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# MIDDLE EAST EUROPE & SOUTH AFRICA

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OUR AWARD-WINNING COLLECTION OF ESCORTED TOURS AND TAILORMADE HOLIDAYS The winner of 'Best Specialist Tour Operator' 13 years running – Globe Travel Awards The most prestigious accolade in the travel industry

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



Come and join us on an extraordinary adventure through these enchanting regions 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. These tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme 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.

### **SPECIAL GROUPS**

If you're travelling with ten or more other passengers, we can arrange your 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, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself.



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

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

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

You may have noticed a new addition to this year's brochure – South Africa! We are so excited to show you all of the classic sights and unique extras of this extraordinary country the Wendy Wu Tours way. You'll find it on page 40. Also added to the collection is Saudi Arabia (page 30) a deep dive into the long and illustrious history of this intriguing nation.

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

# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

## OUR REPUTATION AND YOUR PEACE OF MIND

We have won our industry's 'Best Long Haul Specialist Tour Operator' award for 13 years running, we have a 5 star TripAdvisor rating, a Gold Award Feefo Accreditation and 98% of our customers would recommend travelling with us! We are also fully ABTA and ATOL-protected.

## OUR EXPERTISE

No one knows our destinations like we do, and we are passionate about sharing the best of them with you, so there is no one better to recommend the very best tours and experiences for your holiday.

#### OUTSTANDING GUIDES

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge and dedication have won us the best reputation in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary.

#### EXCEPTIONAL VALUE AND INCLUSIONS

Flights, accommodation, meals, touring, trains, cruises, evening shows, amazing guides and visas... we include it all.

### VISAS

Hassle-free visa process with the costs included in the price, with expert guidance throughout.

## FANTASTIC OFFERS

We are renowned for our amazing Business Class and Premium Economy upgrades, which make your holiday all the more special, and we work with leading airlines to offer you regional departures, so travelling with us is more convenient than ever.

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

We hand-pick comfortable hotels in great locations, have a 'seat and a half' policy on our coaches and include all meals on our Classic tours, so you can relax and enjoy your holiday with us, knowing everything is taken care of.



Wendy Wu - Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

### AMAZING TOURS & AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

On tour with us you will be immersed in culture and history through experiences such as meeting local families, learning ancient traditions and watching cultural shows. We also include delicious local meals in each region. Look out for the 'Authentic Experiences' box on each tour page!

### TIPPING MADE EASY

We will advise you how much and when to tip and our National Escort will take care of it on your behalf.

### OUR ONLY GOAL

We are only satisfied when you come back to travel with us again and again – only then do we know that we've done a good job of serving you.



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) and by Physical Rating (see opposite page).

### 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.

### 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 star plus to 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 page 42) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our knowledgeable team of experts can help you customise your very own extension to any tour in this brochure.

### PHYSICAL RATING

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every one of our tours require the ability to walk around sights unaided, whilst more active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating. For more information on why each tour has been rated the way it has, have a look at the 'Detailed Tour Dossier' available to download on the tour page of our website.



## LEVEL 1

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

## LEVEL 2

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

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



#### LEVEL 3

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

## You're in safe hands

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



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

Anne Pickering

## AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

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

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

## ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

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



## Award-winning expertise

We are so proud of the numerous awards we've received over the years in recognition of the extraordinary travel experience we provide to our customers. We're just doing what we do best – creating memories to cherish and providing exceptional levels of customer service.

## Recommended by you

Awards are all well and good, but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us. We're proud of our 5 star TripAdvisor rating and the fact that so many of our customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family – that's all the accolade we need.



## **Our Price Promise**

If you find any of our tours cheaper elsewhere, we'll match the price!

## UNBEATABLE VALUE

Our tours are renowned for their comprehensive inclusions and exceptional value for money. We're so confident you won't find the same tour at a better price that if you do, we'll not only match it, but we'll also offer you a discount of £200 per person on a future booking.

## 100% NO SURCHARGE PROMISE

Once you've paid, you've paid! As soon as we confirm your booking you can relax knowing the holiday price won't increase and you'll never have to pay extra for currency fluctuations and surcharges, etc.















## WE WON'T BE BEATEN **ON PRICE**

If you find a Wendy Wu tour being sold elsewhere for less than our published price, let us know and we'll match the price you've been quoted.

## 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 'Authentic Experiences' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...



# THE WESTERN WALL

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



of the Nile.





## ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY

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

## WINE TASTING IN THE DOURO VALLEY

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

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## WHIRLING DERVISHES

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

## KHAN EL-KHALILI BAZAAR

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











# **Discover the Middle East** & Europe with Wendy Wu Tours

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

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

## **DOURO VALLEY**

LISBON

One of the most picturesque wine regions terraced slopes of the Douro Valley aren't just a thing of beauty: they also produce the most exquisite port wines. Enjoy it all on our Portugal Uncovered tour (page 36).





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## **EPHESUS**

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the monumental remains of the Ancient Greek city of Ephesus offers a window into Turkey's resplendent past. Marvel at the Library of Celsus and much more on our Treasures of Turkey tour (page 32).



THE DEAD SEA





The lowest point on Earth, the Dead Sea's buoyant, mineral rich waters have been known for their healing properties for millennia. Enjoy a dip in these soothing waters on our Ancient Israel tour (page 28) or on Journey through Jordan (page 26).



Long hidden among the wind-hewn cliffs and gorges of the desert, this great ancient city is one of the world's most treasured UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Seeing it lit by candlelight as you explore by night is unforgettable, and included our Journey through Jordan tour (page 26).



With its iconic yellow trams and far-reaching ocean views, Lisbon captivates with its easy charm and deep-rooted connections with a glorious seafaring past. Discover the legacies of its historic ties with Brazil, India and the Far East on our Portugal Uncovered tour (page 36).



## HEGRA

taking Nabatean site of Hegra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a treasure trove of weathered tombs and rock hewn facades long left to the sands of time and the desert. Explore it on our Secrets of Saudi Arabia tour (page 30).

#### 3 ISTANBUL

Beneath its timeless skyline of domes and a unique and multifaceted experience. With its age-old history, dazzling architecture and irresistible air of the exotic, Istanbul can be visited on our Treasures of Turkey tour (page 32)





One of the world's most famous archaeological sites, this ancient burial ground contains 63 royal tombs built for Egyptian pharaohs. Explore the treasures of this desert valley on our Dreams of Egypt tour (page 24).

### 9 WADI RUM

Rugged, dramatic and otherworldly, the Wadi Rum desert is a world of rose-gold dunes, ancient ravines and towering cliffs. Follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia and experience the wadi's unrivalled majesty on our Journey through Jordan tour (page 26





# **Discover South Africa** with Wendy Wu Tours

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

## WENDY'S TOP 9 SOUTH AFRICA SIGHTS

## APARTHEID MUSEUM

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

POTHOLES Sheltered in the Blyde River Canyon, these impressive geological formations were

artistry of nature.

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MUSEUM

## **TSITSIKAMMA** NATIONAL PARK

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



TABLE 7 MOUNTAIN

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





BEACH



## BOURKE'S LUCK

shaped by the swirling waters of the river and are a testament to the power and



## **FEATHERBED** ECO EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a leisurely exploration of the beauty of the Featherbed Nature Reserve with a walk and lunch with incredible views.

## 8 BOULDERS

A picturesque beach distinguished by its large, granite boulders, this stretch of sand

### **GREATER KRUGER** NATIONAL PARK

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





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





Among sweeping vistas of grape vines and historic wine estates, indulge in the worldclass wines and gourmet dishes for which





# CLASSIC TOURS

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

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.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International airfares
- 3 star plus 4 star accommodation
- All meals
- All transportation in destination
- All entrance fees, guides and daily tours
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

### 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, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. On our Classic tours in Europe you will be exploring with a maximum of 28 travellers, while in the Middle East you will be in a smaller group, normally with a maximum of 24 guests.

## ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

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

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## DREAMS OF EGYPT



### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star 5 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Nile in style on a four-night cruise aboard the 5 star MS Tulip. Renovated in 2018, the Tulip offers 56 air-conditioned staterooms, all outward-facing. Between excursions, why not enjoy the spacious sun deck, or take advantage of the onboard pool?
- Experience the colossal majesty of the temples at Abu Simbel, built for Ramesses II and his wife Nefertari in the 13th century BC. The Ramesses temple entrance, guarded by four 20-metre-high statues, leads into the vast, beautiful underground halls, whose detailed artworks and imposing Osiris statues are humbling to behold.
- ► The richly-decorated pharaonic tombs of the Valley of the Dead never fail to impress. Follow in the footsteps of Howard Carter and visit the atmospheric tomb of Tutankhamun, the boy king, followed by additional tombs of vour choice



## **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: FLY TO CAIRO

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

#### DAY 2: PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

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

#### DAY 3: OLD CAIRO & SAKKARA

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

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

#### DAY 4: EXPLORE ALEXANDRIA

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

#### DAY 5: EL ALAMEIN

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

#### DAY 6: LUXOR'S EAST BANK

Take a short one-hour flight from Cairo to Luxor, where we transfer to the port and board your 5 star Nile cruise ship for our four-night cruise. Refresh yourself before this afternoon's visits to Luxor's East Bank. Begin at the Temple Complex of Karnak, famed for the majestic Hypostyle Hall with its 134 gigantic stone columns, along with the Avenue of the Sphinxes and the Sacred Lake.



See the Citadel of Qaitbay, Alexandria







DAY 7: 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 8: TEMPLES OF EDFU & KOM OMBO

Enjoy a morning visit to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, one of Egypt's most beautiful and wellpreserved 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 9: ABU SIMBEL

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



#### DAY 10: DISCOVER ASWAN

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

DAY 11: FLY CAIRO TO UK After breakfast, transfer to the nearby airport for your onward flight.

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#### DREAMS OF EGYPT



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



PRICES & DEPARTURES Departing Wednesday returning Saturday				
2024 DATES				
21 Feb - 02 Mar	£4,490	23 Oct - 02 Nov	£4,690	
10 Apr - 20 Apr	£4,690	30 Oct - 09 Nov	£4,690	
17 Apr - 27 Apr	£4,490	06 Nov - 16 Nov	£4,690	
24 Apr - 04 May	£4,490	13 Nov - 23 Nov	£4,690	
02 Oct - 12 Oct	£4,490	20 Nov - 30 Nov	£4,690	
16 Oct - 26 Oct	£4,490	27 Nov - 07 Dec	£4,690	
2025 DATES				
29 Jan - 08 Feb	£5,190	01 Oct - 11 Oct	£5,090	
05 Feb - 15 Feb	£5,190	08 Oct - 18 Oct	£5,090	
12 Feb - 22 Feb	£5,190	15 Oct - 25 Oct	£5,090	
19 Feb - 01 Mar	£5,190	22 Oct - 01 Nov	£5,090	
26 Feb - 08 Mar	£5,190	29 Oct - 08 Nov	£5,090	
05 Mar - 15 Mar	£5,090	05 Nov - 15 Nov	£5,090	
12 Mar - 22 Mar	£5,090	12 Nov - 22 Nov	£5,090	
19 Mar - 29 Mar	£5,090	19 Nov - 29 Nov	£5,090	
24 Sep - 04 Oct	£5,090			
Flight and supplement information				

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,090 (Cairo Cairo)
- Single room from £1,090
- Tipping paid locally US\$160

# JOURNEY THROUGH JORDAN



#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



## ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO AMMAN Fly to Amman, a history-soaked capital with a youthful feel. Transfer to your hotel in the city.

#### **DAY 2: DISCOVER JERASH**

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

#### DAY 3: EXPLORE AMMAN

This morning, enjoy a tour of the old city of Amman, exploring the Citadel and Roman theatre. Head out of the city for a visit to some of Jordan's desert castles, which are

beautiful examples of early Islamic art and architecture. Return to Amman this afternoon.

#### DAY 4: LEVANTINE COOKING CLASS

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

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









#### DAY 5: 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 Sig. Petra stands as one of the most unique and unforgettable cities of the ancient world. Eniov an afternoon at leisure before returning to Petra after sunset, when you'll see the Treasury lit by the glow of over 1,500 candles.

#### DAY 6: WADI RUM DESERT CAMP

Start with a visit to Little Petra before transferring to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon. Embark on a 4x4 adventure through the desert, where you'll discover ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains rising out of white and pink coloured sands. Explore Lawrence's Road, drive among sand dunes and



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

#### DAY 8: FLY AMMAN TO UK

Transfer one hour from your Dead Sea hotel to Amman airport for your flight home.



#### JOURNEY THROUGH JORDAN





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

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2024 DATES				
02 Mar - 09 Mar	£3,190	26 Oct - 02 Nov	£3,190	
20 Apr - 27 Apr	£3,190	02 Nov - 09 Nov	£3,190	
27 Apr - 04 May	£3,190	09 Nov - 16 Nov	£3,190	
04 May - 11 May	£3,190	16 Nov - 23 Nov	£3,190	
05 Oct - 12 Oct	£3,190	23 Nov - 30 Nov	£3,190	
12 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,190	30 Nov - 07 Dec	£3,190	
19 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,190			
2025 DATES				
15 Feb - 22 Feb	£3,390	04 Oct - 11 Oct	£3,390	
22 Feb - 01 Mar	£3,390	11 Oct - 18 Oct	£3,390	
01 Mar - 08 Mar	£3,390	18 Oct - 25 Oct	£3,390	
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15 Mar - 22 Mar	£3,390	01 Nov - 08 Nov	£3,390	
22 Mar - 29 Mar	£3,390	08 Nov - 15 Nov	£3,390	
05 Apr - 12 Apr	£3,390	15 Nov - 22 Nov	£3,390	
26 Apr - 03 May	£3,390	22 Nov - 29 Nov	£3,390	
Flight and supplement information				
Based on London Heathrow departures     Regional UK departures available     Elight upgrades available ap request				

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,790 (Amman Amman)
- Single room from £550
- Tipping paid locally US\$80

## ANCIENT ISRAEL



### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

✓ Discover the charming port of Jaffa

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



### ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO TEL AVIV Fly to Tel Aviv and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2: TEL AVIV TO NAZARETH

Begin your tour of the Holy Land with a

visit to Jaffa, the charming harbour town

to Caesarea, a fascinating Roman site

Mediterranean. You'll stop to visit the

DAY 3: GALILEE AND ACRE

mosaics in Israel.

Jesus' baptism.

dramatically situated on the edge of the

of Mt. Carmel before arriving in Nazareth.

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

In Capernaum, visit the site where Jesus is

said to have raised a woman from the dead.

Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon

on the Mount. This afternoon, head to Acre

DAY 4: JERICHO AND THE DEAD SEA

Enjoy a morning city tour of Nazareth and the

Church of Annunciation. Later, drive through

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

the scenic Jordan Valley into Palestinian Territory to visit Qasr El Yahud, the site of

and explore its Crusader Fortress, once a

stronghold of the Knights Templar.

See the House of St Peter and the nearby

out of which Tel Aviv has grown. Continue

ethnoreligious Druze community on the slopes

#### DAY 5: MASADA

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

40-day fast. This afternoon, continue to the

Dead Sea to float in the mineral-rich waters.

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











#### DAY 6: BETHLEHEM & JERUSALEM

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

#### DAY 7: MT ZION & GETHSEMANE Visit Mt. Zion to see King David's Tomb,

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

#### **DAY 8: DEPARTURE** Transfer from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv Airport (Ben Gurion) for your return flight.



#### ANCIENT ISRAEL



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES Departing Saturday returning Saturday				
2024 DATES				
04 May - 11 May	£3,390	02 Nov - 09 Nov	£3,390	
11 May - 18 May	£3,390	16 Nov - 23 Nov	£3,390	
19 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,390	23 Nov - 30 Nov	£3,390	
2025 DATES				
01 Mar - 08 Mar	£3,690	25 Oct - 01 Nov	£3,690	
08 Mar - 15 Mar	£3,690	01 Nov - 08 Nov	£3,690	
15 Mar - 22 Mar	£3,690	08 Nov - 15 Nov	£3,690	
22 Mar - 29 Mar	£3,690	15 Nov - 22 Nov	£3,690	
29 Mar - 05 Apr	£3,690	22 Nov - 29 Nov	£3,690	
18 Oct - 25 Oct	£3,690			
Flight and supplement information				

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Tel Aviv -Jerusalem)
- Single room from £890
- Tipping paid locally US\$80



## EGYPT & JORDAN ADVENTURE



#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the Pyramids of Giza

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 17 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 17 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star 5 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees Visa fees for UK passport holders



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



## ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO CAIRO Fly to Cairo and transfer to your hotel in the citv centre.

#### DAY 2: PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

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

#### DAY 3: OLD CAIRO

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

#### DAY 4: TO ALEXANDRIA

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

#### DAY 5: EL ALAMEIN

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

inhabited by Coptic Orthodox monks since the 4th century AD.

#### DAY 6: LUXOR'S EAST BANK

Take a short one-hour flight from Cairo to Luxor, then transfer to the port and board your 5 star Nile cruise ship for our four-night cruise. Refresh yourself before this afternoon's excursions around Luxor's East Bank. Begin at the temple complex of Karnak, famed for the majestic Hypostyle Hall with its 134 gigantic stone columns, along with the Avenue of the Sphinxes and the Sacred Lake.

#### DAY 7: LUXOR'S WEST BANK

Explore the West Bank of Luxor, one of Egypt's most stunning landscapes. Admire the mysterious Colossi of Memnon statues en route to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the gigantic funerary complex of Egypt's secondever female pharaoh. This afternoon, visit the Valley of the Kings, resting place of many pharaohs of the New Kingdom. Here, visit the tomb of Tutankhamun along with other richlypainted tombs of your choice. Tonight, we set sail for Esna.

#### DAY 8: 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 you will visit the unusual double temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Horus and Sobek. Sail on to Aswan, where we dock for the next two nights.

#### DAY 9: ABU SIMBEL

Journey southwest to the iconic twin temples of Abu Simbel, at Egypt's furthest edge. This temple complex, perhaps the greatest in Egypt,





DAY 15: PETRA

Stay at a Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum

is dedicated to Ramses II, often considered the greatest pharaoh of the New Kingdom. Wander its grand halls and admire its colossal statues before returning to the ship in Aswan.

#### DAY 10: ASWAN

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

#### DAY 11: FLY CAIRO TO AMMAN

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

#### DAYS 12: JERASH AND AJLOUN

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

#### DAY 13: AMMAN

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

#### DAY 14: 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

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#### EGYPT & JORDAN ADVENTURE





PHYSICAL RATING



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



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.

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

#### DAY 16: WADI RUM DESERT CAMP

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

#### DAY 17: THE DEAD SEA

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

#### DAY 18: DEPARTURE

Transfer to Amman Airport for your flight home.

PRICES & DEPARTURES Departing Wednesday returning Saturday				
2024 DATES				
21 Feb - 09 Mar	£6,990	23 Oct - 09 Nov	£7,190	
10 Apr - 27 Apr	£7,190	30 Oct - 16 Nov	£7,190	
17 Apr - 04 May	£6,990	06 Nov - 23 Nov	£7,190	
24 Apr - 11 May	£6,990	13 Nov - 30 Nov	£7,190	
02 Oct - 19 Oct	£6,990	20 Nov - 07 Dec	£7,190	
16 Oct - 02 Nov	£6,990			
2025 DATES				
05 Feb - 22 Feb	£7,490	01 Oct - 18 Oct	£7,490	
12 Feb - 01 Mar	£7,490	08 Oct - 25 Oct	£7,490	
19 Feb - 08 Mar	£7,490	15 Oct - 01 Nov	£7,490	
26 Feb - 15 Mar	£7,490	22 Oct - 08 Nov	£7,490	
05 Mar - 22 Mar	£7,490	29 Oct - 15 Nov	£7,490	
12 Mar - 29 Mar	£7,490	05 Nov - 22 Nov	£7,490	
24 Sep - 11 Oct	£7,490	12 Nov - 29 Nov	£7,490	
Flight and supplement information				
Based on London Heathrow departures     Regional LIK departures available				

- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £6,390 (Cairo Amman)
- Single room from £1.640
- Tipping paid locally US\$240

# JORDAN & ISRAEL DISCOVERY



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



## **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: FLY TO AMMAN Fly to Amman and transfer to your hotel.

#### **DAY 2: ANCIENT JERASH**

Begin your explorations of Jordan with visits to Al Salt and the Roman city of Jerash with its impressive archaeological remains. Continue to Ajloun, where we visit the 12thcentury castle overlooking the Jordan Valley. Stop by the Calligraphy House to learn how to write your name in Arabic before returning to Amman.

#### DAY 3: HISTORIC AMMAN

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

#### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO PETRA

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

#### DAY 5: PETRA

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

#### DAY 6: WADI RUM DESERT CAMP

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

#### DAY 7: THE DEAD SEA (EAST)

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

#### DAY 8: TRANSFER TO TEL AVIV

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



ACRE NAZARETH (2N) TEL AVIV (1N) AMMAN (3N) JERUSALEM (2N) BETHLEHEM DEAD SEA (1N) DEAD SEA (1N) 0 JORDAN ISRAEL EGYPT PETRA (2N) A PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES WADI RUM (1N)





#### DAY 9: TEL AVIV TO NAZARETH

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 Nazareth.

#### DAY 10: THE MIRACLES OF GALILEE

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

#### DAY 11: THE DEAD SEA (WEST)

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

#### DAY 12: MASADA

Drive to Masada and ascend to Masada Fortress by cable car. Admire the spectacular view and hear the story of the last stand of the Jewish rebels against the Romans. Enjoy lunch in Qumran and visit the caves in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

Tonight, stay in Bethlehem and enjoy a Palestinian cultural dance performance.

#### DAY 13: BETHLEHEM & JERUSALEM

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

#### DAY 14: 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.

#### DAY 15: DEPARTURE Transfer to Tel Aviv Airport (Ben Gurion) for your return flight.

Explore Roman Jerash









#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES Departing Saturday returning Saturday			
2024 DATES			
27 Apr - 11 May	£5,990	26 Oct - 09 Nov	£5,990
04 May - 18 May	£5,990	09 Nov - 23 Nov	£5,990
12 Oct - 26 Oct	£5,990	16 Nov - 30 Nov	£5,990
2025 DATES			
22 Feb - 08 Mar	£6,490	18 Oct - 01 Nov	£6,490
01 Mar - 15 Mar	£6,490	25 Oct - 08 Nov	£6,490
08 Mar - 22 Mar	£6,490	01 Nov - 15 Nov	£6,490
15 Mar - 29 Mar	£6,490	08 Nov - 22 Nov	£6,490
22 Mar - 05 Apr	£6,490	15 Nov - 29 Nov	£6,490
11 Oct - 25 Oct	£6,490		
Flight and supplement information			

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,390 (Amman -Jerusalem)
- Single room from £1,440
- Tipping paid locally US\$160



## EGYPT, JORDÁN & ISRAEL EXPLORED



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit the magnificent Giza Pyramids
- Cruise the Nile by 5 star river ship
- ✓ Stay at a Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum
- ✓ See Petra by candlelight
- ✓ Float in the Dead Sea
- ✓ Explore Bethlehem & Jerusalem

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 24 breakfasts, 23 lunches, 24 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus 5 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ► Visit the Western Wall of the Temple Mount - one of the most significant remnants in Jerusalem. With only 70 metres visible, this tour allows you to reach the sections hidden from view. Walk through the tunnels leading to fascinating ancient areas with large stone arches, water pits and see the Strouthion Pool.
- Be awed by the grand monuments of the Giza Plateau, from the enigmatic Sphinx to the iconic pyramids of Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure. These majestic works have stood guard over Egypt for over 4,500 years – a testament to the brilliance of ancient engineering.
- > Petra by night is an experience not to be missed and one of the best ways to see the ancient rock city. Walk the lantern-lit gorge to the Treasury, which is illuminated by over 1.500 candles, casting dramatic shadows and bringing this major attraction to light.

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## ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO CAIRO Fly to Cairo and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2: PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

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

#### DAY 3: OLD CAIRO

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

#### DAY 4: 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 15thcentury Qaitbay Citadel.

#### DAY 5: EL ALAMEIN

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

#### DAY 6: LUXOR'S EAST BANK

Take a one-hour flight to Luxor and board your ship ahead of our four-night cruise from Luxor to Aswan. This afternoon, explore Luxor's East

#### Bank, including the Temple Complex of Karnak, famed for the majestic Hypostyle Hall with its 134 gigantic stone columns, the Avenue of the Sphinxes and the Sacred Lake.

#### DAY 7: LUXOR'S WEST BANK

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

#### DAY 8: TEMPLES OF EDFU & KOM OMBO

Enjoy a morning visit to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, one of Egypt's most beautiful and wellpreserved 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 9: ABU SIMBEL

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

#### DAY 10: DISCOVER ASWAN

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



#### DAY 11: FLY CAIRO TO AMMAN

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

#### DAY 12: ANCIENT JERASH

Begin your explorations of Jordan with visits to As Salt and the Roman city of Jerash with its impressive archaeological remains. Continue to Ajloun and visit the 12th-century castle overlooking the Jordan Valley.

#### DAY 13: HISTORIC AMMAN

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

#### DAY 14: TRAVEL TO PETRA

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#### DAY 15: PETRA

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 1.500 candles.

#### DAY 16: WADI RUM DESERT CAMP

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

#### DAY 17: THE DEAD SEA (EAST)

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

#### DAY 18: FROM JORDAN TO ISRAEL Depart the Dead Sea and transfer to Tel Aviv.

DAY 19: TEL AVIV TO NAZARETH

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

#### DAY 20: GALILEE AND ACRE

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, visit the Crusader Fortress at Acre, once a stronghold of the Knights Templar

#### DAY 21: THE DEAD SEA (WEST)

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

## DAY 22: MASADA

#### EGYPT, JORDAN & ISRAEL EXPLORED

Ascend Masada Fortress by cable car. Admire the spectacular views and hear the story of



PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES Departing Wednesday returning Saturday 2024 DATES 17 Apr - 11 May £9,190 16 Oct - 09 Nov £9,190 24 Apr - 18 May £9,190 30 Oct - 23 Nov £9,190 02 Oct - 26 Oct £9,190 06 Nov - 30 Nov £9,190 **2025 DATES** 12 Feb - 08 Mar £10,190 08 Oct - 01 Nov £10,190 19 Feb - 15 Mar £10,190 15 Oct - 08 Nov £10,190 26 Feb - 22 Mar £10,190 22 Oct - 15 Nov £10,190 05 Mar - 29 Mar £10,190 29 Oct - 22 Nov £10,190 12 Mar - 05 Apr £10,190 05 Nov - 29 Nov £10,190 01 Oct - 25 Oct £10.190

#### Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
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- Single room from £2.490
- Tipping paid locally US\$320

the last stand of the Jewish rebels against the Romans. Stop for lunch in Qumran and visit the caves in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Tonight, stay in Bethlehem and enjoy a Palestinian cultural dance performance.

#### DAY 23: BETHLEHEM & JERUSALEM

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

#### DAY 24: 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.

#### DAY 25: DEPARTURE

Transfer from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv Airport.



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## **SECRETS** OF SAUDI ARABIA



### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees • Electronic visa waiver registration for UK passport holders



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



## ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN RIYADH

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

#### DAY 2: DIRIYAH & RIYADH

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

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

#### DAY 3: USHAIGER HERITAGE VILLAGE Depart Riyadh and drive north to the

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

DAY 4: CAMEL MARKET & HA'IL

Head to Buraidah to experience the hustle and bustle of the world's largest camel market

- a truly immersive experience, where prized Arabian camels command astounding prices. Continue to Ha'il. stopping en route to see the oasis city of Fayd, once an important stop on the Hajj route from Baghdad to Mecca. Admire Hutavmah Crater before checking in at your hotel in Ha'il.

#### DAY 5: JUBBAH & ELEPHANT ROCK

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

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



Discover Diriyah's mudbrick architecture







See the world's largest camel market

#### DAY 6: ALULA

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

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

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



ake the bullet train from Medina to Jeddah

#### DAY 7: MEDINA & BULLET TRAIN TO JEDDAH

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

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

#### DAY 8: JEDDAH

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

#### DAY 9: DEPART JEDDAH

This tour can easily be combined with our popular tour of Jordan - please see page 20 for details.

#### SECRETS OF SAUDI ARABIA



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

PRICES & DEPARTURES Departing Friday returning Saturday			
2024 DATES			
25 Oct - 02 Nov	£5,490	08 Nov - 16 Nov	£5,490
01 Nov - 09 Nov	£5,490		
2025 DATES			
07 Feb - 15 Feb	£5,890	24 Oct - 01 Nov	£5,890
14 Feb - 22 Feb	£5,890	31 Oct - 08 Nov	£5,890
21 Feb - 01 Mar	£5,890	07 Nov - 15 Nov	£5,890
17 Oct - 25 Oct	£5,890	14 Nov - 22 Nov	£5,890

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Explore the coastal city of Jeddah

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## TREASURES OF TURKEY



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- > Pay your respects to the fallen soldiers at Gallipoli, the site of the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign. Afterwards, raise a glass at sunset overlooking the Dardanelles – scene of so many conflicts including the great Trojan War.
- Visit archaeological sites that are not usually open to the public on your exclusive visit to the ancient Greek city of Magnesia.
- Embrace everyday life in Cappadocia as you enjoy a delicious lunch with a local family, get involved with the region's handmade pottery and enjoy tea in a traditional village home.



### ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO ISTANBUL Fly to Istanbul and transfer to your hotel in the heart of the city.

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Explore Istanbul's landmark sites. Visit the remains of the once mighty Hippodrome and marvel at the Blue Mosque's 2,500 stained glass windows before continuing to Hagia Sophia, the crowning achievement of the Byzantine Empire. Discover the mesmeric beauty of Topkapi Palace and its extraordinary treasures, then immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the Grand Bazaar. one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world.

#### DAY 3: BOSPORUS STRAIT

This morning, uncover Istanbul's hidden gems in the UNESCO-listed Fener and Balat districts. Walk through the colourful, labyrinth-like streets of these historical neighbourhoods. This afternoon, enjoy a private cruise along the Bosporus Strait, the waterway that divides Europe and Asia, to witness the city's minaret-studded skyline and its most famous sites from the water, including the dramatic Rumeli Fortress, Dolmabahce Palace and the sultan's former summer residence - Beylerbeyi Palace.

#### **DAY 4: GALLIPOLI PENINSULA**

Pay your respects to the fallen soldiers of the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign at the Cape Helles Memorial. A defining moment in the history of Australia and New Zealand, the tragic events that unfolded in Anzac Cove, Shrapnel Valley and Lone Pine marked the birth of the Anzac

spirit of courage, loyalty and friendship that continues today. Before dinner, raise a sunset drink overlooking the Dardanelles.

#### DAY 5: TROY & PERGAMON

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

#### DAY 6: EPHESUS & SIRINCE

Spend the morning exploring one of the ancient world's most famous cities. Remarkably well preserved, Ephesus is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and its roads, pavements, facades and enormous theatre paint a vivid picture of what everyday life in the ancient city might have been like. After lunch, explore the beautiful nearby village of Sirince. Taste some wine, sample the local olive oil and relax in the tranquil Turkish countryside.

#### DAY 7: ANCIENT CITY OF MAGNESIA

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

#### **DAY 8: PAMUKKALE**

Explore the ancient spa city of Hierapolis, where you can marvel at the spectacular







terraces of calcium pools cascading down the hillside. Founded during the Hellenistic period, the city later became a centre of worship for the Romans. Drive to Antalya in the afternoon, on Turkey's south coast.

#### DAY 9: ANTALYA

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

#### DAY 10: KONYA

This morning you'll drive inland onto the Anatolian Plateau to the traditional town of Konya, famous as the burial place of the Islamic mystic and poet Rumi, founder of the Order of the Whirling Dervishes. Visit the striking Mevlana Museum, home to the mausoleum of Rumi himself.

#### DAY 11: SULTANHANI CARAVENSERAI

Depart Konya for Sultanhani Caravanserai, a former resting point for the caravans that once travelled the famous Silk Road. This is the largest and best-preserved caravanserai in Turkey and one of the best examples of Anatolian Seljuk architecture. Continue to Cappadocia and visit the spectacular canyon of Ihlara. Later in the evening take in a Whirling Dervish performance at the historical Saruhan Caravanserai.

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Experience Cappadocia's fantastical topography and long history on a full day tour of the region. Admire the preserved rock-hewn churches of Goreme, then at Pasabag Valley marvel at the unusual rock formations. Later observe potters creating masterpieces from clay sourced from the shores of the Halys River.

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This morning, walk through the beautiful Soganli Valley, home to early Christian churches dating from the 9th to 13th centuries. Lunch today will be in a traditional Cappadocia village home, decorated with textiles and local flatweave carpets. Your hosts will prepare and serve a variety of traditional dishes, a unique experience and wonderful opportunity to spend some time with a local family. Enjoy the authentic Turkish dishes and warm hospitality before continuing to Kaymakli Underground City, a subterranean settlement that provided refuge for some of the world's earliest Christian communities.

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

#### DAY 15: ISTANBUL

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#### TREASURES OF TURKEY



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

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Transfer to Istanbul Airport for your flight home.





### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

 Experience the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Gallipoli

- ✓ Visit Istanbul's iconic landmarks
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#### Explore the rock formations of Cappadocia

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#### Experience the Anzac Day Memorial Service at Chunuk Bair

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#### DAY 5: VISIT ANCIENT TROY

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

#### DAY 6: ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

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

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#### TREASURES OF TURKEY: ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE



PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES 2024 Departing Saturday returning Tuesday

2025 Departing Sunday returning Wednesday

#### 2024 DATES 20 Apr - 07 May £4,390

#### **2025 DATES**

#### 20 Apr - 07 May £4,690

#### Flight and supplement information

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#### **DAY 18: DEPARTURE**

Transfer to Istanbul Airport for your flight home.

# PORTUGAL UNCOVERED

12 DAYS FROM £3,390 FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK ALL MEALS

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



## ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: FLY TO PORTO

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

#### DAY 2: EXPLORE PORTO ON FOOT Uncover Porto's most famous sights and its hidden treasures on a guided walking tour.

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

### **DAY 3: NORTHERN PORTUGAL**

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

#### DAY 4: VINHO VERDE

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

#### **DAY 5: GERES NATIONAL PARK**

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

#### DAY 6: THE DOURO BY RAIL AND SAIL

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

#### DAY 7: AVEIRO & COIMBRA

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









#### DAY 8: HISTORIC HEART OF PORTUGAL

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

#### DAY 9: RURAL ALENTEJO

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

## DAY 12: DEPARTURE

farewell dinner.



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#### DAY 10: PALACES OF SINTRA

Today visit the historic heart of Sintra, a fabulously romantic 19th-century hilltop town famous for its gardens and ornate villas and palaces. The whole area is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Later experience the evocative, atmospheric and deeply traditional music of Fado, with a dinner in one of Lisbon's Fado bars.

#### DAY 11: LISBON AND BELEM

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

Transfer to Lisbon airport for your flight home.



- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,190 (Porto Lisbon)
- Single room from £750
- Tipping paid locally US\$70

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# GO BEYOND TOURS

### For those who want to venture off the beaten track

Featuring lesser-known destinations and unique experiences that are tantalisingly off the tourist trail, our flexible and often more active Go Beyond tours are all about helping you to see and experience places that may not have made it onto other travellers' radars. On these tours, you may find yourself away from the comforts of home, but you'll be rewarded with unique culture, interactions with local people and unforgettable sights.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- International airfares
- 3 star plus 4 star accommodation
- Most meals
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees, guides and daily tours as stated
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

### UNDISCOVERED DESTINATIONS

We're proud of the fact that we really know our destinations, allowing us to offer tours that feature excursions to hidden gems and secret corners. If you're looking for a holiday that visits places that you thought were too hard to reach, or maybe haven't even heard of, these are the tours for you!

### SMALLER GROUPS

Exploring in smaller and more flexible groups, we often step off the beaten track and experience the authentic ways of life in the places you're exploring. We make that even easier for you by including cultural visits and local encounters that will put you right in the heart of the destination. In a smaller group you can interact more easily with local communities and discover fascinating cultures so different from our own.

#### EXPERT GUIDING

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?

## **KRUGER** TO CAPE **EXPLORED**



## TOUR TICKLIST

- Discover the wonders of the Panorama Route
- Search for the 'Big 5' in Kruger
- Feed ostriches in Oudtshoorn Taste renowned wines in scenic
- beauty
- Ascend Table Mountain for breathtaking views

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



## ITINERARY

#### DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG

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

#### DAY 3: APARTHEID MUSEUM

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

#### **DAY 4: PANORAMA ROUTE**

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

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

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

#### DAY 7: FLY TO GQEBERHA

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

#### DAY 8: TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK

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

#### DAY 9: DISCOVER KNYSNA

Today will be spent on the Featherbed Eco Experience, an adventure through this unspoiled reserve. It begins with a scenic ferry trip across the lagoon, followed by a guided tractor ride to the top of the western head, part







of the Featherbed nature reserve, for panoramic views. There'll then be a nature walk through the coastal forests to learn more about the region's unique flora and fauna, finishing off with a delicious lunch among nature. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B.L.D)

#### DAY 10: KNYSNA TO CAPE TOWN

From the coast, head inland en route to Cape Town, stopping at the fascinating Cango Caves for a walk through the magnificent underground chambers. Continue to nearby Oudtshoorn, famous for its ostriches, where vou'll embark on a tractor tour to meet the resident birds and dine on ostrich delicacies for lunch. Continue to Cape Town, passing through breathtaking scenery as you go. (B,L)

#### DAY 11: DISCOVER CAPE TOWN

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

#### DAY 12: EXPLORE THE CAPE PENINSULA

Start the day with an ocean safari around the Cape Peninsula, spotting lazing seals, a huge variety of seabirds and dramatic coastal landscapes. Then take a spectacular drive along Chapman's Peak (weather dependent),

a coastal road that hugs the mountains and gives sweeping views of the Atlantic. Head to Cape Point and look out over the meeting of the waters of the Indian and Atlantic oceans from the historic Cape Point Lighthouse. The final stop of the day is Boulders Beach where you can wander walkways that pass through a colony of delightful African penguins. (B,L)

#### DAY 13: TO THE WINELANDS

From Cape Town, embark on a tour of the renowned Cape Winelands, a region that is an absolute feast for the senses. Starting in Stellenbosch, tour the town before continuing to Franschhoek, where you'll spend some time at the historic Boschendal Wine Estate. Learn about the art of winemaking, taste some of their exquisite vintages before enjoying lunch at Haute Cabriere winery, offering views over the valley. Return to Cape Town and sit down to a final night dinner at Gold Restaurant, where you'll feast on a 14-course tasting safari and enjoy an immersive and authentic African experience. (B.L.D)

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

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

#### KRUGER TO CAPE EXPLORED



PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES			
2024 DATES			
17 Sep - 01 Oct	£4,990	15 Nov - 29 Nov	£4,990
02 Oct - 16 Oct	£4,990	28 Nov - 12 Dec	£4,990
2025 DATES			
13 Jan - 27 Jan	£5,490	08 Sep - 22 Sep	£5,790
10 Feb - 24 Feb	£5,490	13 Oct - 27 Oct	£5,790
10 Mar - 24 Mar	£5,490	10 Nov - 24 Nov	£5,790
31 Mar - 14 Apr	£5,490	24 Nov - 08 Dec	£5,790
Flight and supplement information			

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,190 (Johannesburg -Capetown)
- Single room from £900
- Tipping paid locally US\$180

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earch for lions in Greater Kruger National Park

# EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

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

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

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# DUBAI STOPOVERS

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

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Relax poolside with views of the Burj Al Arab

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## **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 of shops and restaurant options. The view from the rooftop pool is simply superb.



AMWAJ ROTANA HOTEL \*\*\*\* Located on 'The Walk', the Amwaj Rotana is well situated for shopping and entertainment. Within walking distance of the Arabian Gulf beaches,

restaurants and a wellness centre.

HILTON DUBAI JUMEIRAH HOTEL \*\*\*\*\* Ideally located on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the Hilton Dubai Jumeirah is where contemporary luxury meets the timeless charms the hotel facilities include an outdoor pool, five of the Arabian Gulf. Facilities include a spa and water sports.



## DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI Upon arrival in Dubai, you

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 shared tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before passing 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)

## **ESSENTIAL DUBAI**

#### 3 DAYS

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

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

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time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks – where the wares 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)

## **DUBAI & THE DESERT**

4 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides insight into Dubai's rich history. Also included is a desert safari where you spend the evening enjoying the entertainment as you feast on Arabic cuisine under the stars at a traditional Bedouin-style camp.

will be met by your driver

#### 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)



#### **DUBAI STOPOVERS**



es are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£290	£480
Superior	£350	£520
Deluxe	£410	£760

#### Price includes

• Accommodation (2 nights Dubai) • Meals as stated (B,L,D)

 Shared touring with guides and entrance fees

• Transportation as stated

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.



Head deep into the spectacular desert for a magical experience

ces are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£360	£570
Superior	£550	£930
Deluxe	£600	£1,050

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Dubai) • Meals as stated (B,L,D) • Transportation as stated
- Shared touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

## ROVOS RAIL & VICTORIA FALLS

## 7 DAYS

One of the world's most luxurious trains, step back into old-world opulence with three nights onboard the iconic Rovos Rail. With a romance that is unrivalled, you'll travel 1,400 kilometres from Pretoria to stand in awe before the majestic Victoria Falls. Passing through the spectacular landscapes of South Africa and then Zimbabwe, the train pauses for a game drive and a cruise on the Zambezi River, in what is one unforgettable and glamorous southern Africa adventure.

## Prices are from per person, based on low season CATEGORY TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLER Superior £3,580 £5,460

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (1 night Pretoria,
- 3 nights Rovos Rail Pullman Suite,
- 2 nights Victoria Falls)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees







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

## ITINERARY

DAY 1: PRETORIA Transfer to the hotel in Pretoria for your overnight stay. (D)

#### DAY 2: BOARD ROVOS RAIL

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

#### DAY 3: BULAWAYO

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

#### DAY 4: HWANGE RESERVE GAME DRIVE

Today you'll travel along one of the world's longest stretches of straight railway track,

at 114 kilometres, which runs along the border of Hwange National Park. Disembark the train for a thrilling game drive. Hwange is well known to be teeming with wildlife and has one of Africa's largest elephant populations and regular sightings of lions, leopards and cheetah. Back on the train, you can share your spots with your fellow passengers over after-dinner cocktails. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: ZAMBEZI RIVER SUNSET CRUISE

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

#### DAY 6: VICTORIA FALLS TOUR

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

#### DAY 7: DEPART VICTORIA FALLS

Check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)  $% \left( {{\rm{B}}} \right)$ 

## VICTORIA FALLS

## 4 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,320	£1,530

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Victoria Falls)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE VICTORIA FALLS

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

#### DAY 2: ZAMBEZI RIVER CRUISE

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

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

## UMHLANGA BEACH

## 6 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£490	£860
Deluxe	£770	£1,510

#### Price includes

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

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE DURBAN

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

#### DAYS 2-5: UMHLANGA AT LEISURE

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



#### SOUTH AFRICA STOPOVERS



#### DAY 3: VICTORIA FALLS TOUR

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

#### DAY 4: DEPART VICTORIA FALLS

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



There is a variety of restaurants, shops and cafes offering a vibrant shopping or dining experience with one of South Africa's largest malls close by. For birdlife enthusiasts why not visit The Umhlanga Lagoon Nature Reserve or the Umhlanga Rocks Lighthouse, the town's iconic landmark. (B)

#### DAY 6: DEPART UMHLANGA

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

# Flying in style

At Wendy Wu Tours, we pride ourselves on the strong relationships we have with our airline partners. We can offer you not only the most convenient flights to complement your tour, but the best value too. We believe that your flights are an essential part of your holiday experience, and so our carefully selected airlines offer the utmost comfort, allowing you to arrive relaxed, refreshed and raring to go! All of our tour prices include return international economy class flights, but if you're celebrating or just fancy treating yourself, upgrading your cabin class is a great option.



## ECONOMY CLASS

Offering a comfortable seat, in-flight entertainment and meal service, the Economy cabin varies little between airlines. You can expect to find the following:

- Legroom between 31 and 33 inches
- Personal screen with on-demand entertainment and headphones
- In-flight meals, catering for dietary requirements
- Complimentary baggage allowance



## PREMIUM ECONOMY

Some airlines offer a Premium Economy option on their international flights. With a dedicated cabin and more spacious seating. Premium Economy offers an improved experience over Economy, but without the price tag of Business Class. Perks of Premium Economy include:

- 1-2 extra inches of seat width, 2-3 inches of extra legroom and
- 2-3 inches extra seat recline
- Adjustable head rests, leg rests or lumbar support
- Larger personal screens
- Premium food service
- Increased complimentary baggage allowance



## **BUSINESS CLASS**

Found mostly on long-haul, international routes, those who upgrade to Business Class can expect significantly more comfort and amenities than Economy and Premium Economy. You'll have:

- A dedicated check-in and Business Class lounge access
- Fast track through airport security
- Varying greatly between airlines, Business Class seats range from recliner seats to flatbed seats to 'suites'
- Large personal screens and extra viewing options
- Premium dining and wine service
- Increased cabin crew to passenger ratio
- Extra baggage allowance
- Luxury amenity kit



## **FIRST CLASS**

Long-haul First Class is the ultimate travel luxury, with optimum levels of comfort and service on whichever airline you choose. You can expect:

- Dedicated check-in and fast track through airport security - Access to exclusive First Class lounges
- A flatbed seat or 'suite' with extra space and privacy compared to Business Class
- Exclusive cabin and more specialised service
- Premium dining and wine service
- Luxury amenity kit including pyjamas

## **Preferred Airline Partners**



**BRITISH AIRWAYS** Preferred Partner

## **BRITISH AIRWAYS**

Wendy Wu Tours is delighted to be a British Airways preferred partner, which means we can offer you its most competitive fares. You can fly direct from London Heathrow to Portugal, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan and South Africa, with a wide range of connecting regional flights from all over the UK. We recommend the extra space and comfort of BA's premium economy cabin, World Traveller Plus.





## VIRGIN

Virgin Atlantic operates direct flights from London Heathrow to South Africa and Israel. Renowned for its personal in-flight service, Virgin Atlantic offers choices of main meals, complimentary drinks, on-board wi-fi and has an excellent on-demand entertainment system that features hundreds of movies, TV shows, news updates and games.

Other airline partners in the Middle East include Royal Jordanian Airlines.

Note: Aircraft on board facilities differ between aircraft type and can be changed at short notice by the airline. When upgrading your seat, the advertised on board facilities are only guaranteed on the long-haul flight. On domestic or short-haul flights the configuration and facilities will differ to those on your long-haul flights.



## **TURKISH AIRLINES**

Turkish Airlines connects people to 340 destinations and is the only airline in the world which operates to more than 100 countries including 82 destinations in India and Asia. Passengers can experience an exceptional service onboard with comfortable seating in Economy and flatbed seats in Business on wide body aircraft. Guests will be served award winning catering services on all routes.



## SAUDIA

Saudia is Saudi Arabia's flagship carrier, connecting the Kingdom to more than 90 destinations worldwide. Saudia operates direct flights from London Heathrow to Rivadh and Jeddah, with connecting regional flights to Manchester and Birmingham. One of very few airlines in the world to achieve the APEX WORLD CLASS<sup>™</sup> award, Saudia takes great pride in its customer service and in-flight entertainment options. Saudia's Guest Class offers some of the most comfortable and spacious economy seats in the air today.

# 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

payment, we will send you a confirmation invoice within 24 hours

#### 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.co.uk, 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 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 around two weeks prior to departure. 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 and may not have all western amenities. 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 check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us.

#### Q. How do I get my visa?

A. We have a detailed visa section located on our website with comprehensive instructions on how to obtain a visa for the country you are visiting, this information can be found here https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-andadvice/passports-and-visas/

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

A. Your protection and safety are our main priority. That's why having adequate travel insurance is a condition of booking with us for all the destinations you plan to travel to. Your travel insurance policy must include comprehensive cover for COVID-19.

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

A. Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up to date information please refer to www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk and always seek your doctor's advice. See our Covid FAQ here https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-andvisas/covid-fags/

You may also need to comply with local requirements to be vaccinated for COVID-19 or to undertake COVID-19 tests.

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

A. Our group tours are graded on each page with a Physical Rating 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. Please contact us if you

require any advice. Our range of Private Tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

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

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

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

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

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

A. If you are joining one of our group tours on your own you can choose either 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 plus free access to an airport lounge and a drinks reception on arrival, or, if you prefer, you can pay the single room supplement on a regular departure and have a private room reserved for you. Another possibility is to choose our Happy to Share option, where if we can find you a share partner of the same gender, your single supplement will be removed from your booking. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival at the start of the tour. Happy to Share is on request when booking less than 75 days before departure. Alternatively a private room of your own is available on any of our tours at an extra cost.

#### 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 the Middle East, Europe and South Africa are such large and varied regions there will be drastic differences between and even within countries sometimes on the same tour. See individual tour pages and tour dossiers in this brochure for further information about the seasons and climate in each destination.

#### 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. 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 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.

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 items 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.

Road: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On smaller private tours we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party. There will also be some instances where smaller vehicles such as ieeps are used to access certain areas. If this is the case this will be stated in your itinerary.

Boats: In Egypt you will cruise the Nile on a 5 star 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 oriental shows.

#### 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. All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. Please note that in remote areas, meals may be simple and choices limited. Meals included in Private Tours are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. If you book a fully inclusive Classic Tour your first meal will be dinner on the day of arrival and will end with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals. and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

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## WHILE ON TOUR

#### Q. Are there shopping opportunities

**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

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

A. They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures or to visit sights at the best time of

#### Q. How do standards abroad compare

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 the UK. 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

#### Q. How does the tipping system work on

A. Tipping is expected in the Middle East, Europe and South Africa. 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

## Health & Safety

Your health, safety and well-being on holiday are of paramount importance to us. 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, the Wendy Wu Tours team carries out health and safety checks on accommodation, transport and excursions: and works with our destination partners and suppliers towards improving health and safety standards throughout the regions in which we operate. All travellers should be aware that safety standards vary across the different regions we visit and may not match the standards we enjoy in the UK. 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.

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.



# **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 a deposit and secure your booking from £350pp. Final payment is usually due 75 days before departure.



## 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.

#### BECOME A WENDY WU TOURS VIP

Our Wendy Wu VIP loyalty scheme will get you exclusive offers and updates before anyone else plus you'll move up membership levels with every new trip you book - which means bigger savings!

#### Bronze VIP

£100 per person discount When you book your 2nd Wendy Wu holiday

Silver VIP £150 per person discount When you book your

3rd Wendy Wu holiday

#### Gold VIP

£200 per person discount When you book your 4th or more Wendy Wu holiday

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

#### **RECOMMEND A FRIEND**

We'll send you a gourmet hamper as a thank you for the first booking we receive. Plus for every subsequent booking, we'll send you £50 worth of shopping vouchers.



#### WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd. Newhams Yard. 151F Tower Bridge Road, London, SE1 3JE, company number 05107061. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you confirm that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, the brochure and tour dossier and agree to be bound by them.

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make. provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. For tailormade holidays, please refer to the terms and conditions on our website. In these booking conditions, "you" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Limited.

#### 1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking ("lead name") must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all navments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate navments (see clause 4 "Payment" 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 name' or your Travel Agent. Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation 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 clause 8).

We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in guestion and you wish to use it - see clause 13) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

#### 2. Your financial protecti

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays. For flight- based holidays this is through our Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL number 6639) issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK, telephone 0333 103 6350, email claims@caa.co.uk. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive package\* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you, and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable) If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an

alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body. if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.\*The flights and flight-inclusive packages we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk. We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your package holiday does not include a flight, protection is provided by way of a bond held by ABTA The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9E0 www.abta.co.uk.

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages. We will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole. Additionally, as required by law, we have protection in place to refund your navments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that we become insolvent. More information on key rights can be found by visiting https:// www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111168479/contents.

#### 3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 1.21 USD and £1 to 1.14 FUR November 2023. We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking. Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not be subject to change.

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In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a non-refundable deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights 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. The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 75 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent. Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above - you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date. Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point. your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.Please note that on very rare occasions, errors may occur when inputting prices onto our website and systems. We regret that any contract entered into on the basis of a pricing error will be invalid. In the unlikely event that this situation arises, you will be given the option to pay the correct price or cancel with a full refund.

#### **BOOKING CONDITIONS**

#### 5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of travel, and contains a minimum of two blank pages, is required for travel for the majority of countries in our programme. As visa requirements are constantly changing, you must regularly check the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) website for the most up to date entry requirements. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK British Citizen passport holders and will be specified whether included on your confirmation invoice. If you hold any other British passport (British Subject, British National Overseas) or you are a non-UK passport holder or you reside outside of the UK, you will be required to obtain your own visas at your own expense. It is your responsibility to ensure the visa issued to you is correct. Whilst we include the cost of the standard visa application service in your tour price (for UK British Citizen passport holders), we will pass on any additional charges incurred for non-standard visa processing, or where visa charges are increased following publication of the brochure. Should your visa application be refused for any reason and you wish to cancel your booking the cancellation charges under clause 8 will apply. An express visa process is available for an additional cost depending on the country of visit. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a visa, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued. Responsibility for documentation accuracy. passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. Failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full. For the most up to date information on visa requirements for all destinations that we feature, please visit our website https://www. wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas/

#### Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance covering at least circumstances leading to the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas, including COVID-19 cover. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking. You will indemnify Wendy Wu Tours in respect of any assistance or payment made by us in these circumstances. Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions, including COVID-19 protection, in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.nathnac. org. Information on health can be found at www.nhs.uk and www. fitfortravel.nhs.uk. Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.gov.uk/ foreign-travel-advice which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

#### 7. If you wish to change your booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, we will endeayour to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the lead name on the booking or your Travel Agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge as set out below per person and any further cost we incur together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this alteration. Examples include:

- Minor amendments to the tour booked OR Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure OR Transferring between tours or changing departure date –  $\pounds50$
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 75 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets, where possible £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket

#### **BOOKING CONDITIONS**

You can transfer your booking to another person, who satisfies all the to 'unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances' (see below), conditions that apply to your booking, by giving us notice in writing as you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your soon as possible and no later than 7 days before departure. Both you and the new traveller are responsible for paying all costs we incur in making the transfer.

Once a booking is confirmed no changes are permitted otherwise than in accordance with these terms and conditions.

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package. You will be advised of any such non refundable charges prior to confirming your booking. Any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply. Note that only one change per booking is permitted. Any requests for changes to your booking must be emailed to operations@wendywutours.co.uk.

#### 8. If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing to our head office. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your letter. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

75 or more days	Retention of deposit
74— 42 days	30% including deposit
41 – 28 days	60% including deposit
27 — 15 days	90% including deposit
14 days or less	100% including deposit

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

#### 9. If we change or cancel your holiday

Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to any change in airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure.

#### If we change your holiday

Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements. Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours Change of resort
- · Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating.

If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options

(a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If the holiday is cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other available holidays. You must nay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean you paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or

(c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us. In addition, if you choose (a) or (b) above, and the change is not due arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change

Period before departure date	Compensation per fare paying
notification given by us	passenger (excluding children)
0—7 days	£50
8 – 14 days	£40
15-28 days	£30
29 – 42 days	£20
43 — 75 days	£10

#### If we cancel your holiday

If we have to cancel your booking we will not cancel less than 60 days before your departure date, except for unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, or failure by you to pay the final balance, or because the minimum number required for the package to go ahead hasn't been reached. Unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. The minimum number required will be provided to you with the holiday description, along with the time limit for us to tell you if the package has to be cancelled. If your holiday is cancelled you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an alternative holiday of comparable standard from us if we offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). No compensation will be payable and the above options for either a of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

> Please note, in the event of a cancellation, airline schedule change or change of departure airport, we are not liable to cover the cost of flights, trains or any form of transportation or any other expenses incurred by these changes.

#### 10. Our liability to you

(1) We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers). (2) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any

- of the following: • the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any
- member(s) of their party or • the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or
- unavoidable or
- 'Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances' as defined in clause 9 above.

(3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 11 "Excursions". In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract - and the laws, regulations and relevant standards of the country in which your claim

or complaint occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note. however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10 (1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care. (5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us. Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any uggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings. For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is three times the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday. (6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request. (7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

#### 11 Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of nformation given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as

these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/ or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

#### 12. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the arrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is 01888 288 288. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Please address all correspondence to customer@ wendywutours.co.uk. Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

#### 13 Arbitration

As ABTA members, we are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration and is approved by the Chartered Trading Standard's Institute. Further information on the Code of Conduct and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found at www.abta.com. You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/. This ODR platform is a means of notifying us of your complaint; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

#### 14. Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4) and 10(6)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

#### 15. Behaviour

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accent responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on Holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party's full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

#### 16. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, including dietary requirements, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from

the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours. We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests

#### 17. Fitness. Medical Conditions. Disabilities & Illness

Please note that Asia is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated 'physical rating' is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependant on your own health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and  $\!\!/$  or making the booking. Dietary allergy requests must be made at time of booking and will be passed on to the relevant supplier, but unfortunately we cannot guarantee these requests can be met and cannot be held responsible for any illness or death caused by food consumed as part of your tour package with us. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 9. If due to illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy medical requirements (for example compulsory vaccinations or testing) we or any of our suppliers refuse to transport or accommodate you, we may (acting reasonably) exclude you from commencing or continuing the trip. In this situation we will provide you with reasonable assistance to make alternative travel arrangements and where possible to rejoin your group when medically cleared to do so. This will be at your own cost and you should contact your travel insurance provider immediately. Note that we will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) under these circumstances.

#### 18 Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a "Community list" which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list\_en.htm.In.accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 "If we change or cancel your holiday" will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/ or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time. Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

19. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas

#### **BOOKING CONDITIONS**

point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our website, we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments etc. We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10(2) of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). In addition, we will not be liable for any delay unless it has a significant effect on your holiday arrangements. If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances. the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment. distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If your airline does not comply with these rules you may complain to the Civil Aviation Authority on 0333 022 1500 or by completing the relevant online form at www.caa.co.uk.

#### 20. Data privacy and protection

In order to process your booking and meet your requirements, we need to collect personal data from you and pass your personal details on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. Depending on what's required, the personal data we collect may include names and contact details, credit/debit card or other payment information and special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition which may affect holiday arrangements and any dietary restrictions which may disclose your religious beliefs ("sensitive personal data"). The person who makes the booking is responsible for ensuring that other members of your party are aware of our booking conditions and this privacy policy and that they consent to your acting on their behalf in your dealings with us.

In making your booking, you consent to personal data being passed on to the relevant suppliers and other third parties. We take appropriate technical and organisational measures which are intended to prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data,

By making a booking with us, you agree to allow your insurers, their agents and medical staff to disclose relevant information to us in circumstances where we may need to act in your interests or in the interests of everyone in any group with whom you are travelling. In accordance with current legislation and GDPR regulations our privacy policy is available at https:// www.wendywutours.co.uk/ help-and-advice/privacy-policy/. We would also like to hold your information (including any email address), where collected by us. for our own future marketing purposes (for example, to inform you of promotional/competition offers or to send you our brochure). Wendy Wu Tours Ltd. may wish to contact you by post, e-mail and/or telephone with news, information and offers on its holidays we may have available and for market research purposes. If you prefer not to be contacted for the purposes set out above then please contact the Data Protection Officer at the above web address. You can ont out of all communications at any time.

You are generally entitled to ask us what details of yours are being held or processed, for what purpose and to whom they may be or have been disclosed. Please identify any such enquiry as a Subject Access Request and direct your enquiry to a member of our Customer Services team, who will respond to you within one month. In certain circumstances we are entitled to refuse your request. If you believe that any of your personal data which we are processing is incorrect, please contact us immediately so it may be updated.

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- Comprehensive safety management on all holidays
- Outstanding guides
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Extensive range of group, private and tailormade holidays
- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Depart from many regional UK airports
- Visa service included
- 5-star TripAdvisor rating and Feefo Gold Award every year
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL & IATA
- Winner of industry's 'Best Long Haul Specialist Tour Operator' 13 years in a row

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