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AAA Vacations® Engaging Experiences

- ★ Discover Tokyo's and Kyoto's most important sites on group sightseeing tours and then pursue your own interests with free days and an array of available excursions
- ★ Experience the soothing and therapeutic benefits of relaxing in a traditional Japanese onsen, a landscaped outdoor pool fed by the geothermal springs of Hakone
- ★ Ride the world-famous Bullet Train
- ★ See if you can walk silently across the Nightingale Floor, ingeniously designed to "chirp" if intruders penetrated into the Emperor's private quarters at Nijo Castle

1 UNESCO World Heritage Site 🌐

DAY 1 - Arrive in Tokyo

Upon arrival, you'll be greeted and transported by airport coach to the *Keio Plaza Hotel* in the city's vibrant Shinjuku District.

DAY 2 - Tokyo sightseeing

★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Join your guide for a morning sightseeing tour. Ascend Tokyo Tower for stunning views and visit the Imperial Palace Plaza. Stroll among merchant stalls at the Nakamise Arcade and visit Asakusa Kannon Temple.**
The rest of the day is free. Meals B

DAY 3 - Tokyo

This entire day is free to enjoy as you wish or join an optional^ excursion. Meals B

DAY 4 - Mt. Fuji & Hakone National Park

Journey up the forested slopes of Mt. Fuji for spectacular views. After a traditional Japanese lunch, take a cruise across Lake Ashi. Ride the cable car up Mt. Komagatake for sweeping views before checking in to the *Yumoto Fujiya Hotel*. ★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Experience one of Japan's most beloved traditions—the onsen. Surrounded by the lovely grounds of your resort, indulge in the therapeutic benefits of relaxing in an outdoor pool.** Meals B,L

DAY 5 - Bullet Train to Kyoto 🌐

★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Traveling at speeds approaching 180 miles per hour, enjoy your scenic journey to Kyoto.** Upon arrival you'll be escorted to the *New Miyako Hotel*. Meals B

DAY 6 - Kyoto

★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Begin at Nijo Castle with its famous Nightingale Floor, designed to "chirp" a warning if would-be assassins penetrated into the Emperor's private quarters!** Continue on to Kinkaku-ji Temple, the glittering Gold Pavilion, and the impressive Kyoto Imperial Palace. The rest of the day is free. Meals B

DAY 7 - Kyoto

This entire day is free to enjoy as you wish or join an optional^ excursion. Meals B

DAY 8 - Depart Kyoto

After breakfast, transfer by shuttle to Kansai International Airport for your onward journey. Meals B



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ONLY \$450 a day
8 Days • Hosted • 8 Meals

The Details

- Comprehensive sightseeing with professional English-speaking guides
- 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- 7 nights in first class and superior first class hotels and resort
- All on-tour transportation including the Bullet Train to Kyoto
- All hotel taxes & service charges

Departure Dates

Travel any day Jan 4, 2013 - Apr 22, 2014

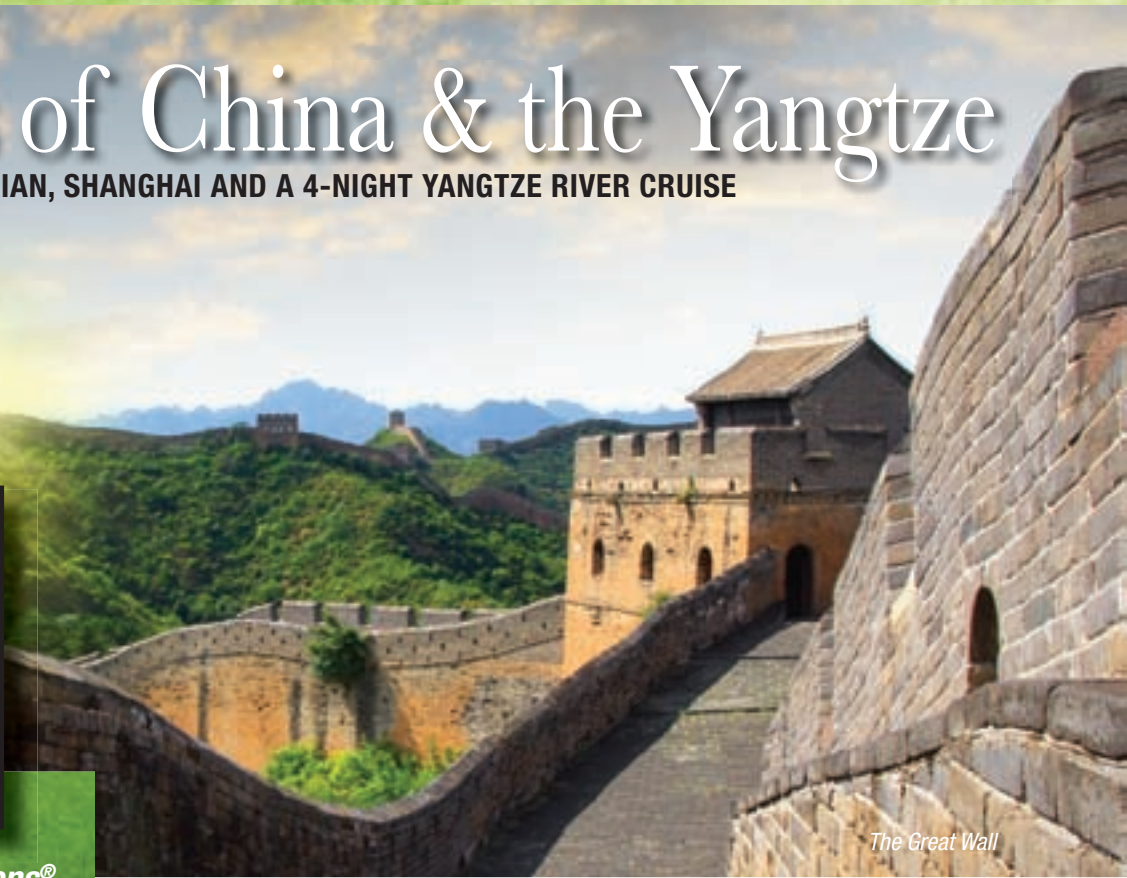
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Splendors of China & the Yangtze

BEIJING, CHONGQING, XIAN, SHANGHAI AND A 4-NIGHT YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE



The Great Wall

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AAA Vacations® Engaging Experiences

- ★ Step aboard China's finest all-balcony ship and thrill to the historic sites and spectacular scenery of the Yangtze's legendary Three Gorges
- ★ Explore the ancient lanes of one of Beijing's last-remaining hutongs and then join a resident family for lunch in their traditional courtyard home
- ★ Venture into the rugged Juyongguan Pass to explore this particularly remote and historic section of the Great Wall
- ★ Learn about some of the ancient culinary traditions of central China during an entertaining lunch featuring a lively demonstration in noodle making
- ★ "Fly" from the airport to downtown Shanghai in less than 10 minutes at 250 miles per hour on the futuristic Maglev Train

4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites 🌐

Attentive Trip Leaders, an intimate group of never more than 16 guests, outstanding city-center hotels in the heart of China's most important cities, extensive sightseeing and one of the finest ships on the Yangtze make this trip unforgettable!

DAY 1 - Arrive in Beijing

Check in to the *Traders Hotel*, ideally situated in the heart of the bustling capital.

DAY 2 - Imperial Beijing

See Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public plazas in the world. Then follow in the footsteps of China's emperors as you explore the lavish pavilions, palaces and courtyards of the vast Forbidden City🌐.

★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Step aboard a rickshaw to explore one of the capital's few remaining hutongs. Winding your way along the narrow lanes of this ancient city-center neighborhood offers an enriching look into a way of life which is rapidly**

vanishing amidst the 21st century pace. Meet a resident family here, joining them for lunch and engaging conversation in their traditional courtyard home. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a festive **Welcome Dinner**. Meals B,L,D

DAY 3 - The Great Wall 🌐 and Summer Palace 🌐

★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Journey through the rugged mountain landscapes north of Beijing to Juyongguan Pass. This section of the Great Wall was the site of many historic battles. Experience the thrill of walking atop this ancient defensive structure as your guide shares its dramatic history and construction.** Then explore the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Summer Palace. Meals B,L

DAY 4 - Embark on the Yangtze River Cruise

Fly to Yichang where you'll be met and escorted to the luxurious *MS Yangzi Explorer*. Settle in to your spacious balcony stateroom before dinner in the *Dynasty Palace* restaurant. Later, a documentary film about the enormous

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Three Gorges Dam will be shown in the Tang Theater. ★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** *Discover the historic sites and dramatic landscapes of the Yangtze River on this 4-night cruise aboard one of China's finest ships. With only 62 staterooms, this all-balcony ship is the most intimate on the river. An elegant dining room features international cuisine including wine with lunch and dinner. Enjoy Small Group shore excursions and an enriching shipboard program.* Meals B,D

DAY 5 - Three Gorges Dam

Enjoy a leisurely morning onboard as your ship sails upstream along the mighty Yangtze! Early risers can start the day with invigorating Tai Chi exercise before a buffet breakfast. Admire the scenery from your balcony, relax with fellow guests in the lounge or participate in shipboard cultural activities, lectures and demonstrations. After lunch, step off ship to visit the Three Gorges Dam, the largest in the world, and learn about its impact upon the region. Return to ship for Afternoon Tea as the *Explorer* navigates through picturesque Xiling Gorge. Tonight's Captain's **Welcome Reception** is followed by dinner and entertainment in the Tang Theater. Meals B,L,D

DAY 6 - Shennong Stream

Join fellow passengers on deck for early morning Tai Chi before breakfast is served. Then step off ship for an unforgettable journey up Shennong Stream. Explore this region in traditional sampans poled by *Tujia* boatmen. The scenery encompasses crystalline rushing waters, dense forests and towering rock formations. Watch for indigenous species including the elusive Golden Hair monkey. Back onboard, the *Explorer* navigates Wu Gorge, renowned for massive cliffs that rise sharply from the river. Learn about Chinese arts and crafts and then enjoy Afternoon Tea as your ship enters Qutang Gorge. Meals B,L,D

DAY 7 - Ashore in Feng Du

Alight in Fengdu to explore the ancient temples of the famed "Ghost City." Back onboard, you can try your hand at traditional brush painting and calligraphy, learn Mah Jong, watch the chef prepare traditional Chinese dumplings—or just enjoy the captivating scenery from your balcony. At this evening's festive Farewell Dinner, your crew will be colorfully garbed in traditional Chinese dress. Meals B,L,D

DAY 8 - Chongqing to Xian

Disembark the *MS Yangzi Explorer* and visit the Panda Hall to see these elusive creatures before transferring to the airport for your flight to Xian, the ancient capital of China for 13 dynasties. Upon arrival, you'll be met and escorted to the *Hilton Hotel*, located inside the old city walls. Enjoy a regional specialty at tonight's Dumpling Dinner. Afterwards, thrill to the music, dance and elaborate costumes of the Tang Dynasty. Meals B,D

DAY 9 - The Terra Cotta Warriors

Marvel at China's greatest archaeological discovery, where an ancient terra cotta army, thousands strong, was buried to guard the tomb of China's first emperor. Today's sightseeing also includes the Big Wild Goose Pagoda and the ancient defensive walls of the city. ★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** *Discover one of China's best known culinary traditions during an entertaining (and delicious!) lunch featuring a lively demonstration in the ancient art of noodle making.* Meals B,L

DAY 10 - Shanghai

Transfer to the airport for your included flight to Shanghai. ★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** *Upon arrival, the futuristic Maglev Train will transport you at speeds up to 250 miles-per-hour, and in less than 10 minutes you'll be in the city-center to check in at the exceptional Le Royal Meridien Hotel.* After this evening's dinner of fine regional cuisine, you'll enjoy a thrilling performance by Shanghai's world-renowned acrobats! Meals B,D

DAY 11 - Shanghai

Today's tour begins along the Bund, the city's elegant waterfront boulevard. Stroll the lovely Yu Yuan Garden, laid out by a court official as a tranquil retreat for his aging parents. At the Shanghai Museum, explore a carefully curated collection which spans centuries of Chinese arts and culture, from ancient bronzes and celadon pottery to exquisite Jade pieces and priceless Ming Dynasty furniture. This evening, enjoy a festive **Farewell Dinner**. Meals B,L,D

DAY 12 - Depart Shanghai

Your tour ends this morning. Meals B



Terra Cotta Warriors



From \$3599 land, cruise and internal flights only

ONLY \$300 a day

**12 Days • Small Group Escorted
26 Meals**

The Details

- Never more than 16 guests
- Extensive escorted sightseeing and all shore excursions, including all entry fees
- 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners
- 7 nights in our handpicked superior first class and deluxe hotels
- 4 nights in a balcony stateroom aboard the elegant *MS Yangzi Explorer*
- All on-tour transportation including all 3 internal flights
- Luggage handling, port charges, hotel taxes & service fees, and all airline taxes & fees for your 3 included flights

Departure Dates

2013

Apr 4, May 16 **\$3899**

Jun 27, Aug 15 **\$3599**

Sep 5, Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 7 **\$3999**

Pricing is per person, double occupancy, land, cruise and internal flights only. Single Supplement from \$1000. International airfare is additional. Call AAA for economy or business airfare.

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Treasures of Vietnam & Angkor Wat

HANOI, HA LONG BAY, DANANG, HOI AN, HO CHI MINH CITY, ANGKOR WAT



Ha Long Bay

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AAA Vacations® Amenities

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AAA Vacations® Engaging Experiences

- ★ Take a Cyclo adventure along the streets of Hanoi and see the city's architecture
- ★ Step aboard our *Bhaya* ship for an overnight voyage into the magnificent Ha Long Bay
- ★ Learn the ingredients and techniques of traditional Vietnamese cooking during a hands-on class with skilled chefs
- ★ Experience the timeless ways of a traditional fishing village in Central Vietnam
- ★ Explore the bustling waterways and pastoral landscapes of the Mekong Delta on a private cruise excursion aboard the *Cai Be Princess*
- ★ A second, full day of touring at Angkor Wat allows for unhurried exploration of the best known temple complexes as well as lesser visited, but equally spectacular, sites

3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites 🌐

Come face-to-face with the warm smiles of Vietnam from city to countryside. Awake to a golden sunrise deep in the inspiring landscapes of Ha Long Bay and marvel at the glory that was once Angkor Wat.

DAY 1 - Arrive in Hanoi

Check in to the 5-star *Mövenpick Hotel* in the heart of this charming and vibrant city.

DAY 2 - Hanoi

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** Step aboard a *Cyclo* this morning to explore the historic French Quarter. Your pleasant ride in this traditional Vietnamese pedicab is the perfect way to take in Hanoi's handsome Colonial-era architecture. Continue on to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, an impressive monument of granite, marble and exotic hardwoods. Also see the simple house where Ho Chi Minh lived. Then visit the 11th-century Temple of Literature before sitting down to lunch at *KOTO Hanoi*, acclaimed for its fine cuisine. Later take a guided stroll through the streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter. This evening's Water Puppet performance is followed by a dinner featuring the fine Vietnamese cuisine of *Madam Hien Restaurant*. Meals B,L,D

DAY 3 - Cruise Ha Long Bay 🌐

Early risers can head to beautiful Hoan Kiem Lake to join city residents for a brisk early morning stroll or some Tai Chi. Return to your hotel for breakfast and then drive to Ha Long Bay. It's just a few hours from Hanoi, but the scenery here will seem worlds away!

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** Step aboard a *Bhaya* ship, styled after the grand junks once reserved for the emperor, for an overnight cruise through Ha Long Bay. Enjoy a welcome drink,‡ lunch, dinner and an unforgettable voyage deep into this enchanting landscape where thousands of limestone islands, forested peaks, hidden coves and emerald green waters stretch to the horizon. Meals B,L,D

DAY 4 - Ha Long Bay to Danang

Tai Chi will be offered on deck early this morning. After a leisurely breakfast, step off ship in mid-morning and transfer to Hanoi for your flight to Central Vietnam. Upon arrival in Danang, you'll be warmly greeted and escorted to the 5-star *Hyatt Regency*, an exceptional beachfront resort. Dine this evening along the riverfront at the celebrated *Brother's Café*. Meals B,D

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DAY 5 - Hoi An

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** *The skilled culinary team at the popular Morning Glory restaurant in ancient Hoi An will conduct a hands-on Vietnamese cooking class. Learn all about the ingredients and preparation techniques for traditional dishes including fresh spring rolls, green papaya salad and fish in banana leaf.*

After a delightful lunch featuring your handiwork, take a walking tour through historic Hoi An. Explore the traffic-free streets of this ancient seaport. Meals B,L

DAY 6 - Cam Thanh

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** *Feel the timeless rhythms of rural Vietnam on a guided excursion to the peaceful fishing village of Cam Thanh. Marvel at the network of small canals that lace this agricultural region. Explore quiet lanes shaded by a canopy of bamboo. See village homes, vegetable and fruit gardens, and groves of unique water palm trees.* After lunch, return to the Hyatt Regency where the balance of your afternoon is free. Meals B,L

DAY 7 - Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

You'll be escorted to Danang Airport this morning for your flight to Saigon. After lunch at the famed Hoa Tuc Restaurant, your afternoon sightseeing tour will include Saigon's most important Colonial-era landmarks, including City Hall and Notre Dame Cathedral. Visit Reunification Place, once known as the Presidential Palace. Late in the afternoon, enjoy a pleasant guided stroll along Le Cong Kieu Street, famous for its many antique shops. Enjoy a 2-night stay at the lovely Sofitel Plaza Hotel. Meals B,L

DAY 8 - Mekong Delta

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** *Journey deep into the Mekong Delta and board the Cai Be Princess for a private cruise. See the colorful Cai Be floating market and explore the Delta's bustling waterways, filled with sampans carrying all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. Continue your cruise through the evergreen islands of the Mekong River and visit the home of a 19th-century Mandarin.* After your cruise, sit down to lunch at Le Longanier, set in an Indochinese villa along the river. Enjoy a

guided stroll along picturesque canals before returning to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a memorable French dinner in a restored French Colonial mansion, Au Manoir de Khai. Meals B,L,D

DAY 9 - Cu Chi Tunnels and Siem Reap

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** *Journey outside the city center to explore the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels, a vast underground network used by guerilla fighters throughout the war. See secret trapdoors, underground kitchens, living areas and meeting rooms.* Later transfer to the airport for your international flight to Cambodia. Upon arrival in Siem Reap, you'll be warmly greeted and escorted to the exceptional Victoria Angkor Hotel. Meals B

DAY 10 - Temples of Angkor

Join your guide for a day of exploration, beginning with Angkor Wat, the largest temple in the world. Refresh with a delightful lunch at the Sugar Palm Restaurant and then continue on to Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer Empire. See the Elephant Terrace, the Terrace of the Leper King and the stunning Bayon Temple. Later, watch the sunset over Angkor. Tonight's dinner at the resort is accompanied by the traditional music and dance of Cambodia. Meals B,L,D

DAY 11 - Angkor

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** *The luxury of a second day here at Angkor allows in-depth exploration including several lesser known but equally spectacular sites including Ta Prohm, a 12th-century temple with a labyrinth of corridors and walls overgrown by the massive roots of the Banyan tree, which envelop the ancient stone like giant tentacles.* See Chau Say Tevoda, an ancient Hindu temple, and Preah Khan, an extensive monastic complex built by King Jayavarman VII. Watch skilled students at Les Artisans d'Angkor, and learn about the efforts to preserve ancient Cambodian crafts like wood carving, stone sculpting and lacquer ware. This evening, gather for an elegant Farewell Dinner at Viroth's, hailed for its ambiance and traditional Khmer fare. Meals B,D

DAY 12- Depart Cambodia

Your tour ends this morning after breakfast. Meals B



Angkor Wat



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ONLY \$309 a day

12 Days • Small Group Escorted
24 Meals

The Details

- Never more than 16 guests
- Extensive escorted sightseeing including all entry fees
- 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners
- 10 nights in 5-star hotels and resort
- 1 night in an outside stateroom aboard a *Bhaya* ship in Ha Long Bay
- All on-tour transportation including all 3 internal flights
- Luggage handling, port charges, hotel taxes & service fees, and all on-tour airline taxes & fees

Departure Dates

2013	
Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 14	\$3799
Nov 14, Dec 6	\$3699
2014	
Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 20	\$3799

Pricing is per person, double occupancy, land, cruise and internal flights only. Single Supplement from \$1300. International airfare is additional. Call AAA for economy or business airfare.

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Tropical Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, GUANACASTE, MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST, ARENAL, CANO NEGRO WILDLIFE REFUGE, ZARCERO, GRECIA



Monteverde Cloud Forest

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AAA Vacations® Amenities

- 24/7 Member Care
- Best Price Guarantee
- Member Benefit: \$25 discount per person
- AAA Complimentary Inclusion: Board your catamaran for an exciting cruise along the Guanacaste coastline

Engaging Experiences

- ★ Learn about Costa Rica's unique vegetation on a guided nature walk through the cloud forest
- ★ Spot indigenous wildlife on a Cano Negro river boat cruise
- ★ Enjoy the tropical landscapes and breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano

Lush forests and stunning waterfalls... rumbling volcanoes and endless coastlines... Costa Rica is a paradise teeming with exotic plants and incredible animals. Explore part of the 20,000 acre nature preserve of Cano Negro on a river boat adventure. Spend two nights in Monteverde's fascinating cloud forest. Experience the forest canopy on hanging bridges. Explore San Jose's Plaza de Cultura and the magnificent National Theatre. Relax in the mineral-rich waters of a hot springs with views of Arenal Volcano. Luxuriate at a beach and golf resort for two nights in Tamarindo Beach, known for its breathtaking beauty and fine sandy beaches.

DAY 1 - Arrive in San Jose

Your tour begins in the colorful capital city of San Jose. Upon arrival, relax and soak up the sights of your new surroundings.

DAY 2 - Doka Coffee Estate and Tamarindo Beach (Guanacaste)

Travel through the verdant countryside of the Central Valley to the fertile region world-renowned for coffee. A tour of the Doka Coffee Estate highlights the history and cultivation of coffee and its importance to the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in the Guanacaste region, known for its breathtaking beauty and fine sandy beaches. Here, rest and relaxation go hand-in-hand with mesmerizing ocean views and lush tropical greenery. Settle in for a relaxing two-night stay. Meals B,D

DAY 3 - Tamarindo Beach

Fun in the sun is in store for you as you enjoy this tropical paradise. ■ **AAA Complimentary Inclusion: Board a catamaran this afternoon for a fun and exciting cruise. Enjoy great scenery, ocean breezes, and snorkeling.** Meals B

DAY 4 - Monteverde

You won't believe your eyes as you travel into the Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! In this spectacular ecosystem, you will encounter many species of flora and fauna. ★ **Engaging Experience: Upon arrival in Monteverde, a nature walk allows you to discover the natural beauty of the cloud forest first hand. This forest is the home of the world's largest population of the endangered quetzal, celebrated for its gorgeous jewel-toned plumage.** Meals B,D



Zarcero

DAY 5 - Monteverde

Begin your day at Selvatura Park, a cloud forest reserve in the heart of Monteverde. Venture into a different world, exploring one of the world's largest butterfly gardens with more than 30 species of tropical butterflies. Next, in a nearby gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds, you will be dazzled by the 14 different species. Enjoy a guided, leisurely-paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour and learn about the cloud forest's unique ecosystem, its mammals, birds, plants and flora. This evening, enjoy an informative lecture on the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica every year. Meals B,D

DAY 6 - Monteverde, Lake Arenal Cruise and Arenal

Begin the day with a visit to a tree nursery and learn about Monteverde's reforestation efforts of indigenous trees. ★ **Engaging Experience: Travel through the beautiful mountainous landscapes of Monteverde to Arenal, where breathtaking views of the volcano await you. Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica.** Later, check in for a two-night stay at a typical lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano which has been generating lava for the past 30 years. Before dinner, enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn how native, exotic vegetables and plants contribute to the unique flavors of Costa Rican cuisine. Meals B,D

DAY 7 - Cano Negro - Arenal

Of all Costa Rica's nature preserves, the remote 20,000 acres of Cano Negro are home to the largest viewable selection of indigenous wildlife. ★ **Engaging Experience: Embark on a Cano Negro guided river boat trip in a panga (covered canoe), making frequent stops to watch and photograph the wildlife around you which may include crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies, all known to live in the area.** The Arenal Volcano area is also known as the land of spas and hot springs. Later in the day you will have an opportunity to attain a state of complete relaxation with an optional visit^ to one of the finest spas in the region. Meal B,D

DAY 8 - Zarcero, Grecia, National Theatre and San Jose

Travel to the charming town of Zarcero to visit its well-known whimsical topiary garden. Continue to the small, picturesque town of Grecia to see the unusual metal church constructed of brick-red metal panes, walk the beautifully landscaped central park, or shop at the traditional local market. Later, visit San Jose's colorful Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre, a magnificent building of post-Baroque splendor. This evening, enjoy a wonderful **Farewell Dinner**. Meals B,D

DAY 9 - Depart San Jose

Today you depart for home with great memories of your adventure in Costa Rica. Meals B



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ONLY \$145 a day
9 Days • Escorted • 14 Meals

The Details

- 8 breakfasts, 6 dinners
- Comprehensive sightseeing
- 8 nights in centrally located first class hotels
- Services of a professional tour manager
- Hotel to hotel baggage handling
- Round-trip home to airport sedan service provided when you purchase airfare through Member Choice Vacations. One transfer per reservation. *(Restrictions apply)*

Departure Dates

2013	
May 18 – Aug 3	\$1299
Sep 28 – Dec 14	\$1349
2014	
Apr 5 – 26	\$1349
Jan 4 – Mar 29	\$1399

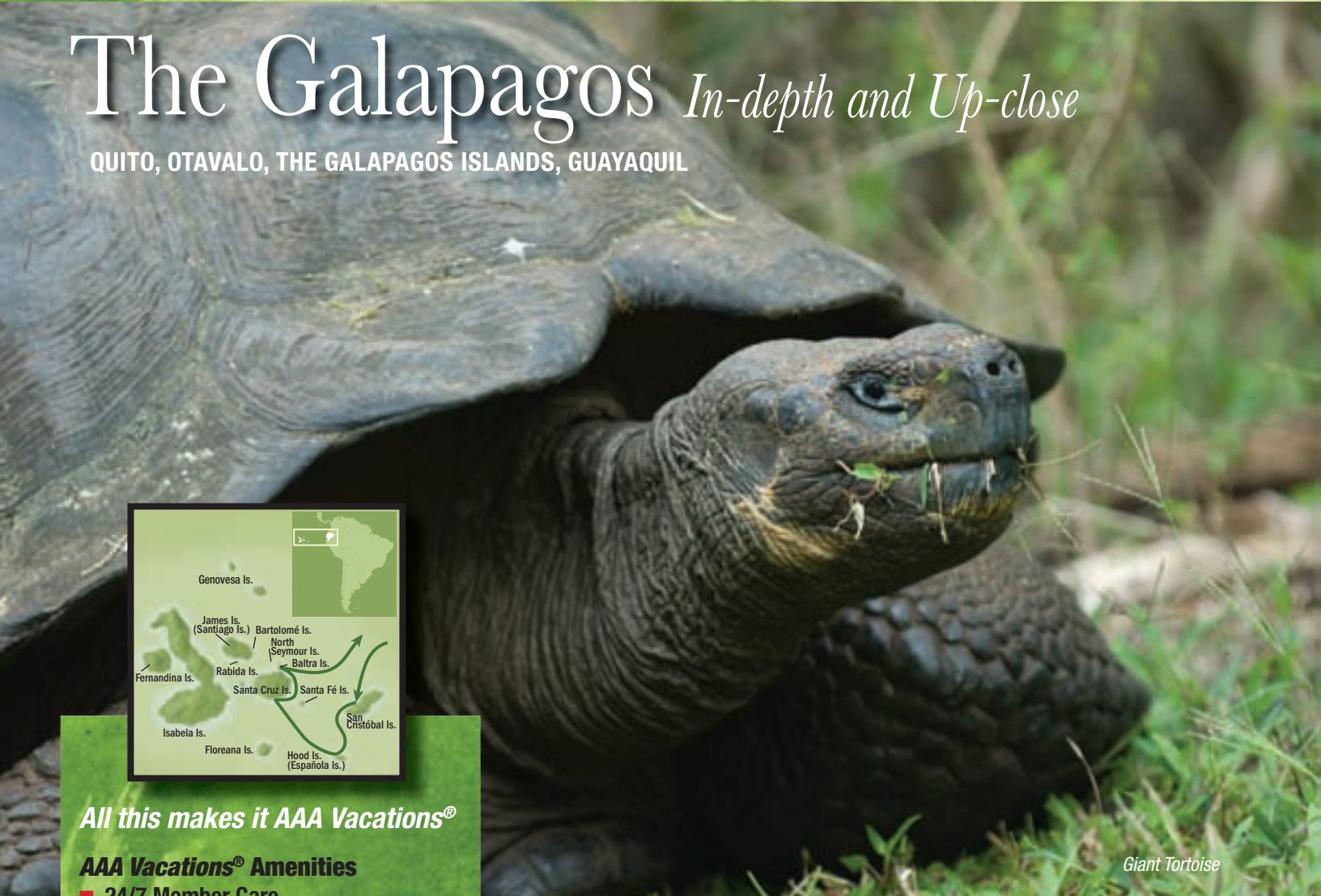
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The Galapagos *In-depth and Up-close*

QUITO, OTAVALO, THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS, GUAYAQUIL



Giant Tortoise

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- Best Price Guarantee
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AAA Vacations® Engaging Experiences

- ★ Explore some of Quito's colorful neighborhoods including historic San Juan and La Ronda, home to numerous artisan workshops
- ★ Journey along the magnificent Avenue of the Volcanoes to explore the world-famous Indian market in the charming mountain town of Otavalo
- ★ Get up-close to exotic fish and fascinating marine creatures like penguins and seals with free snorkeling gear throughout your cruise
- ★ Relax after your enriching Galapagos excursions with a complimentary bottle of wine[‡] and a free 25-minute onboard massage

2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites 🌐

See Quito's historic Colonial-era landmarks and vibrant modern-day culture. Enjoy a full day excursion to the Andean market town of Otavalo before flying to the Galapagos for your deluxe 3-night cruise featuring complete shore excursions with expert naturalists.

DAY 1 - Arrive in Quito

Check in to the deluxe *JW Marriott Hotel*, perfectly located in the heart of this handsome Colonial-era capital.

DAY 2 - Discover Quito's splendid Colonial monuments 🌐

★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Begin your day in the historic San Juan neighborhood at a wonderful pastry shop that's been popular with city residents for more than 40 years. Savor a cup of traditional Ecuadoran hot chocolate and a quesadilla, a light, cake-like sweet freshly made from flour, eggs and cheese.** Your sightseeing also showcases the city's most significant Colonial-era churches and monuments, including the Church of the Compania of Jesus and the Church of San Francisco. Then a pleasant guided stroll brings you into charming La Ronda, an historic district now filled with numerous artisan workshops specializing in traditional Ecuadorean crafts like textiles, hats and candles. After lunch in a favorite restaurant here, you will be escorted back to your hotel in mid-afternoon. Meals B,L

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Blue Footed Booby



DAY 3 - Experience the spirit of Ecuador

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** Travel into the picturesque highlands of Ecuador to the charming mountain town of Otavalo, nestled in a peaceful valley under the watchful gaze of two mighty volcanoes. In the main square, you'll have time to explore Otavalo's world-famous market, where residents and nearby villagers (many dressed in traditional clothing) come to sell their finely made handicrafts... woven rugs, jewelry, clothing, stone carvings, paintings, musical instruments, pottery and more.

Return to Quito where the evening is at leisure. Meals B,L

DAY 4 - Fly to the Galapagos Islands 🌐 and embark on your 5-star ship

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. Fly to San Cristobal Island, where you'll be met and escorted to your deluxe, all-suite ship, the *MV Galapagos Explorer II*. This afternoon's landing at Frigatebird Hill offers an unforgettable opportunity to observe two different species of Frigate birds nesting in the same colony. Tonight's dinner onboard is accompanied by complimentary wine[‡] and beverages. After, join top-notch naturalists for the first of your informative nightly shipboard briefings—a great introduction to the myriad wonders that await you the following day.

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** You'll find a welcome bottle of wine[‡] in your shipboard suite to toast the start of this once-in-a-lifetime adventure! And during your voyage, you can schedule a relaxing 25-minute onboard massage - with our compliments! It's the perfect way to unwind after one of your thrilling shore excursions. Meals B,L,D

DAY 5 - Española Island

Call upon Gardner Bay where your sharp-eyed naturalist guide will point out a wide variety of birds and animals including Hood mockingbirds and the Galapagos hawk. ★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** This morning, take advantage of your complimentary snorkeling gear to explore the underwater realm at Osborn Islet, renowned for its varied and exotic marine life. In the afternoon, go ashore at Punta Suarez—home to Nazca boobies and fascinating colored marine iguanas. Meals B,L,D

DAY 6 - Puerto Ayora Town and Plazas Island

Visit the Charles Darwin Research Center in Puerto Ayora to learn about the important work being done here to preserve the islands' natural heritage. After lunch, go ashore on Plazas Island for up-close encounters with Sally Lightfoot crabs, land iguanas and maybe even the magnificent Frigate bird. Meals B,L,D

DAY 7 - Guayaquil

Disembark your ship on Baltra Island and transfer to the airport for your flight back to the mainland to the bustling Pacific port of Guayaquil. Upon arrival, you'll be met and escorted to the deluxe *Hilton Colon Hotel* where the balance of your time is free. Meals B

DAY 8 - Depart Ecuador

Your journey ends this morning. Meals B



From **\$4299** land, cruise and internal flights only
ONLY \$538 a day
8 Days • Small Group Escorted
15 Meals

The Details

- Never more than 16 guests
- Extensive escorted sightseeing including all entry fees
- A complete program of naturalist guided shore excursions in small landing parties
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners
- 4 nights in deluxe hotels in Quito and Guayaquil
- 3 nights in an outside suite aboard the elegant *MV Galapagos Explorer II*
- All on-tour transportation including both internal flights
- Luggage handling, port charges, hotel taxes & service fees, \$100 National Park fee, required Galapagos Transit Card and all airline fees for both included flights

Departure Dates

2013	
Feb 3, 17, Mar 17	\$4299
Apr 28, May 12, Nov 24	\$4399
Mar 3, June 23, Jul 21	
Aug 4, Oct 13	\$4499
Mar 31, Apr 14, May 26	
Jun 9, Jul 7, Aug 18, Sep 29	
Oct 27, Nov 10, Dec 8, 22	\$4699
2014	
Jan 5	\$4399
Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 13	\$4499
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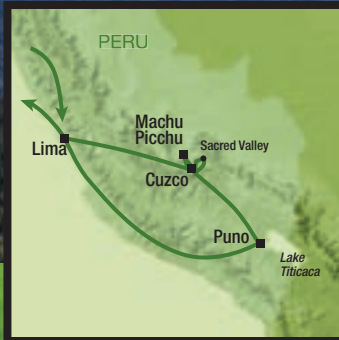
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Into Peru

LIMA, SACRED VALLEY, CUZCO, MACHU PICCHU, LAKE TITICACA



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- ★ Learn about ancient Andean traditions which still endure today as you explore the lively San Pedro Market and Almudena Cemetery in Cuzco
- ★ Sit down to a barbecue lunch on a ranch in the heart of the Sacred Valley and enjoy a performance by their very own team of noble Peruvian Paso horses
- ★ Walk along stone streets laid down by the Inca in the village of Ollantaytambo and stop by a local pub to learn about chicha, an Andean beverage brewed since ancient times
- ★ Spend an enchanting night at the deluxe *Inkaterra El Pueblo Hotel*, nestled in a cloud forest at the base of Machu Picchu. The next morning, experience the grandeur of sunrise at Machu Picchu and explore this fabled Lost City before the day visitors arrive
- ★ Tour Casa Aliaga in Lima... The oldest colonial mansion in Lima has been inhabited by the same family for nearly 500 years

3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites 🌐



Machu Picchu

Extensive sightseeing showcases Peru's stunning diversity, from the rich Colonial history and enduring legacy of the ancient Inca to the captivating natural beauty of the Sacred Valley and magnificent Lake Titicaca.

DAY 1 - Arrive in Lima 🌐

Check in to the stylish *Casa Andina Select Hotel*, ideally located in the lively seaside district of Miraflores close to some of the city's most popular restaurants, cafés and boutiques. (Note: Travelers arriving late will overnight at the conveniently located *Costa del Sol Airport Hotel* in preparation for the next morning's flight.)

DAY 2 - Cuzco 🌐

This morning, you'll be escorted to the airport for your flight to Cuzco, ancient capital of the Inca Empire. Upon arrival, you'll be met and transferred to the *Novotel Hotel*, set in a splendidly restored 16th-century building in the historic heart of the city. The rest of your morning is free. This afternoon, a sightseeing tour includes the fabled Temple of the Sun and the Cathedral, one of Peru's finest Colonial-era landmarks. Then drive into the mountains outside of town to explore the spectacular Incan fortress of Sacsayhuaman, celebrated for its amazing masonry and panoramic views over Cuzco. ★ **AAA Engaging Experience: At the lively San Pedro Market and Almudena Cemetery, your engaging local guide will shed light on ancient Andean traditions which still endure in the daily life of city residents.** This evening, gather for a delightful **Welcome Dinner** at *Fusiones*, one of Cuzco's most stylish and popular restaurants. Meals B,D

DAY 3 - Into the Sacred Valley of the Inca

Journey into the picturesque Sacred Valley to Awanacancha, where you'll learn about ancient weaving techniques that are still in use today. Then explore the colorful town of Pisac, famous for its lively market. **★ AAA Engaging Experience: Spend time today at Wayra, a charming ranch in the heart of the Sacred Valley. Sit down to a barbecue lunch and enjoy a demonstration of Wayra's team of Paso horses. Known for their noble spirit and elegant gait, these handsome creatures evoke centuries of Peruvian tradition.** Continue your exploration at the impressive fortress of Ollantaytambo. With its impenetrable stone walls and strategic hilltop location, the ancient Inca were able to successfully defend this site against the Spanish. **★ AAA Engaging Experience: Explore the ancient village which lies in the shadow of the mighty Ollantaytambo fortress. Walk along narrow streets of perfectly-cut stone that were laid down centuries ago by the Inca and visit the home of a resident family. Afterwards, stop in a local pub to learn about chicha, an Andean beverage that has been brewed since ancient times.** Return to Cuzco for another restful night. Meals B,L

DAY 4 - By Rail to Machu Picchu 🌐

Travel to Machu Picchu aboard the Vistadome Train through the Urubamba River Valley, past rugged Andean peaks, remote Indian villages and carefully-tended agricultural terraces. Arrive in the charming town of Aguas Calientes and then ascend by bus to Machu Picchu. Explore this ancient citadel as your expert guide sheds light on the Inca, their once-great Empire and this fabled Lost City. A tranquil overnight awaits you at the inviting *Inkaterra El Pueblo Hotel*, set in a cloud forest at the base of Machu Picchu. Meals B,L,D

DAY 5 - Sunrise at Machu Picchu

★ AAA Engaging Experience: Enjoy revisiting Machu Picchu on your own to see the first light of morning upon the ancient city. Before the day visitors arrive from Cuzco and the Sacred Valley, you'll have an extraordinary opportunity to experience the grandeur and evocative power of the Lost City. Then take the afternoon train back to Cuzco where you'll be

escorted back to the *Novotel Hotel* in the heart of town. Meals B

DAY 6 - Lake Titicaca

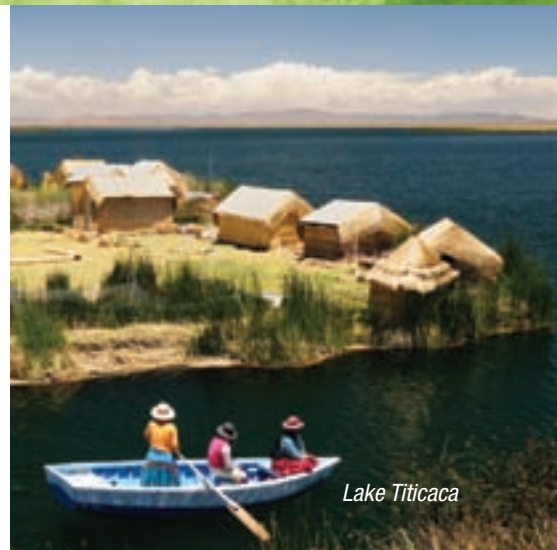
After breakfast, embark on a journey through the spectacular high-mountain landscapes of the Andes to Puno, set on the shores of majestic Lake Titicaca. Check in to the *Casa Andina Private Collection Hotel* and settle in to your enchanting lakeview room. Meals B,L

DAY 7 - Explore Lake Titicaca

★ AAA Engaging Experience: Set out across the pristine waters of Lake Titicaca to visit the remarkable islands, home to indigenous Uros communities built on layers of Totora reeds. Continue on to Taquile Island where residents speak Aymara, the ancient language of the high Andean plateau, and craft colorful and finely-made textiles using ancient techniques. Return to your lakefront hotel in Puno where your evening is free to relax and enjoy this inspiring setting. Meals B,L

DAY 8 - Depart Lima

After breakfast, fly to Lima and explore the world-renowned collection of Pre-Columbian artifacts at the Larco Herrera Museum. Enjoy lunch at the museum and then explore the handsome Colonial architecture of Old Town Lima. Stand in the impressive Plaza Mayor, see the interior of the 17th-century Cathedral, and visit the Convent of St. Francis including a memorable descent into its ancient catacombs, first dug in 1546. **★ AAA Engaging Experience: Visit Casa Aliaga, tucked away on a quiet side street in the heart of Lima. Known as the oldest colonial mansion in Lima, it stands on land that was given in 1535 to one of Pizarro's followers. It has now been occupied by 16 generations of his descendants and its lovely interiors feature vintage furnishings and centuries-old tilework.** After your city sightseeing, you'll be escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (Note: Today's sightseeing is provided for guests with flights departing Lima after 7:00pm.) Meals B,L



Lake Titicaca



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14 Meals

The Details

- Never more than 16 guests
- Extensive escorted sightseeing including all entry fees
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- 7 nights in superior first class and deluxe hotels and resorts
- All on-tour transportation including both internal flights
- Luggage handling, hotel taxes & service fees, and all airline fees for both included flights

Departure Dates

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Jul 12, Sep 20, Oct 18	\$3399
2014	
Mar 7, Apr 4	\$3499

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Buenos Aires, Iguassu & Rio



Iguassu Falls



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- ★ Explore the colorful Buenos Aires neighborhood where the Tango originated. Then thrill to the fiery artistry and passion of the dancers at El Viejo Almacen, one of the city's finest Tango establishments
- ★ Our complete Iguassu Falls Experience takes you to all the best vantage points on the Argentine side and also shows you the thundering cascades from the well-maintained trails of Brazil's Iguassu National Park
- ★ Take in the sweeping views of Rio's spectacular beaches, bays and mountains from atop both Sugar Loaf Mountain and Mt. Corcovado

3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites 🌐

This complete, private journey showcases three of South America's most celebrated icons. Discover the sophisticated multi-cultural charms of Buenos Aires, thrill to the power of Iguassu Falls, and then experience the excitement and beauty of Rio—all with the fine hotels and the attentive services of your own personal guides!

DAY 1 - Arrive in Buenos Aires

Check in to the inviting *Hotel Moreno*, and settle in to your extraordinarily spacious guestroom at this Art Deco landmark in the heart of this cosmopolitan city.

DAY 2 - Private city tour

The capital of Argentina presents a rich mosaic of cultures, including Spanish, Italian, German and French influences which you'll find in the city's architecture, its cuisine and the *joie de vivre* of its residents. This morning, set out with your private car, driver and guide to explore the multi-faceted charms of the city. Drive through the elegant Plaza de Mayo, the lively hub of the city, and see the Casa Rosada, where Evita addressed an adoring crowd. Admire the imposing façade of the Teatro Colon, one of the world's premier opera houses, and continue through Palermo, with its lovely parks. Then spend some time in La Boca, the colorful waterfront enclave where the Tango originated.

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** *During your morning city tour, explore the colorful waterfront enclave of La Boca where the Tango was born. Then later tonight, head over to El Viejo Almacen for dinner and a thrilling Tango show. This is one of the city's finest establishments and renowned for the fiery artistry of its performers.*

Meals B,D



Mt. Corcovado

DAY 3 - Buenos Aires

You have this full day free to enjoy just as you please. You'll find that the *Hotel Moreno's* prime city-center location makes it easy to step out and explore at your own pace. Or if you prefer an organized excursion, the resident staff is available with helpful advice and expert assistance. Meals B

DAY 4 - Fly to Iguassu Falls

Transfer to the airport today for your included flight to Iguassu Falls, where you'll be met and escorted to the newly renovated *Recanto Park Hotel*. **★ AAA Engaging Experience: A complete Falls Experience takes you to both sides of Iguassu, beginning today with a private tour showcasing the Brazilian side of the Falls. From the well-maintained trails of Brazil's Iguassu National Park, you'll have captivating views over these thundering cascades.** Meals B

DAY 5 - Explore Iguassu Falls

After breakfast, your personal guide will be waiting to lead you on a thrilling and extensive tour featuring all the best vantage points on the Argentine side of Iguassu Falls. At the famed Devil's Throat, the turbulent waters often create thousands of rainbows suspended in mid-air. Stop along the upper trails for more inspiring views and to learn about indigenous flora like ferns and orchids that thrive in the moisture-rich air. After sightseeing, the balance of your day is at leisure to relax and enjoy the fine amenities of your resort. Meals B

DAY 6 - Fly to Rio de Janeiro

Your private car and driver will take you to the airport today for your included flight to Rio. Upon arrival, you'll be met and transferred to the oceanfront *Porto Bay Internacional Hotel*. Meals B

DAY 7 - Explore Rio

Rio is one of the most beautiful cities anywhere in the world—like Hong Kong, Cape Town and Sydney—where the city and the water merge into a spectacular tableau. **★ AAA Engaging Experience: Take in the spectacular views of Rio's enchanting setting from atop its two most famous peaks. First, ascend by cable car to the summit of Sugar Loaf Mountain where you'll have an enthralling view of the Atlantic Ocean beaches and the city spread at your feet. We also take you to the top of Mt. Corcovado to visit the inspiring statue of Christ the Redeemer and for a stunning 360° panorama of Rio and its surrounding bays and mountains.** A private city tour also includes the famed Sambodromo where Brazil's celebrated Samba schools compete during Carnival and to the towering Metropolitan Cathedral. Meals B

DAY 8 - Rio de Janeiro

You have the entire day free to do exactly as you wish here in this exciting and friendly city. Meals B

DAY 9 - Depart Rio de Janeiro

Tour services end this morning after breakfast. Meals B



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Traditions of India

DELHI, JAIPUR, AGRA, KHAJURAHO, VARANASI



Taj Mahal

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- ★ Step aboard a traditional pedicab to explore the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk and marvel at the exotic and fragrant offerings of Asia's largest spice market
- ★ Mingle with artisans and residents on a guided walk through Old Jaipur
- ★ Ascend to the imposing Amber Fort atop an elephant... just as Indian royalty would have done centuries ago
- ★ Marvel at the shifting hues of the Taj Mahal's iridescent marble façade on sunrise and sunset visits to this revered monument
- ★ Witness two of India's most powerful rituals... sunrise on the Ganges as thousands of devotees descend to the river for purification and the candle-lit Aarti Ceremony

7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites 🌐

Succumb to the charms of India, an ancient land so rich with tradition, intriguing history, deep spirituality – and the greatest love story ever told!

In the congenial company of never more than 16 guests, you'll experience more of this colorful land and its exotic culture, returning home with memories that are truly unforgettable!

DAY 1 - Arrive Delhi

Check in to the stylish *Le Meridien Hotel* in the heart of the city.

DAY 2 - Explore Delhi

Begin extensive sightseeing this morning as you drive along the elegant Rajpath past some of the city's grandest monuments including the India Gate and Presidential Palace. Visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, and marvel at the imposing façade

of the monumental Red Fort. 🌐 ★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** Step aboard a traditional pedicab to explore the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk, marveling at the exotic sights and intriguing smells of Asia's largest spice market. In the Kinari Bazaar, you'll see numerous merchants specializing in wedding and festival decorations, everything from glittering gold and silver ornaments to lavish turbans. Finish your sightseeing with two of the city's most impressive architectural landmarks: Humayun's Tomb 🌐 and Qutab Minar 🌐 with its graceful 12th-century minaret. Tonight, gather for a festive **Welcome Dinner** with traditional Indian dishes. Meals B,D

DAY 3 - Jaipur

After breakfast, journey through the colorful Rajasthani countryside to Jaipur, India's fabled "Pink City." Check in to the deluxe *Marriott Hotel* and enjoy some time to refresh and relax. ★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** This afternoon, join your guide for a fascinating walking tour through the busy streets of

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Old Jaipur. Mingle with city residents from all walks of life including the skilled artisans who make this city so famous for its exquisite jewelry, textiles and stone work. With insight from your engaging guide, this special excursion provides a contrasting look into India's ancient ways and vibrant modern culture. Meals B

DAY 4 - The Pink City

★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Ascend to the Amber Fort atop a mighty elephant as royalty would have done centuries ago! Touring its lavish courtyards, opulent royal halls and the magical Chamber of Mirrors reveals the grandeur of a kingdom never conquered.** Continue sightseeing at the Palace of Winds and the City Palace Museum, home to an extensive collection of miniature paintings, ancient weapons and extravagant Rajasthani royal costumes. Visit Jantar Mantar, an extraordinary observatory with accurate stone instruments built in 1726. Meals B

DAY 5 - Jaipur to Agra

Explore the magnificent "ghost town" of Fatehpur Sikri. Built and mysteriously abandoned in the 16th century, its pristine condition makes it easy to imagine the opulence of Indian court life long ago. Continue on to Agra and check in to the comfortable Radisson Hotel. ★ **AAA Engaging Experience: A special early evening visit to the Taj Mahal reveals the magic of this monument. Gaze in awe as the setting sun seems to magically shift the hues of its glowing, pearly white façade.** At a local workshop, observe the artistry behind the region's exquisite marble inlay work, a tradition that stretches back for centuries. Meals B

DAY 6 - Agra

★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Rise early this morning for a sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal, an unforgettable spectacle as the sun casts its first golden light upon the iridescent marble of this inspiring monument.** Return to your hotel for breakfast and then tour the impressive Agra Fort, built in 1565 by the great Emperor Akbar. After sightseeing, the balance of your day is free to explore and shop on your own. Meals B

DAY 7 - Orchha and Khajuraho

After breakfast, you'll be escorted to the rail station to board the *Shatabdi Express Train* bound for Jhansi. Upon arrival, you'll be met and driven to Orchha for a sightseeing tour of this celebrated medieval city, the site of several magnificent temples and palaces of the Bundela Dynasty. After lunch, continue to Khajuraho and check in to the *Radisson Hotel*. Meals B,L

DAY 8 - Khajuraho and Varanasi

This morning's sightseeing shows you the most significant of the town's spectacular 10th-century temples. Many are adorned with erotic carvings and are notable for the near-perfect balance they strike between architecture and sculpture. Then transfer to the airport for your included flight to Varanasi where you'll be met and driven to the *Radisson Hotel*. After time to refresh, visit Sarnath – revered as the place where Buddha gave his first sermon.

★ **AAA Engaging Experience: This evening, observe the Aarti Ceremony, an evocative Hindu ritual of light and praise which unfolds along the sacred River Ganges.** Meals B

DAY 9 - Explore Varanasi

★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Set out at dawn for a boat ride on the Ganges as thousands of devotees descend to the holy waters for purification. It's a daily ritual which has unfolded here for thousands of years, and one of the most powerful scenes you will ever witness.**

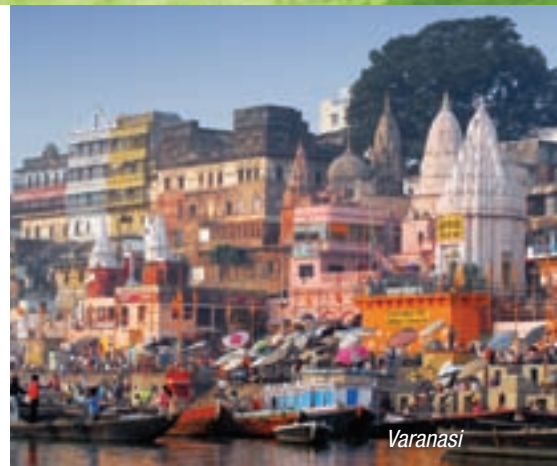
Continue on to the most important shore temples of the Ganges and visit Sarnath. The museum here is highly regarded for its extraordinary collection of ancient Buddhist carvings and artifacts. Before returning to your hotel, visit a workshop where beautiful silks are hand woven. The celebrated sarees of the region are known for their intricate designs and use of pure-gold thread. Meals B

DAY 10 - Delhi

You'll be escorted to the airport today for your included flight to Delhi, and then be transferred to the conveniently located *Crown Plaza Gurgaon Hotel*. Meals B

DAY 11 - Depart Delhi

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Varanasi



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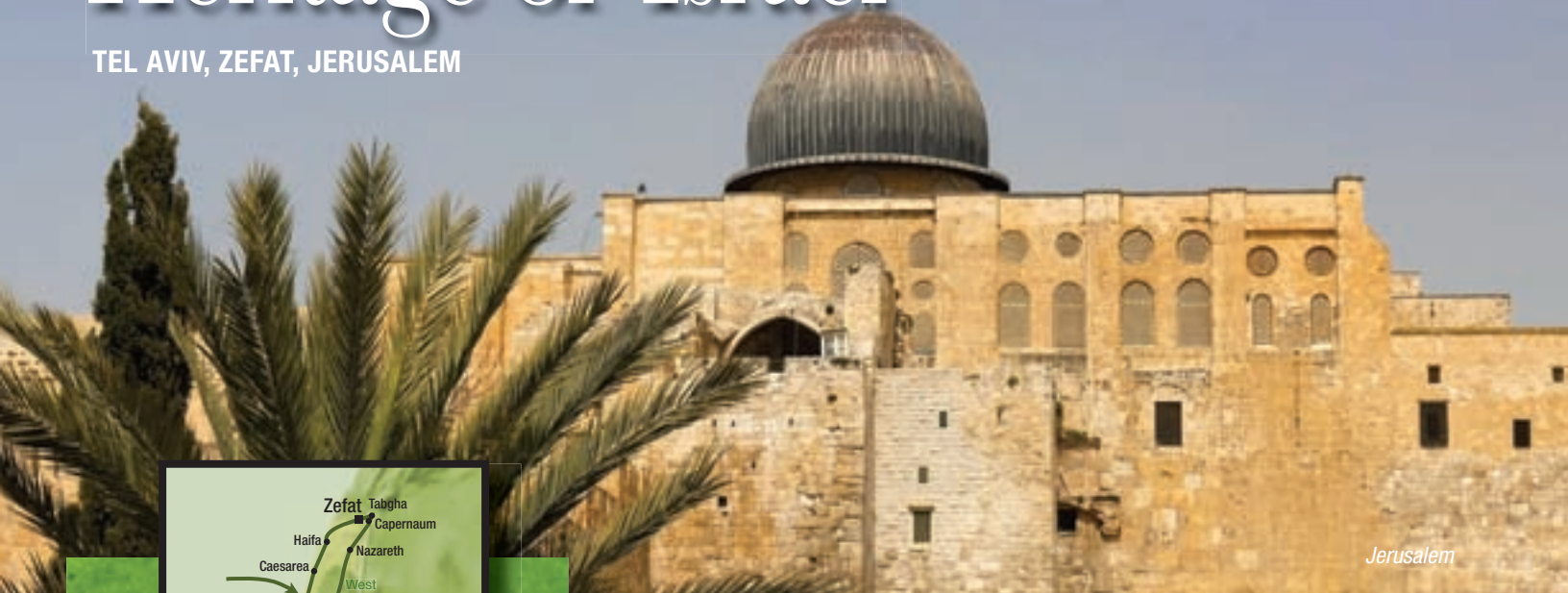
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- ★ Visit the home of a Druze family in Dalyat El Carmel and hear the inspiring story of how the Druze community came to Israel
- ★ Meet a local artist as you explore the ancient hilltop town of Zefat (Safed). Revered as one of Israel's Four Holy Cities, its winding alleys offer a captivating mix of medieval synagogues, galleries and artisan studios
- ★ Enjoy a morning walk with a guide around the summit of Mt. Meron for sweeping views all the way to the Mediterranean Sea
- ★ Sample an exotic array of fresh Israeli products as you browse the busy alleys and colorful stalls of the Machane Yehuda Market in Jerusalem

3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites 🌐

With an unhurried itinerary, outstanding Trip Leader and extensive sightseeing in a small group of 16 travelers, this sweeping journey shows you more of Israel's ancient sites and rich cultural heritage.

DAY 1 - Arrive in Tel Aviv

Check in to the *Melody Hotel*, a stylish boutique property overlooking the Mediterranean. Later this evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a **Welcome Dinner**. Meals D

DAY 2 - Tel Aviv 🌐 to Zefat

Explore the distinctive White City of Tel Aviv, an outstanding example of innovative, early 20th-century town planning and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's a fine architectural ensemble of the European Modern Movement in a new cultural context. Travel north to tour the ancient city of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great and once the seat of Roman Rule.

★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Visit the quiet village of Dalyat El Carmel with a resident Druze guide who will invite you into a local home to hear the inspiring story of how his people**

came to live in Israel. Cap off your visit with a fine lunch of traditional Druze cooking. Then ascend Mt. Carmel for a panoramic view over Haifa Bay and the beautiful Bahai Gardens and Temples🌐. Continue on to the inviting *Villa Galilee Hotel* in Zefat (Safed), an ancient town perched in the mountains of the Upper Galilee. Meals B,L,D

DAY 3 - Sea of Galilee

Visit Capernaum where Jesus spent most of his ministry and chose his first disciples and then visit the synagogue built on a spot where Jesus once preached. Continue to Tabgha to admire the mosaics at the Church of the Multiplication, the site of Christ's feeding the 5,000, and then drive on to the Mount of Beatitudes, Golan Heights and Caesarea Philippi. Enjoy an afternoon break with a boat ride across the tranquil waters of the historic Sea of Galilee. Back on shore, get a fascinating and personal look into life on a typical kibbutz as you spend time with a resident. ★ **AAA Engaging Experience: Join a local guide for a walking tour along the narrow, winding alleys of Zefat (Safed). Revered as one of Israel's Four Holy Cities and the birthplace of Kabbalah, this captivating hilltop town is filled with medieval synagogues, artisan workshops and galleries. Meet with one of these local artists!** Meals B,L,D

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Dead Sea

DAY 4 - Jerusalem

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** *Start your day with an invigorating guided walk around the summit of Mt. Meron. Israel's highest mountain west of the Jordan offers fine views all the way from the Mediterranean Sea to Mt. Hermon.* Travel to Cana and the Wedding Church where Jesus performed his first miracle, turning water into wine. In Nazareth, see the Church of the Annunciation. Continue into the Jordan Valley and the recently excavated Roman amphitheater at Beit Shean. Then drive to Jerusalem and check in to the *Mount Zion Hotel*. Meals B,L,D

DAY 5 - Jerusalem and Bethlehem

★ **AAA Engaging Experience:** *Take in the exotic sights and smells of the lively Machane Yehuda Market and sample a rich variety of fresh Israeli products as you explore the colorful stalls and bustling alleys with your guide.* See a detailed model of Jerusalem from the time of the Second Temple at the Israeli Museum and continue to the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Next up is a moving visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and the new Holocaust History Museum. Conclude your touring with a visit to the Church of Nativity in ancient Bethlehem. Meals B,L,D

DAY 6 - Old Jerusalem 🌐

A holy city for three of the world's great religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam—Jerusalem occupies a unique place in humanity. Today's sightseeing includes the Mount of Olives, a stop at the site where Jesus first gave the Lord's Prayer and the Garden of Gethsemane. In the Old City, see the Western Wall and the Temple Mount and walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Continue to Mount Zion, visiting the traditional tomb of David and Room of the Last Supper. Meals B,L,D

DAY 7 - Jerusalem

Enjoy the entire day free to relax, shop and explore further at your own pace. For those who prefer an organized tour, an excursion to Masada is available. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada and ascend by cable car to visit the hilltop ruins as a guide recounts the inspiring history of its ancient inhabitants. Before returning to Jerusalem, stop at the lowest point on Earth; be sure to bring your swimsuit as you'll enjoy lunch and time for a relaxing float in the Dead Sea. This evening, gather once more with your fellow travelers for a memorable **Farewell Dinner**. Meals B,D

DAY 8 - Depart Jerusalem

Tour services end this morning after breakfast. Meals B

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Engaging Experiences

- ★ The origins of the Aboriginal people are conveyed through enchanting stories as you walk through the bush on a "Dreamtime Tour"
- ★ Discover the underwater rainbow of coral and fish when you explore the Great Barrier Reef from aboard a glass bottom boat
- ★ Enjoy a three-night stay in the energetic and cosmopolitan city of Sydney

5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites 🌐

Explore the diverse wonders of the lands "down under." A 3-day adventure in the rugged Outback introduces you to the Aboriginal life and culture of Alice Springs and Ayers Rock. Delve into the colorful world of the Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House. Meet Australia and New Zealand's famous wildlife up-close. Explore the snowcapped peaks, vistas, gorges and waterfalls of New Zealand's Southern Alps. Cruise Milford Sound. Experience the Franz Josef Glacier and the majestic Mt. Cook region.

DAY 1 & 2 - Depart USA

Board your overnight flight to Australia and skip a day ahead as you cross the International Dateline.

DAY 3 - Arrive in Cairns

Begin your tour in Cairns, the tropical gateway to the Great Barrier Reef 🌐. One of the world's most spectacular natural attractions, the reef was established as a marine park in 1975 and is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as

turtles and birds. In 1981 the United Nations designated the Great Barrier Reef a World Heritage site. Meals D

DAY 4 - Cairns 🌐

Spend your day at leisure or explore the rainforest canopy with an optional^ ride on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway to experience the beauty of this World Heritage site and experience the forest floor from specially designed boardwalks. ■ AAA Complimentary Inclusion: Embrace Australia's ancient indigenous culture with an evening of entertainment, discovery, delicious cuisine and storytelling that brings Dreamtime legends to life. Meals B,D

DAY 5 - Great Barrier Reef 🌐

★ Engaging Experience: Board a high-speed catamaran for an exciting excursion on the Great Barrier Reef. From your base on Green Island, explore the reef in many ways. Enjoy a trip on a glass bottom boat,^ where beautifully colored fish swim beneath in their natural habitat. Choose a stroll on the walking trail to take in the rainforest and the beaches, snorkel or watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. You may also visit the underwater observatory. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, optional^ scuba diving and an outer reef tour are also available. Meals B,L

DAY 6 - Cairns to Uluru (Ayers Rock) 🌐

Fly to Uluru in the heart of the Australian Outback. This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through the process of upheaval and erosion. Tour the Olgas and the base of "the Rock," learning about their significance to Aboriginal culture. As the sun sets, enjoy a champagne toast as Uluru magically changes color. Meals B

DAY 7 - Alice Springs

Traverse the "Red Centre" today as you drive to Alice Springs. A sightseeing tour includes the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill, with its excellent view of Alice Springs. This afternoon meet the Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme.** Drum Atweme is a musical group comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. Tonight, enjoy a memorable dinner in the bush with entertainment under the stars. Meals B,D

DAY 8 - Alice Springs

★ **Engaging Experience: Discover the culture of the Aboriginal people this morning during a "Dreamtime Tour." Your guide, along with members of the Walpiri tribe, will share their stories of creation and show you everyday activities of the Aboriginals. Meet these people at their camp and watch as various Dreamtime stories are depicted in paintings.** Then, visit the School of the Air. Meals B

DAY 9 - Melbourne

Leaving behind Australia's Outback, fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city boasts a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. Meals B,D

DAY 10 - Melbourne

Today's tour of Melbourne features Fitzroy Gardens, valued for their historic, architectural and horticultural significance. Later, you may participate in an optional^ tour that travels to Phillip Island, arriving at the fascinating home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. See hundreds of these lovable birds waddling out from the sea as they cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes during the Little Penguin Parade. On this option you will also visit the interpretation center where you will learn about the life of the Little Penguins and their significance to the area. Dinner is included on Phillip Island when you purchase this option. Meals B

DAY 11 - Christchurch, New Zealand

Board a flight to Christchurch, considered to be "the most English city outside of England." Meals B

DAY 12 - Franz Josef Glacier

Travel across New Zealand's spectacular Southern Alps winding your way past waterfalls and rugged mountains. Take a train ride (optional) aboard the *Tranz-Alpine Express* for a scenic trip through the Southern Alps. End the day at the Franz Josef Glacier Region for a rare opportunity to experience a dynamic glacial landscape in a temperate environment. Meals B

DAY 13 - Franz Josef to Queenstown

Take an optional^ flightseeing tour (weather permitting) over New Zealand's beautiful glacier region. Before departing Franz Josef, visit the new West Coast Wildlife Centre to learn about the endangered Kiwi bird. Board a coach to Queenstown. An amazing landscape unfolds as you pass through the rainforest. Cross jade green glacial rivers and view thundering waterfalls, arriving in Queenstown. Enjoy dinner at the *Skyline Restaurant* with spectacular views overlooking Queenstown. Meals B,D

DAY 14 - Milford Sound

Travel through beech forests into the impressive Hollyford Valley via the Homer Tunnel to Milford Sound for a fascinating cruise. You may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. Meals B,L

DAY 15 - Queenstown

Enjoy your day at leisure. Meals B

DAY 16 - Mt. Cook 🌐

Visit Arrowtown, and enjoy a tasting^ and tour at one of New Zealand's famous wineries. Stop at a local fruit stand to experience some of the delicious produce that grows here. Cross the Kawarau River to see Lindis Pass before arriving at Mt. Cook. Choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional^ glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or simply relax. Meals B,D

DAY 17 - Christchurch

Visit a working farm and see a sheep shearing demonstration and more. Dine tonight with a New Zealand family in their home. Meals B,D

DAY 18 - Christchurch to Sydney

Tour the magnificent gardens and elegant park district of Christchurch. This afternoon, depart for exciting Sydney. This evening, take an

epicurean tour with each course of your meal in a different restaurant. Meals B,D

DAY 19 - Sydney

Tour sights such as Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and more. Enjoy a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House🌐. Then stroll through the city streets, visit the historic Rocks area, or simply relax. Meals B

DAY 20 - Sydney

Visit Koala Park. Walk among wallabies, indigenous birds, kangaroos, dingoes and koalas. Visit the National Opal Collection and learn about opals. This evening, dine while cruising Sydney Harbour. Meals B,D

DAY 21 - Depart Sydney

Your tour ends today. Meals B



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