset backdrop. You'll be treated to a fantastic musical show telling the story of Emperor Shahjahan and his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal (for whom the Taj Mahal was built) – a true Bollywood experience!





# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Immerse yourself in Delhi
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Experience a ceremony on the Ghats of Pushkar sarovar
- ✓ Visit a vintage car museum
- ✓ Discover the step wells of Bundi

### SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- ► Explore the iconic Taj Mahal on Christmas morning
- ➤ On Christmas night, enjoy unparalleled views from a rooftop as you watch the sunset over the Taj Mahal, champagne in hand
- ➤ Your magical Christmas night is complete with a spectacular performance of 'Mohabbat the Tai'



### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Enjoy a rickshaw ride in the French Quarter of Pondicherry
- ✓ Witness the Arti Ceremony at the Shri Minakshi Temple
- ✓ Watch a performance of Kerala's traditional art form by Kalaripayattu practioners
- Enjoy a tea tasting session at a tea plantation in Munnar
- ✓ Take a cruise on the Kerala backwaters on your private houseboat

# SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- ➤ Dressed in local attire, attend Christmas mass at St Francis Church
- ► Enjoy a Christmas Day lunch and Kathakali dance performance

Embark on the enchanting "Christmas in Kerala" tour, immersing yourself in the cultural richness and lush landscapes of southern India. Kerala, a cultural melting pot, provides the perfect backdrop for a captivating Christmas experience. Begin in Chennai, exploring historic sites such as Fort St George and Kapaleeswarar Temple, then venture to Pondicherry for a rickshaw ride in the French quarter and enjoy moments of serenity at Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

Witness the awe-inspiring Basilica of Lady of Good Health in Velankanni and explore the vibrant markets of Madurai, marvelling at the Meenakshi Temple and the ancient art of Kalaripayattu martial arts. Cruise Lake Periyar, take in the magical landscapes of Munnar's tea plantations, and celebrate Christmas with an Oriental Orthodox Mass in Kochi. Immerse yourself in festive traditions, don traditional attire, and enjoy a special Christmas day lunch. Experience a Kathakali dance performance in Kochi and conclude your journey with a serene backwaters cruise in Kerala.



# CHRISTMAS IN SOUTH AFRICA

15 DAYS FROM

PER £5,990

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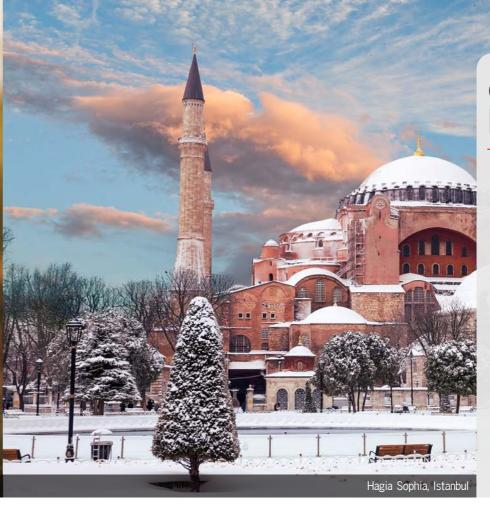
MOST MEALS

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4 STAR ACCOMMODATION

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# CHRISTMAS IN TURKEY

11 DAYS FROM

PER £3,390

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ALL MEALS

3-4 STAR ACCOMMODATION

TRANSPORTATION, SIGHTSEEING & ENTRANCE FEES

Immerse yourself in the enchanting landscapes of this diverse country. Experience the festive spirit reverberating through Johannesburg's vibrant cityscape before venturing to the awe-inspiring Panorama Route, where the Graskop gorge lift unveils lush forests and cascading waterfalls. The heart of the journey unfolds in the Greater Kruger National Park, offering a three-night safari to encounter the Big Five in their natural habitat. Celebrate Christmas Eve African style with a traditional boma dinner under the stars and a drumming class.

Travel along the scenic Garden Route, visiting Tsitsikamma National Park, Cango Caves, ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn and savour The Featherbed Eco experience in Knysna. Conclude your South African adventure in Cape Town, featuring a Winelands tour and an exclusive New Year's Eve dinner by the waterfront to welcome the New year in style. Bid farewell with a memorable dinner at Gold Restaurant, complete with a djembe drumming experience.





# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a thrilling ride in the glassfronted elevator that descends into the Graskop Gorge
- ✓ Seek out the Big Five on a 3-night stay in Greater Kruger Park
- ✓ Enjoy a sensory journey through the Cape winelands
- ✓ Get up close to the penguins on Boulder's Beach

### SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- ➤ Immerse yourself in an African-style Christmas Day. Indulge in the rich local flavours with a traditional boma dinner under the stars, and afterward, partake in a rhythmic drumming class
- ➤ Spend Christmas & Boxing Days on exciting game drives
- ▶ Bring in the New Year at a restaurant on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront



### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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

### SPECIAL FESTIVE EXPERIENCES

- Spend Christmas Eve in Cappadocia marveling at the Whirling Dervishes in the beautiful setting of Saruhan Caravanseria
- ➤ Experience Christmas morning with a walking tour of Goreme's ancient churches which are among some of the very earliest Christian churches in the world
- ► Enjoy a Turkish-style Christmas dinner

Get absorbed in rich history and culture this holiday season with our "Christmas in Turkey" tour. History lovers will marvel at the treasure trove of ancient artefacts. Begin your adventure in Istanbul, exploring iconic landmarks such as the Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, and Hagia Sophia, pay your respects at Gallipoli, marvel at ancient Ephesus, and visit the traditional rock dwellings in Cappadocia. Enjoy a Christmas morning stroll through the ancient churches of Goreme, adorned with some of the oldest intact frescos in the world.

Be spellbound by the magic of Cappadocia, cozying up to Cappadocian home cuisine. Christmas Eve features a Whirling Dervishes performance. Christmas morning offers a walking tour of Goreme's ancient churches, while the evening showcases breathtaking views from Uchisar. Join us for a Christmas celebration like no other, exploring the heart of Turkey!



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