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Welcome to our World Heritage Tour series, a collection of tour packages that enable you to visit an extraordinary assortment of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. This special line of journeys has been artistically tailored to offer you to discover some of mankind's highest achievements and explore nature's greatest wonders.

Since 1978, Bestway Tours & Safaris has been pioneering tours to the home of so many civilizations and strives to give an understanding of the cultures and peoples who live there. As we travel in small groups, we bridge cultural divides through real people to people contact. The main focus of our tours is the pursuit of knowledge and a better understanding of the world we live in.

Our journeys cover not only heritage sites, but also present to you cultural diversity, awe-inspiring scenery and genuine interaction with the local people of the places we visit.

Our philosophy of *Journeys Sans Frontières* symbolizes the breaking of political and traditional boundaries. Our goal is to constantly innovate and provide you with a level of service that exceeds your expectations. This epitomizes our whole existence and allows us to go beyond where most travel companies will NOT take you.

The pages that follow should give you an idea of the vast variety of tours we have on offer to this part of the world. For a complete listing, more detailed itineraries, dates and prices please visit www.worldheritagetours.com and www.bestway.com.

We feel very confident and comfortable in tailoring custom tour programs to suit your own areas of interest and dates, be it for a single person or a group. Planning your tour is more than just coordinating the logistics. In each journey we plan, we fulfill our passion to create connections between the traveller and the welcoming hosts at all our destinations.

The Bestway Tours & Safaris team looks forward to being of service to you, both here and at your destination.

Happy Journeys!

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India: Northern & Southern Heritage

A comprehensive cultural insight



Taj Mahal, Agra



A unique journey that traverses the subcontinent from North to South to give you a comprehensive overview in 29 days.

The itinerary has been designed in such a way that you have a choice of also doing only the Northern Heritage Tour (15 days) or the Southern Heritage Tour (17 days).

PART 1: THE NORTHERN HERITAGE

DAY 1 DELHI Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 DELHI The Northern Heritage starts with an exploration of New and Old Delhi including Birla House, India Gate, Humayun's Tomb*, Qutub Minar*, Red Fort*, Jama Masjid and Raj Ghat.

DAY 3 DELHI • AMRITSAR Deluxe train ride to Amritsar, followed by a visit of the India-Pakistan Border at Wagah to witness the spectacular flag lowering ceremony at sunset.

DAY 4 AMRITSAR • DELHI Visit of Harmandir Sahib, the Golden Temple, Jallianwala Bagh memorial garden. Afternoon train to Delhi and transfer to our hotel.

DAY 5 DELHI • VARANASI Short flight to Varanasi. Visit Bharat Mata Temple, Durga temple, Tulsi Manas Mandir & Banaras Hindu University. Evening witness the spectacular Aarti ceremony on the Ghats by the Ganges.

DAY 6 VARANASI • KHAJURAHO Sunrise cruise on the River Ganges to observe the morning rituals of the Hindu pilgrims on the riverbanks. Visit the ancient Buddhist site of Sarnath. Flight to Khajuraho, followed by a visit of the 11th century temples of Khajuraho*. Evening free.

DAY 7 KHAJURAHO • ORCHHA • AGRA Visit the medieval fortress-city of Orchha, before heading to Jhansi to board our luxury train to Agra and transfer to our hotel.

DAY 8 AGRA Marvel at the Taj Mahal* at sunrise, followed by visits of Agra Fort*, Itmad-Ud-Daulah Mausoleum and seeing artisans doing inlay marble work.

NOTE: Optional special full moon visit of the Taj Mahal.

DAY 9 AGRA • FATEHPUR SIKRI • JAIPUR Excursion to Fatehpur Sikri* and the Salim Chisty mausoleum, followed by a journey through rural Rajasthan to the pink city of Jaipur.

DAY 10 JAIPUR We take an elephant ride uphill to the intriguing Amber Palace, followed by visits to the Palace of Winds, the Jantar Mantar Astronomical Observatory* in the Royal Palace of Jaipur and the colourful bazaar.

DAY 11 JAIPUR • AURANGABAD Flight to Aurangabad. Arrival transfer to our hotel. Balance of the day at leisure.

DAY 12 AURANGABAD • AJANTA CAVES An interesting day excursion to the ancient Rock-cut monuments and cave temples of Ajanta*.

DAY 13 AURANGABAD • ELLORA CAVES • MUMBAI Morning excursion of the remarkable Ellora Caves*, Daulatabad Fort and Bibi-Ka-Maqbra Mausoleum. Flight to Mumbai.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Passengers arriving for the Southern Heritage Tour will be received at Mumbai Airport and transferred to the hotel on this day.*

PART 2: THE SOUTHERN HERITAGE

DAY 14 MUMBAI Excursion to the Elephanta Caves*, followed by visits to the Gateway of India, Prince of Wales Museum,

Discover 5000 years of India's rich history in two combined journeys.



Boy at a juice stand in Mumbai

Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Victoria Terminus)*, Mani Bhawan Museum, the Jain Temple, Hanging Gardens, Tower Of Silence, Crawford Market and the Dhobi Ghat laundry. Evening free.

DAY 15 MUMBAI • GOA Flight to Goa where we are welcomed and transferred to our hotel.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Passengers doing only the Northern Heritage Tour will be transferred to Mumbai Airport for their departure on this day.*

DAY 16 GOA Visit of the Baroque Churches of Goa*. Rest of the day is free to relax on the beach.

DAY 17 GOA • HYDERABAD Morning free to continue enjoying Goa's beaches. Short flight to Hyderabad and transfer to our hotel.

DAY 18 HYDERABAD Visit the Charminar, Mecca Masjid, Husain Sagar Lake with its Buddha statue on an island, Salar Jung Museum and magnificent Golconda Fort. Evening free.

DAY 19 HYDERABAD • BANGALORE Flight to Bangalore. Bangalore exploration includes visits of the Vidhana Soudha, Cubbon Park, Tipu Sultan's Palace museum and the majestic Lal Bagh Gardens.

DAY 20 BANGALORE • MYSORE We discover rural Karnataka including the island fortress of Srirangapatam. At Mysore we visit the Maharajah's Palace, Shri Chamundeswari Temple and the Nadi Shiva's Mount. Overnight at Mysore.

DAY 21 MYSORE • OOTY Travel through eucalyptus forests to the hill resort of Ooty. Enjoy free time at Ooty.

DAY 22 OOTY • NILGIRI MOUNTAIN RAILWAY Visit the Botanical Gardens, Lamb's rock and Dodabetta Peak, followed by an exciting steam train ride on the historical Nilgiri Mountain Railway*.

DAY 23 OOTY • KODAIKANAL Travel through scenic hills to the peaceful hill station of Kodaikanal, followed by a boat ride on Kodaikanal Lake.

DAY 24 KODAIKANAL • MADURAI Explore the diverse countryside of Tamil Nadu. Later at Madurai we visit the Dravidian Sri Meenakshi Temple, Tirumalai Nayaka Temple and the rich Temple Art Museum.

DAY 25 MADURAI • THANJAVUR Continue exploring rural Tamil Nadu. On our way to Thanjavur we visit the historical Brihadishwara Temple*, Tanjore Palace and the Museum. Evening free.

DAY 26 THANJAVUR • PONDICHERRY A different India awaits us, as we drive to the former French colony of Pondicherry and visit the famous Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

DAY 27 PONDICHERRY • MAHABALIPURAM Our journey takes us to Mahabalipuram* to visit the group of sanctuaries founded by the Pallava kings on the Coromandel Coast.

DAY 28 MAHABALIPURAM • KANCHIPURAM • CHENNAI Day excursion to visit the incredible temples

of Kanchipuram, followed by a short drive to Chennai where our visits include the National Art Gallery & Museum, St. Mary's Church, Peoples Park and beautiful Marina Beach.

DAY 29 MAHABALIPURAM After a comprehensive exploration right from the North to the South, we bid farewell to India. Transfer for departure flight.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Artistically designed tour of India from North to South.

Visit 16 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

4 deluxe daytime train rides to enjoy the scenery.

India: Western Heritage

A journey through Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh



The Ellora Caves World Heritage Site



DAY 1 DELHI Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 DELHI The Western Heritage Tour starts with an exploration of New and Old Delhi including India Gate, Connaught Place, Humayun's Tomb*, Qutub Minar*, Red Fort*, Jama Masjid and Raj Ghat.

DAY 3 DELHI • AGRA Deluxe train ride to Agra, followed by a visit of the Taj Mahal*, Agra Fort*, Itmad-Ud-Daulah Mausoleum and seeing artisans doing inlay marble work. NOTE: Optional special full moon visit of the Taj Mahal.

DAY 4 AGRA • BHOPAL Deluxe train ride to Bhopal, followed by a tour including Jama Masjid, Moti Masjid and Ta-ul-Masajidi.

DAY 5 SANCHI Explore Sanchi*, a group of Buddhist monuments with perfect and well-preserved stupas and the Bhimbetka Caves*

DAY 6 BHOPAL • UJJAIN • INDORE Visits to the Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain, as well as Kanch Mandir and The Lal Bagh Palace in Indore. Evening free.

DAY 7 INDORE • MANDU Excursion to Mandu to visit the Jahaz Mahal, Taveli Mahal, Asharafi Mahal, Tomb of Hoshang Shah, the Jain Temple, Jama Masjid, Baz Bahadur's Palace, Rupmati's Pavilion, Darya Khan's Tomb and Nil Kanth Palace.

DAY 8 MANDU • AHMEDABAD A fascinating drive through the countryside brings us to Ahmedabad. Rest of the day is free.

DAY 9 AHMEDABAD Explore the city with visits to Mahatma Gandhi's Sabarmati Ashram, the Siddhi Sayad Masjid, Swaminarayan Temple and other monuments.

DAY 10 AHMEDABAD • RAJKOT Drive to the capital of the former princely state of Saurashtra, followed by an exploration of Rajkot.

DAY 11 RAJKOT • BHUJ An interesting drive through rural Gujarat brings us to Bhuj. Rest of the day is free.

DAY 12 BHUJ Visit the Aina Mahal with the Maharao Sinh Madansinhji Museum, Prag Mahal, the new palace and the Kutch Museum, the oldest in Gujarat.

DAY 13 BHUJ • AURANGABAD Flight to Aurangabad. Arrival transfer to our Hotel. Balance of the day at leisure.

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DAY 15 AURANGABAD • ELLORA CAVES • MUMBAI Morning excursion of the remarkable Ellora Caves*. Flight to Mumbai and transfer to the hotel.

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DAY 17 MUMBAI After our incredible journey of marvelling at Western India's heritage, we are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 11 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Step into the Buddhist, Afghan and Moghul legacy of India.

Explore rarely visited parts of India.

India: Eastern Heritage

A tour of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal, Assam & Arunachal Pradesh

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Victoria Memorial at sunset, Kolkata



DAY 1 HYDERABAD Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 HYDERABAD Visit the Charminar mosque, Mecca Masjid, Falaknuma Palace, Husain Sagar Lake with its statue of the Buddha and Salar Jung museum.

DAY 3 HYDERABAD • BHUBANESWAR Short flight to Bhubaneswar, followed by a visit to the Rajarani, Mukteswar, Parasurameswar and Lingaraja temples.

DAY 4 PURI AND KONARK Full day excursion to the Jagannath temple in Puri and the Sun Temple in Konark*.

DAY 5 BHUBANESWAR • KOLKATA Free morning followed by a flight to Kolkata and transfer to hotel.

DAY 6 KOLKATA Visit the flower market, Belur Math, the Kali Temple, Victoria Memorial, St. Paul's Cathedral, Fort William, Raj Bhawan and the High Court.

DAY 7 KOLKATA • BHALUKPONG Flight to Guwahati and transfer to Bhalukpong, next to the Pakhui Game Sanctuary. Visit the Kamakhya Temple and a World War II cemetery.

DAY 8 BHALUKPONG • DIRANG Visit Dirang. Continue to Tipi Orchid House.

DAY 9 DIRANG • TAWANG Visit Dirang Dzong and the village followed by a journey through the Eastern Himalayas to Tawang, a major center of Mahayana Buddhism, via the Sela Pass.

DAY 10 TAWANG Visit Tawang Monastery, largest Tibetan monastery in India, interact with the lamas and visit a Monpa tribal village. Evening free.

DAY 11 TAWANG • BOMDILA Drive from Tawang to the Buddhist monastery of Bomdila with spectacular views of the Himalayan Range.

DAY 12 BOMDILA • TEZPUR Today we reach the plains of Assam as we head to Tezpur, to visit Cole Park, with sculptures depicting local Assamese folklore and the market.

DAY 13 TEZPUR • DARJEELING Transfer to Guwahati for our flight to Bagdogra, followed by an interesting journey along beautiful tea gardens to Darjeeling.

DAY 14 DARJEELING Proceed to Tiger Hill to view the sunrise over the lofty Himalayas, followed by a ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway* and visits of the Ghoom Monastery, the Himalayan Zoo and the Natural History Museum.

DAY 15 DARJEELING • KOLKATA After an incredible Eastern Heritage Tour of India, we are transferred to Bagdogra Airport for our departure flight.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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Visit remote Tibetan monasteries in the Himalayas.

Enjoy a ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway World Heritage Site.

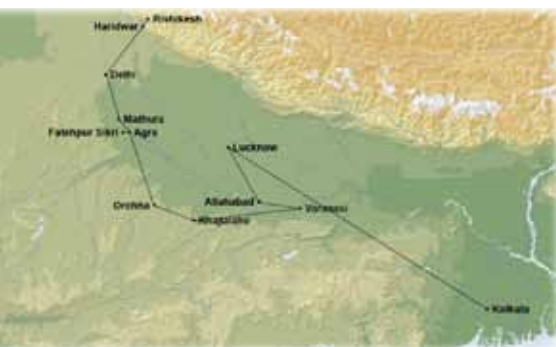
Explore the magnificent temples of Orissa.

Journey to the Ganges

A journey to India's spiritual heart



Boats on the Ganges River, Varanasi



DAY 1 DELHI Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 DELHI Our exploration of New Delhi includes India Gate, Humayun's Tomb*, Qutub Minar*, Lotus Temple and Iskcon Temple. Afternoon free

DAY 3 DELHI Today we explore Old Delhi, including the famous Red Fort*, the Jama Masjid - India's largest mosque, Raj Ghat and Chandni Chowk bazaar. Evening a spectacular Sound & Light Show at the Red Fort.

DAY 4 DELHI • HARIDWAR • RISHIKESH Travel by deluxe train to Haridwar, from where we continue to Rishikesh, an important Hindu pilgrimage site.

DAY 5 RISHIKESH Free day to enjoy Ayurvedic treatments, Yoga or watch the believers at the temples.

DAY 6 RISHIKESH • HARIDWAR • DELHI At Haridwar witness the Aarti Ceremony on the shores of the Ganges, before taking the overnight train to Delhi.

DAY 7 DELHI • MATHURA • AGRA

Visit Mathura, birthplace of Lord Krishna, before heading to Agra. Balance of the day at leisure.

DAY 8 AGRA Experience sunrise at the Taj Mahal* followed by visits to Agra Fort*, Fatehpur Sikri* and the Salim Chisty mausoleum. NOTE: Optional special full moon visit of the Taj Mahal.

DAY 9 AGRA • ORCHHA • KHAJURAHO Deluxe train ride to Jhansi then visit Orchha, an amazing medieval fortress-city followed by a journey to Khajuraho.

DAY 10 KHAJURAHO • VARANASI Visit of the 11th century temples of Khajuraho*, followed by a short flight to Varanasi. We witness the spectacular Aarti Ceremony on the Ghat by the Ganges in the evening.

DAY 11 VARANASI Sunrise cruise on the River Ganges to observe the morning rituals of the Hindu pilgrims, followed by visits to the Durga temple, Tulsi Manas Mandir, Banaras Hindu University, Aurangzeb's Mosque and the ancient Buddhist site of Sarnath.

DAY 12 VARANASI • ALLAHABAD We visit Allahabad Fort, Allahabad Museum, Anand Bhawan, Swaraj Bhawan and the holy place of Sangam at the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna and Saraswati rivers.

DAY 13 ALLAHABAD • LUCKNOW Our journey through Uttar Pradesh takes us to the Moghul city of Lucknow. Visit the Bara Imambara, the beautiful clock tower and the Jama Masjid.

DAY 14 LUCKNOW • KOLKATA Short flight to Kolkata. Rest of the day is free.

DAY 15 KOLKATA Visit the Victoria Memorial, St. Paul's Cathedral, Fort William, Raj Bhawan and the High Court. Afternoon free to visit the famous coffee houses of Calcutta.

DAY 16 KOLKATA After our incredible journey of India from West to East, we are transferred to the airport for our departure flight.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

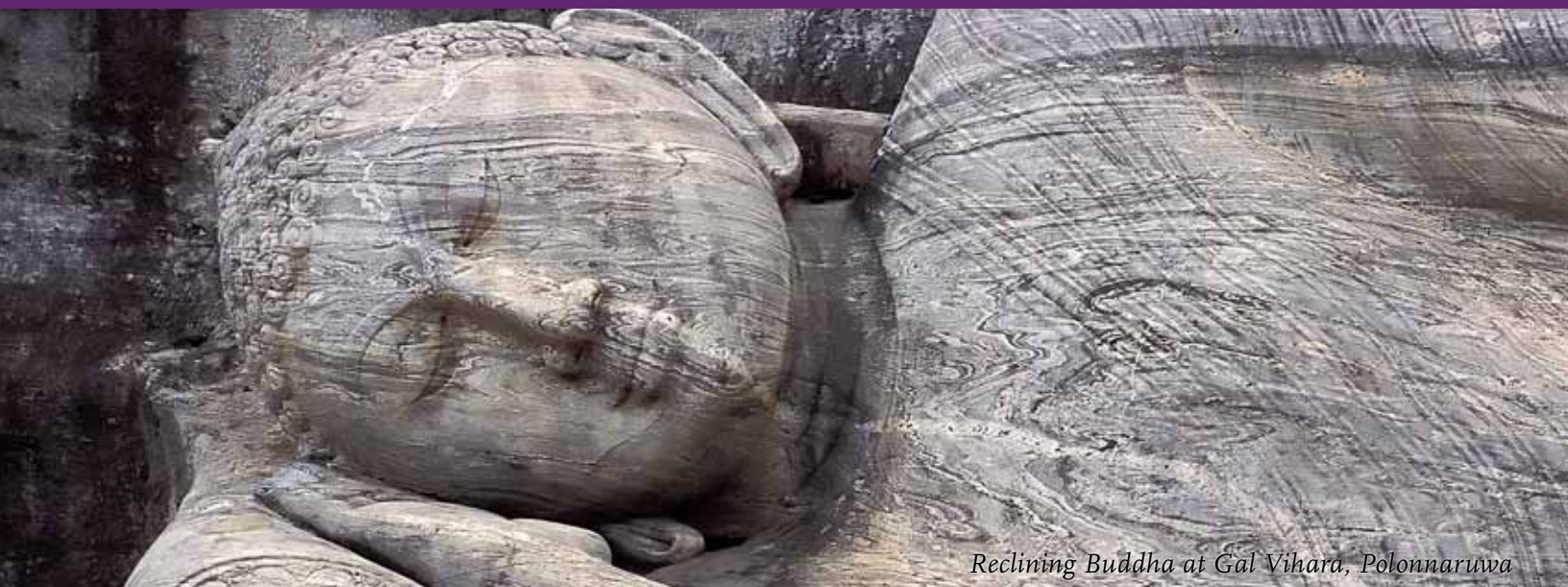
Visit 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Follow the path of
the holy Ganges River.

Experience a unique journey to India's
most sacred and venerable places.

World Heritage Sites of Sri Lanka

A cultural journey to an ancient island nation



Reclining Buddha at Gal Vihara, Polonnaruwa



DAY 1 COLOMBO Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 COLOMBO Full day tour including the first colonial fort, Sea Street, Pettah, the bazaar area, a Hindu Temple, Davatagaha Mosque, Kelaniya Raja Maha Vihara, Wolfendaal Church and the Colombo National Museum.

DAY 3 COLOMBO • SIGIRIYA We journey along the lovely countryside to the Ancient City of Sigiriya* where we marvel at the beautiful frescoes on Sigiriya Rock.

DAY 4 ANURADHAPURA & AUKANA Visit the Ancient City of Anuradhapura* to see the world's oldest living Bodhi tree, the Brazen Palace, the twin ponds and the Queens' Bath, followed by a visit of the magnificent rock-cut statue of Lord Buddha in Aukana.

DAY 5 POLONNARUWA • HABARANA Visit the Ancient City of Polonnaruwa*, to see Gal Vihara, the Tivanka Pilimage and Parakrama Samudra. In the afternoon we enjoy an elephant back safari in the Habarana jungles.

DAY 6 DAMBULLA • MATALE • KANDY Visit the five cave temples of the Golden Temple of Dambulla*, the Matale Spice Gardens and the Sacred City of Kandy*.

DAY 7 KANDY Excursion of the Elephant Orphanage in Pinnawela, followed by visits to the Lankatilaka Temple, Embekke Temples, and the Temple of Tooth. We enjoy a traditional dance performance with fire eating and walking rituals in the evening.

DAY 8 KANDY • NUWARA ELIYA Visit the Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya followed by a drive through the tea gardens to Nuwara Eliya and a visit to a tea factory.

DAY 9 NUWARA ELIYA • GALLE Sri Lanka is well known for its tea and today we explore the lovely tea gardens and continue to the coast to visit the historic city of Galle*.

DAY 10 GALLE Explore Galle's natural harbour and the historic fortress with its Dutch churches, museum, light house and imposing ramparts, followed by an excursion to Weligama, to visit the Statue of the Leper King and the Purvarama Image House.

DAY 11 GALLE • NEGOMBO Scenic coastal drive to Ambalangoda and visit of the traditional fishing village of Negombo.

DAY 12 NEGOMBO • COLOMBO After an unforgettable experience of one of Asia's oldest cultures and enjoying the hospitality of Sri Lanka and its people, we are transferred for our departure flight.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

A comprehensive tour of Sri Lanka.
Visit 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
Discover Sri Lanka's Ancient Buddhist Heritage.

COMBINATIONS

This journey is ideally combined with our tours to India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia.

Journey to Bangladesh

A cultural and natural tour of a flamboyant country



Karnafuli River at dawn, Chittagong



Although Bangladesh emerged as an independent country in 1971, its history stretches back thousands of years. It has been known as a crossroads of history and culture. We invite you to tour Bangladesh, to enjoy this rarely visited country.

DAY 1 DHAKA After arrival we are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel followed by a brief tour of Dhaka with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant to get a taste of the famous Bangladeshi cuisine.

DAY 2 DHAKA • JESSORE • BAGERHAT Flight to Jessore, followed by a drive to visit the Historic Mosque City of Bagerhat*, an outstanding example of an architectural ensemble which illustrates a significant stage in human history. Situated at the meeting point of the Ganges and Brahmaputra rivers, this ancient city was founded by the Turkish general Ulugh Khan Jahan in the 15th century. We then continue to Khulna.

DAY 3 KHULNA We take a boat excursion to the Sundarbans Forest*, the single largest mangrove forest in the world in the delta of the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Meghna rivers on the Bay of Bengal. The site is intersected by a complex network of tidal waterways, mudflats and small islands of salt-tolerant mangrove forests, and presents an excellent example of ongoing ecological processes and a popular habitat of the Royal Bengal Tiger. An optional arrangement for fishing with the aid of otters during the Sundarban cruising can also be arranged.

DAY 4 KHULNA • BOGRA Drive from Khulna to Bogra, stopping at the Temples of Shiva and Govinda in Putia and various villages and local bazaars to get a feel of the lifestyle. Upon arrival at Bogra we are transferred to our hotel. Balance of day free.

DAY 5 BOGRA • PAHARPUR Visit the ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur* and the old fortress of Mahasthan. Evening, followed by an interesting visit to a local market.

DAY 6 PAHARPUR • DHAKA We visit the weaver's village in Tangail to get an opportunity to see the village life and talk to the local people. We then proceed to visit the Atia Mosque, a blend of pre and imperial Moghul architectures and styles built in 1609 and continue to Dhaka for a sightseeing tour of the capital city.

DAY 7 DHAKA To the airport for departure.

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Bestway Tours & Safaris can also organize tailor-made tours to other areas of Bangladesh, such as Chittagong, Cox Bazaar and the Chittagong Hilltracts, home to many unique tribes, close to the border with Myanmar, where much of the traditional lifestyle is still well preserved.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

A comprehensive tour of the most important cultural sites of Bangladesh.

Excursion of the Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest.

Visit 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Bangladesh.

COMBINATIONS

This tour is ideally combined with our tours to India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Thailand & Malaysia.

World Heritage Sites of Pakistan

A cultural journey through millenary history



Camel driver at Clifton Beach, Karachi



DAY 1 KARACHI Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel. Evening visit to the mausoleum of Muhammad Ali Jinnah founder of Pakistan and the Defence Mosque, followed by our welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 2 KARACHI • THATTA We visit the National Museum and then take an excursion to the Historical Monuments at Makli, Thatta* and the Great Mosque of Emperor Shah Jehan.

DAY 3 KARACHI • SUKKUR A short flight takes us to Sukkur to visit the Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro*, where the Indus Civilization, flourished 5000 years ago. Afternoon time to relax in Sukkur.

DAY 4 SUKKUR • BHONG • BAHAWALPUR Tour of Sukkur, including the Minaret of Masum Shah, Faiz Mahal and the banks of the Indus River to see the traditional Mohana boat people and their daily activities along the river. We then drive through rural Sindh to Bahawalpur with a stop at Bhong to see the extraordinary modern mosque.

DAY 5 BAHAWALPUR • MULTAN

Tour Bahawalpur before our visit of Multan, one of the oldest cities on the subcontinent. It is known as the city of Saints. We explore the Old Fort, shrines of Sheikh Bahad-ud-din Zakriya, Shah Shams Tabriz and Shah Rukn-e-Alam. Damdama, Eidgah Mosque and the Hussain Agahi Bazaar.

DAY 6 MULTAN • HARAPPA • LAHORE

Explore the archaeological site and museum of Harappa, cradle of the Indus Valley Civilization. A fascinating drive through the Punjabi countryside brings us to the majestic city of Lahore.

DAY 7 LAHORE We explore the first Moghul capital visiting the Lahore Fort*, Badshahi Mosque, Poet Iqbal's Tomb, Shalimar Gardens*, Lahore Museum, Emperor Jehangir's Mausoleum, Empress Nur Jehan's Tomb, Sarafa Bazaar, Kashmiri Bazaar, the Golden Mosque and Wazir Khan's Mosque. Evening free.

DAY 8 LAHORE • ROHTAS FORT •

RAWALPINDI Visit a perfect amalgamation of Pashtun and Hindu architecture at Rohtas Fort* along the Grand Trunk Road. Free time in the afternoon.

DAY 9 TAXILA • ISLAMABAD Explore the ruins of Gandhara civilization and the remains of ancient Buddhist sites in Taxila*. We also visit the Shakarparian Gardens and Shah Faisal Mosque in Islamabad and the historical Raja Bazaar in Rawalpindi.

DAY 10 TAKHT-E-BHAI • PESHAWAR

We drive to explore the ancient city of

Takht-e-Bhai* with a Buddhist monastic complex dating back to the 1st Century B.C. We also visit the ruins of Sahr-i-Bahlol, a small fortified city dating from the same period before our arrival in Peshawar.

DAY 11 PESHAWAR Today we explore the Quissa Khawani (story tellers) bazaar, the Mahabat Khan Mosque and have an in-depth visit of the Peshawar Museum, known for its rich Gandhara collection.

DAY 12 PESHAWAR After our enlightening journey through millenary history, we are transferred to the airport.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You may choose to conclude your tour on day 10, in which case you will be transferred to Islamabad International Airport for your departure flight.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Discover the ancient Indus Valley Civilization and Pakistan's Buddhist heritage.

Marvel at the Moghul city of Lahore.

COMBINATIONS

This journey is ideally combined with our tours to Afghanistan, India, China and Central Asia.

World Heritage Sites of the Philippines

Baroque Churches • Rice Terraces • Vigan • Puerto-Princesa Subterranean River



Banaue rice terraces, Luzon Island



DAY 1 MANILA Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 MANILA City tour, including Intramuros with the ruins of Fort Santiago, San Agustin Church, Casa Manila and the Baluarte de San Diego; we continue to Quiapo Church and the Chinese Cemetery.

DAY 3 MANILA • BANAUE Drive along the scenic countryside of the Northern Luzon for about 8 hours to Banaue.

DAY 4 BANAUE Full day tour of Banaue Rice Terraces* and local villages by private jeepneys.

DAY 5 BONTOC • SAGADA Drive to Bontoc, to visit its museum of the tribal minorities of the Cordillera, continue

to Sagada, a small town known for the hanging coffins and burial caves.

DAY 6 BAGUIO Drive on the Halsema Highway to Baguio for an afternoon tour of Baguio market, Burnham Park, Mines View Park, Easter Weaving School, St. Louie Silver Craft School, Imelda Park and the Mansion House.

DAY 7 VIGAN • LAOAG Drive to Laoag with stops at St. Maria Church* and explore the World Heritage City of Vigan*.

DAY 8 LAOAG • MANILA We explore Laoag City visiting the Paoay Church*, the Marcos Museum and Santa Monica Church. Afternoon flight to Manila.

DAY 9 BOHOL Flight to Bohol to tour Tagbilaran City and the Chocolate Hills and river cruise on the Loay River.

DAY 10 CEBU Ferry to Cebu. Afternoon tour of Cebu including Magellan Cross, Basilica of Santo Niño, Fort San Pedro, the Lapu-Lapu Monument and the battle site of Magellan in Mactan.

DAY 11 CEBU • PUERTO PRINCESA Flight to Puerto Princesa. Afternoon tour of Puerto Princesa including the Puerto Princesa Ethnological Museum, Butterfly Farm, Crocodile farm, the Public Market, the Port and Iwahig Penal Colony.

DAY 12 ST. PAUL SUBTERRANEAN NATIONAL PARK Full day tour, crossing the marble cliffs landscape of Cabayugan. In

Sabang take an outrigger-motorized boat to explore the St. Paul Subterranean National Park*.

DAY 13 PUERTO PRINCESA • MANILA Flight from Puerto Princesa to Manila. Rest of the day is free.

DAY 14 MANILA We are transferred to the airport for our departure flight.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Explore Northern Luzon.

Travel to the Visayas Archipelago.

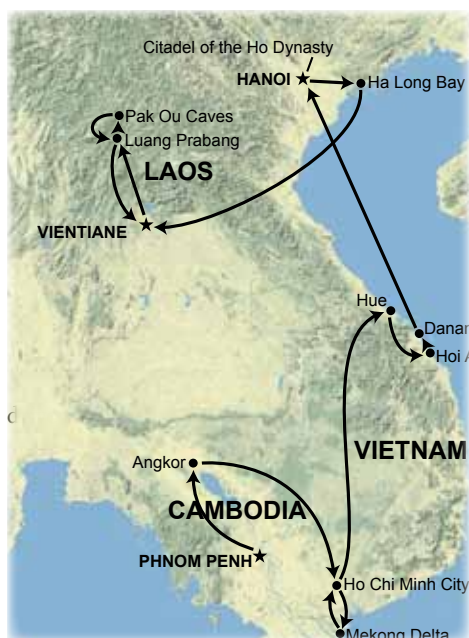
Explore the beautiful island of Palawan.

World Heritage Sites of Indochina

Cambodia • Vietnam • Laos



Angkor Wat, Cambodia



DAY 1 PHNOM PENH Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and are transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 PHNOM PENH We explore Cambodia's capital, visiting Wat Phnom, the National Museum, Tuol Sleng and the Central Market.

DAY 3 ANGKOR We fly to Siem Reap to visit the temples of Angkor*, including Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom.

DAY 4 ANGKOR We visit Banteay Srei, Banteay Samre, Ta Keo, Ta Prohm, a complex almost completely covered by the jungle; Pre Rup and Eastern Mebon.

DAY 5 ANGKOR • HO CHI MINH CITY We visit Chau Say Tevoda, Thommanon temple, Neak Pean and Prasat Kravan. We fly to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, with time to explore the restaurants and cafés of bustling Saigon.

DAY 6 HO CHI MINH CITY We explore Saigon and Cholon, visiting Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office, Opera House, Jade Emperor Pagoda, Reunification Palace, Giac Lam Pagoda, Binh Tay and Ben Thanh Markets. Evening Free.

DAY 7 MEKONG DELTA We explore the Mekong Delta, including My Tho, the Cao Dai Temple in Long An Province, Vinh Trang Pagoda and the orchards of Dragon Island.

DAY 8 HO CHI MINH CITY • HUE We fly to Hue* and visit the Forbidden Purple City.

DAY 9 HUE We explore more sites in Hue, visiting the Royal Palace of Tu Duc, Khai Dinh Tomb, Thien Mu Pagoda and the Emperor Minh Mang Tomb complex.

DAY 10 HUE • DANANG • HOI AN We drive from Hue to Danang, visit the Cham Museum, China Beach and the Buddhist cave sanctuaries in the Marble Mountains and continue to Hoi An.

DAY 11 HOI AN We explore historic Hoi An*, including Quan Cong Temple, Phuoc Kien Pagoda, the Japanese Covered Bridge, Sa Huynh Museum and Phung Hung House. In the afternoon we take an excursion to explore My Son Sanctuary*.

DAY 12 DANANG • HANOI We fly to Hanoi and visit the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long*, the One Pillar Pagoda, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and the local markets.

DAY 13 HANOI • CITADEL OF THE HO DYNASTY We take an excursion to the Citadel of the Ho Dynasty*. Afternoon free.

DAY 14 HA LONG BAY An excursion to Ha Long Bay* for an unforgettable boat journey.

DAY 15 VIENTIANE We fly to Vientiane, Laos followed by a visit of Pha That Luang, Patuxai, Haw Pha Kaew, Wat Si Saket and the Talaat Sao Market.

DAY 16 VIENTIANE • LUANG PRABANG After a short flight we explore Luang Prabang*, the ancient capital city of the Lan Xang Kingdom, including Wat Xieng Thong, Wat Wisunalat, Wat Mai and Phousi Hill.

DAY 17 PAK OU CAVES A boat excursion on the Mekong River takes us to the Pak Ou Caves, filled with Buddha images and the local villages of Ban Xang Hai and Ban Thing Hong.

DAY 18 LUANG PRABANG We visit the magnificent Royal Palace, Wat That Luang and Wat Tham Xieng Maen in Luang Prabang and fly to Vientiane.

DAY 19 VIENTIANE We are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Explore the cultural diversity
of Indochina

Route of the Caravans: The Silk Road

Kyrgyzstan • Kazakhstan • Uzbekistan • Tajikistan • Turkmenistan



Registan ensemble, Samarkand, Uzbekistan



DAY 1 BISHKEK We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel. We then explore Kyrgyzstan's capital, visiting the History Museum, the Osh bazaar and other important buildings.

DAY 2 BISHKEK We visit the old caravan town of Balashgun, the ancient settlement of Burana in the Chui Valley and the cattle breeders in the outskirts of Tokmok.

DAY 3 BISHKEK • ALMATY We cross into Kazakhstan and travel to Almaty to visit Panfilov Park, the Holy Ascension Cathedral the City Grand Mosque and the museums.

DAY 4 ALMATY • TASHKENT We fly to Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan to visit the old city, Hast Imam Complex, Barak Khana seminary, Tilla Shaikh archives, Chorsu market, Kukeldesh Madrassa, Akbar's pottery house and the Museum of Applied Arts.

DAY 5 TASHKENT • FERGHANA We take a flight to the Ferghana Valley to visit a silk factory, Hoja Ihsan Madrassa, potters in Rishton; Khodoyar Khan's Fort, the museum & Nurbatabey Mosque in Kokand.

DAY 6 FERGHANA • KHUJEND Our excursion takes us to Tajikistan to explore Kandibadam and the local museum, Panjshanbe Bazaar and the Tomb of Shaikh Moslehudd in Khujend.

DAY 7 KHUJEND • SAMARKAND We re-enter Uzbekistan and travel through cotton plantations to Samarkand*.

DAY 8 SAMARKAND We visit the madrasah complex of Registan, other monuments of the Timurid period and the old site of Afrosiab.

DAY 9 SAMARKAND We visit the Urgut Sunday Bazaar before our excursion to the Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz* to visit the monuments from the time of Tamerlane.

DAY 10 SAMARKAND • BAIMURAT We travel off the beaten track through a number of villages to the Kizilkum desert camp of Baimurat and get an insight into the traditional Uzbek way of life.

DAY 11 BAIMURAT • BUKHARA We travel through the desert, stopping in Nurata to visit a grave of a soldier of Alexander the Great and the wall of an ancient fortress; we visit the summer palace of the emir of Bukhara in Sitara-i-Mokhikhosa before arriving in Bukhara.

DAY 12 BUKHARA We explore the Historic Centre of Bukhara*, the most complete example of a medieval city in Central Asia, visiting the famous tomb of Ismail Samani and selected 17th-century madrassas.

DAY 13 BUKHARA • KHIVA We explore

the heart of Kizilkum desert and the vast cotton fields irrigated by the Amudarya River on our drive to Khiva.

DAY 14 KHIVA • NUKUS We explore the Itchan Kala*, visiting this living museum of Central Asia on foot. In the afternoon we depart for Nukus.

DAY 15 NUKUS • KUNYA-URGENCH • ASHGABAT We explore the collection of Russian Avant-Garde period paintings in the Karakalpakstan Regional Museum; cross the border into Turkmenistan, visit the monuments of Kunya-Urgench* and fly to Ashgabat.

DAY 16 ASHGABAT • NISA We visit the Tolkuchka Bazaar, the State Museum of History, the Grand Mosque and the archaeological site of the Parthian Fortresses of Nisa*. Afternoon free.

DAY 17 MERV We fly for the day to Mary to explore ancient Merv*, visiting Gaiyur Kala, Erk Kala, Sultan Kala and the mausoleum of Sultan Sanjar.

DAY 18 ASHGABAT We are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Visit the birthplace of the empire builders Tamerlane of the Timurids and Babur, founder of the Moghul Empire.

Persia's World Heritage Sites

A journey through the crossroads of civilization



Palace of Darius I, Persepolis



DAY 1 TEHRAN Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel. In the afternoon we visit the Crown Jewels and the Archaeological museums.

DAY 2 TEHRAN We continue our exploration of Tehran visiting Golestan Palace, the Glass & Ceramic Museum, the Carpet Museum and Saadabad Palace.

DAY 3 TEHRAN • TABRIZ Morning flight to Tabriz to visit the Blue Mosque, Argh-e-Tabriz, Municipality, the House of Constitution and Tabriz Historic Bazaar Complex* in addition to an excursion to the ancient village of Kandovan.

DAY 4 TABRIZ • MAKU We take an excursion to Maku to visit the ancient Cathedral of Qara Kelisa, one of the Armenian Monastic Ensembles of Iran*.

DAY 5 TABRIZ • SOLTANIYEH • HAMEDAN We travel to explore the ancient city of Soltaniyeh* and continue to Hamedan.

DAY 6 HAMEDAN • KERMANSHAH We visit the Achaemenian rock inscriptions near the Ganjnameh waterfall, the memorials of Avcina, the tomb of Baba Taher, the tombs of Esther and Mordecai and the ancient Stone Lion. En-route to Kermanshah we visit the Temple of Anahita and the Achaemenian rock carvings of Bisotun*.

DAY 7 KERMANSHAH • SUSA • AHWAZ We visit the Sassanid Reliefs of Taq-e-Bostan, the ancient Ziggurat at Tchogha Zanbil* and explore the Shushtar Historical Hydraulic System* on our drive to Ahwaz.

DAY 8 AHWAZ • BISHAPORE • SHIRAZ On our drive to Shiraz we explore the Sassanian remnants of Bishapore.

DAY 9 SHIRAZ Today we visit the Eram Garden*, the tombs of the prominent Persian Poets Hafiz & Saadi, the Nassirolmolk mosque and the old Vakil Bazaar with its unique mosque.

DAY 10 SHIRAZ • PERSEPOLIS • PASARGADAE • YAZD We explore the magnificent archaeological site of Persepolis*, the tombs of Naqsh-e-Rostam and Naqsh-e-Rajab, the tomb of Cyrus the Great in Pasargadae*, the 4000 year-old Cypress tree in Abarquo and the Zoroastrian village of Cham before arriving in Yazd.

DAY 11 YAZD • ESFAHAN We visit the Zoroastrian Fire Temple and the Towers of Silence, the Jameh and Mirchakhmaque Mosques and Dolatabad Garden*, before our drive to Esfahan.

DAY 12 ESFAHAN We visit the ancient bridges of Khaju and Sio-se-Pol; the palaces of Hasht Behesht and Chehel Sotoun*; the Armenian Vank Cathedral and its museum.

DAY 13 ESFAHAN We visit the Jameh Mosque* and explore the magnificent Meidan Emam*, including the Royal Mosque, the Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, the Portico of Qaysariyyeh and the Timurid Ali Qapu Palace. Afternoon free for shopping in the old bazaar.

DAY 14 ESFAHAN • KASHAN • TEHRAN We explore the ancient village of Abyaneh; visit Fin Garden*, the houses of Tabatabaeiha & Broujerdiha and Agha Bozorg Mosque in Kashan; and visit the tomb of Ayatollah Khomeini before arriving in Tehran.

DAY 15 TEHRAN After our incredible journey of marvelling at Iran's cultural and natural heritage, we are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 11 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Discover the ancient sites of Tchogha Zanbil, Pasargadae & Persepolis.

Enjoy the beauty of Persian Gardens.

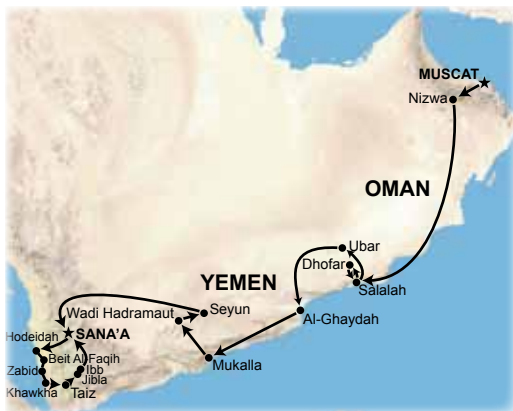
Soak up the atmosphere of Esfahan.

Frankincense Trail

Follow the caravan routes through Oman & Yemen



Old Walled City of Shibam



DAY 1 MUSCAT Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 MUSCAT • NIZWA Explore Nizwa, to visit the Aflaj Irrigation Systems of Oman*, Jabrin Castle and Bahla Fort*, the Nizwa Souq and an Amouage perfume factory.

DAY 3 MUSCAT • SALALAH We explore modern and old Muscat, visiting the Natural History museum, the Zawawi Mosque and the Muttrah Souq. In the evening we take a short flight to Salalah.

DAY 4 SALALAH • DHOFAR We explore the Dhofar region, the focal point of the trade that flourished in the Land of Frankincense*, visiting Taqa Castle, the remains of Queen Sheba's Palace, the port of Khor Rawri and the old city of Mirbat.

DAY 5 SALALAH We visit Job's Tomb, the Mosque and Mausoleum of Nabi-Ayub, Mughsail Beach with its blowholes & abundant bird life and the exotic

Frankincense Souq in the old town.

DAY 6 SALALAH • UBAR We travel through the Qara Mountains, Tumrait and the Nejd Area to explore the lost city of Ubar and Wadi Hanoon to stay in traditional, yet very comfortable tents.

DAY 7 UBAR • AL-GHAYDAH We travel through the Empty Quarter to Al Mayzonah and cross the border into Yemen for our overnight halt in Al-Ghaydah.

DAY 8 AL-GHAYDAH • MUKALLA Take a short flight to Mukalla and this historic fishing town, located by the Gulf of Aden.

DAY 9 MUKALLA • WADI HADRAMAUT • SEYUN We travel northwards to the interior, exploring Wadi Douan and Wadi Hadramaut, before our arrival in Seyun.

DAY 10 SEYUN • SANA'A We visit the Palace of Sultan Al-Kathiri and traditional souq in Seyun; Al-Kaff Palace, Al-Muhdar Mosque and Bin Yahya Palace in Tarim; explore ancient sky-scrappers soaring out of the desert in the Old Walled City of Shibam* and fly to Sana'a.

DAY 11 SANA'A We explore the Old City of Sana'a*, visiting the National Museum and Haddah, the ancient quarter with its intricately decorated mosques, city walls, hidden gardens, unique multiple-storied houses and old souqs.

DAY 12 SANA'A We explore the Yemeni countryside, visiting the stone villages of Habab, Shibam, Kawkaban and Thula.

DAY 13 SANA'A We take an excursion to Marib and visit the remains of the Temple of the Moon God and the Throne of Bilquis,

the remains of the dam of the Kingdom of Sheba and the ancient city of Marib.

DAY 14 SANA'A • HODEIDAH We drive through the coffee-growing region of Qa'a Bani Mudar, the fortified medieval villages of Manakha, Al-Hoteib and Al-Hajjarah, where the houses are built directly on to the rock; ending our day in Hodeidah.

DAY 15 HODEIDAH • ZABID • KHAWKHA We visit the traditional fish market in the early morning and visit Zabid*, an important early Islamic center of learning, before continuing to Khawkha.

DAY 16 KHAWKHA • TAIZ We drive from Khawkha to Taiz, stopping in Jabel Saber to visit Ashraffiya Mosque and the old souq.

DAY 17 TAIZ • JIBLA • IBB • SANA'A We visit the old Palace of Imam Ahmed and the towns of Jibla and Ibb on our way to Sana'a.

DAY 18 SANA'A We are transferred to the airport.

NOTE: We can also arrange for a pre-tour of the Archaeological Sites of Bat, Al-Khutim and Al-Ayn* from Muscat. We can also organize expeditions to the Island of Socotra* from Sana'a.

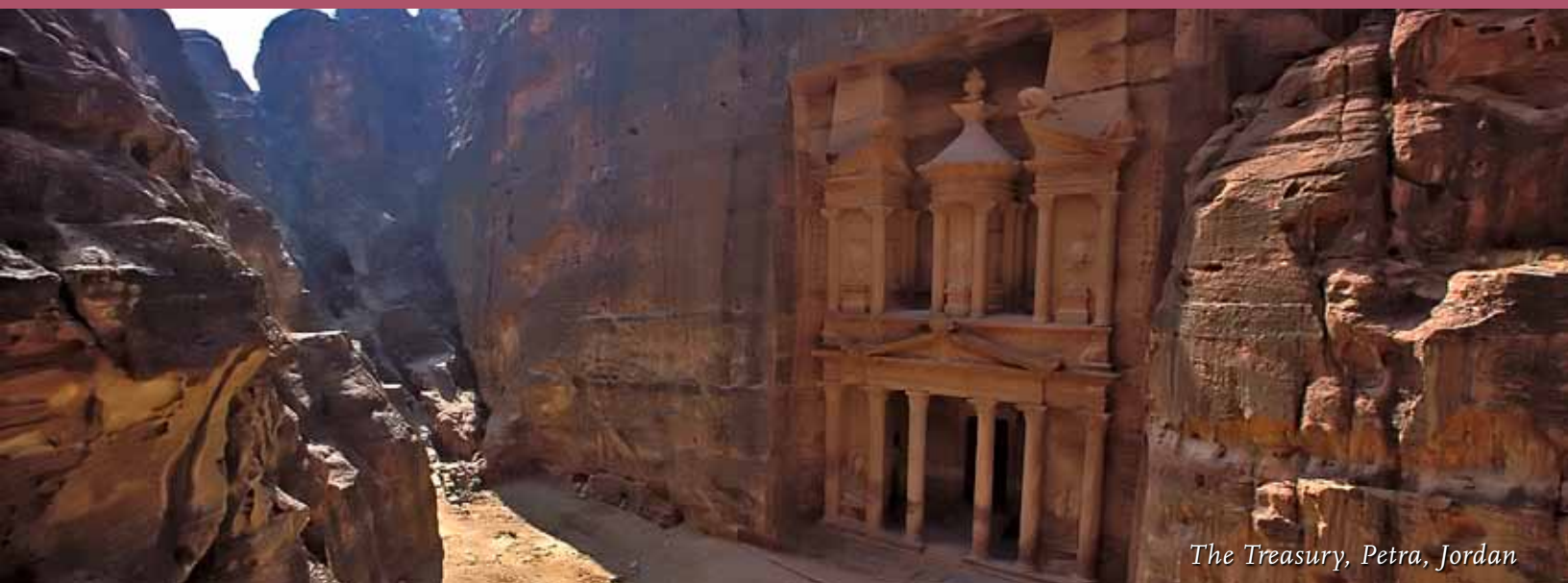
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- Discover the lands of the Queen of Sheba.
- Experience traditional desert culture.

World Heritage Sites of the Levant

Jordan • Syria • Lebanon



The Treasury, Petra, Jordan



DAY 1 AMMAN Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 AMMAN • DESERT CASTLES • DEAD SEA • AMMAN This morning we head out to visit the Desert Castles of Harraned, Quseir Amra* and Azraq, followed by an excursion to the Dead Sea, before our return to Amman.

DAY 3 AMMAN • AQABA We explore Umm Er Rasas*, St. George's Apostle Church in Madaba, Mount Nebo and the Crusader Castle in Wadi Mujib.

DAY 4 AQABA • WADI RUM After a brief exploration of Aqaba, we take a short drive northwards to Wadi Rum*, the land of Lawrence of Arabia's inspiration. Evening BBQ dinner under the stars of the desert sky.

DAY 5 WADI RUM • PETRA We drive northwards to explore Petra*, one of the

world's most famous archaeological sites, where ancient Eastern traditions blend with Hellenistic architecture.

DAY 6 PETRA • AMMAN We return to Amman to visit the Roman Amphitheater, the Citadel, the Archaeological Museum, King Abdullah Mosque.

DAY 7 AMMAN • BOSRA • DAMASCUS We travel to Jerash to explore the Greco-Roman ruins; cross the border with Syria and proceed to explore the ancient Roman city of Bosra* before our arrival in Damascus*.

DAY 8 DAMASCUS We visit the Omayyad Mosque, Al-Azem Palace, the Chapel of St. Ananias, St. Paul's Window, the National Museum, Hamidiye Bazaar, Saladin Mausoleum and the Via Recta.

DAY 9 DAMASCUS • MAALOULA • PALMYRA We visit Maaloula, a village where the inhabitants still speak Aramaic before our arrival in Palmyra*.

DAY 10 PALMYRA We explore the archaeological site of Palmyra*, including the Bel Temple, Bel Shamin Temple, Nebo Temple, the Street of Colonnades, the Theater, the Forum, the tombs and the Museum.

DAY 11 PALMYRA • KRAK DES CHEVALIERS • HAMA • ALEPPO We explore the ancient crusader castle of Krak des Chevaliers* and the ancient ruins of Hama before our arrival in Aleppo*.

DAY 12 ALEPPO We visit the Archaeological Museum of Aleppo, the Citadel, the Grand Mosque and Al Wazir Caravanserai, the bazaar and the ruins of the Byzantine monastery of St. Simeon*.

DAY 13 ALEPPO • BAALBECK • BEIRUT After crossing the border into Lebanon, we visit the Roman ruins of Baalbeck* and the ruins of the Umayyad city of Anjar*, before our arrival in Beirut.

DAY 14 BEIRUT • TYRE • SIDON We explore the Phoenician city of Tyre*; Sidon, with its Sea Castle and old covered souqs; and the Phoenician Temple complex of Eshmoun.

DAY 15 BEIRUT • BYBLOS We visit the National Museum and the downtown district before exploring the ancient city of Byblos*

DAY 16 BYBLOS • CEDARS OF LEBANON • TRIPOLI We ascend east through some of the most beautiful mountain landscapes in Lebanon to visit the Cedars of Lebanon* and the museum of Khalil Gibran, before we head to Tripoli to visit St. Gilles Castle, the bazaar and Taylan Mosque.

DAY 17 TRIPOLI • BEIRUT After our amazing journey into antiquity, we are transferred to Beirut Airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 15 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Discover the amazing landscapes of Wadi Rum, Petra & the Cedars of Lebanon.

Explore ancient Greco-Roman cities and the Crusader Castles.

A Journey through Antiquity

Egypt, Jordan & Israel



Holy Monastery of St. Catherine at Mount Sinai, South Sinai, Egypt



DAY 1 CAIRO Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 CAIRO We explore the Great Sphinx of Giza and the Great Pyramids*, followed by an excursion to Memphis* and Saqqara*.

DAY 3 CAIRO • ASWAN We explore Historic Cairo*, including visits to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, Tahrir Square, the Citadel with Mohamed Ali Mosque and the awesome Khan El-Khalili Bazaar. Evening we take our overnight sleeper train to Aswan.

DAY 4 NILE CRUISE: ASWAN Upon arrival in Aswan we board our Nile cruise ship, visit the High Dam, the Granite Quarries*, the Temple of Philae* and sail on a felucca cruise to Kom Ombo to visit the Temple and continue to Edfu. Optional excursion to Abu Simbel upon arrival in Aswan.

DAY 5 NILE CRUISE: EDFU • LUXOR We visit the Horus Temple in Edfu by horse carriage and then sail through the Esna Locks on the Nile River to Luxor.

DAY 6 NILE CRUISE: LUXOR We explore the Necropolis of Ancient Thebes* on the West Bank of the Nile with visits to the Colossi of Memnon, the Valley of Kings and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut.

DAY 7 LUXOR • SHARM EL-SHEIKH We visit the Karnak Temple Complex and the Temple of Luxor before our transfer to the airport for our flight to Sharm el-Sheikh.

DAY 8 SHARM EL-SHEIKH We have all day to relax at this world-class resort.

DAY 9 SHARM EL-SHEIKH • ST. CATHERINE We drive in the afternoon through the Sinai desert to the Biblical site of St. Catherine.

DAY 10 ST. CATHERINE • AQABA We begin our Mount Sinai hike to catch the sunrise. After our descent we visit the Monastery of St. Catherine* and drive to Nuweiba to travel by speed ferry to Aqaba in Jordan.

DAY 11 AQABA • WADI RUM Free morning to enjoy the beautiful Red Sea. We take a short drive northwards to Wadi Rum* and board our 4X4 open top jeeps to explore Wadi Um Eshreen, the Moving Sands, Al Khazali, Abu Aineh and Rum Mountain. Evening BBQ dinner under the stars of the desert sky.

DAY 12 WADI RUM • PETRA We take a short drive northwards to explore Petra*, one of the world's most famous archaeological sites, where ancient Eastern traditions blend with Hellenistic architecture.

DAY 13 PETRA • AMMAN We travel to the Dead Sea; visit Madaba and Mount Nebo, where Moses viewed the Promised Land, before our arrival in Amman.

DAY 14 AMMAN • JERASH We visit the Roman Amphitheater, the Citadel, the Archaeological Museum and King Abdullah Mosque before our excursion to Jerash to explore the Greco-Roman ruins.

DAY 15 AMMAN • JERUSALEM We cross the border into Israel and transferred to Jerusalem*. Free afternoon.

DAY 16 JERUSALEM We visit the Church of Visitation in Ein Keren; the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial; the Israel Museum; the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and proceed to Bethlehem, to visit the Church of Nativity*.

DAY 17 JERUSALEM Walking tour of the Old City starting at Stephens Gate, visiting the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Jewish Quarter, the Cardo, the Wailing Wall, the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

DAY 18 JERUSALEM • TEL AVIV After a journey into Antiquity and Biblical times we are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 9 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Explore Historic Cairo & Jerusalem.

Discover the amazing landscapes of Wadi Rum & Petra.

Enjoy the treasures of the Nile from the comforts of your cruise ship.

Israel's World Heritage Sites

A journey from biblical times to modernity



Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem, Israel



DAY 1 TEL AVIV Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 CAESAREA • MEGIDDO • HAIFA • ACRE • GALILEE We drive to Caesarea, and visit the excavations of this ancient city, the Roman theatre and aqueduct. Continue to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon. Visit the archaeological excavations at the Biblical site of Tel Megiddo*, including the well-preserved water supply system. We drive to Haifa, for a panoramic view of the Bahá'i Holy Places in Haifa* and Haifa Bay. We continue to the Old City of Acre*, capital of the Crusaders for more than a century and visit the old city and harbour before continuing to our Kibbutz Hotel in Galilee.

DAY 3 TIBERIAS • CAPERNAUM • BANIAS We take a tour of the Kibbutz grounds and take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum to visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue. We then head to Tabgha and visit the Church of Multiplication, the Mount of the Beatitudes, Banias Spring & Waterfall and tour the Golan Heights.

DAY 4 NAZARETH • BEIT SHEAN We drive to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's Workshop and Mary's Well. We head to the Jordan River and the Baptismal site of Yardenit, continue to Beit Shean to visit the Roman theatre and then drive to Jerusalem passing Jericho.

DAY 5 JERUSALEM Our exploration of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls* begins with a panoramic view from the Mount of Olives. We visit the Church of All Nations and Mount Zion to see the tomb of King David and the nearby Room of the Last Supper. We then walk through the colourful Arab bazaar, the Cardo and the Via Dolorosa, where Jesus carried his cross, view the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. We also visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Garden Tomb.

DAY 6 JERUSALEM • BETHLEHEM We explore the new city of Jerusalem, visiting the model of ancient Jerusalem; Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the victims of the Holocaust; Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist; the Spanish style church and Mary's well, and proceed to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity*.

DAY 7 QUMRAN • MASADA • DEAD SEA • JERUSALEM We drive through the Judean Desert to visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947; ascend Masada* by cable car and visit the food storeroom, water irrigation system & Herod's Palace and have an opportunity to float on the Dead Sea.

DAY 8 JERUSALEM • BEERSHEBA NEGEV

• JERUSALEM • TEL AVIV We drive to Beersheba and visit the Biblical site of Tel Beersheba*. We then drive along the Incense Route to the Desert Cities in the Negev* on the road between Petra and Gaza and explore the Nabatean towns of Mamshit and Avdat, which flourished from the 3rd century BC until the 2nd century AD. We drive to Tel Aviv via the Port of Gaza.

DAY 9 TEL AVIV We explore Old Jaffa, the White City of Tel-Aviv* with its outstanding modern architecture and the open camel market before our transfer to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 7 World Heritage Sites

Follow in the footsteps of the New Testament

From antiquity to modernity

Egypt: A World Heritage Tour

Discover the World Heritage Sites of Egypt



Entrance pylon of the Luxor Temple



DAY 1 CAIRO Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 CAIRO We explore the Sphinx and Great Pyramids of Giza and visit the Egyptian Museum. Optional camel rides in Giza.

DAY 3 CAIRO Full day excursion to visit Memphis*, Saqqara* and the Pyramids of Dahshur*.

DAY 4 CAIRO We explore Historic Cairo* including Khan al-Khalili Bazaar.

DAY 5 CAIRO • ABU SIMBEL - NILE CRUISE • ASWAN Short flights take us to visit the temples of Abu Simbel* and Aswan, where we board our Nile cruise ship. We visit the High Dam, the Granite Quarries, the Temple of Philae* and sail the Nile on a traditional felucca.

DAY 6 NILE CRUISE: EDFU • ESNA We sail to Kom Ombo to visit the Temple of Sobek and continue sailing until Edfu, where we visit the Horus Temple by horse carriage and then sail through to Esna.

DAY 7 NILE CRUISE: ESNA • LUXOR

We sail to Luxor to explore the Necropolis of Ancient Thebes* on the West Bank of the Nile with visits to the Colossi of Memnon, the Valley of Kings and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Optional Sound & Light show in Karnak.

DAY 8 LUXOR • SHARM EL-SHEIKH

We visit the Karnak Temple Complex and the Temple of Luxor before our transfer to the airport for our flight to Sharm el-Sheikh.

DAY 9 SHARM EL-SHEIKH •

ST. CATHERINE We have all day to relax at this world-class resort before our night journey to St. Catherine.

DAY 10 ST. CATHERINE • SHARM EL-SHEIKH

We begin our Mount Sinai hike to catch the sunrise. After our descent we visit the Monastery of St. Catherine* and return to Sharm el-Sheikh. Afternoon free.

DAY 11 SHARM EL-SHEIKH • CAIRO

Flight to Cairo, followed by an exploration of Coptic Cairo and the Ben Ezra Synagogue.

DAY 12 CAIRO • BAHARIYA OASIS

We travel to Bahariya Oasis to visit the Golden Mummies Museum and the surrounding temples and tombs, ending our day with a bath in the hot water springs.

DAY 13 BLACK DESERT • WHITE DESERT

We explore the Black Desert, the White Desert and Crystal Mountain.

DAY 14 WADI AL-HITAN • FAIYUM OASIS

We drive to Wadi El Rayyan and continue to the valley of Wadi Al-Hitan*, one of the world's most important

paleontological sites. The journey day ends in Faiyum Oasis.

DAY 15 FAIYUM OASIS • ALEXANDRIA

We visit the Karanis archaeological site and the Pyramid at Meidum, the Monastery of the Syrians in Wadi el Natrun, before our arrival in Alexandria. Evening free.

DAY 16 ALEXANDRIA We visit the Catacombs of Kom El Shokafa, Pompey's Pillar and the Roman Amphitheatre, Quaitbay Fortress, Montazah Park and the new Bibliotheca Alexandrina and the early Christian holy city of Abu Mena* (Subject to permit). Evening free.

DAY 17 CAIRO After our incredible journey of marvelling at Egypt's cultural and natural heritage, we are transferred to the Cairo Airport.

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Visit 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Egypt.

Explore deserts and the Nile.

Marvel at the wonders of Ancient Egypt.

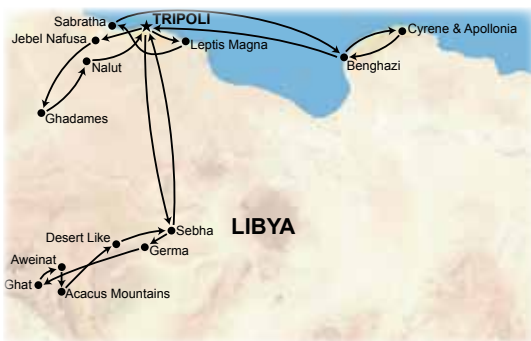
Explore Egypt's early Christian Heritage.

World Heritage Sites of Libya

Leptis Magna • Sabratha • Cyrene • Ghadames • Tadrart Acacus



Forum of Sabratha, Libya



DAY 1 TRIPOLI Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 TRIPOLI • JEBEL NAFUSA • GHADAMES We travel through the Jebel Nafusa Mountains and visit Qasr Kabaw before heading to the Sahara Desert to visit the Old Town of Ghadames*.

DAY 3 GHADAMES We explore the alleyways that connect the houses of this oasis town and the museum. Afternoon we head to the sand dunes for tea and camel rides.

DAY 4 GHADAMES • NALUT • TRIPOLI We visit the ancient fortified houses in Nalut on the edges of an escarpment at the southern end of the Jebel Nafusa Mountains before our return to Tripoli.

DAY 5 LEPTIS MAGNA We visit the Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna* & explore the ruins of this Phoenician trading port.

DAY 6 SABRATHA • BENGHAZI We visit the Tripoli Museum and then explore the spectacular Archaeological Site of Sabratha* on the Mediterranean Sea. Upon our return to Tripoli, we will be transferred to the airport for our short flight to Benghazi.

DAY 7 CYRENE • APOLLONIA • BENGHAZI We visit the Archaeological Sites of Cyrene* to explore the ancient Greco-Roman ruins and visit Apollonia to explore the remains of the Byzantine era.

DAY 8 BENGHAZI • TRIPOLI • SEBHA We take a short flight back to Tripoli and continue our journey to Sebha.

DAY 9 GERMA • GHAT • AWEINAT We explore the Fezzan Region, visiting the modern oasis of Sebha, the ancient city of Germa and the ancient trading center of Ghat, inhabited by Tuaregs before our arrival in the quaint oasis town of Aweinat.

DAYS 10 & 11 ACACUS MOUNTAINS In the next two days we explore the natural rock formations hidden in the valleys and wadis of the Acacus Mountains and visit the Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus*, to view some of the most outstanding cave paintings in the world. We will camp in the desert under the star-filled sky by the Ubari Sand Sea.

DAY 12 DESERT LAKES • TRIPOLI We explore the lush vegetation and towering

sand dunes of the Ubari Sand Sea, before heading back to the Sebha Airport for our flight to Tripoli.

DAY 13 TRIPOLI After our incredible journey of marvelling at Libya's cultural heritage, we are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

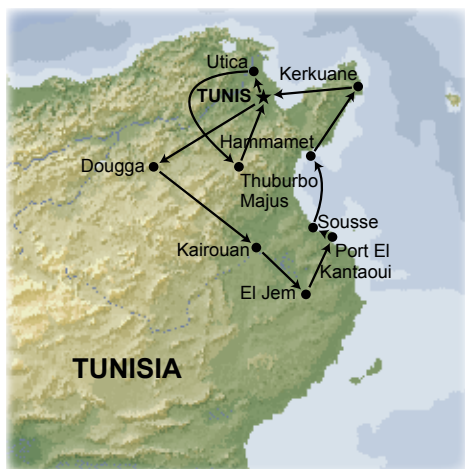
Discover the archaeological sites of Carthage and ancient Rome.

Explore the oases of the Sahara Desert.

Visit the remote Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus.

Tunisia World Heritage Discovery

From Carthage & Rome to Kasbahs & Medinas



DAY 1 TUNIS Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 TUNIS We explore the city, visiting the Medina of Tunis*, the Bardo Museum, the Archaeological Site of Carthage*, founded by the Phoenician Elyssa Didon in the 9th century B.C., Carthage still reveals its splendid Antonine Spas, Amphitheatre, Theatre, Punic Port and Roman villas. We continue to Sidi Bou Said, a splendid Moorish village perched atop a headland and wreathed in flowers.

DAY 3 TUNIS • DOUGGA • KAIROUAN We drive to Dougga/Thugga* and explore this important archaeological site that was the capital of an important Libyco-Punic state and flourished under Roman and Byzantine rule, but declined in the Islamic period. We continue to Kairouan.

DAY 4 KAIROUAN • EL JEM • PORT EL KANTAQUI Our exploration of the holy city of Kairouan* including visits of the Grand Mosque, Sidi Saheb Mausoleum and the Aghlabite Basins. We then drive to visit the Amphitheatre of El Jem*, the largest coliseum in North Africa, a 3rd-century monument that illustrates the grandeur and extent of Imperial Rome. We continue to Port El Kantaoui.

DAY 5 PORT EL KANTAQUI • SOUSSE • HAMMAMET We visit Sousse, an important commercial and military port during the Aghlabid period. We explore the Medina of Sousse*, visiting the kasbah, ramparts, the Great Mosque, Bu Ftata Mosque and a typical ribat (both a fort and a religious building). We continue to Hammamet to visit the Spanish fortress and the Medina.

DAY 6 HAMMAMET • KERKUANE • TUNIS We drive to the coastal town of Nabeul, main centre of the Tunisian pottery industry, continue to Kelibia to visit the recently-restored fortress overlooking the harbor. Afternoon we visit the Punic Town of Kerkouane and its Necropolis*, located at the tip of Cape Bon on a cliff that dominates the sea, bears exceptional witness to Phoenician-Punic town planning. Contrary to what took place in Carthage, Tyre or Byblos, no Roman city was built on this Phoenician city, and its port, ramparts, residential districts, shops, workshops, streets, squares, temples and necropolis clearly remain as they were in the 3rd century. On our return to Tunis we also visit El Hawaria.

DAY 7 TUNIS • UTICA • THUBURBO MAJUS • TUNIS We explore the ruins of Utica, set on a low hill, composed of several Roman villas. Their walls still preserve decorative mosaics. To the northwest of these villas is a Punic necropolis, with Punic sarcophagi. Afternoon visit Thuburbo Majus or Colonia Julia Aurelia Commoda, its Roman name. Originally a Punic town, later founded as a Roman veteran colony by Augustus to allow them to start their post-army lives with land of their own. Its strategic location and access to trade routes made it an important establishment.

DAY 8 TUNIS We are transferred to the airport for our departure flight. Optional extensions for longer stays in Tunisia's beaches are available.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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Visit 7 World Heritage Sites.

Explore the remains of Ancient Carthage and legacy of the Roman Empire.

Explore the greatest and wealthiest cities in the Islamic world from the 12th to the 16th century.

World Heritage Tour of Morocco

Discover Moorish architecture, culture and people



Kasbah of Taourirt, Ouarzazate



DAY 1 CASABLANCA Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel, followed by an exploration of Old Casablanca, the Corniche and the great mosque of Hassan II.

DAY 2 CASABLANCA • RABAT Drive to Rabat* to visit the historical Jewish quarter, Place Sidi Makhoulf, Bab Chellah, the Medina, the Yarn Market and the Oudaya Kasbah.

DAY 3 RABAT • MEKNES • FEZ We visit the Historic City of Meknes*, Tifelt, and the Archaeological Site of Volubilis* before our arrival in Fez.

DAY 4 FEZ We explore the medieval city visiting the Mausoleum of Moulay Idris, the Kings Palace, a Sephardic synagogue and the Medina of Fez*, with its tannery, cobblers, saddlers, black smiths and carpenters interlaced by caravansaries.

DAY 5 FEZ • AZROU • MIDELT • ERFOUD We travel through the Atlas Mountains, visiting Ifrane, Azrou, Midelt on our way to the Oasis of Erfoud.

DAY 6 ERFOUD We take a 4x4 vehicle to experience the sunrise in the Sahara Desert over the dunes of Merzouga, where we can also enjoy a camel ride and breakfast with the Tuareg. We then explore the Oasis of Rissani, the ruins of Sijilmassa, and see prehistoric fossils in the desert.

DAY 7 ERFOUD • TINGHIR We explore the Dades Valley with its many Kasbahs and the Todras, the highest and narrowest gorge in the region.

DAY 8 TINGHIR • OUARZAZATE We travel through El Kelaa De Mgouna and Boumalne with their unusual rock formations on our way to the large oasis of Ouarzazate. Afternoon free.

DAY 9 OUARZAZATE • MARRAKESH On our return journey through the Atlas Mountain we stop at the Taddart and Tizi Tishka passes and explore the legendary Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou*. Evening we experience the large traditional market set up in Djemaa el Fna, one of the busiest squares in Africa.

DAY 10 MARRAKESH We explore the Medina of Marrakesh*, including the Menara Pool, the Koutoubia Minaret and the Saadien tombs.

DAY 11 MARRAKESH We take an excursion to the Ourika Valley, to visit traditional Berber Souks, as well as the Jewish shrines.

DAY 12 MARRAKESH • ESSAOUIRA We travel to the Atlantic Coast to explore the Medina of Essaouira*.

DAY 13 ESSAOUIRA • CASABLANCA We stop in scenic El Oualidia and El Jadida, including the Portuguese City of Mazagan*, before our arrival in Casablanca for our farewell dinner.

DAY 14 CASABLANCA After our incredible journey of marvelling at Morocco's cultural and natural heritage, we are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Journey through the Imperial Cities of Rabat, Meknes, Fez and Marrakech.

Travel through the towering Atlas Mountains.

Explore the oases of the Sahara Desert.

Visit the beautiful Atlantic Coast.

Victoria Falls • Serengeti • Cairo

Discover Africa's highlights in Zimbabwe, Tanzania & Egypt



Aerial view of Victoria Falls

DAY 1 HOME Depart for Victoria Falls

DAY 2 In flight transit.

DAY 3 VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel. Afternoon free.

DAY 4 VICTORIA FALLS We explore Victoria Falls* with a walking safari through the rain forest to view the Cataracts, Livingstone's statue and a wide variety of birds and plants. Afternoon sunset cruise on the Zambezi River.

DAY 5 VICTORIA FALLS • JOHANNESBURG We are transferred to the airport for flight to Johannesburg. In transit for flight to Arusha.

DAY 6 JOHANNESBURG • ARUSHA, TANZANIA Overnight flight to Arusha and transfer to our hotel. Balance of the day is free.

DAY 7 ARUSHA • LAKE MANYARA Our Tanzanian safari takes us to Lake Manyara Game Park where we take our first game drive to see giraffes, elephants, baboons and possibly the rarely seen tree-climbing lions.

DAY 8 LAKE MANYARA • SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK We visit the famous Olduvai Gorge archaeological site, with rich fauna and hominid fossil deposits before arriving Serengeti National Park* for our game safari. Optional visit to a Masai Village.

DAY 9 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK Full day game drive through the Serengeti National Park, famous for its annual migration. Optional early morning balloon safari.

DAY 10 SERENGETI • NGORONGORO We take another game drive before travelling along the Malanja Depression with its Masai villages to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area*.

DAY 11 NGORONGORO • LAKE MANYARA We embark on a game drive of the incredible Ngorongoro Crater, followed by visits to Masai Villages before arriving at Lake Manyara.

DAY 12 LAKE MANYARA • ARUSHA • CAIRO We travel via the Great Rift valley, visiting the village of Mto Wa Mbu, before our transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to Cairo.

DAY 13 CAIRO, EGYPT Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 14 CAIRO • PYRAMIDS We explore the Great Sphinx of Giza and the Great Pyramids*, followed by an excursion to Memphis* and Saqqara*.

DAY 15 CAIRO • LUXOR Exploration of Coptic Cairo, and the Ben Ezra Synagogue. In the evening board your deluxe overnight train to Luxor.

DAY 16 LUXOR • NILE CRUISE Upon arrival, transfer to your Nile River cruise ship. We start our exploration of Ancient Thebes* with visits of the Karnak Temple Complex and the Temple of Luxor.

DAY 17 NILE CRUISE: LUXOR • ESNA • EDFU We explore the Necropolis of Ancient Thebes* with visits to the Colossi of Memnon, the Valley of Kings and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. We then sail to Esna, cross the lock then continue to Edfu.

DAY 18 NILE CRUISE: EDFU • KOM OMBO • ASWAN We visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu, followed by an afternoon river journey to visit the Temple of Kom Ombo and continue to sail to Aswan.

DAY 19 NILE CRUISE: ASWAN Upon arrival in Aswan we visit the High Dam, the Granite Quarries*, the Temple of Philae* and sail on a felucca. Optional excursion to Abu Simbel.

DAY 20 ASWAN • CAIRO After a short flight, we explore Historic Cairo* and Khan al-Khalili Bazaar.

DAY 21 CAIRO Transfer to Cairo Airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

6 game safaris in Tanzania & a Nile cruise.

Visit 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Victoria Falls.

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Egypt & East African Safari

Ancient Egypt with a safari through Kenya & Tanzania



Lioness in the Masai Mara National Park, Kenya

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DAY 10 CAIRO • NAIROBI Free day. In the evening we are transferred to the airport for our overnight flight to Nairobi.

DAY 11 NAIROBI We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel. Afternoon free at leisure.

DAY 12 NAIROBI • LAKE NAKURU We drive to Lake Nakuru National Park, part of the Kenya Lake System in the Great Rift Valley* and take a game safari drive.

DAY 13 LAKE NAKURU • MASAI MARA We traverse the Great Rift Valley and ascend into the Masai Mara National Reserve to embark on a game drive.

DAY 14 MASAI MARA Game drives in this spectacular game reserve, to see elephants, buffalos, lions, leopards, rhinos and more. Optional early morning balloon safari.

DAY 15 MASAI MARA • SERENGETI Today we drive to Serengeti National Park* in Tanzania.

DAY 16 SERENGETI Full day game drive through the Serengeti National Park, famous for its annual migration. Optional early morning balloon safari.

DAY 17 SERENGETI • NGORONGORO We take another game drive before travelling along the Malanja Depression with its Masai villages to the Ngorongoro Crater*.

DAY 18 NGORONGORO • LAKE MANYARA Game drive in the Ngorongoro Crater, then drive to Lake Manyara.

DAY 19 LAKE MANYARA We explore Lake Manyara National Park on a game drive followed by a visit to the village of Mto Wa Mbu and the Great Rift Valley.

DAY 20 LAKE MANYARA • ARUSHA • AMBOSELI We take a scenic drive through the Great Rift Valley to Arusha, cross the border to Kenya and arrive in Amboseli National Park for a game drive before checking into our lodge.

DAY 21 AMBOSELI We explore Amboseli National Park, famous for its stunning views of Mount Kilimanjaro with game drives.

DAY 22 AMBOSELI • NAIROBI After another game drive we return to Nairobi. Free evening.

DAY 23 NAIROBI Day free at leisure. Optional tours in Nairobi and surroundings.

DAY 24 NAIROBI Transfer to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



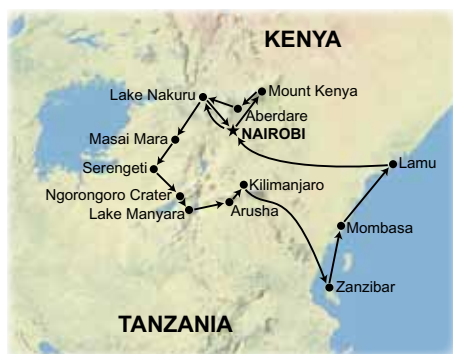
12 game safaris in Kenya and Tanzania.
Visit 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
Enjoy the treasures of the Nile from the comforts of your cruise ship.

World Heritage Sites: Kenya & Tanzania

A safari through National Parks & Swahili Culture



Masai people chanting and dancing in Masai Mara National Park, Kenya



DAY 1 NAIROBI Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport of the capital of Kenya and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 NAIROBI • MOUNT KENYA We drive to Mount Kenya National Park/Natural Forest* for our first game viewing safari.

DAY 3 MOUNT KENYA • ABERDARE We travel through the lands of the Kikuyu tribe to our tree hotel set in a densely wooded area of Aberdare National Park. The lodge overlooks a flood-lit watering hole allowing us to observe the animals at close range, as they come out to drink at night.

DAY 4 ABERDARE • LAKE NAKURU We drive through the Kenya Lake System in the Great Rift Valley* and take a game drive in Lake Nakuru National Park, famous for the flamingos and other birds that feed in the alkaline water.

DAY 5 LAKE NAKURU • MASAI MARA We embark on a game drive before traversing the Great Rift Valley to Masai Mara National Reserve, where we will enjoy an exciting game drive upon arrival.

DAY 6 MASAI MARA Morning and afternoon game drives in this spectacular game reserve. Optional early morning balloon excursion.

DAY 7 MASAI MARA • SERENGETI We cross the Isebania Border to Tanzania to explore the Serengeti National Park*.

DAY 8 SERENGETI We take several game drives in the Serengeti National Park to observe the largest remaining concentration of plains game in Africa. Optional early morning balloon excursion.

DAY 9 SERENGETI • NGORONGORO CRATER After today's game drive we proceed to the Malanja Depression entering the Ngorongoro Conservation Area*.

DAY 10 NGORONGORO CRATER • LAKE MANYARA We descend the famous Ngorongoro Crater for a day of superb game viewing before we drive to Lake Manyara in the afternoon.

DAY 11 LAKE MANYARA We enjoy game drives in Lake Manyara National Park and visit the village of Mto Wa Mbu before we proceed to our unique safari lodge.

DAY 12 LAKE MANYARA • ARUSHA • KILIMANJARO We take a scenic drive crossing the Great Rift Valley via the colourful villages of Mto Wa Mbu and Makuyuni, stopping in Arusha and then drive to Kilimanjaro National Park*.

DAY 13 KILIMANJARO • ZANZIBAR We enjoy a game safari in Kilimanjaro National Park and then take a short flight to Zanzibar.

DAY 14 ZANZIBAR We explore the Stone Town of Zanzibar*, visiting the House

of Wonders, the Palace Museum, Dr. Livingstone's House, the Arab Fort and the bustling bazaar, as we stroll through Zanzibar's winding streets and alleyways.

DAY 15 ZANZIBAR • MOMBASA A short flight takes us to Mombasa to relax on the beautiful beaches by the Indian Ocean.

DAY 16 MOMBASA We explore the Old Town and harbour, famous for its spices, Arabic architecture, narrow winding streets and busy markets, visiting Fort Jesus*, built by the Portuguese in the 16th century and museums that tell the stories of slave trade. Rest of the day is free.

DAY 17 MOMBASA • LAMU We relax in the morning before our short flight. Explore the oldest and best-preserved Swahili settlement in East Africa wandering through the Old Town of Lamu*, built with coral stones and mangrove timbers, the town is characterized by the simplicity of structural forms enriched by such features as inner courtyards, verandas, and elaborately carved wooden doors.

DAY 18 LAMU • NAIROBI We transfer to the airport for our flight to Nairobi.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Take 12 game drives.

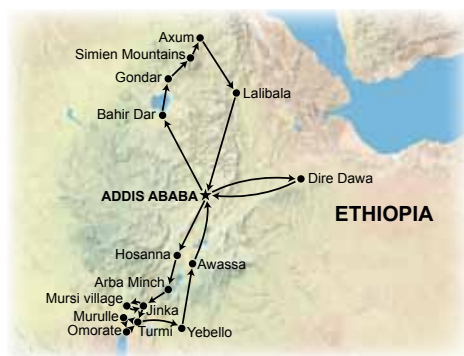
Explore the Swahili coastal trading towns of Zanzibar, Mombasa & Lamu.

Ethiopia World Heritage Discovery

Explore Abyssinia's millenary history and cultures



Rock-hewn Christian Church, Lalibela



DAY 1 ADDIS ABABA Arrival. We arrive at the airport and are transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 ADDIS ABABA We visit the National & Ethnological Museums, Haile Selassie's Palace, St. George & Holy Trinity Cathedrals and the Mercato.

DAY 3 ADDIS ABABA • BAHIR DAR We fly to Bahir Dar, to visit the Blue Nile Falls, the market, Bezawit Palace and a Woyito Village.

DAY 4 BAHIR DAR • GONDAR We visit the monastery churches of Ura Kidane Mihiret, Azoa Mariam, Narga Silasie, Dago Stifanos and Debere Sina Church, then onto Gondar. Evening free.

DAY 5 GONDAR We explore Fasil Ghebbi* visiting Fasilidas' Palace, the bath of Fasilidas, Quskuam Church, Debre Berham Selassie Church and the market.

DAY 6 GONDAR • SIMIEN MOUNTAINS We drive to Simien National Park*, for a walking safari in search of Gelada Baboons and Walya ibex.

DAY 7 SIMIEN MOUNTAINS • AXUM We drive through the Limalimo Mountain and the Tekeze Valley before reaching Axum*.

DAY 8 AXUM We visit pre-Christian granite steles and Santa Maria of Zion Church. Evening free.

DAY 9 AXUM • LALIBELA We fly to Lalibela to explore the Northern Rock-Hewn Churches* and Bet Giyorgis Church.

DAY 10 LALIBELA Explore the Eastern Rock-Hewn Churches* and Nakutelab Church. Evening free.

DAY 11 LALIBELA • ADDIS ABABA We fly to Addis Ababa. Afternoon free.

DAY 12 ADDIS ABABA • DIRE DAWA We fly to Dire Dawa to visit the old Addis Ababa- Djibouti railway, the Dengego Mountains and the Awoday qat market.

DAY 13 DIRE DAWA We explore Harar Jugol, the Fortified Historic Town*, visiting the city walls and gateways, the Friday Mosque, the Museum, the Ras Makonnen House and Rimbaud's House.

DAY 14 DIRE DAWA • ADDIS ABABA Flight back to Addis Ababa. Afternoon free.

DAY 15 ADDIS ABABA • HOSANNA We explore the Paleolithic remains in Melka Kunture, in the Lower Valley of the Awash*; the church of Adadi Mariam and Tiya*, before reaching Hosanna.

DAY 16 HOSANNA • ARBA MINCH We stop at Ajora Falls, visit the Dorze people and descend to the lakes of the Rift Valley on our way to Arba Minch.

DAY 17 ARBA MINCH We explore Nech Sar National Park and take a boat trip on Lake Chiamo. Evening free.

DAY 18 ARBA MINCH • JINKA We visit the Tsemay people in the Weyto Valley and Bena and Ari people on our way to Jinka.

DAY 19 MURSI VILLAGE We take an excursion to visit the Mursi people.

DAY 20 JINKA • TURMI We drive to Turmi, stopping at the Key Afer market.

DAY 21 MURULLE We take an excursion to Murulle to visit the Karo people in the Lower Valley of the Omo* and enjoy a typical Ethiopian coffee ceremony in Turmi.

DAY 22 OMORATE We take an excursion to Omorate, crossing the Omo River by boat and walk to the village of the Dasenech people, known for their body scarification.

DAY 23 TURMI • YEBELLO We drive through the Karkerte Mountains to the Konso Cultural Landscape* and visit the Borena Oromo people.

DAY 24 YEBELLO • AWASSA We drive to our lodge in Awassa. Afternoon free.

DAY 25 AWASSA We explore the surrounding forest and countryside.

DAY 26 AWASSA • ADDIS ABABA We explore Lake Awassa, Abyata and Shala, on our way to Addis Ababa.

DAY 27 ADDIS ABABA We are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 9 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

See the living cultures of the many different peoples of Ethiopia.

World Heritage Sites of the Caucasus

Azerbaijan • Georgia • Armenia



Monastery in Georgia, photo by David Fuchs



DAY 1 BAKU Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport of the capital of Azerbaijan and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 BAKU We explore the Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape* and the Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower* and the Carpet and Applied Arts Museum.

DAY 3 BAKU We travel around the Absheron Peninsula, visiting the Ateshgyah Zoroastrian Temple of Fire, the Mardakan Temple and Yanardag Flaming Mountain. Afternoon free to explore Baku.

DAY 4 BAKU • SHEKI We drive to Sheki to visit the Museum of Applied Arts, "Shebeke" manufacturing workshops, and view Sheki Khan's Palace. Free evening.

DAY 5 SHEKI • LAGODEKHI • TELAVI We drive to Telavi in Georgia, along the way we visit the Tsinandali Winery and Park, Alaverdi Cathedral and Shuamta Monastery in Kakheti province.

DAY 6 TELAVI • TBILISI We visit the David Gareji Monastery and the Udabno Cave Monastery before arriving in Tbilisi.

DAY 7 TBILISI We explore Georgia's capital, visiting the State Museum of Georgia, the Old Caravansary, the Metechi Church, areas of the Royal Residential Complex, the Sulfur Bathhouses, the Carpet Collection, Sion Cathedral and Rustaveli Avenue.

DAY 8 TBILISI • BAKURIANI We visit the Historical Monuments of Mtskheta* and continue to the cave town of Uplistsikhe near Gori before our arrival in Bakuriani.

DAY 9 BAKURIANI • KUTAISI We explore Samtskhe-Javakheti Province to visit the Khertvisi Fortress and the cave town of Vardzia before arriving in Kutaisi.

DAY 10 KUTAISI • TBILISI On our return to Tbilisi we visit Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati Monastery*.

DAY 11 TBILISI • YEREVAN We head for Sadakhlo and cross the border to Armenia, where we visit the Monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin* before arriving in Yerevan.

DAY 12 YEREVAN We explore Armenia's capital visiting the National Museum of Armenian History, the Matenadaran, the Cathedral and Churches of Echmiatsin and the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots*. Evening free.

DAY 13 YEREVAN We visit the Monastery of Geghard* and explore the Upper Azat Valley* and Lake Sevan.

DAY 14 YEREVAN We take an excursion to Khor Virap Monastery with views of the twin peaks of Mount Ararat and Noravank Canyon.

DAY 15 YEREVAN After our incredible journey of marvelling at the cultural and natural heritage sites of the Caucasus, we are transferred to the airport.

NOTE: We can also organize an optional 3-day excursion to the Upper Svaneti* in Georgia with its uniquely picturesque villages, 175 towers, built between the 9th and 13th centuries set in flower-strewn alpine meadows.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Discover Azerbaijan's rock art and millenary history.

Explore isolated churches and monasteries in Armenia & Georgia.

World Heritage Tour of Turkey

A journey from Antiquity to the Ottoman Empire



Mausoleum of Antiochus I, Nemrut Dag



DAY 1 ANKARA Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 ANKARA • SAFRANBOLU We visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations and the Mausoleum of Ataturk, before we explore the City of Safranbolu*, visiting Cinci Caravanserai and Bath, Kaymakamlar House, Izzet Mehmet Pasha Mosque, Kazdaglioglu Mosque and the old bazaars.

DAY 3 SAFRANBOLU • AMASYA We drive to Amasya to visit the rock tombs of the Pontus and explore the city.

DAY 4 AMASYA • HATTUSHA • CAPPADOCIA We drive to Hattusha*, to explore the capital of the Hittites and the rock sanctuary of Yazilikaya and continue to Cappadocia.

DAY 5 CAPPADOCIA We explore Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia*, visiting the Red Valley; an open-air museum with rock-cut churches and an underground city.

DAY 6 CAPPADOCIA • KAYSERI • SIVAS We explore the cities of Kayseri and Sivas.

DAY 7 SIVAS • DIVRIGI • KAHTA We travel to Divrigi to visit the Great Mosque and Hospital of Divrigi* and continue to Kahta.

DAY 8 KAHTA • MOUNT NEMRUT • GOBEKLITEPE • URFA Explore Mount Nemrut* and drive to Urfa, stopping at Gobekli Tepe.

DAY 9 URFA • HARRAN • GAZIANTEP We visit Abraham's Caves, Balikli Gol, and explore the village of Harran. We continue to Gaziantep via ancient Zeugma.

DAY 10 GAZIANTEP • ANTAKYA • ADANA We visit the buildings and sites of ancient Antioch, arriving in Adana in the evening.

DAY 11 ANDANA • SILIFKE • KONYA We visit the Roman-Byzantine city of Kanlidivane, the Alahan Monastery in the Taurus Mountains and continue to Konya.

DAY 12 KONYA • PAMUKKALE We visit Mevlana Museum, Alaaddin Mosque and the tile museum at Karatay Medresa. We travel to the natural site of Pamukkale* and visit the ruins of Hierapolis* and its necropolis.

DAY 13 PAMUKKALE • APHRODISIAS • SAGALASSOS • ANTALYA We explore the ancient cities of Aphrodisias and Sagalassos on our way to Antalya.

DAY 14 ANTALYA We visit the Roman Theater in Aspendos, explore the Greco-Roman city of Perge and Kaleici, the old town.

DAY 15 ANTALYA • MYRA • XANTHOS • FETHIYE We explore Myra, take a boat ride over the sunken city of Kekova & visit Xanthos and Letoon.

DAY 16 FETHIYE • CAUNOS • EPHEBUS We take a boat on the Dalyan River to the ancient city of Caunos on our way to Ephesus.

DAY 17 EPHEBUS We explore the archaeological site of Ephesus.

DAY 18 KUSADASI • SARDIS • PERGAMUM • KUCUKKUYU We explore the archaeological sites of Sardis and Pergamum on our way to Kucukkuyu.

DAY 19 KUCUKKUYU • TROY • CANAKKALE We drive to Assos to visit the Temple of Athena; explore the Archaeological Site of Troy* and continue to Canakkale.

DAY 20 CANAKKALE • EDIRNE • ISTANBUL On our way to Istanbul we cross the Dardanelles Strait and drive to Edirne to visit Selimiye Mosque and its Social Complex* and other important sites.

DAY 21 ISTANBUL We explore the Historic Areas*, visiting the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace & the Grand Bazaar.

DAY 22 ISTANBUL We visit Suleymaniye Mosque, Rustempasa Mosque, the Spice Market, St. Saviour Church in Chora, Eyup Mosque and cruise on the Bosphorus.

DAY 23 ISTANBUL We are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 10 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Explore the ancient sites of Troy, Pergamum, Hattusha & Mount Nemrut.

See magnificent Ottoman architecture in Istanbul, Edirne & Konya.

Balkan Mosaic



Decani Monastery, Kosovo



DAY 1 BELGRADE Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport of the capital of Serbia and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 BELGRADE We visit Republic Square, the National Theatre, National Museum, Serbian Academy of Science & Arts, Knez Mihajlova Street, the 'Question mark sign' Inn, Princess Ljubica's Residence, the Patriarchy, the Orthodox Cathedral and Belgrade Fortress and Kalemegdan Park.

DAY 3 BELGRADE • MOKRA GORA • SARGAN • VISEGRAD • ZLATIBOR • SIROGOJNO We take a train ride on the Sargan Eight narrow-gauge heritage railway and then drive to Visegrad in the Republika Srpska to visit the Mehmed Pasa Sokolovic Bridge*. Continue to Mount Zlatibor National

Park and visit the open-air museum of traditional architecture of Sirogojno.

DAY 4 SIROGOJNO • STUDENICA • SOPOCANI • NOVI PAZAR We visit the Studenica Monastery* and continue to Stari Ras* to visit the group of medieval monuments and the monastery at Sopocani*, ending our day in Novi Pazar.

DAY 5 NOVI PAZAR • PRISTINA • SKOPJE A scenic drive takes us into Kosovo, where we explore Pristina, the capital and the Medieval Monuments in Kosovo*, visiting the Monasteries of Gracania, Decani and Peé, concluding our day in Skopje, the capital of Macedonia.

DAY 6 SKOPJE • SV JOVAN BIGORSKI • OHRID We walk through the old town and visit the Stone Bridge, St. Spas Church, the Old Bazaar, Kale Fortress, Mustapha Pasha Mosque and the Daut Pasa Bath, before our drive through Mavrovo National Park and a visit of Sv. Jovan Bigorski Monastery before arriving in Ohrid.

DAY 7 OHRID We take a walking tour in the old town of Ohrid*, visiting Tsar Smuili Fortress and the churches of St. Kliment, St. Sophia and St. Panteleimon, as well as the local bazaar. Afternoon free.

DAY 8 OHRID • BERAT We visit the Monastery of Sv. Naum and cross the border into Albania and proceed to the Historic Centre of Berat* to visit the Onufri Museum and several Byzantine churches.

DAY 9 BERAT • DURRES • TIRANA We drive to Durres to visit its Roman ruins and

the Archaeological Museum, then continue to Tirana, to explore Albania's capital, visiting Skanderbeg Square, Et'hem Bey Mosque, the Clock Tower and the Palace of Culture housing the Opera.

DAY 10 TIRANA • KRUIA • SHODRA • BUDVA We drive to Kruja, where we visit the Skanderbeg Museum and the Turkish



bazaar, continue to Shkoder, to visit Rozafa Castle, before we cross the border to Montenegro, followed by a scenic drive along Lake Skadar to the medieval town of Budva by the Adriatic Sea.

DAY 11 BUDVA • CETINJE • KOTOR We drive to Cetinje to visit the Royal Palace of King Nikola; followed by a short drive to explore the historic town of Kotor*, where we visit the Cathedral of St. Tryphon, St. Luka Church, St. Mihail Church, amongst other sites. Afternoon free.

Serbia • Kosovo • Macedonia • Albania • Montenegro
Bosnia & Herzegovina • Croatia • Slovenia



Old Bridge, Mostar, Bosnia & Herzegovina

DAY 12 KOTOR • TREBINJE • MOSTAR • MEDJUGORJE • SARAJEVO

We drive to Trebinje in Bosnia & Herzegovina to visit the church-mausoleum of Jovan Ducic; continue to Mostar to visit the Old Bridge Area of the Old City* and explore the medieval style old bazaar, followed by a visit to the Catholic pilgrimage site of Medjugorje before heading to Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia & Herzegovina.

DAY 13 SARAJEVO We explore Sarajevo, walking through the Old Quarter with its beautiful Ottoman architecture.

DAY 14 SARAJEVO • DUBROVNIK We take a scenic drive to Dubrovnik in Croatia. Afternoon free.

NOTE: It is possible to end the tour on this day, in this case a transfer to the airport will be provided.

DAY 15 DUBROVNIK We explore the Old City of Dubrovnik* on foot, visiting the Pile Gate, the Franciscan Monastery, the Old Harbour, St. Laurence Fortress, the Sponza Palace and the Rector's Palace. Free afternoon.

DAY 16 DUBROVNIK • SPLIT After a leisurely day at Dubrovnik coast, we drive along the beautiful Adriatic coast to Split with a stop in Makarska.

DAY 17 SPLIT We visit the impressive cellars of Diocletians' Palace*, to get an idea of the original structure, the Peristyle, the Baptistery of St. John and the Cathedral of St. Domnius. Free afternoon.

DAY 18 SPLIT • TROGIR • SIBENIK •

ZADAR We explore the Historic City of Trogir* and visit Narodni Trg, the Venetian Cathedral of St. Lovro, the Communal Palace and Loggia. We drive to Sibenik to visit the Cathedral of St. James in Sibenik* and conclude our day in Zadar, the ancient capital of Dalmatia, where we visit the Roman Forum, the Archaeological Museum, the pre-Romanesque church of St. Donatus and St. Elias Church.

DAY 19 ZADAR • PLITVICE LAKES •

ZAGREB We explore a succession of lakes and waterfalls in Plitvice Lakes National Park*, before heading to Zagreb to visit the Cathedral, Dolac Market St. Mark's Church, Lotrscak Tower and Maksimir Park.

DAY 20 ZAGREB • LJUBLJANA A short drive takes us to Lipica Stud Farm, where the horses for the Spanish Riding School in Vienna were bred. We continue to the Postojna Cave system to visit the Skocjan Caves*, before our arrival in Ljubljana.

DAY 21 LJUBLJANA • BLEED We explore Slovenia's capital, visiting the 16th century castle, Trg Naradnih Herojev, and the old town, followed by an excursion to Lake Bled and a boat ride to visit the Church of Our Lady of the Lake on Slovenia's only island.

DAY 22 BLEED • LJUBLJANA After our incredible journey of marvelling at the cultural and natural heritage of the Balkans, we are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 14 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia & Slovenia.

See the legacy of the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian Empires.

Experience the multi-ethnic heritage of the Balkans.

World Heritage Tour of Eastern Europe

Russia • Estonia • Lithuania • Latvia • Poland • Czech Republic • Austria



Prague, Czech Republic



DAY 1 MOSCOW Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport of the capital of Russia and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 MOSCOW We visit the Kremlin and Red Square*, St. Basil's Cathedral, GUM department store, the Armoury Museum and the popular Arbat shopping district. Afternoon is free for an optional visit of the Ensemble of the Novodevichy Convent*.

DAY 3 MOSCOW • TVER • NOVGOROD We drive to Tver on the Volga River and visit Putevoy Dvoretz, Catherine the Great's resting place and continue to Novgorod.

DAY 4 NOVGOROD • SAINT PETERSBURG We explore the Historic Monuments of Novgorod and Surroundings*, visiting the Kremlin, St. Sophia Cathedral and the Yaroslav Court. We continue to St. Petersburg* and visit Peter and Paul Fortress, and St. Isaac's Cathedral.

DAY 5 SAINT PETERSBURG We visit the world-famous Hermitage Museum. Afternoon free.

DAY 6 SAINT PETERSBURG • TALLINN We drive to Tallinn, the capital of Estonia with a stop in Narva.

DAY 7 TALLINN • RIGA We explore the Historic Centre of Tallinn* on a walking tour of the Upper and Lower Old Town, visiting Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Toompea Castle and the Town Hall, followed by a drive to Riga, capital of Latvia.

DAY 8 RIGA We explore the Historic Centre of Riga*, visiting Riga Castle, the Dome Cathedral, St. Jacobs Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, the Parliament building and the district of Art Nouveau houses.

DAY 9 RIGA • VILNIUS We drive to Vilnius, capital of Lithuania. Free time.

DAY 10 VILNIUS We explore the Historic Centre of Vilnius*, visiting Peter and Paul Church, St. Anna's Church, Vilnius University, Gediminas' Tower in the Upper Town and Vilnius Castle.

DAY 11 VILNIUS • WARSAW We drive all day through beautiful landscapes and after crossing the border into Poland, arrive in Warsaw, the capital in the late afternoon.

DAY 12 WARSAW We explore the Historic Centre of Warsaw*, driving along the famous Royal Route from magnificent Castle Square to Lazienki Park and Palace. We take a walking tour of the Old Market Square and St. John's Cathedral.

DAY 13 WARSAW • KRAKOW We drive via Czestochowa, known for the Black Madonna, to Krakow. Afternoon is free for

optional excursions to Wieliczka Salt Mine* or Auschwitz Birkenau*.

DAY 14 KRAKOW Our exploration of Krakow's Historic Centre* includes a visit to the Royal Castle, the Royal Cathedral on Wawel Hill, the Main Market Square, Renaissance Cloth Hall and St. Mary's Church.

DAY 15 KRAKOW • PRAGUE We take a scenic drive through the Polish countryside, we cross the borders to Slovakia and then to the Czech Republic.

DAY 16 PRAGUE We explore the Historic Centre*, visiting the Royal Castle of Hradcany, St. Vitus Cathedral and walk across the Charles Bridge to the Old Quarter.

DAY 17 PRAGUE • VIENNA We drive to Vienna, Austria. Afternoon is free for an optional visit of the Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn*.

DAY 18 VIENNA We explore the Historic Centre of Vienna*, visiting St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Hofburg Palace, the Belvedere Palace and the Prater.

DAY 19 VIENNA We are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 10 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

See the legacy of the Russian and Austro-Hungarian Empires.

Heritage of Bulgaria & Romania

Antiquity • Middle Ages • Austro-Hungarian Empire • Ottoman Empire



Municipal Hall and Roman-Catholic Cathedral on Piața Mare, Sibiu, Romania



DAY 1 SOFIA Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 SOFIA • RILA We explore Sofia, visiting Alexander Nevski Cathedral, the churches of St. George, and St. Nikolas, the Banya Bashi Mosque, the Synagogue, the ruins of ancient Serdica and the Boyana Church*. We drive to Rila Monastery*, to visit the monastery and return to Sofia.

DAY 3 SOFIA • PLOVDIV • KAZANLAK We travel to Plovdiv, to visit the Roman ruins, the old town, St. Konstantine and Elena Church & Hindliyan's House. We continue to Kazanlak to visit a replica of the Thracian Tomb of Kazanlak*, the History Museum and a rose distillery in the Valley of Roses.

DAY 4 KAZANLAK • NESSEBAR • VARNA We drive to the Ancient City of Nessebar* to explore the acropolis, remains of Thracian fortifications, Stara Mitropolia Basilica, the medieval fortress and 19th century wooden

houses. We continue to Varna on the Black Sea, for an evening walking tour.

DAY 5 VARNA • MADARA • SVESHTARI • VELIKO TARNOVO We travel to Madara to see the Madara Rider*; Sveshtari to visit the Thracian Tomb of Sveshtari* and Veliko Tarnovo, for an evening walking tour.

DAY 6 VELIKO TARNOVO • ARBANASSI • IVANOVO • PITESTI We travel to Tsarevets Hill; Arbanassi, to visit the Nativity Church; Ivanovo, to explore the Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo* and Pitesti, Romania.

DAY 7 PITESTI • HOREZU • SARMISEGETUZA • HUNEDOARA We visit the Monastery of Horezu*, a masterpiece of the Brancovan style and continue through Jiu Valley to explore Sarmisegetuza and Ulpia Traiana, Dacian Fortresses of the Orastie Mountains*, before arriving in Hunedoara.

DAY 8 HUNEDOARA • ALBA IULIA • SIBIU We visit Hunyad Castle and travel to Alba Iulia, to visit the historical buildings of the town before our drive to Sibiu.

DAY 9 SIBIU • AXENTE SEVER • BIERTAN • SIGHISOARA We take a walking tour of Sibiu, explore the Villages with Fortified Churches in Transylvania*, visiting Axente Sever, Biertan and the Historic Centre of Sighisoara*, where we visit the Clock Tower and the birthplace of Vlad the Impaler.

DAY 10 SIGHISOARA • SURDEȘTI • BUDEȘTI • HOTENI We explore the Wooden Churches of Maramures*, visiting the Church of Surdești, the Church of Saint Nicholas in Budești, before arriving in the village of Hoteni, where we will spend the night in a traditional Maramures style house.

DAY 11 HOTENI • SAPANTA • BARSANA • MOLDOVITA • SUCEVITA We travel to Sapanta, to visit the Merry Cemetery; Barsana to visit the Church of the Presentation of the Virgin at the Temple and Moldovita Monastery*, before our arrival in Sucevita.

DAY 12 SUCEVITA • HUMOR • VORONET • LACU ROSU We visit Sucevita Monastery, the Church of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin in Humor and Voronet Monastery*. We continue to the Red Lake, driving through Bicaz Canyon. Free time.

DAY 13 LACU ROSU • BRASOV • BRAN We drive to Brasov to visit the Black Church and continue to Bran, a castle made famous by Bram Stoker's novel as the residence of Count Dracula. Evening free.

DAY 14 BRAN • SINAIA • BUCHAREST We travel to Sinaia, to visit Peles Palace and Sinaia Monastery and continue to Bucharest to visit the Parliament Palace, the open-air Village Museum, and other important sites.

DAY 15 BUCHAREST We are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 13 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

See the legacy of ancient Thrace.

Explore the Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo, the Wooden Churches of Maramures and the Churches of Moldavia.

Colombia World Heritage Discovery

Cartagena • Santa Cruz de Mompox • Tierradentro • San Agustín • Coffee Cultural Landscape



San Felipe de Barajas Castle, Cartagena



DAY 1 BOGOTÁ Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 BOGOTÁ We visit the historical colonial quarter La Candelaria, the Gold Museum, the Botero Museum, Bolívar Square and take a cable car ride to Montserrat Mountain.

DAY 3 BOGOTÁ A full day excursion to Zipaquirá where we visit the unique Salt Cathedral. After the tour of the Cathedral, we continue through a picturesque Andean landscape. After lunch at a typical restaurant, we continue for the famous Guatavita Lagoon where we get to hear the interesting myth related to the lagoon. Late afternoon we return to Bogotá.

DAY 4 BOGOTÁ • NEIVA • SAN AGUSTÍN A short flight takes us to Neiva, followed by a drive alongside the Magdalena River and the Tatacoa desert to reach San Agustín Archaeological Park*.

DAY 5 SAN AGUSTÍN We explore Isnos and the Alto de las Piedras archaeological park, followed by the Alto de los Idolos tombs and the cascades of Salto de Mortiño and Salto de Bordonos.

DAY 6 SAN AGUSTÍN • TIERRADENTRO A scenic journey gets us to the National Archaeological Park of Tierradentro*, where we visit the elaborate underground tombs.

DAY 7 TIERRADENTRO • POPAYÁN We visit the remote burial site of El Aguacate and explore the colonial city of Popayán.

DAY 8 POPAYÁN • COFFEE REGION A short journey gets us to Silvia, a small mountain town where the Guambiano people, hold their traditional market on Tuesdays. We then pass the city of Cali on our way to a traditional coffee hacienda. Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 9 COFFEE REGION We explore the Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia*, as we walk through a coffee farm learning about coffee production. In the afternoon we visit the Botanical Garden of Quindío with its huge butterfly house.

DAY 10 COFFEE REGION We visit Salento, a typical village where we take an afternoon walk or horse ride into the enchanting Cocora Valley.

DAY 11 COFFEE REGION • CARTAGENA We take a flight from Armenia or Pereira Airport to Cartagena*. In the afternoon we visit the colonial heart of the city, San Felipe Fortress, La Popa Monastery and get an orientation on emerald production.

DAY 12 CARTAGENA • MOMPOS We drive through rural areas of the Caribbean via Palenque and Magangué where our transport crosses the Magdalena River and gets us to Mompos.

DAY 13 MOMPOS We explore the Historic Centre of Santa Cruz de Mompox*, which became quite prosperous as a port for the transportation of goods upriver into the interior in colonial times.

DAY 14 MOMPOS • CARTAGENA We return to Cartagena, arriving in the afternoon. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 15 CARTAGENA After our incredible journey of marvelling at Colombia's cultural and natural heritage, we are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 5 World Heritage Sites.

Discover pre-Columbian stelae in San Agustín and hypogea in Tierradentro.

Roam the colourful streets of colonial Cartagena.

Visit the underground cathedral of Zipaquirá.

Explore the Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia.

Ecuador: A World Heritage Tour

Discover Andean cultures, colonial cities and the Galapagos Islands



San Francisco Church, Quito



DAY 1 QUITO Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 QUITO We explore the City of Quito* including Independence Square with the Government Palace and the Cathedral; the Panecillo Hill, followed by a visit of the Equatorial Line Monument called “Middle of the World” where we get a truly rare experience to stand in both, the Northern and Southern Hemispheres simultaneously.

DAY 3 QUITO • PAPALLACTA We visit Pakakuna Gardens, one of the largest gardens in South America with an expert botanical guide, followed by a transfer to the small Andean village Papallacta, famous for its thermal baths. We visit the baths of the Hotel Termas de Papallacta to enjoy the pleasant effect of the warm, odourless thermal water surrounded by a wonderful landscape.

DAY 4 PAPALLACTA • OTAVALO We explore the Indian handicrafts market in Otavalo, filled with a colourful variety of handicrafts, foods & herbs and authentic tools & household articles. You will meet Indians wearing their typical clothing, selling their products and animals. Afterward we visit Laguna Cuicocha, a crater lake at an altitude of 3000 m.

DAY 5 OTAVALO • COTOPAXI We drive to Cotopaxi National Park, one of the most attractive ecological reserves of the country; and visit Laguna de Limpiopungo at an altitude of almost 4,000 m in the Paramo region and enjoy a beautiful view of Mount Cotopaxi.

DAY 6 COTOPAXI • RIOBAMBA We visit the colourful and original market of Zumbahua, the volcanic lake of Quilotoa and continue on to Riobamba at the foot of Chimborazo, Ecuador's highest mountain.

DAY 7 RIOBAMBA • CUENCA We board a train to ride along the legendary Devil's Nose enjoying the spectacular descent to the coastal plain. Note: Due to weather conditions or technical problems the train ride is subject to reconfirmation. From here we drive to the city of Cuenca, visiting the Inca ruins of Ingapirca along the way.

DAY 8 CUENCA We explore the Historic Centre of Santa Ana de los Rios de Cuenca*, visiting the main square with the Old and New Cathedrals, the historical buildings located along the Tomebamba River, the Todos los Santos Ruins, the flower market and a Panama hat factory. Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 9 CUENCA • GUAYAQUIL We travel to Ecuador's largest city, Guayaquil to visit the many monuments and museums on the Malecon 2000 along the Guayas River.

DAY 10 GUAYAQUIL • GALAPAGOS ISLANDS We fly to San Cristobal Island in the Galapagos Islands*, and are transferred to the Galapagos Explorer II vessel, our home for the next few days. We visit Cerro Brujo to

observe pelicans and blue-footed boobies and enjoy some swimming & snorkelling.

DAY 11 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS We visit Española island, to explore Punta Suarez and look for sea lions and iguanas. Continue to the beautiful beaches of Gardner Bay for swimming, snorkelling and relaxing.

DAY 12 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS We visit Darwin Station on Santa Cruz Island, have some leisure time in Puerto Ayora, followed by a visit to the beach of the small volcanic island Rabida, one of the most beautiful snorkelling places and observe sea lions on the beach and flamingos in a nearby lagoon.

DAY 13 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS We relax on the idyllic beach of Las Bachas, followed by a zodiac ride to Baltra pier, a bus transfer to the Baltra Airport to fly to Guayaquil or Quito to connect to our international flight.

NOTE: We also offer an alternative six-day cruise through the Galapagos, including North Seymour, Plazas, Floreana, Isabela and Baltra Islands.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 3 World Heritage Sites.

Wander through Quito, the best-preserved, least altered historic centre in Latin America.

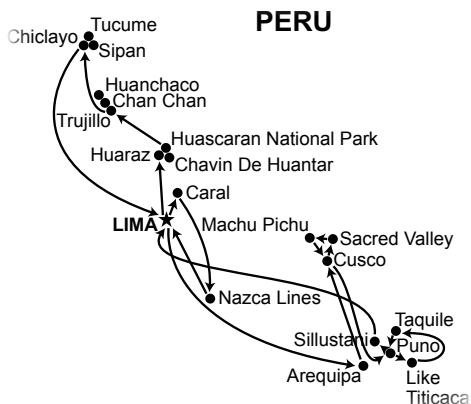
Explore the Galapagos Islands.

World Heritage Sites of Peru

Discovering Pre-Columbian & Spanish Colonial Gems



Machu Picchu, Peru



DAY 1 LIMA We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 LIMA We explore the Historic Centre of Lima*, visiting the Plaza Mayor, San Francisco Church and the districts of San Isidro and Miraflores.

DAY 3 LIMA • HUARAZ We travel from Lima to Huaraz by bus. On arrival transfer to our hotel. Evening is at leisure.

DAY 4 CHAVIN DE HUANTAR We visit the Archaeological Site of Chavin*, to see the Lanzón de Chavín, the Stone of Choquechinchay, an impressive network of internal labyrinths and a great concentric ceremonial plaza, before our return to Huaraz.

DAY 5 HUASCARÁN NATIONAL PARK We visit the Callejon de Huaylas: Carhuaz, Caraz, Yungay, and Lake Llanganuco, situated in the Huascarán National Park*. In the evening we board our luxury bus for an overnight journey to Trujillo.

DAY 6 TRUJILLO On arrival transfer to our hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 7 CHAN CHAN • HUANCHACO We visit the Arco Iris Temple and the Chan Chan Archaeological Zone* and continue to Huanchaco, to watch local fishermen on their traditional reed boats before returning to Trujillo.

DAY 8 TRUJILLO We visit the Sun and the Moon pyramids of the Moche Civilization.

DAY 9 TRUJILLO • SIPAN • TUCUME • CHICLAYO We visit the Archaeological Site of Sipan, the Royal Tombs Museum of Tucume, with its 26 pyramids, before arriving in Chiclayo.

DAY 10 CHICLAYO • LIMA We fly to Lima. In the evening enjoy a dinner with folk dances.

DAY 11 CARAL We take an excursion from Lima to visit the Sacred City of Caral-Supe*, a 5000-year old archaeological site.

DAY 12 NAZCA LINES We take a bus to Paracas and drive to Pisco to board a light aircraft and enjoy a flight over Pisco, Ocucaje, Palpa and the Lines and Geoglyphs of Nasca and Pampas de Jumana*. Return to Lima.

DAY 13 LIMA • AREQUIPA We fly to Arequipa to visit the Historical Centre of the City of Arequipa*, including the Plaza de Armas, Cathedral, Iglesia de la Compañía, the remarkable Santa Catalina Convent and the districts of Cayma and Yanahuara.

DAY 14 AREQUIPA • CUSCO We fly to Cusco* to visit the Temple of the Sun, the Plaza de Armas and the Cathedral. We then drive to the Inca fortress of Sacsahuaman, the temple of Kenko and Tambomachay.

DAY 15 CUSCO • SACRED VALLEY We visit the Fortress of Ollantaytambo and Pisac, a famous market town.

DAY 16 SACRED VALLEY • MACHU PICCHU • CUSCO We board the Vistadome train to Aguas Calientes for our visit of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu*, returning to Cusco in the evening.

DAY 17 CUSCO • PUNO On our drive to Puno we stop at La Raya Pass to visit the Wiracocha Temple in Raqchi and the church in Andahuaylillas.

DAY 18 LAKE TITICACA • TAQUILE We explore Lake Titicaca visiting the man-made islands of the Uros people and Taquile Island.

DAY 19 PUNO • SILLUSTANI • LIMA We visit the archaeological site of Sillustani, before our flight to Lima.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 9 World Heritage Sites.

Discover the vast Pre-Columbian.

Sail on Lake Titicaca.

Explore the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

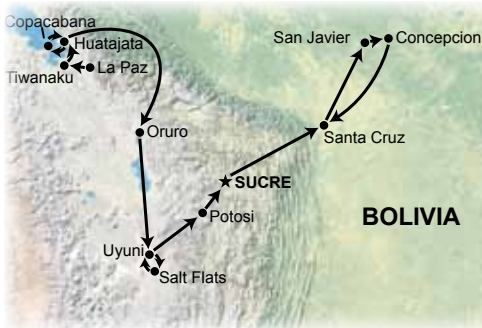
Fly over the mysterious Nazca Lines.

World Heritage Sites of Bolivia

Tiwanaku • Samaipata • Potosi • Sucre • Jesuit Missions of the Chiquitos



Panoramic view of Sucre



DAY 1 LA PAZ We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 LA PAZ We visit Plaza Murillo, the Indian Market, the Witch Doctor's Market and viewpoints for breathtaking panoramas of Illimani Mountain, followed by an afternoon visit of the Valle de la Luna, a clay formation resembling the face of the Moon.

DAY 3 LA PAZ • TIWANAKU • HUATAJATA We drive to Tiwanaku* and visit the ruins of one of the oldest civilizations in America. We continue to Huatajata to visit the Andean Roots Eco Village and meet the Limachi family, builders of the RA II and Tigris for Thor Heyerdhal's expeditions. In the evening we experience "The Mystic World of the Kallawayas", natural healers of Bolivia.

DAY 4 HUATAJATA • COPACABANA • HUATAJATA A hydrofoil cruise takes us to the Urus-Iruitos floating islands on Lake Titicaca, the Moon Island to visit the Ñak Uyu Sun Virgin's Temple and the Sun Island to visit the Inca Staircase & Sacred fountain. On our return we take another

hydrofoil to Copacabana and visit the Shrine and return to Huatajata. In the evening we visit the Alajpacha Native Observatory where we will learn from the Aymaras cosmovision & Southern constellations.

DAY 5 HUATAJATA • ORURO We drive to Calarmarka to visit the 16th century church and continue to Curahuara de Carangas church with its magnificent frescoes, before our arrival in Oruro.

DAY 6 ORURO • UYUNI We travel from Oruro to Uyuni through the magnificent landscapes of the Andes in 4X4 vehicles.

DAY 7 UYUNI • SALT FLATS • UYUNI We take a full day excursion to the Salar de Uyuni Salt Lake, the largest salt flat on earth, driving to Isla Pescado with its singular type of flora and surface rocks that contain fossils of marine algae; and Colchani to visit the salt factories.

DAY 8 UYUNI • POTOSI We drive to the City of Potosi*, source of the silver exploited during Colonial times.

DAY 9 POTOSI • SUCRE We explore the colonial streets of Potosi, including visits of the Royal Mint and the Santa Teresa Museum. In the afternoon we drive to the Historic City of Sucre*.

DAY 10 SUCRE We explore the Historic City of Sucre*, visiting the House of Liberty where Simón Bolívar signed Bolivia's Declaration of Independence; the churches and cloisters of La Recoleta, San Felipe de Neri, Guadalupe and San Francisco, as well as San Francisco Xavier University Museum.

DAY 11 SUCRE • SANTA CRUZ • SAN JAVIER • CONCEPCION A short flight takes us to Santa Cruz for our exploration of the Jesuit Missions of the Chiquitos*. We visit the Church of San Javier, oldest mission of the Jesuits before continuing to Concepción.

DAY 12 CONCEPCION • SANTA CRUZ We drive to the Santa Teresita Stone for a panoramic view of the Valle Chiquitano and visit the church of Concepción and the Museo Misional, before our return drive to Santa Cruz.

DAY 13 SANTA CRUZ Full Day excursion to Fuerte de Samaipata*, the largest carved stone in the world and ancient pre-Colombian ritual site.

DAY 14 SANTA CRUZ After our incredible journey of marvelling at Bolivia's cultural and natural heritage, we are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 5 World Heritage Sites.

Explore the Salar de Uyuni - the World's largest salt flat.

Travel on Lake Titicaca - the World's highest navigable lake.

Visit remarkable pre-Inca ruins in Tiwanaku and Samaipata.

Experience the living heritage of the Jesuit Missions of the Chiquitos.



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ABOUT OUR TOURS

Majority of our tours operate on small group basis where the minimum tour size is two and the maximum is limited to between 7 and 16 persons. Once the minimum tour size is met, the tour will not be cancelled hence you are assured of a guaranteed operation. There are a small number of tours where the minimum and maximum tour size is different or tours which do not operate on small group basis. Each itinerary clearly identifies the group size of that particular tour. All our tours include daily breakfast and many other meals as mentioned in the itinerary. Please always consult our websites www.worldheritagetours.com or www.bestway.com for specific details of all the inclusions and exclusions.

CUSTOMIZED & SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

You might find one of our scheduled itineraries appealing, but the dates don't work for you, or the tour doesn't include a site you want to see, or perhaps you simply prefer to create your

own customized itinerary. With over 30 years of experience in planning and operating tours worldwide we are well equipped to create tailor-made private tour itineraries that recognize your individuality and do not crowd your point of view. We also organise special interest tours and we can help you customize a special tour for you or your group. Below are some of the special interest tours we have operated.

WORLD HERITAGE TOURS

UNESCO's World Heritage List includes over 900 properties that form part of the cultural and natural heritage of our world. This recognition by UNESCO is based on sites having outstanding universal value. Our specialized division, World Heritage Tours designs special journeys in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas that focus on these sites. These itineraries do not only cover World Heritage sites, but also present beautiful scenery and offer genuine interaction with the local people to appreciate the cultural diversity of the places we visit.

NATURAL HERITAGE TOURS

Explore some of the most remote & scenic regions of our planet with biologists, naturalists or renowned wildlife photographers on our tours focused on Natural Heritage. Our Bird-watching Tours have been designed to satisfy the needs of all types of birders, from the novice bird watcher to the seasoned ornithologist.

ASTRONOMICAL TOURS

We have organized astronomy-based tours that follow solar & lunar eclipses, meteor showers all over the world, even on board of specially chartered scientific exploration ships. These tours are led by the renowned authorities on astronomy and the art of photographing eclipses.



FAITH-BASED TOURS

These journeys follow in the path of the great religions with an emphasis in the vast cultural diversity of our world. Whether you are interested in the great Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity or Islam or wish to follow in the footsteps of Buddha or discover the myriad beliefs of the Indian Subcontinent, we combine the religious aspects of each trip with visits to traditional sites.

CULINARY TOURS

Our unique culinary tours take us from local bazaars and markets to carefully chosen restaurants and private homes. As we sample the local cuisine and interact with our hosts we learn how climate and geography, traditions and religion have all had an influence in making a cuisine unique. Although the main emphasis is on food, these itineraries do include comprehensive sightseeing and plenty of cultural activities. We carefully research destinations that have enticed, tantalized and intrigued the travelling gourmet.

TEXTILES, ARTS & CRAFT TOURS

We have arranged many tours that focus on the creation and use of textiles, pottery and different crafts in other cultures, including meeting the artisans. Over the years Bestway Tours & Safaris has organized specialized tours for a number of universities, museums and other renowned institutions.

RAILWAY JOURNEYS

We offer journeys aboard luxurious private trains of the highest quality, including meals, sightseeing, entertainment and many special touches in India, China, Mongolia, Russia, Europe and Africa. Many of our tours include excursions on Heritage Railways all over the world.

WOMEN ONLY GROUPS

These tours have been designed exclusively for women, so they gain more insight by experiencing first hand cultural aspects that are only for females in many regions and cultures. We have also added special touches for a safe and gratifying tour: Tour escorts & managers that are women; boutique & luxury hotels that are well-located and special sightseeing that goes beyond, such as visits to private homes.

JOURNEYS SANS FRONTIÈRES TO UNIQUE DESTINATIONS

Our journeys have no borders. We cover destinations that are difficult to get to and represent a challenge in terms of accessibility. We have pioneered tours to Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Saudi Arabia, North Korea, Sudan, East Timor, Socotra Island and even Bouvet Island, the most remote island in the world.

THE BESTWAY CLUB

Many of our friends, who have shared their journey experiences with us, have asked us to keep them informed about new programs we develop. In order to facilitate this, we started the Bestway Club. Membership is free and open to anyone. With your membership, not only will you receive regular notifications of our new programs, but you'll also be given access to special discounts on our many exciting journeys. You may cancel your membership at any time and your name will not be shared or sold.



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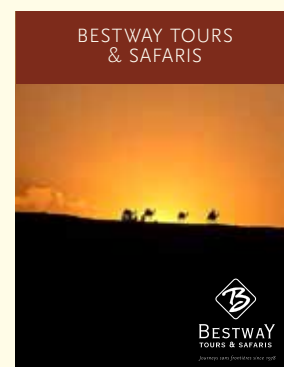
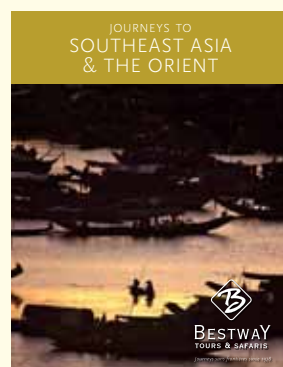
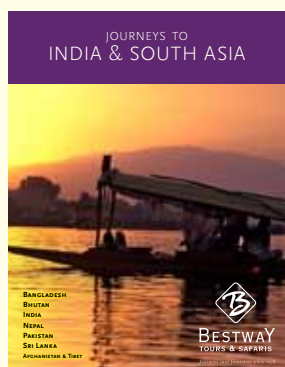
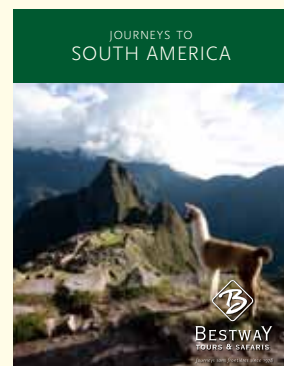
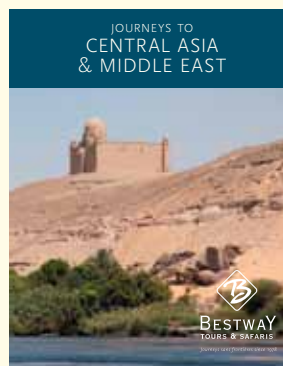
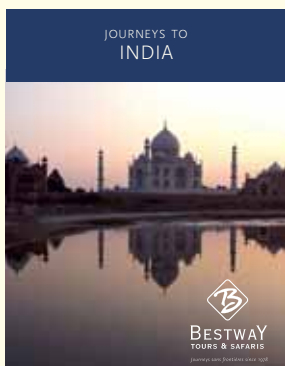
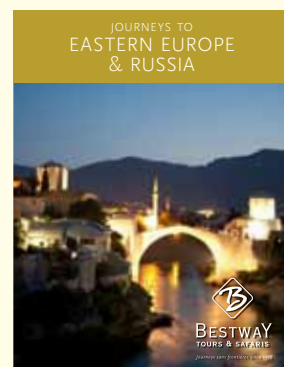
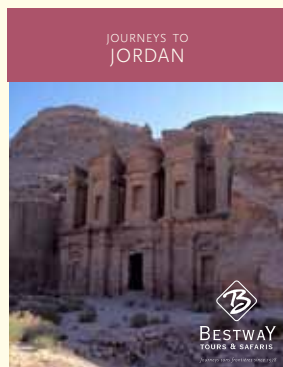
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