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India: Northern & Southern Heritage

A comprehensive cultural insight



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 • KHAJURAHOO 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 KHAJURAHOO • 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 a jeep or an elephant ride uphill to 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 to the remarkable Ellora Caves*, Daulatabad Fort and Bibi-Ka-Maqbra Mausoleum. Flight to Mumbai.

IMPORTANT NOTE: On this day, passengers joining the Southern Heritage Tour will be received at Mumbai Airport and transferred to the hotel.

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, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Victoria Terminus)*, Mani Bhawan Museum, the

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



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 the Western Ghats* 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

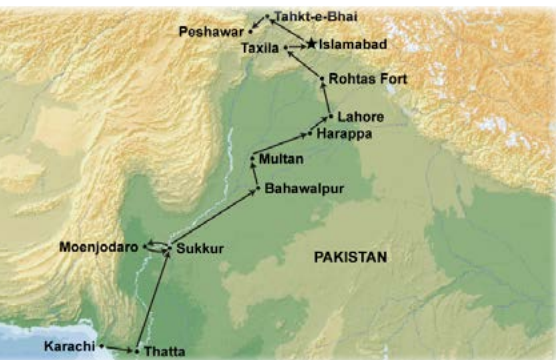
Artistically designed tour of India from North to South.

Visit 18 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

3 deluxe daytime train rides to enjoy the scenery.

World Heritage Sites of Pakistan

A cultural journey through millenary history



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 • MOENJODARO 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 Sri Lanka

A cultural journey to an ancient island nation



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, Wolvendaal 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.

World Heritage Sites of Indonesia

Java • Bali • Komodo



DAY 1 SURAKARTA, CENTRAL JAVA

Arrival. We are transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 SURAKARTA We visit the Kraton, the Palace of the Pakubuwono Kings, the Winduhenar antiques market, and the Museum Batik Danar Hadi, featuring Indonesia's largest collection of historical batiks. Indonesian Batik is listed on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list and the batik workshops in Kampung Kauman or Laweyan.

DAY 3 SANGIRAN • CANDI SUKUH

We visit the Sangiran Early Man Site* and the world-class museum, featuring humanoid fossils. We then head to Mount Lawu and visit the 15th-century Javanese-Hindu temples of Candi Ceto and Candi Sukuh.

DAY 4 SURAKARTA • BOROBUDUR • YOGYAKARTA

We visit the Borobudur Temple Compounds*, built between AD 750 and 850. In Yogyakarta, we may attend an optional Wayang kulit** performance, the famous shadow puppet theatre of Java.

DAY 5 YOGYAKARTA We visit the Yogyakarta Kraton, the Taman Sari Pleasure Garden and the Prambanan Temple

Compounds*, dating to the 8th century AD. In the evening, we enjoy dinner followed by a Ramayana Ballet performance.

DAY 6 YOGYAKARTA • BALI We fly to Bali then transfer to Ubud, Bali's artistic heart.

DAY 7 BALI Watch Balinese Dances**, visit Goa Gajah, the Royal Water Temple of Pura Taman Ayun, part of the Cultural Landscape of Bali*, and the Monkey Forest.

DAY 8 BALI We head to Tampak Siring, Tirta Empul and Kintamani to enjoy panoramic views of Lake Batur, Mt. Batur and Mt. Agung. We then travel through landscapes dotted with rice terraces, which are managed through Subak*, the cooperative social system that controls the water, to Besakih Temple, largest holiest site in Bali.

DAY 9 BALI We visit Pura Ulun Danu Bratan, a magnificent lakeshore temple and the Bali Botanical Gardens. We continue to Tanah Lot, a temple located on a rock in the Indian Ocean to enjoy the sunset.

DAY 10 BALI We are transferred to Denpasar Airport for our departure flight. The island of Bali also offers a wide range of

beach resorts and opportunities to enjoy the beach. We will be pleased to assist you in extending your stay.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO KOMODO

DAY 10 BALI • LABUAN BAJO • KOMODO

We fly to Labuan Bajo on the island of Flores and transfer to our traditional wooden boat and sail to Komodo Island.

DAY 11 KOMODO • LABUAN BAJO

Explore Komodo National Park*, viewing Komodo dragons in their natural habitat on Komodo and Rinca islands. Return to Labuan Bajo.

DAY 12 LABUAN BAJO • BALI We are transferred to the airport and fly to Bali and are transferred to our hotel.

DAY 13 BALI We are transferred for our departure flight.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Explore the islands of Java, Bali, Komodo and Flores

Experience Indonesia's living heritage, as per the UNESCO Intangible

Cultural Heritage, such as Batik making, Balinese Dances and Shadow Puppet performances.

World Heritage Sites of Indochina

Laos • Vietnam • Cambodia



DAY 1 LUANG PRABANG Arrival in Laos, followed by a walking tour of Luang Prabang*, exploring Wat Aham, Phousi Hill to enjoy the sunset over the Mekong River. In the evening explore the Street Night Market.

DAY 2 LUANG PRABANG Watch monks collecting offerings of alms in the early morning. Visit Wat Sene, Wat Xiengthong and board a river boat cruising the Mekong River to explore the Pak Ou Caves.

DAY 3 LUANG PRABANG • VIENTIANE Visit the former King's Palace, followed by a flight to Vientiane. Afternoon city tour, featuring Wat Sisaket, Wat Prakeo, the Patuxay Monument and That Luang Stupa.

DAY 4 VIENTIANE • SAVANNAKHET Drive to Savannakhet, stopping en-route at the Buddha Statue Park, Wat Prabath Phonsane, Thakek, Sikhottabong Stupa, Ban Nateuy and Inghan Stupa.

DAY 5 SAVANNAKHET • LAO BAO • QUANG TRI • HUE Visit the central market and drive on the Trans-Asia Highway to Lao Bao and cross the border to Vietnam and drive to Hue.

DAY 6 HUE Full day tour of Hue*, exploring the Royal Citadel, Dong Ba market, the Mausoleum of King Tu Duc, Thien Mu Pagoda and take a boat cruise along the Perfume River.

DAY 7 HUE • HANOI Flight to Hanoi, followed a pedicab ride around to the Old Quarter of Hanoi. Visit St. Joseph Cathedral, Bach Ma Temple and Ma May Ancient House. In the evening enjoy a water puppet show.

DAY 8 HANOI • HA LONG BAY Drive to Ha Long Bay* for an overnight cruise through the bay.

DAY 9 HA LONG BAY • HANOI Visit Luon Cave and cruise back to Halong City, Return to Hanoi.

DAY 10 HANOI • DA NANG • HOI AN Stop at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and visit the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long*, and the One-Pillared Pagoda. Flight to Danang, visit the Museum of Cham Sculpture and Linh Ung Pagoda and drive to Hoi An.

DAY 11 HOI AN Walking tour of the ancient town centre of Hoi An*.

DAY 12 HOI AN • DA NANG • HO CHI MINH CITY Transfer to Da Nang and fly to Ho Chi Minh City followed by a city tour.

DAY 13 HO CHI MINH CITY Take an excursion to the heart of the Mekong Delta and take a boat cruise on the Mekong River to observe the daily life along the river.

DAY 14 HO CHI MINH CITY • CU CHI • PHNOM PENH Drive to Cu Chi, famed for its underground tunnels dug during the Vietnam War. Then drive to the Cambodian border and drive to Phnom Penh.

DAY 15 PHNOM PENH • SIEM REAP Tour of Phnom Penh, including the Tuol Sleng Museum, the central market of Phnom Penh, the National Museum, the Royal Palace and the Wat Phnom Temple. Evening flight to Siem Reap.

DAY 16 SIEM REAP Explore the temple city of Angkor*, visiting Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom and Ta Prohm, Phnom Bakheng Hill to enjoy a panoramic view of Angkor.

DAY 17 SIEM REAP Departure.

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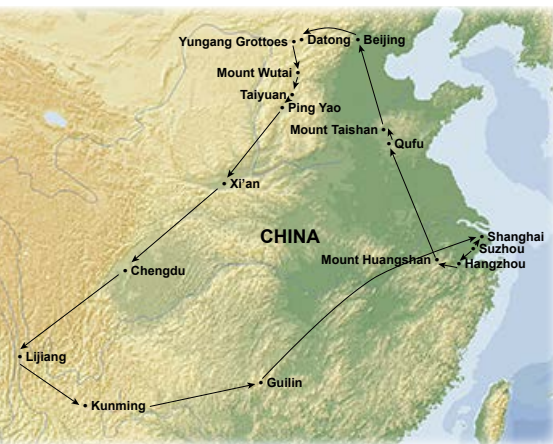
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Explore the cultural diversity of Indochina.

World Heritage of China: North & South



A comprehensive 30-day journey through China, visiting 25 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. You may also take only the 15-day Northern China Heritage Tour (Segment 1) or the 16-day Southern China Heritage Tour (Segment 2).

DAY 1 BEIJING Arrival.

DAY 2 BEIJING We visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City*, the Temple of Heaven* and explore the hutongs.

DAY 3 BEIJING Excursion to the Great Wall* and Chang Ling, the largest of the Imperial Tombs of the Ming and Qing Dynasties*.

DAY 4 BEIJING We visit the Summer Palace, an Imperial Garden in Beijing* and the Peking Man Site at Zhoukoudian*.

DAY 5 BEIJING • DATONG Flight. We visit the Yungang Grottoes*.

DAY 6 DATONG • WUTAISHAN We visit the Hanging Monastery, Yingxian Wooden Pagoda, and drive to Wutaishan.

DAY 7 WUTAISHAN • TAIYUAN We explore Mount Wutai*.

DAY 8 TAIYUAN • PING YAO We drive to the Ancient City of Ping Yao*.

DAY 9 PING YAO • XIAN We explore Ping Yao and take a train to Xian.

DAY 10 XIAN We visit the Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor*, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda and the Ancient City Wall.

DAY 11 XIAN • CHENGDU Flight. We explore the Wenshu Monastery and the Wide & Narrow Lanes.

DAY 12 CHENGDU We visit the Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuaries*, Mount Qingcheng and the Dujiangyan Irrigation System*.

DAY 13 MOUNT EMEI We visit the Giant Buddha of Leshan*.

DAY 14 MOUNT EMEI We explore Mount Emei Scenic Area* and return to Chengdu.

DAY 15 CHENGDU • LIJIANG Flight. We explore the Old Town of Lijiang*.

END OF 1ST / START OF 2ND SEGMENT

DAY 16 LIJIANG Tour of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, part of the Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas* and the ancient village of Baisha.

DAY 17 LIJIANG • KUNMING Flight. We visit the Shilin Stone Forest*.

DAY 18 KUNMING • GUILIN We visit the famous flower market and fly to Guilin.

DAY 19 GUILIN Boat cruise on the Li River to Yangshuo in the South China Karst*.

DAY 20 GUILIN We explore Yangshuo by bicycle or walking and visit the old town of Xingping.

DAY 21 GUILIN • SHANGHAI Flight. We visit the Bund, the French Concession and People's Square.

DAY 22 SHANGHAI • SUZHOU We visit the Classical Gardens of Suzhou*.

DAY 23 SUZHOU • HANGZHOU We take a boat excursion on the Grand Canal* and take a train to Hangzhou.

DAY 24 HANGZHOU We explore the West Lake Cultural Landscape of Hangzhou*, visit Lingyi Temple, Meijiawu Tea Plantation and the Tea Museum.

DAY 25 HANGZHOU • MT. HUANGSHAN We visit the traditional villages of Xidi and Hongcun*.

DAY 26 MT. HUANGSHAN • TUNXI We explore the Mount Huangshan* area. Drive to Tunxi.

DAY 27 TUNXI • QUFU Train. Visit the Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu*.

DAY 28 QUFU • MT. TAISHAN We visit Sacred Mount Taishan*.

DAY 29 MT. TAISHAN • BEIJING Train ride. Free afternoon.

DAY 30 BEIJING Departure.

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Route of the Caravans: The Silk Road

Turkmenistan • Uzbekistan • Tajikistan • Kazakhstan • Kyrgyzstan



DAY 1 ASHGABAT, TURKMENISTAN
Arrival.

DAY 2 ASHGABAT We visit the Parthian Fortresses of Nisa*, Tokkuchka Bazaar, Bedev hippodrome, the State Museum of History, the Grand Mosque and the Presidential Square.

DAY 3 ASHGABAT • MARY • ASHGABAT Flight to Mary to explore ancient Merv*, visiting Gaiyur Kala, Erk Kala, Sultan Kala and the mausoleum of Sultan Sanjar. Return flight to Ashgabat.

DAY 4 ASHGABAT • DASHOGUZ • KUNYA URGENCH • NUKUS Flight to Dashoguz and explore Kunya-Urgench*, part of the Achaemenid Empire. Cross the border into Uzbekistan and continue to Nukus.

DAY 5 NUKUS • KHIVA Visit the Krakalpakstan Regional Museum to see the collection of Russian Avant-Garde period paintings collected by Igor Savitsky. Drive to Khiva for a walking tour of the Itchan Kala*.

DAY 6 KHIVA • URGENCH • BUKHARA Flight to Bukhara. Afternoon walking tour through the Historic Centre of Bukhara*, visiting several mosques, madrasas and the hat seller's market. Evening folklore show.

DAY 7 BUKHARA Visit the tomb of Ismail Samani and many 17th-century madrasas.

DAY 8 BUKHARA • G'IJDUVON • SAMARKAND Visit the Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa Palace, the Mausoleum of Bakhoutdin Naqshbandi and the Chor Bakr Necropolis. Drive to G'ijduvon to visit a madrasa built by Ulugh Beg and other buildings. Continue to Samarkand.

DAY 9 SAMARKAND Explore the historic town of Samarkand* visiting the Registan Ensemble, Bibi-Khanum Mosque, the Shakh-Zinda compound, the Gur-Emir ensemble and Ulugh-Beg's Observatory.

DAY 10 SAMARKAND • SHAKHRISYABZ Visit the Afrosiyob Museum and the Tomb of Saint Daniel. Drive to Koni Ghil, to see craftsmen making mulberry paper and continue to the Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz*, the birthplace of Tamerlane.

DAY 11 SHAKHRISYABZ • DUSHANBE Drive to the Tajikistan border and continue to Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

DAY 12 DUSHANBE Visit the National Museum of Tajikistan, the Gurminj Musical Instruments Museum, the Statue of Ismail Samani and Rudaki Park.

DAY 13 DUSHANBE • KHUJAND • TASHKENT Drive to Khujand and explore the town. Cross the border to Uzbekistan and continue to Tashkent.

DAY 14 TASHKENT • ALMATY Explore Uzbekistan's capital, visiting the Old City, and Chor-Su Bazaar. Evening flight to Almaty, Kazakhstan.

DAY 15 ALMATY • TAMGALY • BISHKEK Visit Panfilov Park, Zenkov Cathedral, St. Nicholas Cathedral and the Green Bazaar. Drive through the Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor*, stopping at the Petroglyphs within the Archaeological Landscape of Tamgaly*. Cross the border to Kyrgyzstan and continue to Bishkek.

DAY 16 BISHKEK • BURANA • ISSYK KUL LAKE City tour of Bishkek. Drive to Balasagun and visit the Burana Tower*. Continue to Cholpon-Ata with Bronze period petroglyphs and Issyk Kul Lake surrounded by the Tian Shan Mountains.

DAY 17 ISSYK KUL LAKE Visit the Preshevalsky Museum and Monument. Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 18 ISSYK KUL LAKE • BISHKEK We are transferred to Bishkek Airport for our departure.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 10 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Travel through the heart
of the Silk Road.

Visit the birthplaces of Tamerlane and
Babur, founder of the Moghul Empire.

World Heritage Tour of Turkey

A journey from Antiquity to the Ottoman Empire



Turkey is the only country in the world that has an eclectic mix of European, Asian and Middle Eastern cultures. This journey captures the essence of Turkish culture and heritage a delightful blend of art and ancient architecture.

DAY 1 ANKARA Arrival.

DAY 2 ANKARA • SAFRANBOLU Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, Arslanhane Mosque, Ankara Citadel and the Mausoleum of Ataturk. Afternoon drive to Safranbolu*.

DAY 3 SAFRANBOLU • AMASYA Visit the Cinci Caravanserai, Kaymakamlar Kiosk, Izzet Pasha Mosque and Kazdaglioglu Mosque and the bazaar. Drive to Amasya and visit the medieval mental hospital Ilhanli Bimarhane and the Sultan Beyazit Mosque.

DAY 4 AMASYA • HATTUSHA • CAPPADOCIA Drive to the archaeological site of Hattusha, the Hittite Capital*. Explore Yazilikaya, and continue to Cappadocia.

DAY 5 CAPPADOCIA Full day exploration of Göreme National Park and the Rock

Sites of Cappadocia*, visiting the Göreme Valley featuring troglodyte villages and underground towns.

DAY 6 CAPPADOCIA • KONYA Drive to Konya and visit the Museum of Mevlana, centre of the Sufi Order of the Whirling Dervishes.

DAY 7 KONYA • PAMUKKALE Drive to Pamukkale* to admire the limestone terraces and the ancient city of Hierapolis*.

DAY 8 PAMUKKALE • APHRODISIAS • SAGALASSOS • ANTALYA Visit the ancient of Aphrodisias and explore Sagalassos, a recently discovered Greco-Roman city and drive to Antalya.

DAY 9 ANTALYA Drive to Aspendos, visit the Roman Theater, and explore Perge, a spectacular Greco-Roman city before returning to Antalya.

DAY 10 ANTALYA • MYRA • XANTHOS • FETHIYE Drive to Myra to see ancient Lycian rock tombs in the cliff above the Roman Theater. Take a boat ride over the sunken city of Kekova and drive to Xanthos-Letoon*, capital of Lycia.

DAY 11 FETHIYE • CAUNOS • EPHESUS Take a boat ride following the Dalyan River to the ancient city of Caunos. Continue to Ephesus (Selcuk).

DAY 12 EPHESUS Explore Ephesus*, featuring the Library of Celsus.

DAY 13 EPHESUS • SARDIS • PERGAMON • KUCUKKUYU Travel to Sardis, capital of the Kingdom of Lydia and visit the Bath-Gymnasium Complex,

the Synagogue and the Temple of Artemis. Continue to Pergamum*, to explore the Acropolis and the Asclepion.

DAY 14 KUCUKKUYU • ASSOS • TROY • CANAKKALE Depart for Assos to see the Temple of Athena. Then explore the Archaeological Site of Troy*, featuring 4,000 years of history. Continue to Canakkale.

DAY 15 CANAKKALE • EDIRNE • ISTANBUL Take a ferry across the Dardanelles Strait and drive to Edirne. Visit Selimiye Mosque and its Social Complex*, the Eski Cami Mosque, Uc Serefeli Mosque and the Old Bazaar. Drive to Istanbul in the afternoon.

DAY 16 ISTANBUL Explore the Historic Areas of Istanbul*, visiting the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, the Hagia Sophia, the Topkapi Palace and the historic Grand Bazaar.

DAY 17 ISTANBUL Visit Suleymaniye Mosque, Rustempasa Mosque and the Spice Market. Then take a cruise on the Bosphorus, followed by visits to St. Savior Church in Chora, and Eyup Mosque.

DAY 18 ISTANBUL Departure.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 10 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Visit the ancient sites of Troy, Ephesus, Pergamon & Xanthos-Letoon.

See magnificent Ottoman architecture in Istanbul, Edirne & Konya.

Persia's World Heritage Sites

A journey through the crossroads of civilization



DAY 1 TEHRAN Arrival.

DAY 2 TEHRAN We visit Golestan Palace*, the Crown Jewels Museum and the National Museum of Iran.

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 Avehina, 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. We travel South to explore Susa*, the ancient Ziggurat at Tchogha Zanbil* and the Shushtar Historical Hydraulic System*. Our day ends in 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 historic 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 Visit the Glass and Ceramic Museum, the Carpet Museum and Saadabad Palace. Transfer to the airport for departure.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit 13 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.

A Journey through Antiquity

Egypt, Jordan & Israel



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.

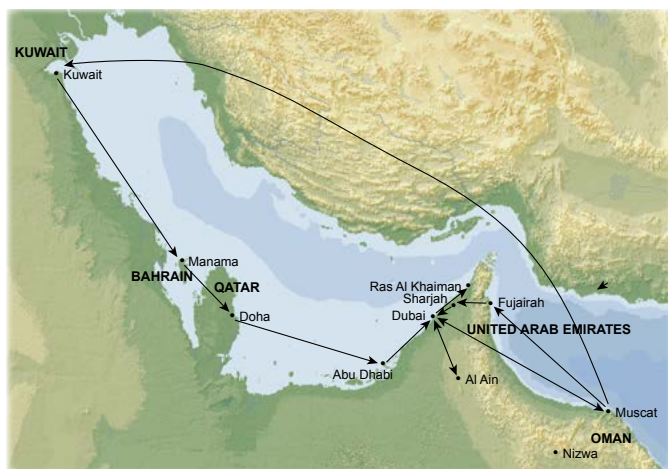
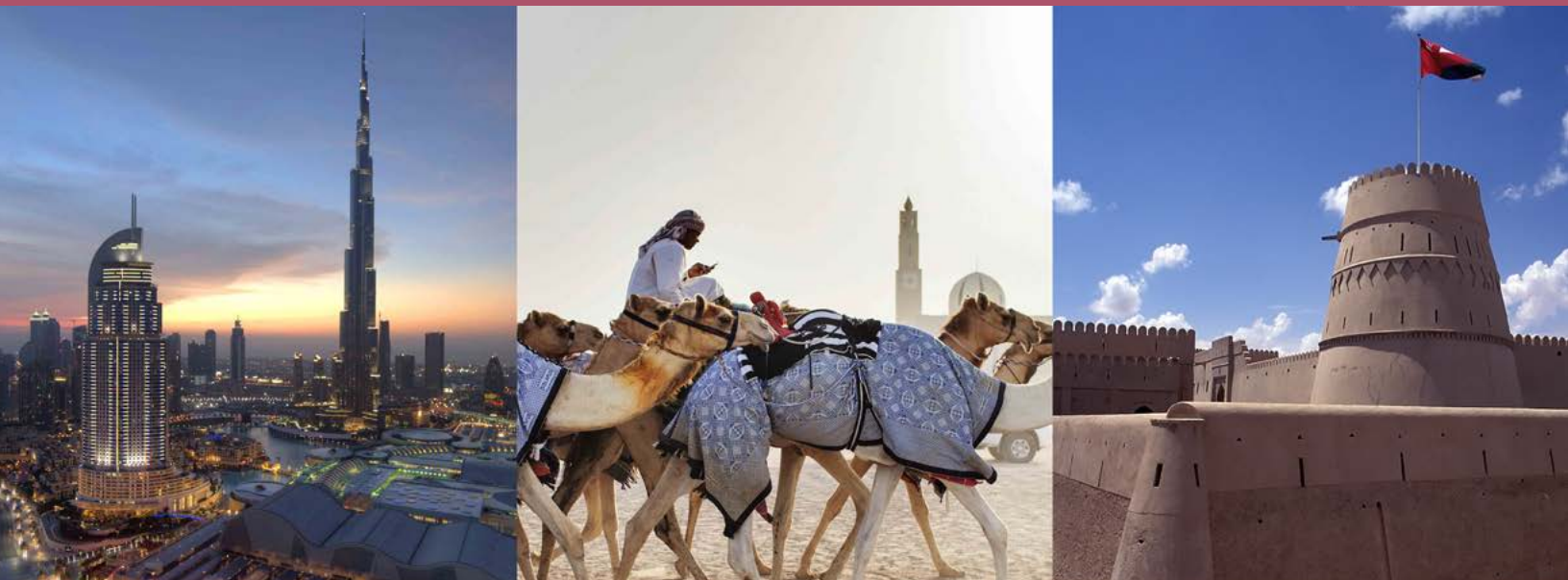
Explore Historic Cairo & Jerusalem.

Discover the amazing landscapes of Wadi Rum & Petra.

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

Arab Sheikdoms

Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates



This unique journey provides you with a rare and fascinating glimpse of the best places in the Gulf to experience the sharp contrast between traditional and ultra-modern Arabia. Wander through mudbrick villages with exotic bazaars and gardens, explore quiet stretches of coast lined with palm trees, travel through beautiful desert and mountain landscapes featuring venerable forts and visit numerous World Heritage Sites.

DAY 1 MUSCAT, OMAN Arrival.

DAY 2 MUSCAT We visit the Grand Mosque and Old Muscat, featuring the Sidab Women's Sewing Group, Al Aalam Palace, the Bait Al Zubair Museum and Muttrah Souq.

DAY 3 MUSCAT We explore Nizwa, Jabreen Castle, Bahla Fort* and the Aflaj Irrigation Systems of Oman*.

DAY 4 MUSCAT • KUWAIT Flight.

DAY 5 KUWAIT We visit the Kuwait National Museum, Al Bader House, Sadu House, the Fish Market, Kuwait Maritime Museum, the dhow harbor and the Kuwait Towers.

DAY 6 KUWAIT • BAHRAIN Flight. Evening Lebanese dinner, accompanied by belly dance routines.

DAY 7 BAHRAIN We take a tour including Muharraq City, representative of the Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy* and Qal'at al-Bahrain, Ancient Harbour and Capital of Dilmun*.

DAY 8 BAHRAIN • DOHA Flight. We drive along the Doha Corniche and visit the old Dhow Harbor, the Gold Souq and the traditional Old Bazaar.

DAY 9 DOHA Explore the Al Zubarah Archaeological Site*, the Camel Training & Racing Track at Shahaniya, the Sheikh Faisal Museum and Barzan Tower.

DAY 10 DOHA • ABU DHABI • DUBAI Flight. We visit Sheik Zayed Mosque, Sadiyat Exhibition, the Heritage village, the Abu Dhabi Corniche and a traditional date market. Drive to Dubai.

DAY 11 MUSCAT We explore the sights of the Emirates of Sharjah, Ajman and Fujairah.

DAY 12 DUBAI We visit Jumeirah Mosque, Atlantis Aquarium, the Museum and the Spice & Gold Souqs, with photo stops by the Burj Al Arab and Burj Khalifa buildings, followed by an exciting desert safari and barbecue dinner.

DAY 13 DUBAI • AL AIN • DUBAI We visit the Cultural Sites of Al Ain*, including Jebel Hafit, Al Jahili Fort and the famed Camel Market.

DAY 14 DUBAI • UMM AL QUWAIN • RAS AL KHAIMAN • DUBAI We explore the sights of the Emirates of Umm Al Quwain and Ras Al Khaimah.

DAY 15 DUBAI Departure.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Enjoy a desert safari.

Visit all seven of the United Arab Emirates.

World Heritage Sites of the Caucasus

Azerbaijan • Georgia • Armenia



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 Eastern Europe

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



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 Dvorets, 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, with options to visit 4 additional sites.

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

Heritage of Bulgaria & Romania

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



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 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 • SURDESTI • BUDESTI • HOTENI We explore the Wooden Churches of Maramures*, visiting the Church of Surdesti, the Church of Saint Nicholas in Budesti, 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.

Balkan Mosaic

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



Experience the multi-ethnic heritage of the Balkans and the legacy of the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian Empires, including visits to 16 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. This tour has been tailored to offer you this fascinating region in three segments, feel free to choose any one, two or all three sections of this comprehensive tour.

START OF 1ST SEGMENT

DAY 1 BELGRADE Arrival.

DAY 2 BELGRADE Tour of Serbia's capital.

DAY 3 BELGRADE • VISEGRAD • ZLATIBOR Take steam train ride on the Sarganska Osmica, visit the Mehmed Pasa Sokolovic Bridge of Visegrad* in the Republika Srpska and explore Mt. Zlatibor.

DAY 4 ZLATIBOR • NOVI PAZAR

Visit Studenica Monastery * and Sopocani Monastery * en-route to Novi Pazar.

DAY 5 NOVI PAZAR • PRISTINA, KOSOVO

Visit Pristina and the Medieval Monuments in Kosovo*.

DAY 6 PRISTINA • SKOPJE • OHRID

Visit Skopje, Macedonia and drive to Ohrid.

DAY 7 OHRID Explore the Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region*.

DAY 8 OHRID • BERAT • TIRANA

Travel to Tirana, Albania with a stop in the ancient city of Berat*.

DAY 9 TIRANA • DURRES • TIRANA

Excursion to Durres and explore the Roman ruins.

DAY 10 TIRANA • KRUJA • SHKODER •

BUDVA Visit Kruja and Shkoder en-route to Budva.

DAY 11 BUDVA • KOTOR • BUDVA

Excursion to the Natural and Culturo-Historical Region of Kotor*.

DAY 12 BUDVA • MEDJUGORJE • MOSTAR

Drive to the Catholic sanctuary of Medjugorje in Bosnia & Herzegovina and continue to Mostar.

DAY 13 MOSTAR • SARAJEVO

Explore Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar* and tour Sarajevo.

END OF 1ST / START OF 2ND SEGMENT

DAY 14 SARAJEVO • DUBROVNIK Scenic drive to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

DAY 15 DUBROVNIK Walking tour of the Old City of Dubrovnik*.

DAY 16 DUBROVNIK • SPLIT Leisurely morning on the beautiful Adriatic Coast. Drive to Split.

DAY 17 SPLIT Walking tour of the Historical Complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian*.

DAY 18 SPLIT • PLITVICE LAKES Visit the Historic City of Trogir*, the Cathedral of St James in Sibenik* and Zadar.

DAY 19 PLITVICE LAKES • ZAGREB Tour Plitvice Lakes* and drive to Croatia's capital, Zagreb.

END OF 2ND / START OF 3RD SEGMENT

DAY 20 ZAGREB • PULA Tour Istria visiting Rijeka, Opatija and the Roman Amphitheatre in Pula.

DAY 21 PULA • ROVINJ • POREC Tour Pula, Rovinj, Istrian villages and the Episcopal Complex of the Euphrasian Basilica in the Historic Centre of Porec*.

DAY 22 POREC • LJUBLJANA Visit the Lipica Stud Farm, Postojna Cave en-route to Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia.

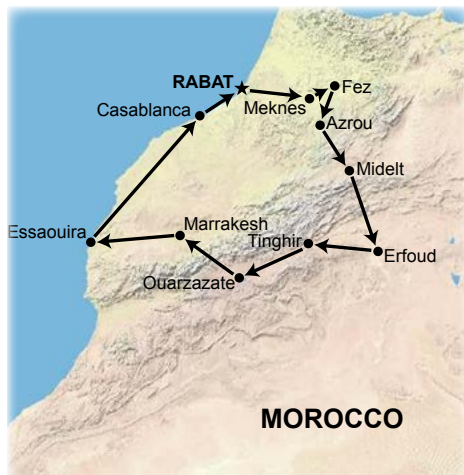
DAY 23 LJUBLJANA • BLED Excursion to Lake Bled.

DAY 24 BLED • LJUBLJANA Departure.

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World Heritage Tour of Morocco

Discover Moorish architecture, culture and people



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 Sijilmasa, 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, Fes and Marrakesh.

Travel through the towering Atlas Mountains.

Explore the oases of the Sahara Desert.

Visit the beautiful Atlantic Coast.

Egypt: A World Heritage Tour



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 cruise 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. Our 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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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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.

Kenya, Tanzania Safari with Victoria Falls

Kenya • Tanzania • Zimbabwe • Zambia



A safari designed for individuals and families. In East Africa we track many species, including the Big Five, in world-renowned wildlife sanctuaries. This 12-day wild game safari culminates with a flight to Victoria Falls with an option for a very different game safari in Botswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia or South Africa. You end your African experience in beautiful Cape Town.

DAY 1 NAIROBI, KENYA Upon arrival, we are transferred to our hotel. Balance of the day is free.

DAY 2 NAIROBI • LAKE NAIVASHA Drive to Lake Naivasha, part of the Kenya Lake System in the Great Rift Valley*. Boat safari on Lake Naivasha to watch the lake's vast hippo population sleep in the shallows.

DAY 3 LAKE NAIVASHA • MASAI MARA Traverse the Great Rift Valley and ascend to its western rim into the land of the Masai. After arrival embark on a game drive in search for African wildlife.

DAY 4 MASAI MARA Morning and afternoon game drives, featuring superb photographic opportunities of the "big five"—elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino. Optional early morning balloon safari.

DAY 5 MASAI MARA • SERENGETI, TANZANIA Cross the border into Tanzania and head to Serengeti, the place of the Great Migration.

DAY 6 SERENGETI Morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti National Park*.

DAY 7 SERENGETI • NGORONGORO We take a game drive before travelling along the Malanja Depression with its Masai villages to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area*.

DAY 8 NGORONGORO CRATER • 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 9 LAKE MANYARA Explore Lake Manyara Game Park with a game drive to see giraffes, elephants, baboons and possibly the rarely seen tree-climbing lions.

DAY 10 LAKE MANYARA • ARUSHA • AMBOSELI, KENYA Journey through the Great Rift Valley to the colorful villages of Mto wa Mbu and Makuyuni. Stop for lunch in Arusha, cross the Namanga border into

Kenya and enjoy a game drive in Amboseli National Park.

DAY 11 AMBOSELI Safari through Amboseli National Park, famous for its vast herds of elephants and stunning views of Mount Kilimanjaro.

DAY 12 AMBOSELI • NAIROBI After a game drive and lunch, we are transferred to our hotel in Nairobi.

DAY 13 NAIROBI • VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE/ZAMBIA Flight from Nairobi to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe or Livingstone, Zambia, depending on your flight itinerary. Transfer to the hotel.

DAY 14 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 15 VICTORIA FALLS Departure

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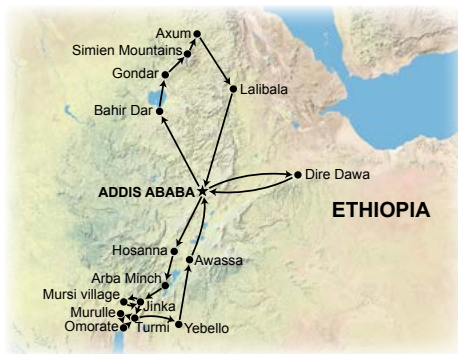
15 Game drives in Kenya & Tanzania.

Each passenger gets a window seat on game drives in Kenya & Tanzania.

Visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Victoria Falls.

Ethiopia World Heritage Discovery

Explore Abyssinia's millenary history and cultures



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 Tsema 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.

This itinerary may be divided into 2 separate journeys in the North or South of the country

The World in One Country

South Africa • Swaziland • Lesotho



Situated on the tip of the African continent, South Africa has often been described as a world in one country. It has a wealth of natural beauty, pristine wilderness areas, warm and friendly people, cosmopolitan cities and excellent infrastructure—making South Africa a favourite safari destination. We also will visit the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Kingdom of Swaziland.

DAY 1 JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA Arrival.

DAY 2 JOHANNESBURG • MPUMALANGA We drive through landscapes characterized by mountains, panoramic passes, valleys, rivers, waterfalls and forests to Graskop.

DAY 3 MPUMALANGA • KRUGER NATIONAL PARK We take a scenic drive along the Panorama Route with stops at Blyde River Canyon, and Bourke's Luck Potholes to Kruger National Park.

DAY 4 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK We enjoy game viewing safaris.

DAY 5 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK • MILWANE, SWAZILAND We cross the border into the mountainous Kingdom of Swaziland and discover the traditions and culture of the Kingdom of Swaziland.

DAY 6 MILWANE WILDERNESS SANCTUARY We visit the Umphakatsi Chief's homestead for a Swazi cultural experience.

DAY 7 MILWANE • ZULULAND, SOUTH AFRICA We travel to iSimangaliso Wetland Park* and enjoy a boat cruise on the St Lucia estuary, getting up close to the hippos and crocodiles that inhabit the lake.

DAY 8 ZULULAND Game viewing safari in Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve in search of endangered black and white rhinos.

DAY 9 ZULULAND • DRAKENSBURG We head to The Cavern private mountain reserve, adjacent to the Royal Natal National Park.

DAY 10 DRAKENSBURG We explore uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park*.

DAY 11 DRAKENSBURG • MALEALEA, LESOTHO Experience traditional Basotho life in the Kingdom of Lesotho.

DAY 12 MALEALEA Pony trek excursion.

DAY 13 MALEALEA • CRADOCK, SOUTH AFRICA We drive to the historical Karoo town of Cradock.

DAY 14 CRADOCK • ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK We head to a unique wildlife habitat, famous for the Addo elephants. Enjoy an afternoon on a game drive. Evening watch nocturnal animals.

DAY 15 ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK • TSITSIKAMMA A journey along the Garden Route to Storms River Village.

DAY 16 TSITSIKAMMA We explore the Tsitsikamma Forest.

DAY 17 TSITSIKAMMA • OUDTSHOORN We visit 'The Heads' in Knysna, travel over the Outeniqua Mountains and visit the Cango Caves, before we overnight in the ostrich capital of the world.

DAY 18 OUDTSHOORN • CAPE TOWN We head to Stellenbosch, for wine tasting and a cellar tour. Once in Cape Town the afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 19 CAPE TOWN Cape Point tour to the Good Hope Nature Reserve*, Hout Bay, Simons Town, the Boulders Beach penguin colony and Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

DAY 20 CAPETOWN Departure.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Enjoy 6 wildlife viewing safaris.

Cultural encounters in Swaziland, Zululand and Lesotho.

Crossing South America

Chile • Peru • Argentina • Uruguay • Brazil



This extensive tour will give us an excellent overview of South America's most important attractions, including 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

DAY 1 SANTIAGO DE CHILE Arrival, followed by a city tour.

DAY 2 SANTIAGO • CALAMA • SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA We fly to Calama, drive to San Pedro de Atacama and visit the Moon Valley.

DAY 3 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA We visit the Atacama Salt Pan, Lagunas Miscanti & Meñiques and Toconao.

DAY 4 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA Free day in San Pedro de Atacama. Optional tour to El Tatio Geysers.

DAY 5 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA • CALAMA • SANTIAGO • LIMA, PERU We transfer to Calama airport to fly to Lima, Peru via Santiago de Chile.

DAY 6 LIMA • CUSCO • YUCAY Flight to Cusco. We transfer to the Sacred Valley with a stop in Chinchero.

DAY 7 YUCAY Free morning. We visit the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo.

DAY 8 YUCAY • MACHU PICCHU • CUSCO We take the train from Ollantaytambo through the Urubamba valley to explore Machu Picchu* and return to Cusco.

DAY 9 CUSCO We take a city tour of Cusco*, the capital of the Inca Empire, including the ruins of Sacsayhuamanv.

DAY 10 CUSCO • PUNO We drive from Cusco to Puno with stops in Andahuaylillas, Raqchi and Pucara.

DAY 11 PUNO • JULIACA • LIMA Excursion on Lake Titicaca to visit the Uros floating islands and Taquile Island. Transfer to Juliaca and fly to Lima.

DAY 12 LIMA Tour the Historic Centre of Lima*, visiting the Plaza de Armas, San Francisco monastery and the Rafael Larco Herrera Archaeological Museum.

DAY 13 LIMA • IGUAZU, BRAZIL Flight from Lima to Foz do Iguaçu.

DAY 14 IGUAZU We explore Iguazu National Park* on the Brazilian side and Iguazu National Park* in Argentina.

DAY 15 IGUAZU • BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA Flight from Iguazu to Buenos Aires.

DAY 16 BUENOS AIRES We visit the Plaza de Mayo, the districts of San Telmo, La Boca and Palermo and visit Recoleta Cemetery, to see Evita Peron's tomb.

DAY 17 BUENOS AIRES Free day at leisure. Optional Dinner and Tango Show in the evening.

DAY 18 BUENOS AIRES • COLONIA • MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY We take a ferry ride to Colonia, Uruguay. Explore the Historic Quarter of the City of Colonia del Sacramento* and drive to Montevideo.

DAY 19 MONTEVIDEO We visit the Mercado del Puerto, Constitution Square, Independence Square and drive to Carrasco for a panoramic view of the city.

DAY 20 MONTEVIDEO • RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL Flight to Rio de Janeiro.

DAY 21 RIO DE JANEIRO We tour Rio de Janeiro*, visiting the Tijuca Forest, Corcovado Mountain featuring the famous statue of Christ and Sugar Loaf Mountain.

DAY 22 RIO DE JANEIRO Departure.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Visit the Inca ruins in Cusco and Machu Picchu.

Explore the driest desert in the world.

Explore the fascinating cities of Buenos Aires & Rio de Janeiro.

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Bestway Tours & Safaris specializes in customizing tour itineraries to suit individual preferences. We also operate tours for various groups and associations including Universities, Museums, Cultural Associations, Boards and Chambers of Trade/Commerce, fund-raising organizations, photo clubs, as well as for other travel agencies and tour operators. For many years, we have been customizing tour programs to suit individual areas of interest and dates, be it for a single person or a group. Family travel is one of our specialties, since there is nothing more rewarding for a grandparent, than witnessing the joy and sense of curiosity of a grandchild on a journey of discovery.

TOUR PLANNING

Planning a tour is more than just coordinating the logistics to us. In each journey we plan, we fulfill our passion to create connections between the intrepid traveller and the welcoming hosts at all our destinations. In every one of our trips you will experience a diversity of people and cultures, and return with a greater appreciation of our shared world.

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These tours are escorted by personalities known for their accomplishments in their respective fields, such as culinary experts, chefs, astronomers, architects, historians, textile experts or renowned photographers. All of them have a passion for sharing their knowledge with others. Experience many special details and extras that will make for a truly unforgettable journey. These tours will also give you an opportunity to make friendships with like-minded individuals.

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Bestway Tours & Safaris is known for high quality innovative Special Interest and Theme Based Tours:

- ♦ World Heritage Tours, featuring visits to many UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ♦ Culinary Tours led by famous chefs and local culinary experts
- ♦ Textile, Arts and Craft Tours to learn about techniques and see local crafts people at work
- ♦ Women Only Tours, led by women and fun for women, featuring unique activities exclusive only to women in certain cultures
- ♦ Astronomical tours led by renowned experts to view eclipses and other astronomical phenomena.
- ♦ Faith based Tours following in the path of the great religions
- ♦ Tours that follow historical trade routes, such as the Silk Road or the Frankincense Trail
- ♦ Journeys following in the footsteps of the great explorers and empire builders
- ♦ Photo safaris led by prominent photographers to capture the beauty of our world
- ♦ Railway Journeys travelling on some of the world's most famous railways and private trains
- ♦ Safaris following the great animal migrations in East Africa
- ♦ Island hopping tours, such as the Indian Ocean Islands, Indonesia and the Philippines
- ♦ Round the World Tours

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