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In 1998, Wendy led her first tour group into China. Since then we have led thousands more all across Asia, establishing Wendy Wu Tours as one of the UK's leading escorted tour specialists. 19 years later, we are proud to introduce our brand new Worldwide Collection.

During those 19 years we've learned a lot about operating group tours, honed our knowledge and expertise and built up a reputation that is second to none – you just need to ask our legions of delighted customers and look at our numerous awards to see that we know what we're doing. We boast a huge range of innovative and exciting tours across Asia that will impress even the most discerning of travellers.

Now it's time for the next step – conquering the world! You can now travel all over the world with Wendy Wu Tours, on tours that have been created using the classic Wendy Wu Tours formula. You get all of our expertise, incredible value, authentic, pioneering touring and a world-class National Escort. It's time to explore the world Wendy's way.



Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

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Award Winning Expertise



THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

10 reasons why you should choose Wendy Wu Tours

1 No one knows Group Touring like we do

We've been sending travellers on innovative and authentic group tours for many years now, so no one knows group touring better than us. After extensive research and exciting trips to our new destinations, we are confident that the group tour experience that we offer around the world is everything you have come to expect from Wendy Wu Tours, if not better!



3 Industry-Leading National Escorts

All of our group tours are accompanied from beginning to end by a dedicated, knowledgeable National Escort. Our experienced teams across the world ensure that Wendy Wu Tours has a reliable presence on which you can always depend. We regularly receive letters that sing the praises of our in-country teams – their knowledge, warmth, supportive nature, passion and gentle humour is something we are genuinely very proud of.



4 We Love Solo Travellers

Our group tours are a great opportunity to share your experiences with like-minded people. We welcome plenty of solo travellers on our tours, and receive great feedback from them about the friendly and sociable atmosphere of our groups. Many of our travellers make life-long friends.



2 Authentic Experiences

Our extensive experience and expertise means that we have created itineraries that include all of the big, world-renowned sights as well as those little special extra places that are slightly off of the beaten track and aren't offered by everyone else.

We have been blazing trails into Asia for 19 years now, and are continuing to do the same across the world, creating tours that give you an authentic experience of the land you are exploring, such as vodka tasting in Russia and star-gazing at the foot of New Zealand's Mount Cook.



5 Hand-Picked Hotels

With over 19 years experience of taking people on wonderful holidays, we know what to look for when it comes to hotels. Our hotels are inspected regularly to ensure they reach our high standards of cleanliness, safety and comfort. We also pick the right hotel for the specific

destination, meaning your accommodation can range from a smart business hotel in one city, to a beautiful safari lodge out in the wilderness. Wherever you are staying you will have a peaceful and comfortable night's sleep in preparation for the next day's adventures.

6 Unrivalled Airline Choice

Unlike other operators, we have access to airfares from all the leading airlines, giving you the ultimate choice of flights which are convenient for where you live, offering stopovers where you want and the upgrades you require.



7 Travel in Comfort

The transport selected as part of your tour is intended to combine convenience and comfort with an enjoyably authentic travel experience. You will benefit from our seat-and-a-half policy on our coaches, allowing you to watch incredible scenery in comfort. Our Worldwide Tours are predominately conducted using air-conditioned coaches and mini buses.



8 Financial Security

With Wendy Wu Tours you are fully financially protected. We have both an ATOL license from the Civil Aviation Authority and we are a member of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA), so you can travel securely in the knowledge that everything is safe and sound.

9 Regional Flavour

Meals included in our tours are planned to give you a genuine taste of the regions we visit. We make sure that the food on our tours is safe, fresh, features minimal spice and includes plenty of vegetables. Breakfast is a combination of local and western food, usually served buffet style at the hotel you are staying in. Lunches and dinners generally consist of traditional cuisine and are served at a range of reputable local restaurants, or at your hotel. Highlights may include steak in Argentina, vodka in Russia and Peking Duck in China.

10 Our Great Value Fully Inclusive Tours

- ☒ Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges
- ☒ All accommodation
- ☒ All or most meals
- ☒ All transportation and transfers
- ☒ All sightseeing and entrance fees
- ☒ English speaking National Escort and local guides
- ☒ Visa fees for UK and EU Passport holders where applicable
- ☒ Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- ☒ Comprehensive tour dossiers and travel guides
- ☒ Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL and IATA

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, discretionary tipping and early check-in or late check-out (this cannot be guaranteed).

THE KEY TO OUR TOURS

Our tours are graded as **comfortable, moderate or active** to reflect the level of fitness required. Just look for the icons on the page.

Comfortable
Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. Tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.

Moderate
Tours require a higher level of fitness and many include standard activities and longer periods of sightseeing. Easy hikes, uneven ground and high altitude may feature.

Active
Tours require a good level of fitness, as they are physically more demanding. They may involve hiking and travel to high altitude areas where tourist facilities are less developed.

EXPLORE THE WORLD WITH WENDY WU TOURS

At Wendy Wu Tours, we've expanded our horizons. Now you can see some of the world's most breathtaking sights on our range of brand new, worldwide adventures, in destinations that stretch from the end of the world in Patagonia to Russia's Golden Ring.

1 LATIN AMERICA

Delve into the lush rainforests of Costa Rica, explore the enigmatic Galapagos Islands, discover the lost city of Machu Picchu and stand at the end of the world in Patagonia. All this infused with the rhythms and passion of the Latino culture.



2 SOUTHERN AFRICA

The wilds of Africa are unsurpassed, packed with beautiful animals and breathtaking, epic landscapes. Journey through South Africa, for wildlife, culture and wine, or delve into the diversity of Namibia, from colossal sand dunes to wildlife rich plains.



3 RUSSIA

This enigmatic nation has a rich history and heritage that is nothing short of intriguing to explore. Whether you want to float down the Volga River between Moscow and St Petersburg or explore the Golden Ring in depth, Russia will offer a true cultural adventure.



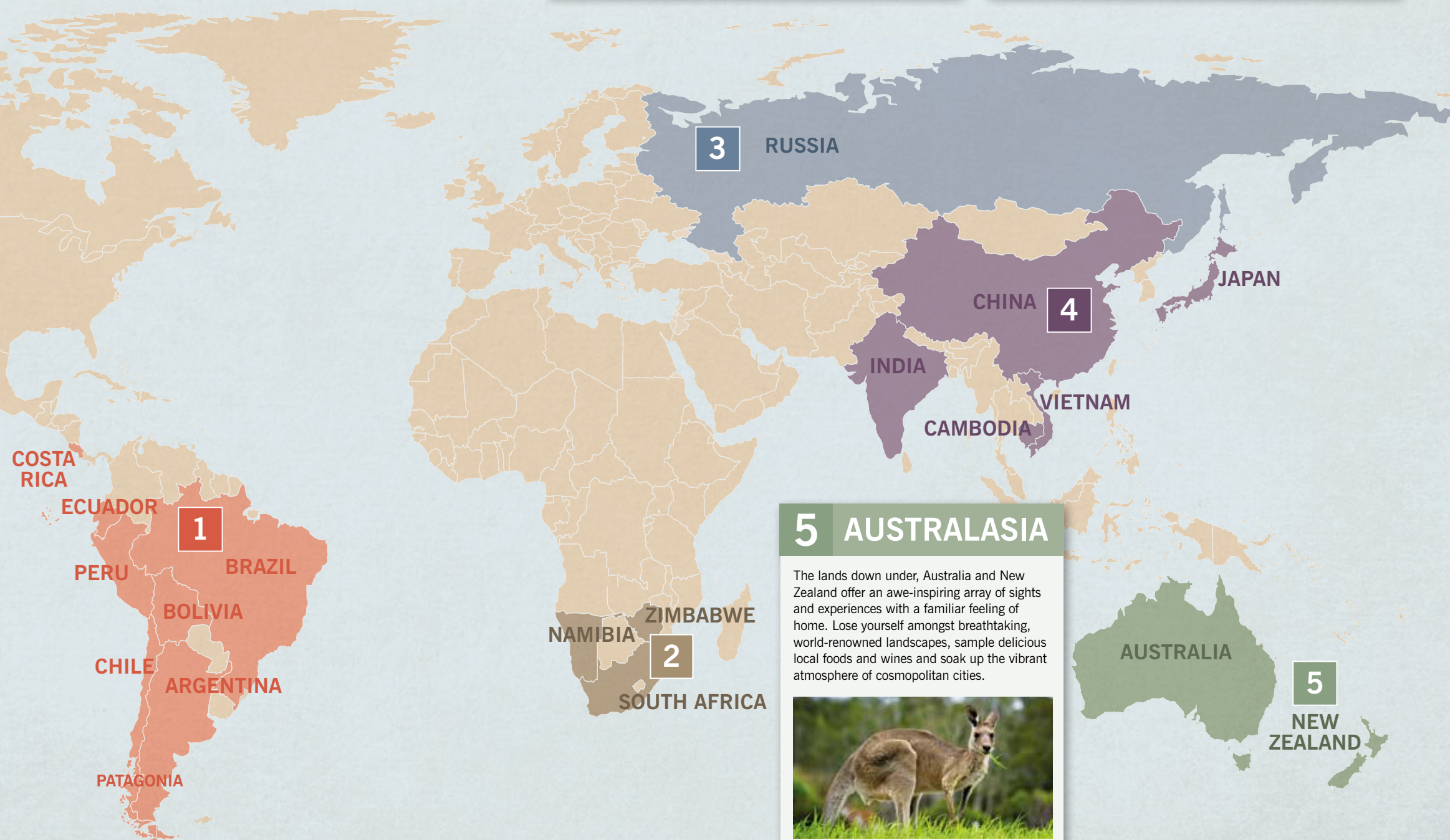
4 ASIA

A continent packed with great culture, great food and a great deal to explore, it's choosing which destination is for you that's the hard part. Explore China's ancient heritage, discover Japan's fascinating contrasts, revel in the colours of India or find peace in Southeast Asia.



5 AUSTRALASIA

The lands down under, Australia and New Zealand offer an awe-inspiring array of sights and experiences with a familiar feeling of home. Lose yourself amongst breathtaking, world-renowned landscapes, sample delicious local foods and wines and soak up the vibrant atmosphere of cosmopolitan cities.



YOUR TOUR GUIDES

Your guide is often the difference between a good holiday and a truly remarkable holiday. On all of our group tours you will be escorted by a dedicated National Escort for the entire duration of your trip. Their unrivalled knowledge, passion, experience and expertise will astonish you.

Award-Winning Local Expertise

Our guides are utterly committed to Wendy Wu Tours. We ensure that the individual tasked with the responsibility to keep you safe, happy, entertained and inspired is someone who you should have absolute trust in; and that they intimately understand the eccentricities of the local way of doing things. Our high standards are seamlessly communicated to our ground partners and fully maintained across the organisation.

All of our National Escorts go through rigorous and ongoing training and are completely fluent in English.

All our National Escorts

- Are experienced in guiding
- Are fluent in English
- Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- Above all they love to showcase their country and culture

TRAVELLERS' TALES

We love to hear your travel stories and holiday highlights – knowing that you love seeing the world just as much as we do drives us to achieve even higher standards!

Here are some of our favourites:



“Thank you Wendy Wu Tours for making my dream to see the Big 5 in South Africa come true.”

*Mrs and Mrs Bosley,
South Africa*

“First rate service from a company that is expert in its field.”

Mr and Mrs Liddell, Tibetan Wonders, May 2016

“Our guide was so knowledgeable and informative I feel like I know the whole of the history of the Incan Empire. Getting to go to Machu Picchu just topped it off perfectly.”

Mr Travis, South America



97% | customer service rating
(rated as good or excellent)

98% | tour experience rating
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“Everything was thought of and our guide was excellent. We loved Japan and Wendy Wu gave us a lovely trip.”

*Mr and Mrs Green,
Discover Japan, May 2016*



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LATIN AMERICA

Latin America may be packed with deserts, rainforests, mountains, glaciers and any other natural feature you'd care to think of, but it's not all about the incredible landscapes. Dig into an incredibly rich heritage and savour the fun, fiery and vibrant rhythm that pulses throughout the continent.

OUR TOP EIGHT LATIN AMERICA SIGHTS



NEW

ISLANDS & INCAS

The Galápagos Islands and Machu Picchu are two of the world's most incredible destinations. Discover them and delve into Ecuador and Peru's colonial capitals to fully experience the culture, history and nature of these two incredible nations.

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- South America's two iconic sights
- 4 nights in the Galápagos Islands
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▲ GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS



▲ GIANT TORTOISE



▲ BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY



▲ MACHU PICCHU



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Quito's UNESCO-listed colonial old town
- Meet the unique wildlife of the Galápagos archipelago
- Wander the old Incan capital of Cusco
- Stand in the midst of the lost city of Machu Picchu

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Quito

Fly overnight to Quito, the dramatically-situated and colonially-charming capital of Ecuador. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

■ Day 3: Explore Quito

Surrounded by mountain peaks, Quito is the world's highest official capital. The colonial old town is the city's pride and joy, and it is here that you'll start your tour. Explore the Plaza de la Independencia, flanked by the magnificent Government and Bishop's palaces. Marvel at the city cathedral and its museum, before heading to San Francisco Square to see the church, stopping en route at the intricate and ornate La Compania Church. Continue on to the Equatorial Line Monument where you can straddle the equator, standing with one foot in the northern hemisphere and one in the southern hemisphere.

■ Day 4: Fly to the Galápagos

Fly to Santa Cruz, the most developed island of the Galápagos archipelago, where you will spend the next four nights. In an isolated spot, 620 miles off the mainland, the Galápagos are best known for nudging Charles Darwin towards his theory of Natural Selection after he experienced the incredibly rich biodiversity of flora and fauna that call the

islands home. On arrival, stop in Santa Cruz's remote highlands to see a forest of endemic Scalesia trees and the Twin Craters. Continue to your hotel in Puerto Ayora. Later, visit the Charles Darwin Research Centre and learn about its important research and conservation work. Also meet the giant tortoises involved in the captive breeding programme.

■ Days 5-6: Explore the Galápagos by boat

You will spend the next two days exploring the unique and incredible nature of these enigmatic islands. Whilst out on tour you may see sea lions, marine iguanas, frigate bird colonies, blue-footed and Nazca boobies, lava lizards and a variety of endemic flora. You may also be able to snorkel the crystal clear waters, spotting green turtles, eagle rays and other marine life.

■ Day 7: Free day on the Galápagos

Today is free to spend as you wish, giving you time to explore Puerto Ayora and the surrounding area for yourself. There are also some beautiful beaches to relax on, or snorkel off.

■ Day 8: Into Peru

Fly to Peru's historical capital, Lima – a city founded in 1535 by Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro and the seat of Spanish rule for 300 years. Tonight, enjoy your first taste of Peruvian cuisine at a local restaurant.



▲ QUITO

■ Day 9: Discover Lima

This morning, enjoy a city tour of Lima, starting in the charming colonial centre with visits to the Plaza des Armas to admire the cathedral, Archbishop's Palace and City Hall. Head to the districts of San Isidro and Miraflores, finishing at 'Parque de los Enamorados', where there are great ocean views. Finally, admire the exhibits of the Larco Herrera Museum, a trove of pre-Columbian treasures.

■ Day 10: Enter the land of the Incas

Fly from Lima to Cusco. Home to an incredible Incan legacy, Cusco has some of the richest heritage in South America and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The tour will include visits to the Plaza de Armas, once the heart of the Incan capital of Huacaypata; and Qoricancha, the temple of the sun. Stroll down the Inca street of Loreto and marvel at the old Inca walls. Head just out of town to the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, from where you can get fantastic views back over the city.

■ Day 11: The Sacred Valley

The Sacred Valley, also the Urubamba Valley, is home to colonial towns, Incan citadels and beautiful scenery. Beginning in the charming town of Pisac, visit the excellent market to both mingle with the locals and to browse the plentiful Peruvian handicrafts, then see the fascinating terracing techniques at the Pisac ruins. This afternoon, meet a typical Inca community at Ollantaytambo. Above the town is an old Incan

fortress, whilst there is also an area of wonderfully preserved houses, both of which you can explore. Travel back to Cusco.

■ Day 12: Machu Picchu

Transfer to Ollantaytambo to board the train that will take you through the mountainous landscapes to the small town of Aguas Calientes. From here you will ascend to the Incan citadel of Machu Picchu. Stumbled upon by Hiram Bingham in 1911 after it had been long abandoned, it is considered by many to be a wonder of the world. A guided tour will give you some insight into the Inca Empire. Return to Ollantaytambo by train and transfer back to Cusco.

■ Days 13-14: Fly Cusco via Lima to UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.



▲ SAN FRANCISCO SQUARE

NEW

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▲ TORRES DEL PAINE

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- Chile – from top to bottom
- Barren deserts and alpine expanses
- The Latino charms of Buenos Aires

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▲ VALPARAÍSO, CHILE



▲ PERITO MORENO GLACIER, ARGENTINA



▲ SALAR DE ATACAMA, CHILE



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the bleak beauty of the Atacama Desert and Salt Lake
- Stand at the end of the world
- Explore the majestic nature of the Torres del Paine
- Marvel at the sheer scale of the Perito Moreno Glacier
- Watch a tango show

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Santiago

Fly overnight to Santiago, Chile's energetic and cosmopolitan capital. Embark on a city tour which will allow you to experience the eclectic contrasts of the city. Starting in the downtown, pass through Santiago's oldest residential area and head along the Alameda to reach the heart of the city. Admire the Plaza de Armas and cathedral before studying the interesting architecture of the Central Market. Explore bohemian Bellavista and ascend San Cristobal Hill for views over the city and the towering Andes Mountains. Return to the hotel via the modern residential district to see the contrasting architecture.

■ Day 3: Valparaíso and Viña del Mar

Take a day trip to the coast today to visit the bohemian port town of Valparaíso and the charming garden city of Viña del Mar. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2003, Valparaíso is a unique and delightful tangle of a place, full of colourful houses, funicular lifts and beautiful graffiti. Viña del Mar on the other hand is a manicured seaside resort with wide boulevards and lovely beaches, a fascinating contrast. Return to Santiago.

■ Day 4: Travel to San Pedro de Atacama

Transfer to the airport and fly to the northern city of Calama, from where you will drive to the

desert oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama. Timed perfectly for sunset, drive out to Moon Valley, named for the similarities its landscapes share with earth's satellite. With lonely volcanoes populating the horizon, sit and enjoy the silence as the sun's dying rays turn the hues of the rock from orange, to red to purple.

■ Day 5: Salar de Atacama

Spend the day exploring the otherworldly Salar de Atacama, the largest salt flat in Chile. Journey under the watchful gaze of barren mountains, passing salt lakes full of flamingos, to reach Miscanti and Miñiques lagoons, which sit on the high plains at the base of two colossal volcanoes of the same names. The lagoons are astonishingly blue, whilst the salt deposits around the waters' edges are brilliantly coloured, making for a kaleidoscopic experience!

■ Day 6: El Tatio Geysers

Rise early to travel deeper into the Atacama to visit El Tatio. Set within a ring of volcanoes, there are about 80 lively geysers and fumaroles, which are at their best at sunrise. Keep an eye out for the wild, llama-like vicuñas as you journey to and from San Pedro.

■ Day 7: Punta Arenas

Transfer back to Calama and fly to the town of Punta Arenas, which sits at the end of continental South America, on the Straits of Magellan. Enjoy a short city tour, which will take you along the main street, the Avenida Independencia, to the viewpoint



▲ PLAZA DE ARMAS SQUARE, SANTIAGO

Cerro La Cruz, from where you'll be able to look out over the colourful roofs of the town, across the Straits of Magellan to the Tierra del Fuego beyond. Travel on to Puerto Natales, the lively, picturesque town that is the gateway to the Torres del Paine.

■ Day 8: Explore the Torres del Paine

Patagonia may be a spectacular destination in general, but it is the Torres del Paine National Park that steals the crown. Packed with waterfalls, lakes, glaciers and jagged peaks, the park's best known view is of the jagged granite towers from which the park takes its name. Spend the day amongst this breathtaking example of resplendent nature.

■ Day 9: Into Argentina

Depart Puerto Natales for the Argentina border. Transfer to the charming village of El Calafate, set prettily on the shores of Lago Argentino.

■ Day 10: Perito Moreno Glacier

Travel from El Calafate into Los Glaciares National Park, an area that encompasses a vast chunk of the Patagonian Continental Ice Field. Here you will visit the 30-kilometre-long, 5-kilometre-wide and 60-metre-high Perito Moreno Glacier. This juggernaut of ice is constantly in motion, moving at a speedy two metres a day. Huge chunks of ice regularly collapse with great spectacle into the lake below. It is a thrilling and majestic sight to behold.

■ Day 11: The End of the World

Transfer to the airport and fly to the city of Ushuaia. Sat on the edge of the Tierra del Fuego, facing the waters of the Beagle Channel, Ushuaia is considered the world's southernmost city, and has dubbed itself the 'End of the World'.

■ Day 12: Tierra del Fuego National Park

An exposed, barren archipelago, the Tierra del Fuego is at once picturesque, temperamental and mysterious. Wander amongst the lakes, peat bogs and rivers and admire the incredible views over the snow-capped mountains on the horizon. Continue on to Lapataia Bay passing the Green and Black lagoons. This afternoon, board a catamaran to cruise on the Beagle Channel. Gaze over the wild landscapes and spot sea lions speeding through the water and cormorants, albatrosses, skuas and petrels wheeling on the breeze.

■ Day 13: Fly to Buenos Aires

Transfer to the airport and fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital and a city that irresistibly combines Latin flair and European elegance.

■ Day 14: Buenos Aires city tour

Today's city tour starts at the heart of the city, with visits to the Casa Rosada, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the mausoleum of General San Martin, a national hero. The tour continues into some of the city's barrios including the faded grandeur of old San Telmo, the lively and colourful La Boca, cosmopolitan Palermo and historical and affluent Recoleta, where you will visit the famous cemetery with its magnificent tombs. Later sit down to the ultimate Argentine experience, a dinner and tango show. Performed at one of the city's famous tango houses, savour the nostalgia and melancholy of a dance that was developed by European and African immigrants in the poorer quarters of the city.

■ Days 15-16: Fly Buenos Aires to UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

NEW

COLOURS OF COSTA RICA

A haven of biodiversity and a leader in sustainability, Costa Rica has plenty to boast about. Discover its incredible nature and easy-going charms as you flit from bountiful national parks, passing under the watchful gaze of Arenal to beautiful beaches and lush rainforests.

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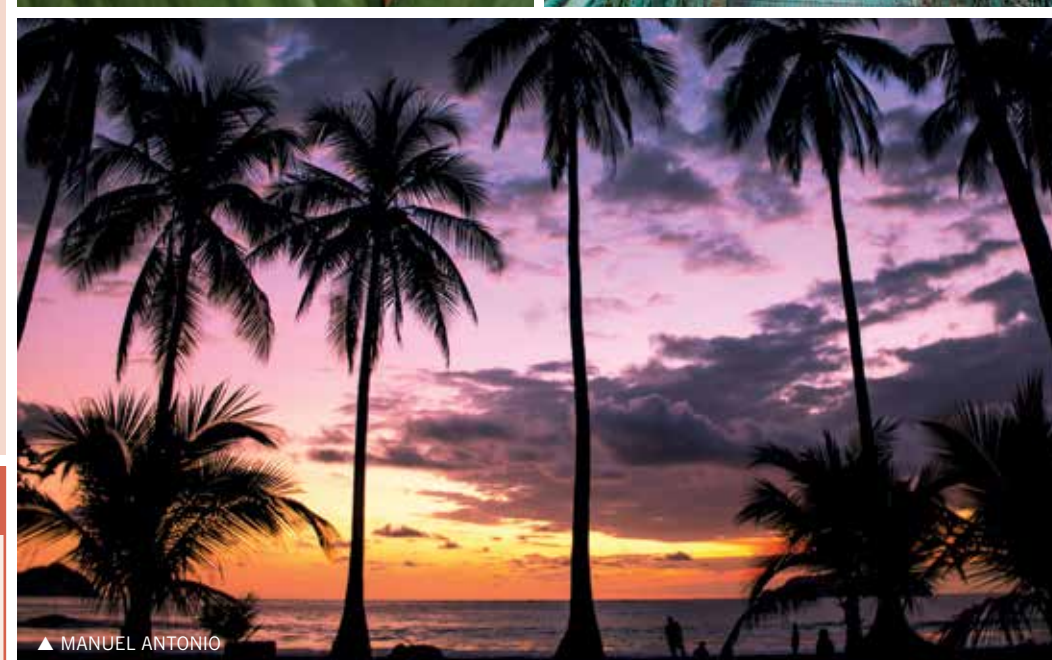
▲ ARENAL VOLCANO



▲ TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK



▲ MONTEVERDE



▲ MANUEL ANTONIO



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the jungle, waterways and beaches of Tortuguero
- Explore rainforest in the shadow of Arenal Volcano
- Trail the elusive quetzal in Monteverde Cloudforest
- Fly through the canopy on the Rainforest Aerial Tram

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to San José

Fly to San José and transfer to Santa Ana. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

Day 2: Poás Volcano National Park

This morning, head out of the city to explore Poás Volcano National Park. Located just an hour and a half from San José, the area is home to the 2,700 metre Poás Volcano. Wander the well-kept trails that encircle Poás' two craters, passing through luxuriant cloud forest and admiring the steaming blue pool that has settled in one of the enormous depressions. Return to Santa Ana via the La Paz Waterfall Gardens, a 70-acre natural paradise. Two miles of trails wend their way through native flora in forests, gardens and five waterfalls – keep your eye out for a multitude of fascinating wildlife.

Day 3: Travel to Tortuguero Village

Transfer to San José Dock and take a boat to Tortuguero. Only accessible by boat or plane, Tortuguero exudes a relaxed Afro-Caribbean vibe and is famous for Green Turtles that nest here - Tortuguero even means 'turtle catcher'. Spend the afternoon in the village, with the jungle and waterways on one side and on the other, blissful Caribbean beach.

Day 4: Explore Tortuguero

The Tortuguero area is full of biological diversity, with habitats including rainforest, swamp and lagoon. The beaches are a nesting ground for Green Turtles between July and September, whilst the rivers are home to caimans, crocodiles and manatees and the forest boasts jaguars, sloths, monkeys and 375 species of birds. Exploring it will be a real adventure! This morning walk the trails around your hotel, and in the afternoon take a boat trip on the area's waterways.

Day 5: Travel to Sarapiquí
Depart Tortuguero by boat. After lunch at a local restaurant, journey to Sarapiquí at the heart of Costa Rica's northern lowlands, nestled amongst lush rainforest. Check in to your rainforest lodge accommodation and settle in.

Day 6: Chocolate Tour
Embark on a tour dedicated to chocolate at La Tirimbina. Crossing the suspension bridge, visit a former cacao-tree plantation where you'll learn about the history of the tree and its lucrative fruit. Watch the chocolate-making process first-hand and have a taste of the final product. The chocolate is produced by the Asociacion de Mujeres Amazilia del Caribe, a group of local women who are working to improve their lives through social enterprise and to rescue the native cacao tree. Transfer by road to the Arenal area, named after the magnificent Arenal Volcano.

Day 7: Mistico Park Hanging Bridges

In the shadow of Arenal, the Mistico Park gives a whole new perspective of the rainforest with a series of suspension bridges at canopy level. As you walk through the trees, you'll be able to spot all sorts of wildlife, birds, flowers and vegetation. Spend the day walking the easy trails and taking in your beautiful natural surroundings.

Day 8: Monteverde by Lake
Depart Arenal and voyage across Arenal Lake to the little town of Rio Chiquito. This lake is Costa Rica's largest, especially since it tripled in size with the construction of the Arenal Dam in 1979. The views of Arenal volcano as you cruise will be fantastic. Transfer the rest of the way to Monteverde by road and enjoy an afternoon tour of the Don Juan coffee estate. Here you'll learn all about the coffee making process, from harvest to processing, and the humble coffee bean itself.

Day 9: Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve

Spend a full day exploring the natural wonders of the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve with a guide. This reserve covers 26,000 acres of virgin forest which a huge amount of Costa Rica's native flora and fauna call home. Cloud Forest is a highland rainforest, characterised by the clouds and fogs that settle in the lush canopy – the humidity here hovers at around 100%! The reserve shelters jaguars, pumas and over 450 species of bird, including the quetzal.

Day 10: Travel to Manuel Antonio
Travel down from Monteverde to the lush lowlands and dazzling

white sands of the Pacific coast. Here, set amongst verdant nature is the oceanside village of Manuel Antonio where you will spend the next two nights.

Day 11: Manuel Antonio National Park

Enjoy a guided tour of Manuel Antonio National Park, Costa Rica's most protected area. There is a huge range of breathtaking flora and fauna here – as you stroll the park's trails, keep an eye out for white-faced capuchin monkeys, raccoons and a range of beautiful bird species. There'll also be time to have a dip in the warm Pacific waters.

Day 12: Day at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in Manuel Antonio.

Day 13: Carara National Park
Depart Manuel Antonio and begin the journey back to San José, stopping en route at the Carara National Park. Enjoy the diverse nature of a transitional forest, a mix of dry tropical reserve and humid jungle created by changes in topography. It is home to many mammals and plant and tree species as well as the rare Scarlet Macaw. Arrive in San José.

Day 14: Rainforest Aerial Tram
Today you will glide gently through the rainforest canopy aboard the Rainforest Aerial Tram, located in a private reserve. The tram travels at a leisurely 2 kilometres an hour, coverings 2.6 kilometres, giving you the chance to examine the many layers of the rainforest canopy and the flora and fauna that call it home.

Days 15-16: Fly San José to UK

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- Stand in the midst of spectacular Machu Picchu
- Hear the roar of Iguacu Falls
- Feel Rio's laidback vibes
- Cruise the fascinating Lake Titicaca
- Discover dynamic Buenos Aires
- Explore breathtaking La Paz

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly to Lima

Fly to Peru's historical and sophisticated capital Lima. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day is at leisure.

■ Day 2: Lima city tour

This morning, enjoy a city tour of Lima, visiting the Plaza des Armas to admire the cathedral, Archbishop's Palace and City Hall. Explore the San Francisco Monastery, including the catacombs, finishing at 'Parque de los enamorados', where there are great ocean views. Transfer to Lima's airport and fly to the Andean city of Cusco.

■ Day 3: Cusco city tour

Home to an incredible Incan legacy Cusco has some of the richest heritage in South America and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The tour will include visits to the Plaza de Armas, once the heart of the Incan capital of Huacaypata; and Qoricancha, the temple of the sun. Head just out of town to the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, from where you can get fantastic views back over the city. The rest of the day is at leisure.

■ Day 4: Machu Picchu

Getting on the train at Ollantaytambo, travel through the mountainous landscapes to the small town of Aguas Calientes. From here you will ascend to Machu Picchu. Stumbled upon by Hiram Bingham in 1911 after it had been long abandoned, it is considered by many to be a wonder of the world. A

guided tour will give you an insight into the Inca Empire. Return to Ollantaytambo by train and transfer to your hotel in the Sacred Valley.

■ Day 5: Sacred Valley

The Sacred Valley, also the Urubamba Valley, is home to colonial towns, Incan citadels and beautiful scenery. Beginning in the charming town of Pisac, visit the excellent market to both mingle with the locals and to browse the plentiful Peruvian handicrafts, then see the fascinating terracing techniques at the Pisac ruins. This afternoon, meet a typical Inca community at Ollantaytambo. Above the town is an old Incan fortress, whilst there is also an area of wonderfully preserved houses, both of which you can explore. Travel back to Cusco.

■ Day 6: Travel to Puno

Leave Cusco and head across the Peruvian altiplano, passing Andean peaks and crossing La Raya Pass, 4,335 metres above sea level, to reach the town of Puno on Lake Titicaca. Stops en route will include the towns of Andahuaylillas and Pucara and the ruins of Racchi. On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

■ Day 7: Lake Titicaca

Travel along the shores of the lake and over the border into Bolivia, to the town of Copacabana. Visit the shrine of the Virgen de Copacabana before cruising out to Moon and Sun islands, where you'll explore a wealth of Incan relics. Cruise on to Huatajata where you'll visit the Andean Roots Eco Village to learn about the culture of the region and to meet some more of Bolivia's



▲ LAKE TITICACA

residents – vicuñas, llamas and alpacas. Later, visit a Kallawayas, a natural healer, before a night time visit to the Native Observatory Alajpacha to study the skies of the southern hemisphere.

■ Day 8: La Paz city tour

Transfer from Huatajata to La Paz. On arrival you will embark on a city tour that will include the spectacular formations of the Moon Valley, the mystical Witch Doctor's Market, San Francisco Church, Killi Killi lookout point and the Presidential Palace. This evening watch a 'peña' show where you can enjoy dances and music from all over Bolivia.

■ Day 9: Buenos Aires city tour

Transfer to the airport and fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital and an irresistible combination of Latin flair and European elegance. Today's city tour will take you to some of the city's most colourful and cosmopolitan neighbourhoods including San Telmo, La Boca, Palermo and Recoleta. Later take part in the ultimate Argentine experience with a night of creating your own empanadas, eating the world's best steak and learning Argentinian gestures and the etiquette of mate tea.

■ Day 10: Buenos Aires

Today is a day of leisure where you can relax, further explore the city or take part in an optional excursion out into the countryside to spend the day soaking up the gaucho culture at the estancia Santa Susana.

■ Day 11: The Parana Delta

A town situated in Greater Buenos Aires, Tigre sits on the Parana Delta, an area of rivers and streams packed with marinas, Belle Époque mansions and rowing clubs. Spend some time travelling through the channels and see the sights on a boat excursion. This evening there is an optional excursion to one of

the famous tango houses for dinner and a tango show.

■ Day 12: Foz do Iguaçu

Depart Buenos Aires for the airport and fly to Puerto Iguazu before popping over the border to Foz do Iguaçu in Brazil. The rest of the day is at leisure.

■ Day 13: Iguazu Falls

Iguazu Falls spans the border of Argentina and Brazil and features hundreds of rushing cascades, set in a lush rainforest scene. First you'll be visiting the Brazilian side of the falls, walking along the paths and catwalks that will get you up close to the waters before hopping back into Argentina to see the falls from a different perspective. Whilst here you'll take the Ecological Jungle Train to the viewpoint for one of the falls' most impressive points – the Garganta del Diablo.

■ Day 14: Travel to Rio de Janeiro

Depart Foz do Iguaçu for the airport to fly to Rio de Janeiro, the 'Marvellous City'. On arrival, transfer to your hotel just a five-minute walk from the famous Copacabana Beach. This evening there is an optional extra sunset tour of the city which visits the main sights, finishing at Sugar Loaf Mountain.

■ Day 15: Christ the Redeemer

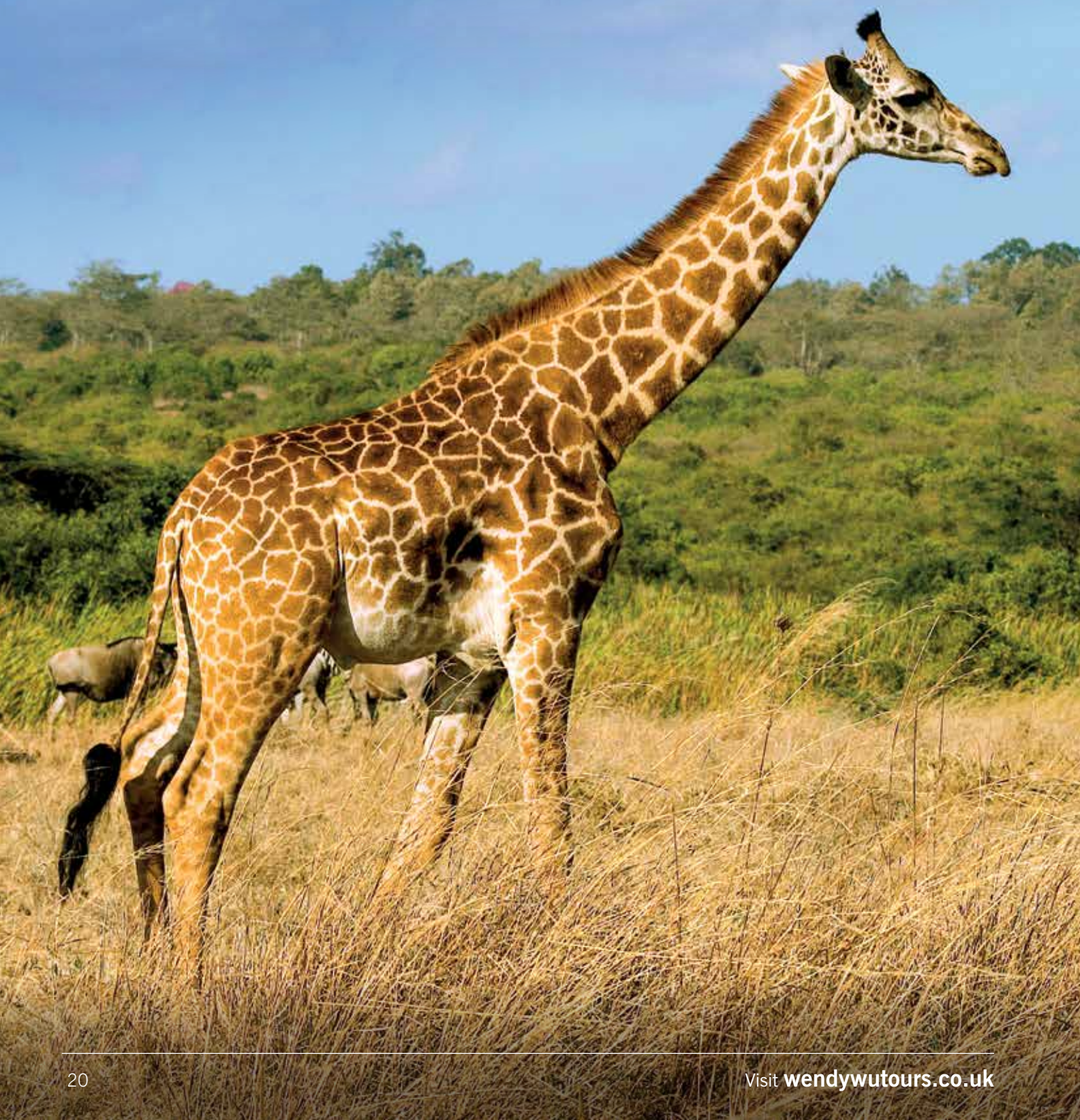
Leave the hotel for Cosme Velho Station. Board the cog train that ascends the Corcovado Mountain, on the peak of which Christ the Redeemer watches over the city. Emerging from the top terminus, you'll find Rio laid out at your feet, with views over the city proper to the beaches and beyond to the islands that dot the bay. Descending by train, the tour concludes with a visit to some of Rio's beautiful beaches.

■ Days 16-17: Fly Rio to the UK.

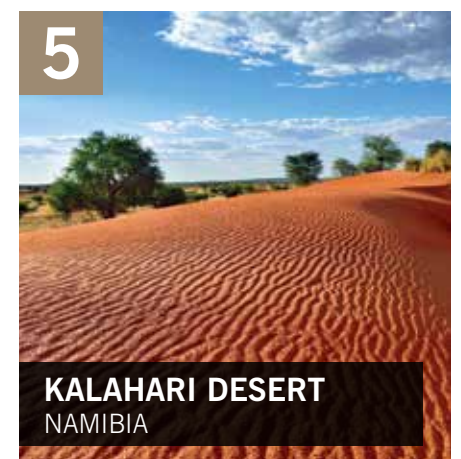
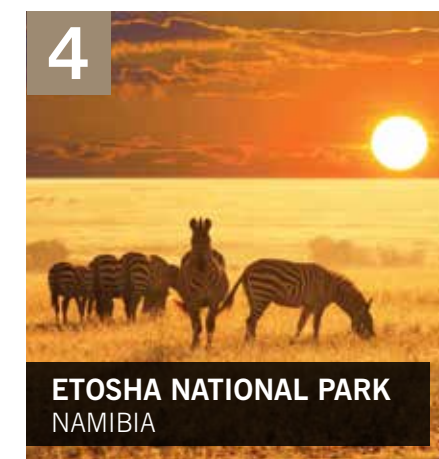
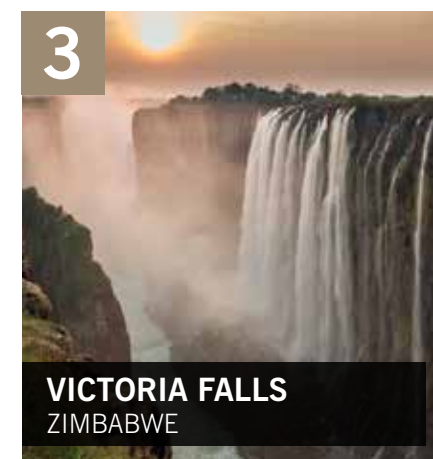
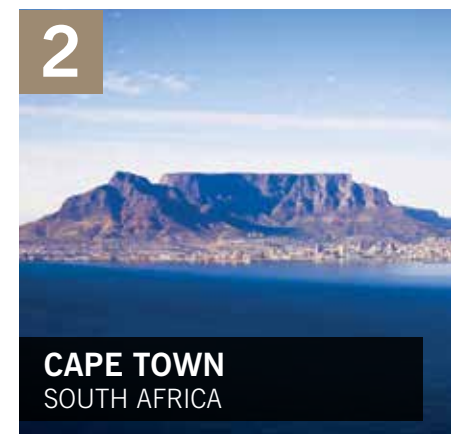
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive through the spectacular Kalahari Desert
- Stand amongst the Namib's colossal dunes
- Cruise Walvis Bay and the Skeleton Coast
- View prehistoric rock art
- Spot game in Etosha

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Windhoek

Fly overnight to Namibia's capital, Windhoek. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day will be at leisure.

■ Day 3: Discover the Kalahari Desert

Depart Windhoek and head south into stark, sand-covered plains of the Kalahari. Arrive at your accommodation and embark on a scenic drive through the magical landscapes, passing crimson dunes, lush vleis and an abundance of wildlife, which could include gemsbok, zebra, wildebeest and an array of birdlife.

■ Day 4: Gondwana Canyon Park Sundowner

Leave for Fish River Canyon, savouring the beauty of the pristine landscapes as you continue further south. This afternoon, explore the Gondwana Canyon Park on a sundowner drive, examining the fascinating geology of this semi-desert as you keep an eye out for the local wildlife, which includes small populations of kudu, oryx and ostrich, before finding the perfect spot to enjoy the sunset.

■ Day 5: Views of Fish River Canyon

This morning, stand awestruck before the magnificent Fish River Canyon. One of the world's largest canyons, it is 550 metres deep, 27 kilometres wide and

160 kilometres long, and a colossal sight! Take a scenic drive to the viewpoint at Hobas where, standing close to the edge of the precipice, you can get a breathtaking overview. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of the lodge.

■ Day 6: Into the Namib Desert

Leave the Fish River Canyon behind and travel to Sossusvlei, in the south of the mighty Namib Desert. Your lodge is located in the Naukluft Mountains – settle into this spectacularly located accommodation with an afternoon at leisure.

■ Day 7: Sossusvlei Salt Pan

Spend the day in the midst of some of the world's highest sand dunes, visiting the otherworldly Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei. Both are salt and clay pans, which are very occasionally full of water, but are most likely to be a splash of white amongst the red sands. Dead Vlei once had enough water to support trees – what's left creates a wonderfully artistic effect. Swing by the Sesriem Canyon for a walk through its jagged formations before returning to the lodge for a sunset drive through the Naukluft Mountains.

■ Day 8: Travel to Swakopmund

Travel north to the historic, seaside town of Swakopmund, via the spectacular Kuiseb and Ghaub passes. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour of German South West Africa, Swakopmund quirkily combines Namibian



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and German influences with an easygoing atmosphere. Tonight, tuck into Namibian flavours at a local restaurant.

■ Day 9: Walvis Bay and the Skeleton Coast Cruise

This morning, climb onboard a catamaran for a cruise that takes in both the wildlife haven of Walvis Bay and the desolate Skeleton Coast. Voyage out to the offshore oyster farms, spot seals lazing on the beach, and keep an eye out for dolphins, leatherback turtles and even whales. Your backdrop throughout will be the wild and bleak Skeleton Coast with the dunes of the desert stretching out behind it. Enjoy a light lunch, including oysters and a glass of sparkling wine as you sail. Return to Swakopmund, where the rest of the day is at leisure for you to experience the charms of the town.

■ Day 10: Transfer to Damaraland

Continue your Namibian adventure by journeying on to Damaraland. A huge, untamed and rugged area with ancient roots, the scenic landscapes are striking, with open plains and spectacular rock formations filling the horizon. On arrival at the lodge, the rest of the day will be at leisure.

■ Day 11: Prehistoric Rock Art

Venture out into the heart of Damaraland for a day of exploration. Start at Twyfelfontein to see the ancient rock engravings. The area was inhabited over 6,000 years ago by hunter-gathers and then tribes of herders who left behind Africa's largest concentration of petroglyphs. Carry on to two incredible geological features, Burnt Mountain and the Organ Pipes, and learn about how they were created.

■ Day 12: Etosha National Park

This morning, transfer to the edge of Etosha National Park. Spend the rest of the day relaxing at the camp-style accommodation, which has a waterhole and view point for exceptional wildlife spotting.

■ Day 13: Etosha Game Viewing

Spend the full day out on safari in Etosha National Park. Surrounding a massive salt pan which has created a vast, open expanse, Etosha provides a home to a huge variety of animals including critically endangered black rhinoceros, elephants, leopards, cheetah, zebra, lions...the list goes on and on! This is one of Africa's premier game reserves, so today will be unforgettable.

■ Day 14: Erindi Private Game Reserve

Head up into the cool of the central highlands for your final day in Africa. You will be staying in the Erindi Private Game Reserve, an area of pristine wilderness, packed with exciting creatures to spot. On arrival at the lodge, the rest of the day is at leisure. Head up to the viewing deck for views over the savannah – the perfect place to spot passing game, and savour your last night in Namibia's wilderness.

■ Days 15-16: Fly Windhoek to UK

Transfer back to Windhoek and proceed to the airport. Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

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- ITINERARY
- Days 1-2: Fly to Johannesburg

Fly overnight to Johannesburg. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day will be at leisure.
- Day 3: Johannesburg city tour

Take a tour through some of Johannesburg's most fascinating sights. Visit the colourful township of Soweto, an area full of historical interest as the former home of Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu. Back in the city continue your walk through South Africa's contemporary history at the excellent Apartheid Museum, which explains the history of apartheid right up to abolition and the country's first multi-racial democratic elections.
- Day 4: The Panorama Route

Depart Johannesburg travelling towards Kruger National Park via the Panorama Route. An area of great scenic beauty, the highlight is the Blyde River Canyon, a 20-mile long gorge that carves its way through the Drakensburg Escarpment – you'll drive along its rim, passing evocatively named places such as God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes. In the late afternoon, arrive at your hotel close to the entrance of Kruger National Park.
- Day 5: Kruger National Park

Rise with the sun to venture out into the savannah to the sounds of the dawn chorus. In
- an open-air safari vehicle, you'll have the perfect vantage point from which to explore what is considered one of the world's greatest reserves. Spend the day on the lookout for some of South Africa's most iconic beasts, from elephants and hippos, to lions and leopards. Returning to the hotel, the rest of the afternoon is at leisure with the option of embarking on an evening safari.
- Day 6: Swaziland

Start the morning with another safari into Kruger before you pop over the border into the Kingdom of Swaziland to spend the day amongst its spectacular landscapes and fantastic scenery. You'll feel the pace slow down and bygone traditions return to the fore as you visit Matsamo Cultural Village, a showcase of Swazi culture, and browse through the Mbabane craft markets. You'll spend the night in the beautiful Ezulwini Valley.
- Day 7: Zululand

Head back over the border via the town of Big Bend to the province of KwaZulu Natal. Take an afternoon scenic drive up into the Ubombo Mountains where you'll get fantastic views over Lake Jozini. You'll also have the opportunity to catch a glimpse into the life of the Zulu tribespeople with a stop at an authentic Zulu homestead. The next two nights are spent at the evocatively named Ghost Mountain.
- Day 8: Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve

This morning will be at leisure to relax or explore as you please. Transfer to the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve for an afternoon of game viewing. The reserve is one of the oldest wildlife parks in Africa and, thanks to conservation efforts, has the largest population of the white rhino in the world.
- Day 9: iSimangaliso Wetland Park

Journey farther up the Elephant Coast arriving at St Lucia which sits at the southern end of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From here you'll embark on a cruise of Africa's largest estuarine system, encountering hippos, crocodiles and a large variety of birds, including African Fish Eagles and Goliath Heron. Continue to the city of Durban, a cosmopolitan city that's driven by an African rhythm.
- Day 10: Durban city tour

South Africa's third city, Durban is known for its sense of fun. Explore the city's cultural and historical roots on a morning tour, taking in the recently developed harbour and the old colonial and art deco architecture. Check in at Durban Airport and fly to Port Elizabeth. On arrival transfer to your hotel.
- Day 11: Tsitsikamma National Park

Take the coast road from Port Elizabeth to Tsitsikamma National Park. Part of the Garden Route, Tsitsikamma is a coastal reserve that encompasses a range of ecosystems. Enjoy the beauty with an easy walk through the park, crossing a suspension bridge at the mouth of the Storms River. Continue on to Plettenberg Bay.
- Day 12: Elephant Sanctuary

Spend the morning at an Elephant Sanctuary. Learning more about the resident African elephants from the informative guides, you will also have the opportunity to interact with these gentle giants. This afternoon, travel back to Plettenberg Bay to visit the Birds of Eden, a free-flight aviary and sanctuary. Traversing a gorge of indigenous forest, there are 3,500 birds here, spanning 220 species.
- Day 13: Oudtshoorn

Start the day with a cruise up the Keurbooms River, spotting wildlife and admiring the
- unspoilt nature. Back on dry land, travel to the quaint lagoon-side town of Knysna, considered a gem of the Garden Route. You'll have some free time at Knysna Waterfront Complex, where you can browse galleries, boutiques and luxury yachts. Travel on to Oudtshoorn, centre of the world's ostrich industry where you'll have a guided tour of a working ostrich farm.
- Day 14: Congo Caves

Take a morning tour of the Congo Caves, a magnificent cave system located in the limestone foothills of the Swartberg Mountains. Transfer to Cape Town via Barrydale and check in at your luxurious hotel – your home for the next three nights.
- Day 15: Cape Point

Cape Town sits on the northern end of the Cape Peninsula, a rocky promontory that is home to pristine beaches, old coastal villages and an incredible biodiversity. You will spend the day exploring this magnificent area, capped off with a stop at Cape Point. From this towering headland you'll have a spectacular view out over the dramatic, ocean-battered rocks to where the Indian and Atlantic oceans collide.
- Day 16: Cape Winelands Tour

Today is dedicated to the Cape Winelands. Here you'll find yourself amongst landscapes of manicured grape vines, their uniform rows stretching towards their spectacular mountainous backdrop, occasionally broken by the quaint whitewash of the distinctive Cape Dutch homesteads. During the day you'll also be able to taste the famous fruits of the region at one of the many wine estates.
- Days 17-18: Fly Cape Town to UK

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- Explore the spectacular Cape Peninsula
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- Gaze on the thundering Victoria Falls

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Cape Town

Fly overnight to Cape Town, South Africa's most spectacular city. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day will be at leisure.

■ Day 3: Cape Point and Table Mountain

Experience the breathtaking views atop Table Mountain before spending the day exploring the the Cape Peninsula, a rocky promontory that is home to pristine beaches, old coastal villages and an incredible biodiversity. From Cape Point you'll have a spectacular view out over the dramatic, ocean-battered rocks to where the Indian and Atlantic oceans collide. (B)

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■ Day 5: The Rovos Train

Transfer to Cape Town's railway station to board the legendary Rovos Rail. Pulled leisurely along by the magnificent steam

locomotive, the 'Pride of Africa', the Rovos Rail is the golden age of train travel reborn, offering accommodation of extravagant elegance whilst you enjoy the richness of southern Africa. Settle into your luxurious suite, a wood-panelled, Edwardian-featured affair with en suite bathroom, mini bar and 24-hour room service, as the train pulls out of the city and puffs through the winelands, following the old pioneering trail that was long ago carved through the bushveld. Take lunch in one of the dining cars, and later tea in the lounge and observation car. Disembark for a visit to the historical village of Matjiesfontein, an intriguing step back into a Victorian colonial past. Back on the train, dress up for a delicious dinner with a glass or two of South African fine wine. (B,L,D)

■ Day 6: Kimberley

Spend the morning watching the world go by as you pass into the Northern Cape and approach Kimberley. Tour the city, famous as a centre for diamond mining, with stops at the Diamond Mine Museum and the Big Hole, an incredibly deep open-pit and underground mine that is now filled with water of an astonishing blue. This was South Africa's most successful mine, with over three tons of diamonds uncovered here and the birth place of the internationally famous De Beers. (B,L,D)

■ Day 7: Arrive in Pretoria

Push on through the landscapes and cityscapes of Krugersdorp and Johannesburg to the goldfields of Witwatersrand, approaching Pretoria at around midday. Take a minute to admire the beautiful Rovos Rail Station, a colonial-style edifice located in the heart of Capital Park. This afternoon you can take an optional tour of Pretoria, on which you can enjoy the beautiful old houses and leafy areas of this sedate city, or spend the afternoon at leisure at your hotel. (B)

■ Day 8: Into Botswana

Return to the Rovos Rail Station and sip on a glass of champagne in the luxurious lounge before rolling out of the city and into the goldfields of Gauteng and on to the Magaliesberg Range. Spend the day leisurely wandering between the large windows and open-air balconies of the observation car interspersed with visits to the dining car where you will enjoy delicious cuisine. After dinner is served you will pass over the border into Botswana. (B,L,D)

■ Day 9: Traverse Botswana

Enjoy breakfast as the train passes through Botswana's capital, Gaborone, before steaming across Botswana's wide open plains and dry veld, spying the occasional small village that appears on the horizon. Cross the Tropic of Capricorn before, later in the afternoon, reaching the border into Zimbabwe. Stop overnight in Mpopoma. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Game Drive

Spend the morning and early afternoon at leisure on the train. Pass along the eastern edge of the Hwange National

Park on one of Africa's longest stretches of railway – 114 kilometres. Arrive at Kennedy Siding and transfer to The Hide, a safari camp in the wilds of the Hwange. Venture out on a late afternoon game drive to spot the incredible range of wildlife that calls the park home. You may get to see elephants, giraffe, zebra, lions and impala amongst many other creatures. Continue on to Thompsons Junction for an overnight stop. (B,L,D)

■ Day 11: Arrive at Victoria Falls

Enjoy breakfast as the train takes the final stretch of the journey towards the Zambezi River. Arrive at the town of Victoria Falls and disembark the train. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

■ Day 12: Victoria Falls and the Zambezi

Victoria Falls, called Mosi-oa-Tunya (the 'Smoke that Thunders') by the indigenous Kalolo-Lozi people, at 1.7 kilometres wide and 108 metres tall, is one of the world's largest waterfalls. Created by the Zambezi River tumbling off of a plateau into a sheer precipice, it marks the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia and is one of the planet's most spectacular sights. Spend this morning soaking up panoramic views of the falls before embarking on a cruise on a calmer section of the Zambezi, viewing the islands, abundant wildlife and lush foliage on its banks. (B)

■ Days 13-14: Fly from Victoria Falls to UK

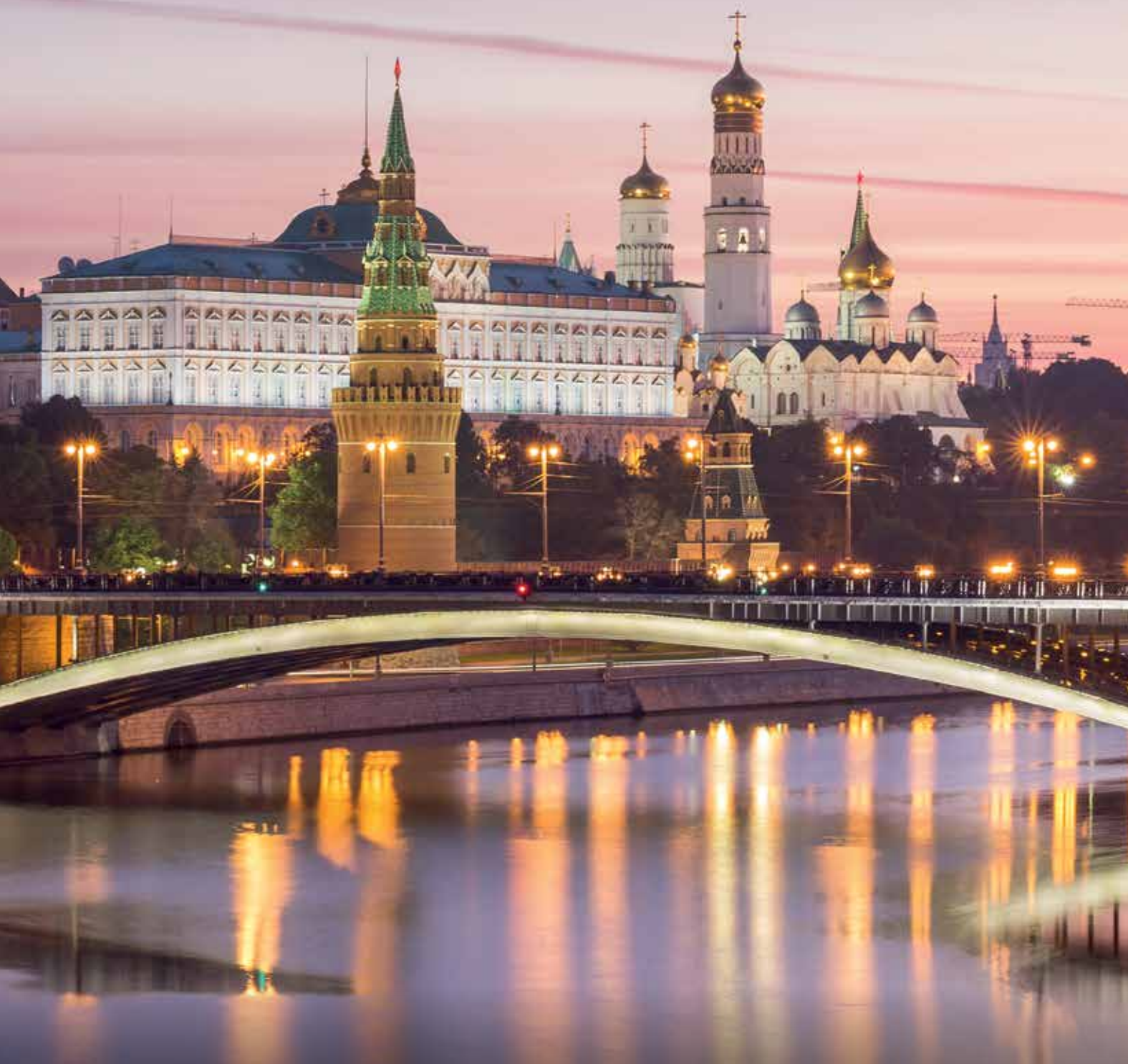
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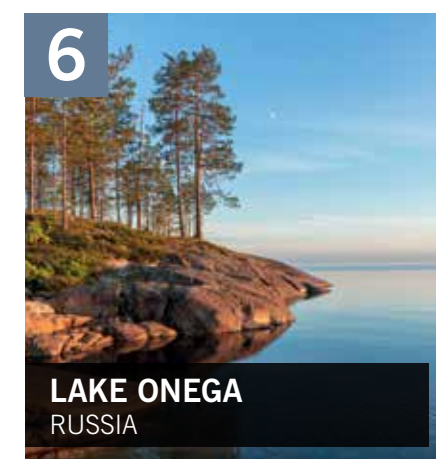
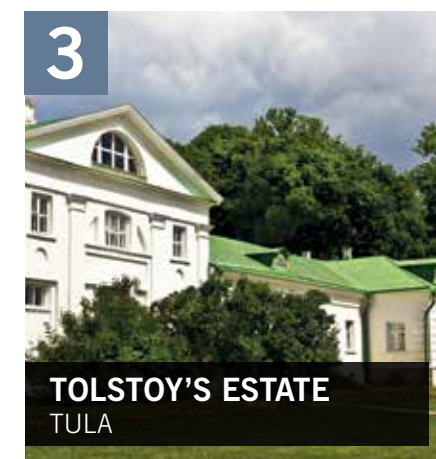
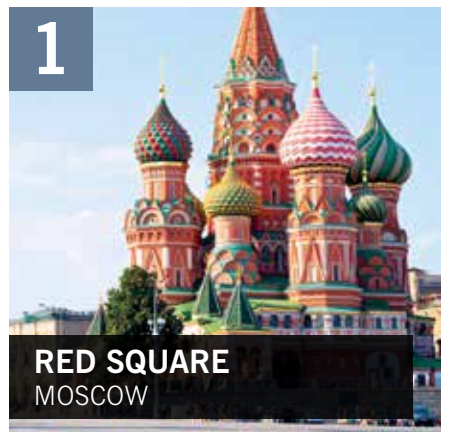
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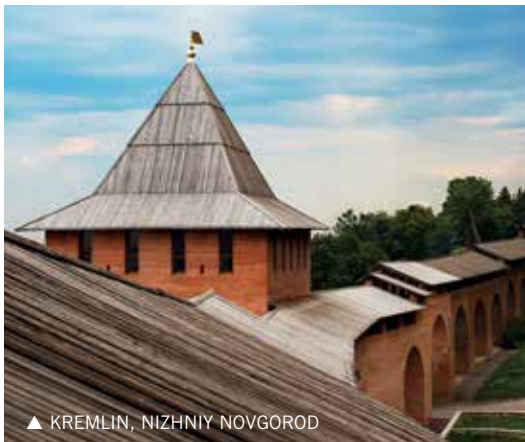
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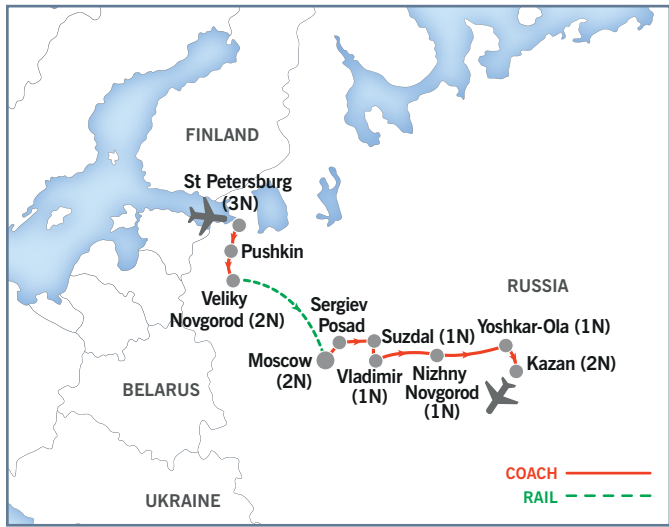
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▲ KREMLIN, NIZHNIY NOVGOROD



▲ PETERHOF PALACE



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the famous sights of the Red Square
- Experience the life of the Tsars at the Peterhof Palace
- Follow the Golden Ring
- Enjoy a vodka tasting
- Discover the Tatar city of Kazan
- Enjoy beautiful Vladimir

ITINERARY

■ Day 1: Fly UK to St Petersburg

Fly to St Petersburg arriving the same day. Take a short tour of the city by coach and transfer to your hotel to check in. This afternoon is at leisure for you to relax and refresh until your groups' welcome dinner and vodka tasting at a nearby vodka house, a great introduction to your Russian adventure.

■ Day 2: Explore St Petersburg

Immerse yourself in St Petersburg's extensive variety of culture at the Hermitage Museum, one of the world's largest and oldest museums. Within the complex is a vast collection of art, antiquities and jewellery and many interesting exhibitions. Included in the tour is a ticket to the heavily guarded Diamond Room in the Treasure Galleries, home to the most valuable collection of artefacts in the world. After lunch visit the Peter and Paul Fortress, the first structure to be built in St Petersburg and the birthplace of the city. Within the fortress are the Peter and Paul Cathedral, the former prison of the Trubetsky Bastion, and many historical exhibitions.

■ Day 3: Peterhof Palace and Park

This morning travel out of St Petersburg to the majestic Peterhof, a former Tsar's Palace often compared to the Palace of Versailles. After lunch return to the city stopping en route at the Petrodvets Watch Factory, Russia's oldest, and now a manufacturer of Raketa watches,

traditionally produced for the Red Army and the Soviet Navy. This evening board a cruise on the Neva River where dinner will be served as you admire the beauty of the city lit up at night.

■ Day 4: The birthplace of Russia

Depart St Petersburg for Veliky Novgorod, considered the birthplace of Russia. This small town was where the modern Russian state was founded by Prince Rurik in 869AD. En route visit Catherine's Palace & Park, a magnificent complex used as the summer residence of the Tsars. Your lunch at a local restaurant will be accompanied by a traditional Russian cooking demonstration. Continue on to Veliky Novgorod.

■ Day 5: Discover Veliky Novgorod

Take an interactive and theatrical tour of the Flea Market, an interesting and exciting way to get to know this ancient city. Visit Novgorod's Kremlin and the former princely compound of Yaroslav's Court, an 18th-century former marketplace and courtyard. After lunch board a private cruise along the peaceful Volkhov River and across the Ilmen Lake with dinner on board.

■ Day 6: Travel to Moscow

Board a high speed train and journey to Moscow, Russia's heart and capital city, arriving in the early evening. Take a tour of the city and stop at the viewing deck atop Sparrow Hill for a glass of champagne and widespread panoramic views looking out over the city.



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■ Day 7: Red Square and the Kremlin

Enjoy a relaxed morning at leisure. Later, transfer to the old Ukrainian Shinok restaurant, one of the finest restaurants in Moscow, entertained by a choir en route. This restaurant offers an authentic and delicious taste of Ukrainian cuisine. In the afternoon stroll through Red Square to reach the Kremlin, both of which were stages during significant historical events. Within the Kremlin you will visit the Armoury, home to plenty of intriguing Russian treasures, weapons and armour, including the chainmail of former Russian Regent Boris Godunov. Enjoy dinner on the Moskva River on board the Radisson Royal Boat with splendid views of the city at night.

■ Day 8: Russia's Golden Ring

Begin your touring of the 'Golden Ring' at the city of Sergiev Posad. Admire the striking blues and golds that decorate the city's monastery and take a short tour around the city. Enjoy a painting masterclass at a Matreshka Factory and learn about the history and craftsmanship behind these iconic dolls. Continue on to Suzdal, considered the most beautiful of all the Golden Ring towns.

■ Day 9: Sights of Suzdal

This morning, take a tour around the town of Suzdal exploring sights such as the Saviour Monastery of St Euthymius and the Suzdal Kremlin, said to have inspired the Moscow Kremlin. After lunch, continue around the Golden Ring to the town of Vladimir.

■ Day 10: Explore Vladimir

Behind Vladimir's Soviet facade is a unique collection of ancient churches and cathedrals set amongst the beautiful backdrop of the Oka Valley. Explore the towns'

many monuments and transfer to Nizhny Novgorod.

■ Day 11: Nizhny Novgorod's Kremlin

Nizhny Novgorod sits at the meeting point of the Volga and the Oka Rivers. Consequently, it has been one of Russia's major trading cities for hundreds of years. Visit the city's highlights this morning including the Kremlin which towers imperiously on the hilltop over the confluence of the two rivers. In the afternoon transfer to Yoshkar-Ola.

■ Day 12: Discover Mari-El

The capital city of the Mari-El Republic, Yoshkar-Ola is home to a large population of the Mari ethnic minority. Tour the city this morning, visiting the Resurrection Cathedral and Holy Trinity Church before enjoying lunch at a traditional Mari-El restaurant. Transfer to Kazan, the capital city of the Tatar minority and a melting pot of European and Asian culture where minarets and church belfries are juxtaposed against the city's skyline. Enjoy a welcome ceremony showcasing the traditional live music of Kazan and take a night tour of this vibrant city.

■ Day 13: Explore Kazan

Visit the UNESCO-listed Kazan Kremlin this morning. The complex is host to numerous government offices, some dating back to the 16th century, parks, museums and religious buildings including the Kul Sharif Mosque. That afternoon, prepare for an experience like no other as you take part in Sabantuy – a traditional tartar celebration. You'll learn about a truly unique culture as you take part in traditional games and immerse yourself in folk dancing and music. Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

■ Day 14: Fly Kazan to UK

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander through the Red Square and the Kremlin
- Discover Stalin's secret bunker
- Visit the estate of Leo Tolstoy
- Immerse yourself in scenic beauty along the Volga River
- Explore the grand palaces of St Petersburg

ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly to Moscow

Fly to Moscow. Transfer into the city stopping en route at the Sparrow Hills viewing deck for a glass of champagne and panoramic views over the city. Take some time to relax before joining the group for a welcome dinner.

Day 2: The Red Square and Kremlin

This morning you will visit some of Russia's most iconic sights. Moscow is considered to be the heart of Russia's history and the influence of the Soviet-era still remains prominent, a fascinating insight into a different world. Stroll through Red Square to reach the Kremlin, both of which were stages during significant historical events. Within the Kremlin you will visit the Armoury, home to plenty of intriguing Russian treasures, weapons and armour, including the chainmail of former Russian Regent Boris Godunov. Dinner that night is 21 floors above the city, the views will be mesmerising.

Day 3: Stalin's Bunker

Start the day with a visit to Stalin's bunker, an intriguing view into the life of the notorious Soviet leader. Next, cruise along the Moskva River and enjoy lunch on board as you admire the cityscapes before taking an afternoon excursion to the GUM department store, a magnificent 19th-century built structure which now houses Russia's most distinguished shopping mall.

Day 4: Tolstoy's Estate

Travel from Moscow to Tula by train. This afternoon, visit one of Russia's most iconic estates, Yasnaya Polyana, the former home of highly influential writer Leo Tolstoy. The estate has now been converted into a writer's museum and features beautiful gardens through which you can wander.

Day 5: Explore Tula

Visit Tula's charming 16th century Kremlin fortress before touring a Samovar Factory where you can learn about the craftsmanship behind these elaborate Russian tea containers. Return to Moscow by train. That evening enjoy a fabulous dinner in Pushkin, one of Moscow's best restaurants.

Day 6: Set Sail on the Volga

Spend your last morning in Moscow at the Tretyakov Museum which houses some 170,000 of Russia's most celebrated art, spanning a period of a thousand years. After lunch take a ride on the Moscow Metro like a true Muscovite, admiring the historic beauty of the underground architecture. Board the Volga Dream cruise ship this evening and enjoy the Captain's welcome reception and a delicious dinner on board. Cast off on your six-night cruise along the Volga River.

Day 7: Explore Uglich

Cruise along the Volga River to Uglich appreciating the passing lush woodland and peaceful nature. Uglich is one of the ancient towns of Russia's Golden Ring and has retained

its traditions and character over hundreds of years. Explore the Church of St Dmitry-on-the-Blood, said to be constructed on the exact spot where Dmitry, son of the first Russian Tsar Ivan the Terrible was murdered. This evening, attend a charming concert of Russian choral music at St. John's Church.

Day 8: Historical Yaroslavl

Cruise on to the Golden Ring town of Yaroslavl, one of Russia's oldest port towns, founded in the year 1010. Its old centre has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the 11th-century Spassky Monastery where you can view the 16th-century frescoes, the Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Saviour and the Church of Elijah the Prophet, all perfect examples of Russia's historical architecture. Later this morning take part in a costumed reception at the governor's house before re-boarding the ship for lunch.

Day 9: Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery

Disembark at the charming riverside town of Goritsy. Famous for its monasteries, you will visit Kirillo-Belozersky, a vast complex founded in 1397 and home to a large selection of Russian icons. After exploring the monastery climb back aboard your boat and sail northwards to Lake Onega.

Day 10: Cruise Lake Onega

Cruise across the beautiful Lake Onega, wend amongst its 1,369 islands, stopping for a wander on the timeless Kizhi. Stroll through the traditional Russian wooden houses and windmills to the famous Church of the Transfiguration. This church was constructed in 1714, has 22 domes and, more intriguingly, was built without a single nail. On board the ship this evening watch a piano concert featuring pieces from Russian greats Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky.

Day 11: The Svir River

Join the Svir River, one of the 58 rivers feeding out of Lake Onega. Considered one of the most scenic river routes in Russia the surrounding region has been an inspiration for many authors, poets and composers throughout Russian history. Cruise past the many quaint river hamlets and villages stopping at Mandrogi, a popular holiday village with exquisitely carved wooden houses, a recreation of 19th century architecture. Reach Lake Ladoga later in the afternoon, the

largest lake in Europe. Dinner this evening will be a deck-top barbecue.

Day 12: Arrive in St Petersburg

Arrive in St Petersburg and disembark the Volga Dream. Take a city tour this morning visiting the Peter and Paul Fortress, the first structure to be built in St Petersburg and the birthplace of the city. Within the fortress is the Peter and Paul Cathedral and the former prison of the Trubetskoy Bastion, where you'll find many fascinating historical exhibitions. The afternoon is at leisure until a truly authentic Russian dinner at a vodka house including a special vodka tasting experience.

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Day 14: Explore St Petersburg

Explore the Yusupov Palace on the Moika River, a perfect example of exquisite 19th-century Russian interior. More notoriously, the palace basement is renowned as the place where Rasputin, Tsar Nicholas II's advisor was assassinated. This afternoon, visit St Isaac's Cathedral, the largest cathedral in Russia and a dominant feature of the St Petersburg skyline. The interior is incredibly lavish and the walls are adorned with numerous intricate mosaics, statues, paintings and sculptures. Enjoy a special farewell dinner at a traditional restaurant.

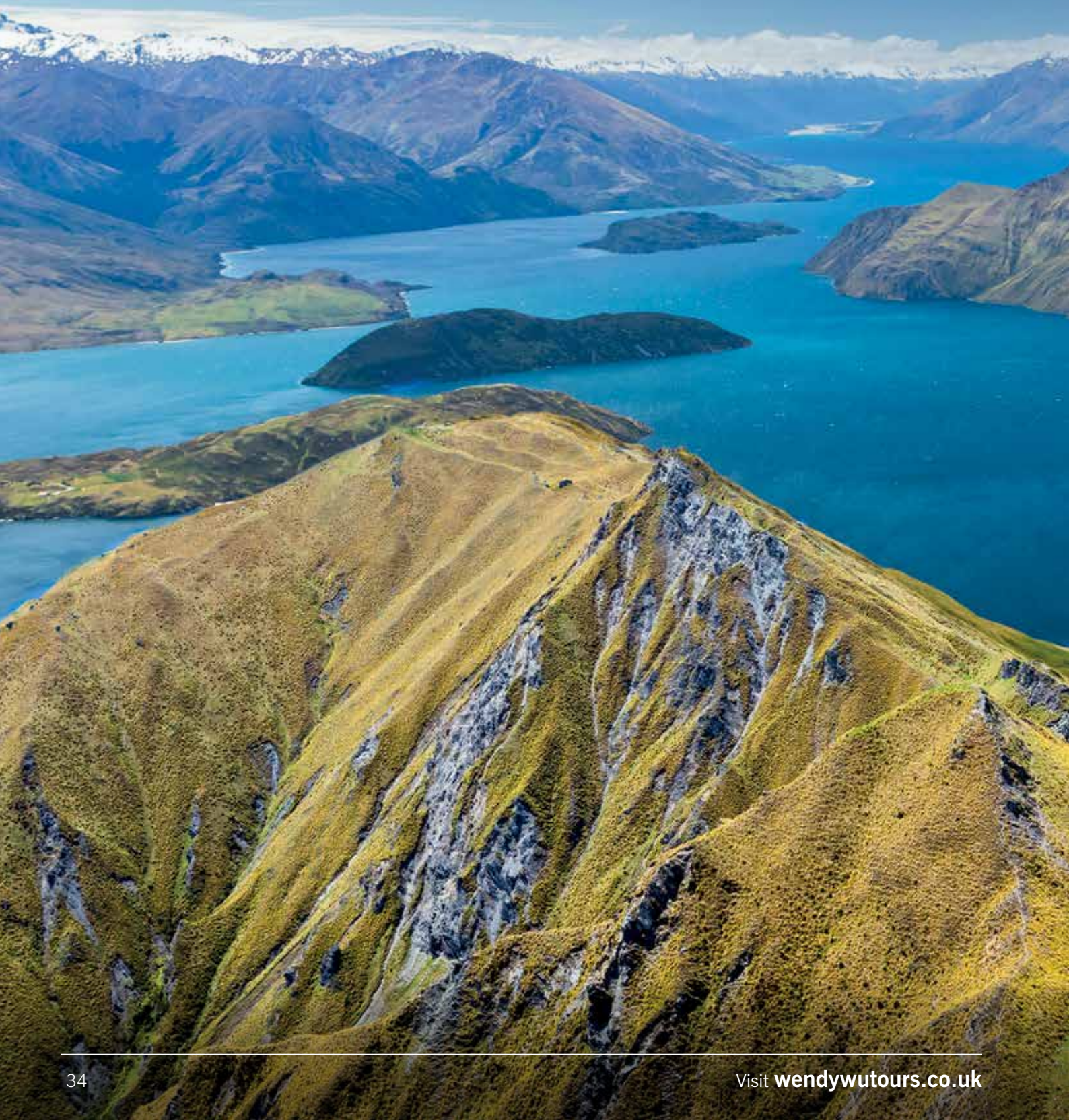
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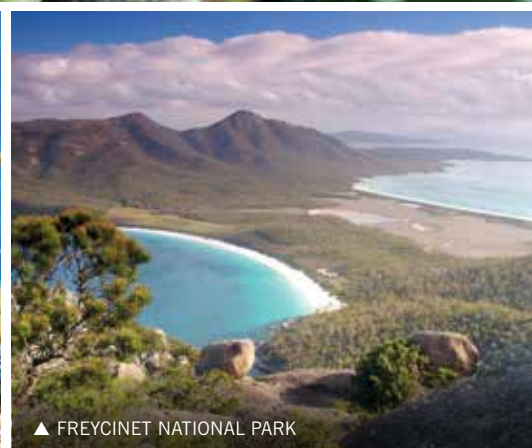
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- See the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House
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- Traverse the Great Ocean Road
- Witness the colours of Ayers Rock at sunrise
- Cruise the Great Barrier Reef

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-3: Fly to Sydney

Fly in the evening to Sydney, arriving two days after you depart. You will arrive early in the morning giving you plenty of time to explore and to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

■ Day 4: Explore Sydney

Start the day with a walking tour of The Rocks, where Sydney was founded. As you wander the atmospheric cobbled lanes, it's hard to imagine the terrible reputation the area once had – your guide will fill you in on all the details! Catch your first glimpse of the iconic Harbour Bridge and Opera House as you stroll towards Circular Quay. Voyage around the harbour for panoramic views and enjoy a seafood buffet lunch. (B,L)

■ Day 5: Blue Mountains

An area so spectacular that it was World Heritage-listed by UNESCO, the Blue Mountains earn their moniker thanks to the blueish haze emanated by their dense canopy of eucalyptus. Use your unlimited ticket for the scenic railway, skyway, cableway and walkway at Scenic World, for an all-encompassing Blue Mountains experience. Return to Sydney, stopping en route at Featherdale Wildlife Park. This is a great place to meet Australia's wildlife – in fact, you can have your photo taken with a koala and hand feed kangaroos! (B,L)

■ Day 6: Fly to Tasmania

Transfer to the airport and fly to Hobart, Tasmania's capital city. Nestled at the foot of Mt Wellington, the city is wonderfully scenic, full of heritage and a cultural hub. This afternoon, travel to an Oyster Farm where you will have a tour and a tasty lunch. (B,L)

■ Day 7: Historic Port Arthur

Head out of Hobart to explore the fascinating Port Arthur Historic Site. Originally established in 1830's as a timber station, it became a small town constructed to contain notorious convicts. Take a walking tour of this open-air museum with an expert before cruising over to the Isle of the Dead to tour the cemetery. (B,L)

■ Day 8: Bonorong Wildlife Park

Travel to Freycinet Peninsula stopping en route to spend some time in Bonorong Wildlife Park. Working hard to protect and conserves Tassie's native wildlife, here you can come face to face with creatures including Tasmanian devils, the Tasmanian bettong, potoroos, echidnas, quolls and wombats. (B,D)

■ Day 9: Wineglass Bay cruise

The very best way to enjoy the beauty of the Freycinet Peninsula is from the water. Cruise along the coastline of this pristine area, a national park, marvelling over secluded bays, the granite peaks of The Hazards and beautiful beaches. The cool

waters of the Tasman Sea are bountiful, so you might be joined by seals and dolphins on your journey. Wineglass Bay itself is a breathtaking, secluded inlet where, with the anchor dropped, you can enjoy lunch and savour the views. Transfer north to Launceston. (B,L)

■ Day 10: Fly to Melbourne

Transfer to the airport for a flight to the dynamic and stylish city of Melbourne. This evening, prepare for an exciting dining experience aboard a fleet of colonial-era tramcars. Travel the city streets whilst dining on seasonal Australian produce and quality local wines. (B,D)

■ Day 11: Yarra Valley Wine Tasting

The Yarra Valley is Victoria's premier wine region – an internationally-recognised name in viticulture, and a patchwork of vineyards, national parks and farmland. Today is a day of indulgence, with visits to two vineyards with tastings and a visit to a Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery where there will be abundant tastings too. (B,L)

■ Day 12: Great Ocean Road

The Great Ocean Road needs little introduction – today will be spent following this fabled highway along one of the world's most incredible stretches of coastline. Enjoy lunch at the awe-inspiring Apollo Bay before stopping to gaze out over the rollicking Bass Strait and the iconic Twelve Apostles. (B,L,D)

■ Day 13: Phillip Island

A haven of wildlife, surfers and Grand Prix fanatics, Phillip Island is best known for its resident little penguins. Meet these pint-sized birds and enjoy a talk from a ranger. Visit a Koala Conservation Centre and spend some time at the Churchill Island Heritage Farm. (B,D)

■ Day 14: Fly to Uluru-Ayers Rock

Transfer to the airport and fly deep into the Red Centre to visit one of Australia's best known sights, Uluru, called Ayers Rock by the Australian/British explorer William Gosse after Sir Henry Ayers, Chief Secretary of South Australia. (B,D)

■ Day 15: Sunrise over Uluru

Rise early for sun rise over Uluru, watching as this sandstone monolith emerges from the night in a kaleidoscope

of colours. Explore Uluru's base wandering through the landscapes of the Outback, listening to Aboriginal stories and lore as you go. Drive to the Kata Tjuta National Park to visit the Olgas – red stone like Uluru, they are made up of 36 striking rock formations. Tonight, dine under the stars. Sip a drink as the sun sets to the haunting tones of the didgeridoo, before tucking in to a bush tucker-inspired dinner and taking a guided tour of the night sky. (B,D)

■ Day 16: Fly to Cairns

Transfer to the airport and fly to tropical Queensland, and the laidback city of Cairns. (B)

■ Day 17: Great Barrier Reef

This morning, board a boat bound for the Frankland Islands, cruising along the Mulgrave River with commentary to reach the open water. An archipelago of uninhabited islands the Franklands offer unsurpassed snorkelling opportunities, complete with Marine Biologist-led tours, with colourful corals and marine life which may include sea turtles and octopus, just off the shore. Lunch will be served on a deserted beach. (B,L)

■ Day 18: Daintree and Mossman Gorge

Spend the day in the Daintree National Park, discovering the lush rainforest of the Mossman Gorge. Your guide, a member of the local indigenous community, will impart many stories and legends about the area. Later, take a Daintree Wildlife River Cruise on which you'll be able to spot crocodiles, frogs, pythons and a huge variety of birds. (B,L)

■ Day 19: Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park

Today will be a day at leisure to enjoy the warmth and relaxed vibes of Cairns. This evening head to the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park for an evening of indigenous Bama culture. Enjoy a didgeridoo blessing with spirit interpretation, a fire making ceremony, good food and a performance by the Tjapukai Dancers. An unforgettable final evening in Australia. (B,D)

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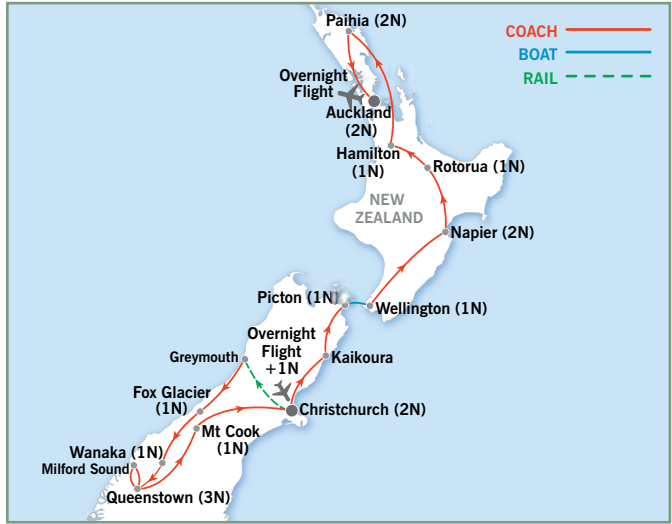
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride the TranzAlpine Express
- Cruise spectacular Milford Sound
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- Spot whales at Kaikoura
- Experience a Maori hangi
- Visit the Bay of Islands
- Sip wine in Hawkes Bay

ITINERARY

■ Days 1-3: Fly to Christchurch

Fly to Christchurch, arriving two days after you depart. The city is the vibrant gateway to New Zealand's scenically spectacular South Island. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

■ Day 4: TranzAlpine Express

All aboard the TranzAlpine Express! Crossing the Canterbury Plains from Christchurch, you'll run alongside the Waimakariri River before traversing the mighty mountains of the Southern Alps themselves, where the scenery is unsurpassed, to arrive in Greymouth. Travel on to Franz Josef, stopping en route at the little town of Hokitika. View the magnificent Franz Josef Glacier, a river of ice which pours 12 kilometres down the mountainside to the valley floor before continuing on to the nearby Fox Glacier. Fox is 13 kilometres long, and uniquely for a glacier, crawls down its gorge into an area of lush rainforest. Spend the night in Fox Glacier village. (B,L,D)

■ Day 5: Travel to Wanaka

Leave Fox Glacier for Lake Matheson, where the clear waters picturesquely reflect the towering peaks of Mount Cook/Aoraki and Mount Tasman. Continue on to Wanaka, where the rest of the day is free. Wanaka's beautiful setting, beside a lake and backed by mountains makes it a perfect place to relax. (B)

■ Day 6: Winery Tour and Tasting

Travel to Queenstown, stopping en route at the town of Cromwell, the scenic Kawarau Gorge Suspension Bridge and the historic gold mining settlement of Arrowtown. Queenstown is a small but buzzing town sat in the shadow of the Remarkables – it is also New Zealand's adventure capital! This afternoon, visit a local winery where you can enjoy a wine cave tour and a tasting. (B,L)

■ Day 7: Fiordland and Milford Sound

Today is a full day tour to the spectacular Milford Sound. The most famous stretch of water in New Zealand's Fiordland, nothing can quite prepare you for the sight of the vast soaring peaks and dark, rippling water stretching as far as the eye can see. Aboard a catamaran, cruise around the Sound where you will also be joined by a nature guide, who will give an informative commentary on wildlife and geography as you cruise. (B,L)

■ Day 8: Explore Queenstown

Spend the day exploring Queenstown in your own time. Later, ride up the Skyline Gondola to Bob's Peak for spectacular views over the town and lake to Coronet Peak, Cecil and Walter Peaks and the Remarkables. Whilst up here, you will also tuck into a scenic dinner. (B,D)

■ Day 9: Mount Cook Stargazing

Travel from Queenstown to Mount Cook. Due to its location far

from any large light sources, the Mount Cook area is perfect for stargazing. After an introduction to the constellations of the southern hemisphere in the hotel's Theatre Planetarium you will be driven a short distance to the perfect site to see the Milky Way and beyond. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Punting on the Avon

Return to Christchurch via the picturesque Lake Tekapo. Take to the waters of the River Avon for a relaxed afternoon of punting before dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

■ Day 11: Whale Watching

Travel north to Kaikoura, a town set on a peninsula and the perfect place to spot a wealth of wonderful wildlife. From here, head out onto the ocean for a whale watching experience. Depending on the time of year that you are visiting, there is the possibility of seeing a number of different species – year round however you are most likely to encounter the giant Sperm Whale – an incredible sight. Back on dry land, continue up the coast to Picton. (B,D)

■ Day 12: Te Papa Museum

Pick up the InterIslander, the ferry between Picton on the South Island and capital city Wellington on the North Island. This afternoon, visit the fantastic Te Papa ('Our Place'), New Zealand's national museum, where you can learn all about the island's culture and geography and the relationship between the indigenous and non-indigenous people from innovative and interactive exhibits. (B)

■ Day 13: Travel to Napier

Transfer from Wellington to the fascinating town of Napier, set on Hawke's Bay. Destroyed by an earthquake in 1931, the town was rebuilt in the 1930s style, giving it a unique concentration of beautiful Art Deco, Spanish Missions and Stripped Classical architecture. (B)

■ Day 14: Art Deco Walking Tour

This morning, take a walking tour of the fascinating town of Napier, with a particular focus on the Art Deco architecture. Later, head to the superb Mission Estate Winery for a delicious lunch and wine tasting tour. (B,L)

■ Day 15: Maori Hangi

Travel to Rotorua via the spectacular Lake Taupo and Huka Falls. Rotorua is famous for the huge amount of thermal activity in the area – we're talking geysers, bubbling mud pools and hot springs. Because of this activity Rotorua was revered by the Maori, so it is

also a great place to learn more about their culture. This evening head to the Tamaki Maori Village for a traditional hangi and cultural performance. (B,D)

■ Day 16: Visit Hobbiton

Turn northwards, towards Hamilton, travelling via Te Puia, within the thermally active and historic Te Whakarewarewa Valley. Here you can see geysers, mud pools and silica formations as well as traditional Maori crafts such as bone carving. There will also be a stops at Rainbow Springs, where you will get to encounter the elusive Kiwi, and at Hobbiton, the original village created for The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, tucked amongst picturesque farmland. Continue to Hamilton. (B)

■ Day 17: Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Travel up to the Bay of Islands, in New Zealand's far north, stopping at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. It was here, in 1840, that a treaty was signed between the ruling British and Maori chiefs – the founding document of Aotearoa/New Zealand. Explore the beautiful grounds that contain the Museum of Waitangi, the Treaty House, carved meeting house and ceremonial war canoe. Continue on to Paihia, where you will spend the night. (B,D)

■ Day 18: Bay of Islands

Paihia is the main town of the Bay of Islands area, and offers a huge range of ways to explore this beautiful location, as well as being a charming and relaxed town in its own right. Today is a free day to spend as you wish. (B)

■ Day 19: Return to Auckland

Travel back down to Auckland stopping at Hokianga, where you can see the giant kauri trees of the Waipoua Kauri Forest and the historic harbour. (B)

■ Day 20: Explore Auckland

New Zealand's largest city, Auckland is a modern and cosmopolitan place and home to about a third of the Kiwi population. Nicknamed the 'City of Sails', the city is surrounded by water and is ranked one of the top cities in the world for quality of life – you'll see why as you explore. Today, take a tour of the city, ending the day with a farewell dinner at Orbit, the 360-degree restaurant 190 metres above ground in the famous Sky Tower. (B,D)

■ Days 21-22: Fly Auckland to UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

ASIA

Asia is a rambunctious fusion of ethnicities, cultures and customs. With a rich and turbulent history; a geography that encompasses towering peaks to paradisiacal beaches and a biodiversity that is so abundant that you'll be reaching for your wildlife guide, Asia offers a varied and exciting adventure.



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Feel the buzz of Delhi
- Watch the colours of sunrise on the Taj Mahal
- Enjoy a Bollywood show
- Explore the 'Pink City' of Jaipur
- Marvel at the hilltop grandeur of the Amber Fort

ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Fly to Delhi

Fly overnight to Delhi, India's rambunctious capital city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

Day 3: Discover Delhi

A city of equal chaos and charm, Delhi grabs you and doesn't let go. Spend a full day exploring the sights of Old Delhi: stroll past the colossal Red Fort, browse the bustling bazaar of Chandni Chowk, visit India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, and view the 1930s Lakshmi Narayan Hindu Temple. Make a brief stop at India Gate at the heart of the Lutyens-designed New Delhi and visit Humayun's Tomb.

Day 4: Agra

Drive to Agra with an en route stop at Sikandra to see the marble and red sandstone tomb of third Mughal Emperor Akbar the Great - a Mughal masterpiece from the early 17th century.

Day 5: Taj Mahal

Rise early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun - a magical experience. This afternoon visit Agra Fort, a hulking mass of red sandstone sat on the banks of the Yamuna River. The Fort was

established in the 16th century but has been much added to over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles.

Day 6: Fatehpur Sikri

Head to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a spectacular array of Mughal palaces and temples that was deserted in 1585 not long after its completion and left to the elements. Continue to Chand Baori stepwell, a fascinating and exquisitely carved water storage structure built over a thousand years ago. Arrive in Jaipur.

Day 7: Hawa Mahal and Amber Fort

Begin the day with a brief stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort. Built in 1592, this red sandstone and marble fort effortlessly blends Hindu and Muslim architecture. This afternoon, back in Jaipur, explore the Maharaja's City Palace, as well as the fascinating astrological instruments of the Jantar Mantar Observatory and the local bazaar at Choti Choper.

Day 8: Kingdom of Dreams

Travel to Gurgaon near Delhi, where tonight you will visit the Kingdom of Dreams to watch a magical Bollywood performance.

Day 9: Fly Delhi to UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home later the same or following day.



▲ HAWA MAHAL

VARANASI EXTENSION

3 NIGHTS FROM

PER PERSON £580



Day 9: Gurgaon to Varanasi

Fly to Varanasi. Take a rickshaw to the ghats on the river Ganges to witness the evening Puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti. (B)

Day 10: Varanasi

Rise early for a boat ride on the river Ganges and a brief city tour. Visit Banaras Hindu University and Samath. (B,L)

Day 11: Varanasi to Delhi

Fly to Delhi and transfer to your hotel. (B)

Day 12: Delhi to UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight to UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

RANTHAMBORE EXTENSION

3 NIGHTS FROM

PER PERSON £360

Day 9: Gurgaon to Ranthambore

Train to Sawai Madhopur and transfer to Ranthambore National Park. (B,L,D)

Days 10-11: Ranthambore to Delhi

Enjoy two canter safaris around the park. (B,L,D) Tomorrow, enjoy another early morning canter safari. Return to Delhi by train for a day at leisure. (B)

Day 12: Delhi to UK

Transfer to the airport and fly home to the UK, arriving the same or following day. (B)

GOA EXTENSION

4 NIGHTS FROM

PER PERSON £630

Day 9: Explore Goa

Fly to Goa. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Explore Goa

Spend the day exploring two ornate Hindu temples, followed by a visit to a spice plantation. Later, discover the history of Old Goa, including the Basilica of Bom Jesus, before finishing the day at Goa's capital Panaji. (B,L)

Days 11-12: Goa

Enjoy days at leisure. (B)

Day 13: Fly to UK

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness the fusion of modernity and tradition in Tokyo
- Gaze on iconic Mount Fuji
- Discover the mountains of Hida
- Explore the rich and beautiful heritage of Kyoto
- Meet Nara's Sika deer

ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Fly to Tokyo

Fly overnight to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

Day 3: Tokyo city tour

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you'll find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Today's city tour starts high above the city at the 634-metre Skytree, the world's tallest tower - in clear weather, you may be able to catch a glimpse of Mount Fuji from the top, before exploring the vibrant district of Asakusa where you can seek out the tranquillity of the Sensoji Temple and wandering among the delightful landscapes of Hamarikyu Gardens. This evening, cruise the Tokyo Bay for some excellent city vistas and a delicious dinner.

Day 4: Mount Fuji

Travel to Mount Fuji visitor centre. From here, depending on the weather, you will be able to travel up to the 5th Station which sits just over 2,000 metres up Mount Fuji. From here you'll have unsurpassable views of the volcanoes perfectly symmetrical cone, and the surrounding landscapes. Travel to Hakone and take a boat trip on Ashi Lake which gives spectacular panoramas of this

beautiful area before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway for amazing views back over the lake and Mount Fuji. Take the super-fast bullet train back to Tokyo.

Day 5: Matsumoto Castle

Transfer to Nagano before exploring the formidable 16th-century Matsumoto Castle. Nicknamed 'Crow Castle', Matsumoto is listed as a National Treasure of Japan; built on a plain, its defensive systems are a complex system of Interconnecting moats, walls and gatehouses. Travel on to the atmospheric city of Takayama, nestled high in the mountainous Hida region.

Day 6: Explore Takayama

Takayama has an air of old-world Japan, particularly around its wonderfully preserved old town. Browse the local handicrafts and fresh produce at the Miyagawa morning market, wander past some of the lovely traditional houses and visit several of the excellent local museums - Takayama Festival Floats Museum, Kusakabe Folk Museum and Takayama Jinya.

Day 7: Shirakawago and Kanazawa

Get a glimpse of rural Japan at UNESCO-listed Shirakawago which is famous for its farmhouses built in the unique architectural style, gassho-zukuri. Gassho-zukuri translates as 'prayer-hands construction'



▲ TODAIJI TEMPLE, NARA

and have thatched and steep roofs, innovatively designed to withstand the huge amount of snow that falls in the area. Continue to Gokayama to experience washi paper making, then travel to Kanazawa and visit the Nomura Samurai House, a wonderful example of an Edo period residence, once occupied by the Nomura family whose swords were sworn to the city's clan leader.

Day 8: Kenroku-en Garden

Meander through the beautiful Kenroku-en Garden, a 100,000 square metre expanse of classic Zen artistry and one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, before viewing the excellent art collection of the Kanazawa 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, which only exhibits works produced since 1980. Transfer to Kyoto, capital city of Japan until 1879.

Day 9: Explore Kyoto

Kyoto was capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. This morning visit the famous Kinkaku-ji, a Zen temple known as the Golden Pavilion. The top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Next visit the Ryoanji Temple complex which means 'temple of the peaceful dragon'. Here you can contemplate one of the best examples of a kare-sansui Zen temple garden in the world - whilst its origins are unknown, it is believed to be a riddle set by a Zen master for his students. Head to a restored Japanese wooden townhouse for a traditional handicraft and calligraphy experience (origami for example) and to enjoy the rituals of a traditional tea ceremony.

Day 10: Discover Nara

Japan's capital before Kyoto, Nara is a relaxed and charming town virtually untouched by the ravages of modernity. Home to many archetypal pieces of early art and architecture, you will stroll through Nara Park to Todaiji Temple, meeting the resident Sika deer en route, before exploring Isuein Gardens. Return to Kyoto, stopping at Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 Torii (shrine gates) which create a path that wends its way through the woods passing thousands of little sub-shrines.

Day 11: Koya-san

The holy mountain of Koya-san is home to a cluster of over a hundred monasteries nestled in a valley enclosed by peaks said to resemble a lotus flower. Full of atmosphere, savour the tranquillity and spectacular views as you discover Kongobunji Temple and the Garan Temple complex before wandering around Okunoin - a vast cemetery of 200,000 stupas. Pay a visit to the Lantern Pavilion where hundreds of candles have been burning, according to legend, for over nine hundred years! Transfer to Wakayama to spend the night.

Day 12: Travel to Osaka

Travel to Osaka, Japan's third largest city, where there'll be time to explore Osaka Castle and take a cruise along the Yodogawa River. This evening stroll down Dotonbori, a restaurant mecca lined with hundreds of neon billboards, where you can enjoy some time to yourself before dinner.

Day 13: Fly Osaka to UK

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Visit the playful Giant Pandas of Chengdu
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Savour the breathtaking scenery of the Li River
- Admire Shanghai's bright lights

ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Fly to Beijing

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

Day 3: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches that housed the Emperors of China from the Ming to the Qing dynasties (1420 to 1912). Enjoy a rickshaw ride through Beijing's warren-like hutongs, and visit a local family to gain a deeper insight into Chinese culture and local customs. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class. This evening sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

Day 4: The Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, passing over all sorts of landscapes, it is one of the world's most impressive feats of engineering. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is

the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. You will have an opportunity to visit a Jade Museum, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Savour an afternoon in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you see the traditional Chinese gardens and exquisite architecture. This evening enjoy an optional Kung Fu show.

Day 5: Muslim Quarter

Fly to Xian and stroll around the Muslim Quarter. Home to a community of Chinese Muslims (Hui) for centuries, these atmospheric, narrow streets are crammed with small mosques, specialist shops and stalls selling food and trinkets. Enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor Qin Shi Huang has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors who have stood in battle formation for 2,000 years. One of the most exciting things about the site is that it is still a working excavation - there are still hundreds of warriors that remain undisturbed. After



▲ SHANGHAI

lunch stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

Day 7: Wuhan

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze River Cruise vessel.

Days 8-10: Yangtze River Cruise

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. But cruising upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Ghost City of Fengdu or Shibaozhai.

Day 11: Guilin

Disembarking from the cruise vessel, visit the Panda House at Chongqing Zoo, a great opportunity to get close to these magnificent and unique creatures. Your journey continues, fly to beautiful Guilin.

Day 12: Li River Cruise

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming village of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. The beauty of the area is a highlight of any trip to China.

Day 13: Yangshuo

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of jewel-green paddy

fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before returning to Guilin by road. Explore the impressive Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Museum before seeing the cormorant fishermen demonstrating their age-old skills.

Day 14: Explore Shanghai

Fly to the exuberant city of Shanghai. Spend the afternoon admiring the fine arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum and strolling around People's Square. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise – there is no better way to see the contrast of Pudong and the Bund!

Day 15: Discover Shanghai

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the classical Yu Garden, the Silk Museum and a stop in the old town. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening enjoy some tasty, traditional Shanghai cuisine.

Day 16: Fly Shanghai to UK

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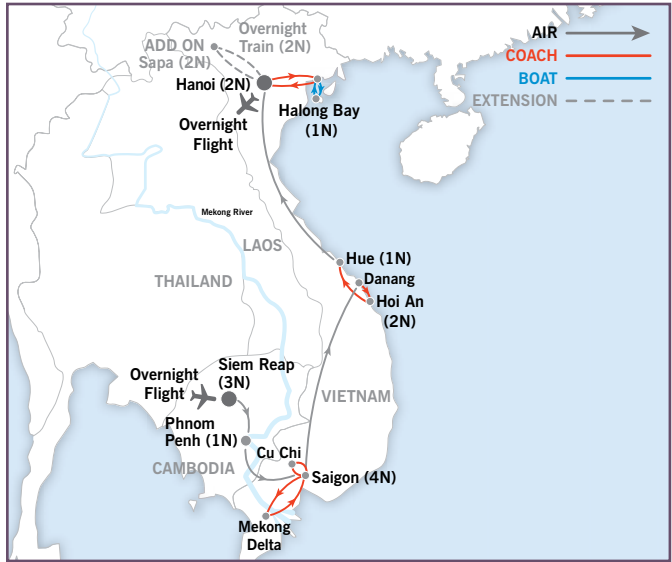
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▲ HALONG BAY



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Be captivated by breathtaking Angkor
- Discover Phnom Penh
- Visit a floating village
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Wake to the sunrise over spectacular Halong Bay
- Stroll through old Hanoi

ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Fly to Siem Reap

Fly overnight to Siem Reap. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

Day 3: Tonle Sap Lake High Water Season (Aug to Feb)

Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting the floating village of Kampong Kleng and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Artisan D'Angkor, an organisation working to revive traditional Khmer arts and crafts. This evening sit down to dinner and the Apsara dance show.

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

Head to Beng Mealea to explore this mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Drop by Artisan D'Angkor before visiting the floating village of Chong Kneas. This evening sit down to dinner and the Apsara dance show.

Day 4: Explore Angkor

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Begin at Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle continuing to the city of Angkor Thom to reach the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace and the

Terrace of the Leper King. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat.

Day 5: Discover Phnom Penh

Fly to Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Visit the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before admiring the artefacts at the National Museum.

Day 6: Fly to Saigon

Visit the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum before climbing up to the hilltop Wat Phnom. Fly to Saigon.

Day 7: Explore Saigon

The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Visit the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace, and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Visit Cholon and see the beautiful Thien Hau Pagoda before finishing at the lively Ben Thanh Market.

Day 8: Mekong Delta Cruise

Pop down to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Return to Saigon.

Day 9: Cu Chi Tunnels

Get to grips with the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels,



▲ ANGKOR WAT

used by the Viet Cong during the war. Travel to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Return to Saigon.

Day 10: Discover Hoi An

Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An. Take a walking tour of this laidback and wilfully traditional town to see the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market.

Day 11: Tra Que village

Drive out into the countryside to the small farming community of Tra Que. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside and see the farmers at work. Enjoy a free afternoon back in Hoi An.

Day 12: Hue's Imperial Citadel

Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Take a drive up to the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City to explore. Next, visit the UNESCO Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, continuing to the Thien Mu Pagoda before cruising on the Perfume River.

Day 13: Fly to Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi this morning. The rest of the day is free for you to relax or start your explorations of Vietnam's capital. This evening enjoy a performance of the famous Water Puppets.

Days 14-15: Halong Bay

Spend two days aboard a comfortable cruise ship sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Spend the night on the boat before returning to Hanoi where you will take an exciting cyclo ride through Hanoi's Old Quarter.

Days 16-17: Fly Hanoi to UK

Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature, before transferring to the airport for an overnight flight to the UK.

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Days 17-18: Explore Sapa

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Day 19: Hilltribes

This morning is at leisure before an afternoon hike to visit more of the local hilltribes. Board the overnight train for Hanoi. (B,L)

Day 20: Depart Hanoi

Transfer to the airport. (B)

This is an optional private tour extension. Visa costs may apply.

TAILORMADE TRAVEL

Our group tours give you the chance to tick off all of the big sights and to travel in the company of likeminded people, but not everyone wants to stick to the trail. If you like what you see but are looking for more flexibility and freedom, a tailormade tour may be for you.

WHY TAILORMADE?

With a tailormade itinerary you can travel where, when and at the pace you want, for as long as you want. You can pick your accommodation and add all the extras you like, from meals to guides to excursions. You can indulge your interests, whether it's Cape wines or deciduous trees, and miss out anything that doesn't hold much appeal. You have complete control.

WHAT WE DO:

Our team of dedicated tailormade experts will help to design your perfect, unique itinerary so you can have a holiday that fits all of your wants and needs for excellent value – whether it's some minor adjustments to one of the group itineraries you've seen in this brochure or building something completely from scratch.

1 PERSONAL SERVICE

The creation of your perfect itinerary is a combination of your ideas and desires, and our expertise. Your dedicated tailormade consultant will listen to what you are looking for, make recommendations and work with you to create a holiday that fulfils all your wants and needs.



2 INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORT

You can travel around your destination any way you like, be it by boat, train, plane or car, but we will always provide you with your own vehicle and driver to make sure that you get the most out of your time exploring. This way you can stop where and when you like.

3 LOCAL FLAVOURS

The world is home to a wealth of different people and cultures, each offering their own characteristic and delicious cuisines. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, and we know the best areas to eat and the finest restaurants. We can ensure you get to try all the regional specialities on your trip with us.



4 ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across our destinations range from ger camps, safari camps to grand old palaces. The choice of hotel style and standard is completely up to you. Just give us the number of stars that you want and where you want to be, and we will use our extensive knowledge and superior rates to select one that meets your needs requirements and budget.

5 DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Learning, seeing and experiencing are all part of travel. By tailormaking your trip you can take this a step farther and do something a bit different – a day as a panda keeper, white water rafting in New Zealand or wine tasting in South Africa are just some of the many options.

6 PRIVATE GUIDING

There is no better way to really experience your destination than with your very own local expert. Not only will you learn more about the sights and culture but you will get the inside knowledge on local life. And we only use the best guides, the ones who are both passionate and knowledgeable about their country.



BOOKING YOUR TRIP

Booking your holiday should be simple and straightforward, so Wendy Wu Tours is committed to supporting you through every element of the booking process right through until after your holiday has finished.

BOOKING MADE EASY

1. Choose your experience

Get a taste of the tours in this brochure. Visit our website for more details, including interactive maps, destination information, photos, videos, reviews, updates and detailed tour dossiers.

Choose the style of trip that suits you:

- Fully Inclusive Group Tours
- Our exciting Discovery Tours
- Deluxe Exclusive Collection
- Flexible Private Tours
- Bespoke Tailormade Holidays

Still not sure? Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to talk through your options.

2. Check availability

Speak to our expert Travel Consultants, or your preferred Travel Agent, and we will check the tour availability, find the best flights and confirm your full package price.

3. Booking & deposit

Group Tour places can usually be confirmed immediately upon payment of a deposit of £350 per person. Private Touring arrangements can usually be confirmed within 48 hours.

Once your tour is complete, we will send you confirmation by email. By making a booking you are confirming that you have read the tour dossier, are fit enough to fully participate in your tour, will travel with adequate travel insurance and agree to the booking conditions at the back of the brochure.

4. Final payment

The balance of your payment is due 60 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately two weeks before travel.

Regional flights and upgrades

Enjoy the freedom to choose who you fly with and where you fly from. We work with most major airlines and offer flights from regional airports across the UK – often with no additional supplement.

All of our tour prices are based on flying Economy Class, but if you fancy a little bit of luxury and lots more legroom, we have specially negotiated rates on Premium Economy and Business Class fares.

Depending on your budget you can upgrade one way or for the entire return trip.

Add finishing touches

We want to make your holiday enjoyable and stress-free and can help you book:

- ✓ **Airport Lounges** from £28
- ✓ **Airport Parking** from £6 per day
- ✓ **Airport Hotels** from £40 per night
- ✓ **Travel Insurance** Contact us for details of our recommended policy

Please speak to our experienced Travel Consultants who will happily provide advice and arrange these for you.

Thank you for your loyalty

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again. What's more, they also recommend us to their friends and family. We really appreciate this loyalty and want to reward you for it.



■ Become a Wendy Wu Tours Champion

Recommend us to your friends and we'll send you a 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.

■ Loyalty Discount

When you book your second holiday, we'll give you a £100pp discount.

■ Welcome Home Discount

When you book another tour with us within four-weeks of returning home, we'll give you a £200pp discount.

■ Become a Wendy Wu Tours VIP

Book three trips or more and we'll give you £250pp off the total cost of your holiday.

Conditions apply. Rewards and discounts cannot be combined. Refer to our website for full details.

Stopovers & Extensions

Why not break up your long haul trip with a stopover – most airlines won't charge you any extra for stopping over en route. We are able to book you hotel, transfers and touring and add it to your trip. World class destinations such as Dubai and Hong Kong are just a few of the options potentially available between your destination and the UK. If you want to stay longer in Sydney, Rio or wherever your trip starts or finishes, we are able to add extra nights onto your trip for a small supplement.



TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

- Over 19 years' experience
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of group, private and tailor-made holidays
- Depart from many regional UK airports
- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Quality hotels and comfortable transport
- Outstanding customer satisfaction
- Award winning guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Authentic dining and delicious local cuisine
- Hassle-free visa service included
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL & IATA



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- China ■ Japan ■ Vietnam ■ Cambodia ■ Laos ■ Thailand ■ Burma ■ India ■ Nepal ■ Bhutan
- Sri Lanka ■ Central Asia ■ Mongolia ■ Taiwan ■ South Korea ■ Indonesia



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