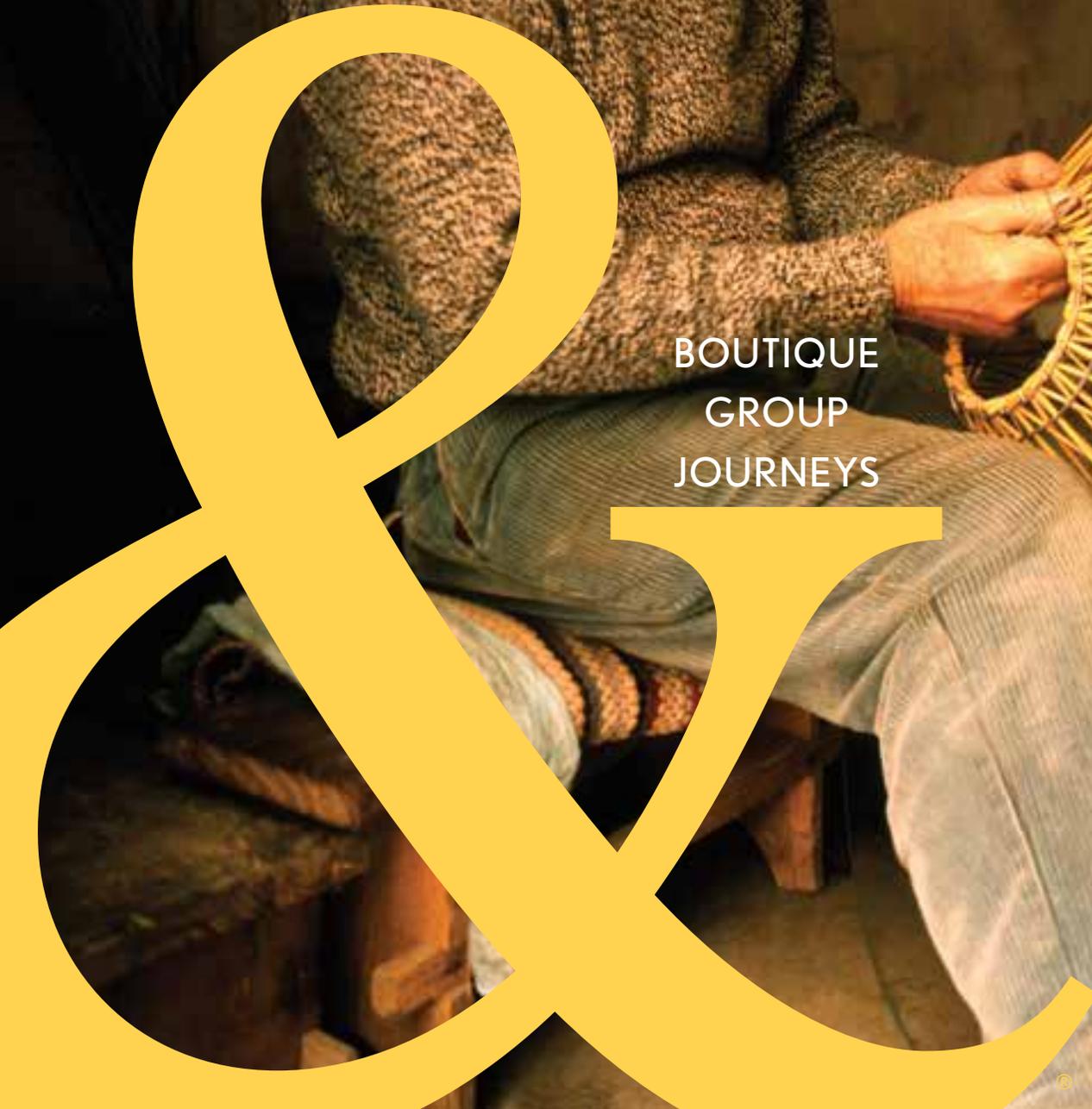


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BOUTIQUE
GROUP
JOURNEYS



Setting the Bar for Boutique Travel

Connections Boutique Group Journeys reflect my desire to deliver truly special, immersive experiences to travellers craving a more vibrant sense of place.

A&K's version of stylish boutique travel, the 18 journeys I am excited to present here — including two new journeys, **Switzerland & the Italian Lakes** and **Poland to Prague** — bring you up close and personal with the authentic beauty of the places we visit. Each day of your journey, expect a full experience from start to finish that includes everything from waking in handpicked boutique hotels in extraordinary locales, to joining artisans in their studios for a lesson or locals in their homes to break bread together, to enjoying private musical performances in historic spaces.

Led by a Resident Tour Director® and part of a small group of no more than 24 guests, your Connections boutique travel experience unfolds in A&K style, with each moment a reflection of our insider access and unmatched expertise.

Inspiring discoveries await. Reserve your 2018 journey today.



Geoffrey Kent

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On the Cover: A Sicilian fisherman weaves a basket.
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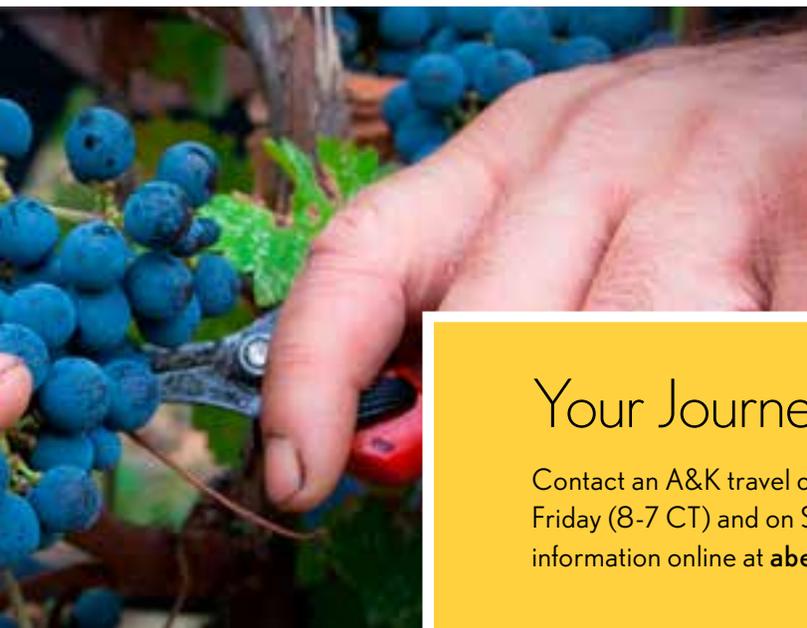
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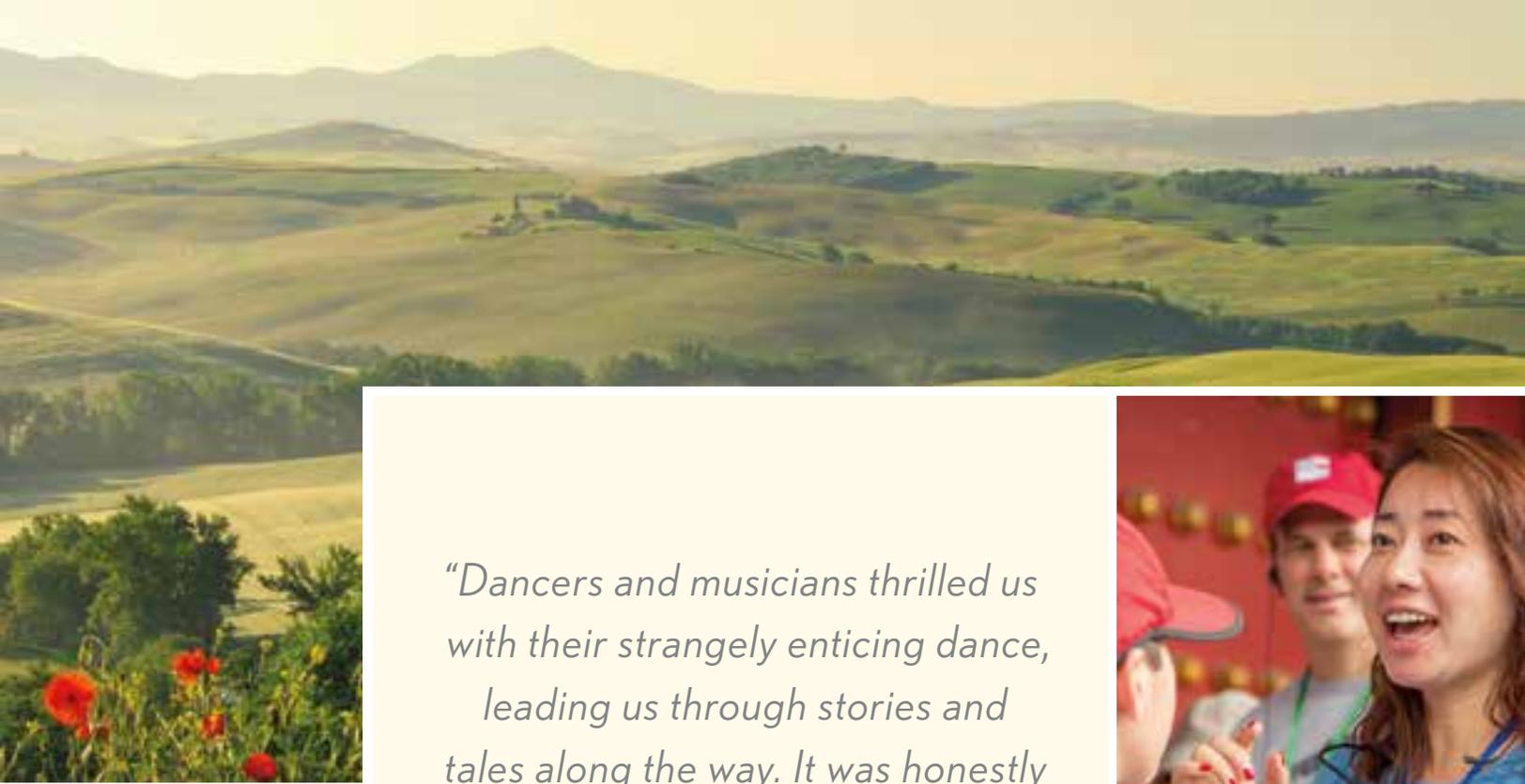
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“Dancers and musicians thrilled us with their strangely enticing dance, leading us through stories and tales along the way. It was honestly a perfect evening – one that could not have been duplicated.”

*– Matt Long, Landlopers.com;
Spain: Seven Cities, June 2017*



The Advantage of Experience

With more than 50 years of experience and 52 offices worldwide, only Abercrombie & Kent connects you to the heart of a destination with our seamless, signature service and incredible local access.

Why Local Access Matters

On a Connections Boutique Group Journey with A&K, we don't just take you to a historic Spanish palace in Seville — we transport you there in a horse-drawn carriage, where you are welcomed to a private dinner with the owners and entertained by local Flamenco performers. Boutique experiences such as this are what set A&K apart from any competitor, and have everything to do with our extensive and long-established ties within every locale in which we operate.

An Unmatched Local Presence

Our 52 offices around the world — five in Europe alone — work tirelessly to design boutique experiences you won't find anywhere else and provide the most robust tour operator support network in the world. Unlike our competitors, we train and manage our own full-time local staff, orchestrating every aspect of your journey down to the last detail. From the seamless flow of an A&K itinerary to the prompt attention paid to an unanticipated request, you can be sure that our extensive presence, in Europe and throughout the globe, makes it happen.

Experienced Resident Tour Directors

Our Resident Tour Directors have lived for decades — perhaps even their entire lives — in the places you visit. Year-round residents, they possess the kind of insight into local culture that can only come from being a local themselves. Overseeing your entire journey, your Resident Tour Director accompanies you every day, sharing a beyond-the-guidebook understanding of daily life and introducing you to everything from stunning coastal cities in their best light to bustling neighborhoods at their most authentic hour. The result is a journey that reveals the real spirit of a place, connecting you to the people and places you encounter in a way you'll never forget.

Services, Transfers and Gratuities Included

Amenities and services are fully included, with no hidden costs, on your Connections Boutique Group Journey. Arrival and departure transfers are included, regardless of when you choose to arrive or depart. Gratuities are included, too, except for your Resident Tour Director, which is left to your sole discretion.

Safety You Can Trust

Your well-being and safety is always our first priority. Our network of local offices and long-established relationships in every region in which we operate allow us to keep our finger on the pulse of local dynamics and to manage your safety and security. Should a situation arise, A&K has resources at the ready to allow you to safely continue on your journey.



Boutique Connections for an Exciting Sense of Place

Crafted by A&K experts, our small-group boutique travel journeys feature authentic experiences to fully immerse you in the energy – and flavor – of local life.

Boutique Connections in Every Destination

Every Connections Boutique Group Journey is designed to bring you to the beating heart of the places we visit, and we look to our Boutique Connections to take you there. Immersive travel at its finest, these authentic, exclusive and engaging local interactions not only reveal the distinct culture of a place, they connect you to it in unexpected and unforgettable ways.

Boutique Connections you may experience include:

- Visiting a family-owned winery in Chianti on **Italy: Tuscany & Umbria**, during which you tour its cellars, sip the fruits of its vineyards and prepare lunch in a chef-led cooking class
- Spending time in the workshop of a traditional artisan in Reykjavik on **Iceland: Geysers & Glaciers**, and watching as he fashions knives as the Vikings once did
- Mingling with regulars and tasting favorite local dishes while strolling Barcelona's iconic Boqueria market on **Spain: Seven Cities**
- Enjoying a warm welcome in Marrakech on **Morocco: Imperial Cities**, when local Berbers invite you to spend time with them in their homes in the picturesque Imlil Valley
- Meeting with a resident archaeologist on **Classic China** at the site of the Terra Cotta Warriors, who shares fascinating discoveries as you look out over remarkable burial pits

Dining as an Expression of the Locale

New cuisine is like a destination all its own, and so we choose vibrant restaurants favored more by the locals than by tourists, and spanning everything from lunch at a mozzarella farm in Campania to a traditional musical gathering at an authentic Irish pub to tastings at Moscow's Danilovsky farmers market. Each is an expression of the local atmosphere and each showcases the unique flavors for which the region is known, all to tell a story about food and drink that only an insider could know. Carefully planned menus include local dishes as well as favorites from home. Every journey also includes festive welcome and farewell dinners — a wonderful way to connect with the new friends you've made.

Intimate Groups of Just 24 Guests

Connections Boutique Group Journeys feature intimate groups of no more than 24 guests on every departure, and that makes an important difference in how you experience your destination. Small groups allow for more intimate access to places and experiences — such as our Boutique Connections — that larger groups can't manage. They also give you more opportunities to get to know your Resident Tour Director, as well as your fellow guests.





Boutique Hotels that **Connect** You

Intimate, charming and brimming with stories, the boutique hotels we select for every journey add a unique dimension to your travel experience.

One-of-a-Kind Heritage

Properties like Coombe Abbey in England, Hotel Brunelleschi in Florence and the Hotel Růže in Český Krumlov have long, colorful histories that make them destinations in their own right. On Connections Boutique Group Journeys, discover these and other handpicked boutique hotels that often began as private mansions, government residences or religious centers, and that feature a special heritage that lives on in every guest room and public space.

Authentic Local Character

A good hotel should feel like the destination of which it's a part, without sacrificing comfort and service, and the hotels on our journeys do just that. Beaune's Hotel Le Cep recalls a traditional French manse with its 16th-century courtyards, while family-run Platzl Hotel in Munich offers authentic, rustic Bavarian charm alongside modern amenities.

At the Heart of a Neighborhood

One of the most overlooked features of a great hotel is its location, and that's why the experts who create Connections Boutique Group Journeys choose properties that put a destination's hottest neighborhoods right at your doorstep. Stay at L'Orologio in Venice for easy access to the Grand Canal and views of the Rialto Bridge, or at The Gainsborough Bath Spa, set in the geographical heart of Bath and housing the only natural thermal spa in the United Kingdom.

The Right Size and Scale

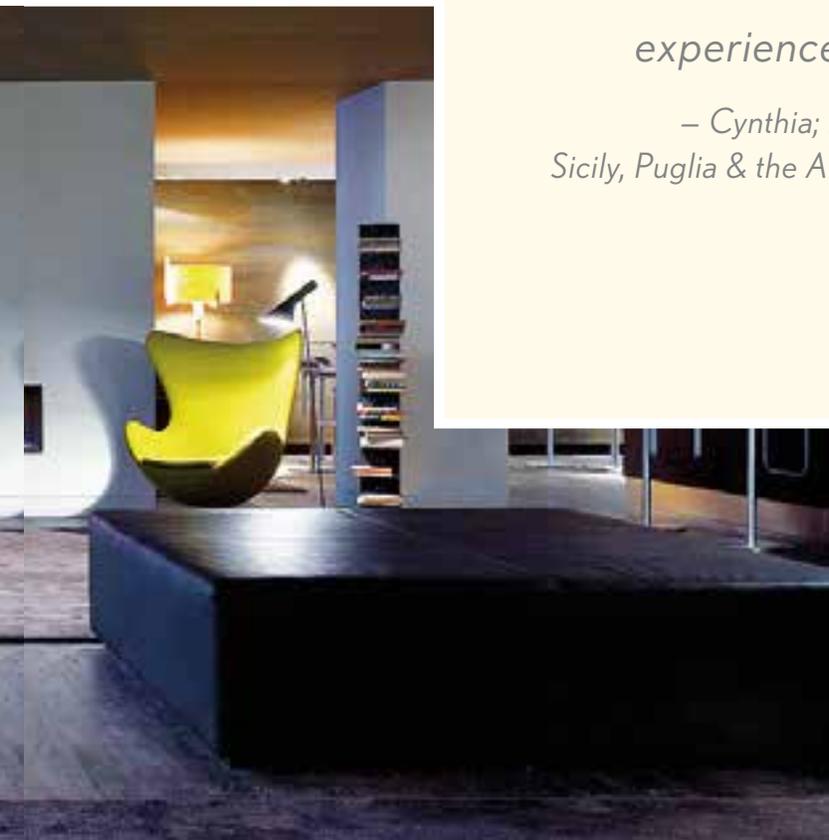
Because they field larger groups of 40 or more, other tour companies must accommodate their clients in high-rise chain hotels with hundreds of rooms — and no sense of intimacy. Our typical hotel has only around 100 rooms and many have far fewer than that, ensuring you never return from a day's sightseeing having to reach your room through a crowd of other guests.





"Fabulous hotels, excellent food, and our guide helped make this a totally satisfying experience. Beautiful!"

*– Cynthia; Brooklyn, NY
Sicily, Puglia & the Amalfi Coast, May 2017*



Discover More with Tailor Made Travel

Make the Journey Uniquely Yours

Take your Connections Boutique Group Journey to the next level by adding Luxury Tailor Made Travel to your itinerary. Tailor Made Travel lets you experience your destination the way you want, on an itinerary planned around your interests. Add days to the start or end of your journey in the places you want to visit most, accompanied by an expert local guide.



Book Your Air with A&K

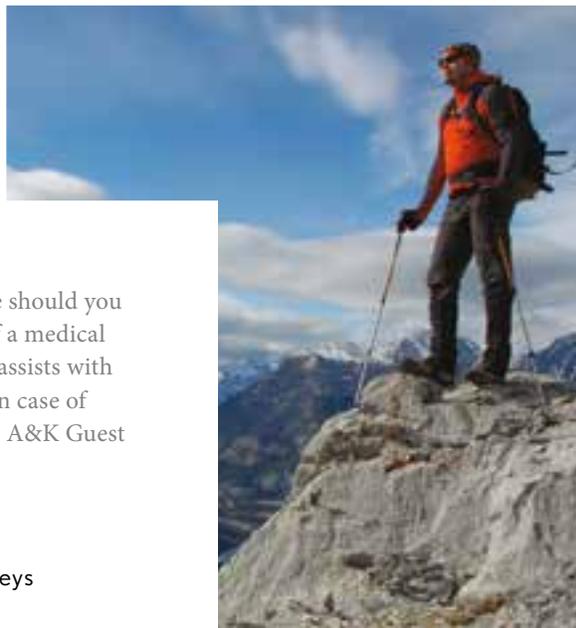
Let Our Experts Arrange Your Flights

Drawing upon decades of experience in air travel, our dedicated air team knows how and when to book the best flights for your journey. We know which flights work with our itineraries — and our relationships with a wide range of partner carriers work to your advantage in a number of ways. See our Air Travel page for more information.

Protect Your Journey

Rest Easy with Comprehensive Protection

A&K's Guest Protection Program offers coverage should you be forced to cancel your trip at short notice, or if a medical emergency arises while travelling. The plan also assists with replacing lost travel documents and covers you in case of baggage loss. Contact us to learn more about the A&K Guest Protection Program.





A Rewards Program For Repeat Travellers

Experience the New Marco Polo Club

Reimagined to better recognize and reward our most loyal guests, the Marco Polo Club now extends complimentary membership to everyone who travels on three or more journeys with Abercrombie & Kent USA.

Among the club's benefits is a five-percent discount on most new bookings made within nine months of returning from an A&K journey — a savings that members can pass on to any immediate family travelling with them. As an added benefit, solo travellers are entitled to a 50-percent savings on most single supplements booked at any time.

Marco Polo Club members also enjoy recognition in other ways with a place on the priority waitlist for sold-out journeys, a members-only onboard reception on A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises, and a variety of exclusive communications and events. To learn more about A&K's Marco Polo Club, visit akmarcopoloclub.com.

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MARCO POLO
— CLUB —



*"Our
commitment
to the communities
we visit and our focus on
sustainable tourism are the
lifblood of our organization.
I believe the recognition A&K has
received is a reflection of this long-
term depth of commitment."*

*– Keith Sproule, executive director
Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy*





Be a Part of Travel that **Changes Lives**

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy supports grassroots projects that improve lives in communities around the world.

At the Heart of What We Do

Established in 1982, Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP) is dedicated to giving back to the extraordinary communities we are so privileged to share with our guests. Our local offices seek out and support grassroots projects in these communities, focusing on four key areas: Education, Conservation, Health and Enterprise.

Examples of AKP-supported projects include:

- **Children of the Rainbow**, which provides education and housing for underprivileged children in Peru
- **Rhino Conservation Program**, which translocates critically endangered rhinos to a reserve in Botswana where they thrive under protection against poachers
- **Cambodia Clean Water Project**, which installs wells and bio-sand filters to provide safe drinking water to families throughout rural Cambodia
- **Chihego Bike Shop**, which creates jobs for women in Nakatindi Village, Zambia through the sale, rental and repair of more than 1,000 used bicycles donated from the US and UK

In total, these partnerships span more than 32 projects in 18 countries worldwide and demonstrate AKP's global commitment to acting as a positive force wherever we go.



Visit akphilanthropy.org for more information on AKP-supported projects around the world.

See the influence of Gaudí in Barcelona's fantastic architecture



Spain: Seven Cities

10 days priced from \$5,695

Featuring Barcelona, Granada, Ronda, Seville and Madrid

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Experience the best of Spain on a diverse and comprehensive journey that includes Barcelona, Ronda, the British territory of Gibraltar and unforgettable insider access moments
- Mingle with locals as you explore the Boquería in Barcelona
- Visit an authentic bodega to privately sample sherry in the famed region of Jerez
- Take a culinary adventure in Seville with an evening tapas tour
- Ride a horse-drawn carriage to a private palace in Seville, where passionate local flamenco dancers and singers put on an incredible performance, just for you
- 18 meals, with 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners

DAY 1: ARRIVE BARCELONA, SPAIN

Upon arrival, you are met by your A&K representative and escorted to your trend-setting hotel. Get to know your fellow guests at tonight's welcome dinner. *Hotel Omm / Meals: D*

DAY 2: BARCELONA / Heart of Catalonia

Embark on a panoramic tour of culture-driven Barcelona. Stroll the Boquería — one of Europe's finest food markets, explore the cobblestone streets of the Gothic Quarter and its fantastic Palau de la Música Catalana concert hall, and experience a tasting of Spanish olive oil. Enjoy more of this captivating city with an afternoon at leisure. *Hotel Omm / Meals: B*



DAY 3: GRANADA / *The Edge of Andalusia*

Discover more of vibrant Barcelona. See hilltop Montjuïc with its sculptural gardens and castle before stopping at Antoni Gaudí's most notable creations, including the wild Sagrada Familia Basilica. After lunch, fly to Granada, where you enjoy dinner on arrival. *Hotel Villa Oniria / Meals: B L D*

DAY 4: RONDA / *Spanish Paradise*

Visit the ancient palace and glorious gardens of the Alhambra, an incredible example of Moorish influence and Islamic architecture. Explore Granada at leisure before departing for cliff-top Ronda, where you check in to your *parador*, a boutique hotel housed in a historic Spanish landmark.

Parador de Ronda / Meals: B D

DAY 5: GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM / *Last Outpost*

Travel west to the Rock of Gibraltar, visiting St. Michael's Cave and observing Gibraltar's Barbary macaques, the only wild monkeys in Europe. Return to Ronda with time to relax and explore one of Andalusia's most beautiful *Pueblos Blancos* (White Villages). *Parador de Ronda / Meals: B*

DAY 6: SEVILLE / *Ronda and Jerez*

Begin your day with a walking tour that introduces you to the rich history of Ronda, famous for its legacy of bullfighting. Then, travel through the mountains to Jerez, home of golden sherry, where you visit a *bodega* to learn about sherry and taste its different varieties. Continue to Seville, where you embark on an evening tapas tour through the city's finest taverns for an authentic culinary adventure. *Gran Meliá Colón / Meals: B L D*



Arrive by horse-drawn carriage at a palace in Seville, where the owners welcome you for dinner and where we've also arranged for a fiery private flamenco performance.

DAY 7: SEVILLE / *Sunny Santa Cruz*

Explore the sites in this uniquely lovely city: the Royal Palace of the Alcázar, the enormous Gothic cathedral and, of course, the flower-filled Santa Cruz district. The afternoon is at leisure to venture out on your own. Tonight, ride a horse-drawn carriage to a palace, where the owners host your private dinner. Then, enjoy a performance of flamenco dancing and singing on the patio of this historic home. *Gran Meliá Colón / Meals: B D*

DAY 8: CÓRDOBA / *Streets of Flowers*

Set out for Córdoba to visit the extraordinary Mezquita, the cathedral and former great mosque of Córdoba, and walk the city's flower-lined streets. In the afternoon, board your high-speed AVE train to Madrid. *ME Madrid Reina Victoria / Meals: B L*

DAY 9: MADRID / *Masterful Art & Architecture*

View works by Spanish masters El Greco, Velázquez and Goya in the Prado Museum. Then, visit the Royal Palace, followed by a short walk to the Plaza Mayor, and the marvelous iron-and-glass San Miguel market, where locals have been hawking and buying since the early 19th century. Later, join your Resident Tour Director for a farewell dinner. *ME Madrid Reina Victoria / Meals: B D*

DAY 10: DEPART MADRID

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.


Hotel Omm

Stay in ultra-modern comfort within a sleek, striking building that overlooks Barcelona's Paseo de Gracia, a vibrant avenue of international shops.


Parador de Ronda

A 70-room parador at the edge of the gorge in Ronda's old Town Hall.


Hotel Villa Oniria

Contemporary luxury hotel set in a historic Granada manor house.


Gran Meliá Colón

In Seville's city center, find plush comfort and rooftop skyline views.


ME Madrid Reina Victoria

A historic façade reveals modern interiors in the Plaza de Santa Ana.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Apr 16-25, May 14-23, May 28-Jun 6, Jun 4-13, Jun 25-Jul 4	\$5,995	\$1,995
Jul 9-18, Aug 6-15	\$5,695	\$1,695
Sep 3-12, Sep 10-19, Sep 24-Oct 3, Oct 15-24	\$5,995	\$1,995

*Internal Airfare from Barcelona to Granada is included in the program price.

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Experience Croatia's breathtaking, island-dotted coastline



Croatia: Jewel of the Coast

9 days priced from \$3,995

Featuring Zagreb, Split, Brač, Dubrovnik and Kotor
Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Contrast a glimmering Mediterranean coast with ancient cities, private tours and unforgettable meetings with locals
- Explore stunning Montenegro and the fjord of Boka Kotorska
- Visit Split's Mestrovic Gallery, as its curator opens the doors to you for a private guided tour
- Meet a local fisherman and sample his harvest of Croatia's famous oysters
- Learn about the Balkan Wars during a talk in Dubrovnik with a local who shares her experiences of the conflict
- 16 meals, with 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners

DAY 1: ARRIVE ZAGREB, CROATIA

On arrival, transfer to your historic Art Deco hotel, set within a gracious building dating back to 1925. Gather for a welcome dinner tonight. *Esplanade Zagreb / Meals: D*

DAY 2: ZAGREB / *The Stately Capital*

This morning, take a panoramic tour of the Croatian capital. Drive past the National Theatre, Miramar Museum, and Academy of Arts and Sciences, and then walk among the loveliest parts of Zagreb, including St. Marc Square. Ride a funicular built in 1889 to reach the charming Upper Town quarter from Lower Town. Visit the Ban Jelačić Square, which divides the old and new regions of the city. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the capital. *Esplanade Zagreb / Meals: B L*



DAY 3: SPLIT / *Plitvice Lakes*

Drive to the coastal city of Split. En route, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Plitvice Lakes, where emerald forests surround 16 shimmering turquoise lakes linked by a series of breathtaking waterfalls. Enjoy lunch in this spectacularly scenic region before continuing to Split, where you check in to your boutique hotel in the heart of the city.

Cornaro Hotel / Meals: B L D

DAY 4: SPLIT / *The Emperor's Palace*

Set off on a morning walking tour of Split, starting with the Palace of the Emperor Diocletian; Peristil Square, where he made speeches; and his mausoleum, now a church. Take a private tour of the Ivan Mestrovic Gallery with its curator, marveling at the 86 bronze, marble and wood sculptures he fashioned. Explore more of captivating Split at your leisure. *Cornaro Hotel / Meals: B*

DAY 5: BRAČ / *Source of Stone for the White House*

Board a ferry to Brač, a Dalmatian island famous for its stone, used in Split's Diocletian Palace and the White House in Washington, D.C. Visit Skrip, the oldest village on the island, and the Museum of Brač. Stop at a traditional restaurant for lunch, sampling local specialties of lamb, cheese, olives and wine before returning by ferry to Split. *Cornaro Hotel / Meals: B L*



Croatia's world-famous oysters taste fantastic when plucked fresh from the sea, as you discover during a specially arranged visit with a local fisherman.

DAY 6: DUBROVNIK / *The Culinary Road*

Set out for Dubrovnik, stopping at Ston, world-renowned for its oysters. Meet a local fisherman and sample one of these tasty delights paired with a local wine for a true taste of Croatia. Complete a superb lunch at a local seafood restaurant before continuing on to Dubrovnik. *Grand Villa Argentina / Meals: B L D*

DAY 7: KOTOR, MONTENEGRO / *Seaside Charms*

Spend the day in marvelous Montenegro. Begin with a drive to Boka Kotorska, Europe's southernmost fjord, where precipitous mountains rise from azure waters, and where you take a boat to the Baroque Church of Our Lady of the Rocks, built on an artificial island created by a bulwark of rocks and sinking old and seized ships. After lunch, visit the walled city of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, exploring its 12th-century Cathedral and Maritime Museum. Return to Dubrovnik.

Grand Villa Argentina / Meals: B

DAY 8: DUBROVNIK / *The City Museum*

Enjoy a morning tour of Dubrovnik. Proclaimed a "city museum" by UNESCO, the Old Town is surrounded by impressive medieval stone walls and towers. Mingle with local traders

and craftspeople in its markets. Then, listen as a survivor of the Balkan War shares memories of the conflict. Follow an afternoon at leisure and a farewell dinner tonight with a traditional *klapa* performance, arranged just for you.

Grand Villa Argentina / Meals: B D

DAY 9: DEPART DUBROVNIK

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Grand Villa Argentina

Nestled among terraced cliffside gardens overlooking the Adriatic, this contemporary waterfront property affords easy access to Dubrovnik's old town.



Cornaro Hotel

A stylish design by a leading Croatian architectural firm defines this modern 78-room hotel within Split's city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Esplanade Zagreb

A glamorously restored 1925 Art Deco gem opened for Orient Express passengers, with a Champagne bar and one of Croatia's finest restaurants.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 12-20, May 26-Jun 3, Jun 9-17, Jun 23-Jul 1	\$3,995	\$995
Jul 7-15, Sep 8-16, Sep 22-30	\$4,295	\$1,095
Oct 6-14	\$3,995	\$995

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Feast your eyes on the richly colored Tuscan countryside



Italy: Tuscany & Umbria

9 days priced from \$5,495

Featuring Rome, Assisi, Siena, Chianti and Florence

Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Contrast vibrant cities with an unhurried immersion in the Italian countryside, exploring Rome, Florence, Umbria and Tuscany
- Relax with multiple night stays in tranquil villas set on rolling hillsides and surrounded by timeless vineyards
- Learn the art of majolica pottery with a visit to a workshop
- Enjoy an exclusive, private cheese-making demonstration in a Tuscan farmhouse
- Join in a cooking class, drink wine and feast on the lunch you prepare at a Chianti winery
- 16 meals, with 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners

DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE ROME, ITALY

Arrive in awe-inspiring Rome, where you are met and escorted to your hotel. Tonight, gather with fellow guests for a welcome dinner. Vibrant and treasure-filled, this ancient city begs to be explored, which you do the next day with your local guide. On your tour, discover the glories of the ancient city, taking in sights that include the Roman Forum, the thrilling Colosseum and the Palatino (Palatine Hill), where the city was founded and its emperors dwelled in luxury. Afterward, visit the Borghese Gardens and enjoy a guided tour of the Borghese Gallery, home to an incredible private art collection. Enjoy the rest of your day to explore more of the Eternal City.

Boscolo Exedra Roma | Meals: D (Day 1); B (Day 2)



DAY 3: UMBRIA / *The Green Heart of Italy*

Rise early to avoid the crowds and visit the Vatican Museums with their lavishly displayed art collections, including Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. Leave the city for the pastoral hills of Umbria. Stop in the small town of Deruta, famous for its production of fresco-inspired majolica pottery, and pay a visit to a local ceramics maker. Later, arrive at your charming boutique hotel housed in two historic villas. *Hotel Alla Posta dei Donini / Meals: B L D*

DAY 4: UMBRIA / *The Spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi*

Drive to picturesque Assisi for a tour of its Franciscan treasures. Visit the imposing Basilica of San Francesco d'Assisi and see the frescoes of the Saint's life by Giotto, which mark a turning point in the development of art. Later, unwind at a local winery with samples of their vintages and a picnic in the vineyard.

Hotel Alla Posta dei Donini / Meals: B L

DAY 5: TUSCANY / *Medieval Fortress of Montepulciano*

Travel to storied Tuscany, where you explore the hilltop town of Montepulciano and quench your thirst with its renowned wines, such as Vino Nobile. Visit a nearby farm where Pecorino di Pienza is produced. Meet the owners, who reveal the traditions behind making this cheese, and enjoy a farmhouse lunch featuring their produce. Arrive at your inspiring 14th-century estate in the Tuscan hills. *Borgo Scopeto Relais / Meals: B L*

DAY 6: TUSCANY / *Soaring Gothic Style in Siena*

Set off to explore San Gimignano, finding spectacular vistas and the home of some of Italy's best gelato makers. Continue to Siena. Once rivaling Florence in importance, Siena is Italy before the Renaissance. Discover its spellbinding Gothic architecture on a walking tour and learn about its Palio horse race, held in the main town square twice yearly. Afterward, experience the diverse, contemporary artworks at the Chianti Sculpture Park, before returning to your hotel nearby. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own schedule. *Borgo Scopeto Relais / Meals: B D*



Immerse yourself in the beauty of Tuscan living with a visit to a family-owned Chianti winery, taking a cooking class, sipping wine and enjoying the lunch you prepare.

DAY 7: CHIANTI / *Sun-drenched Hillsides of Chianti Classico*
 Journey overland to the Chianti region, where timeless vineyards spill down hillsides dotted with Renaissance villas. Spend the day at Badia di Passignano, an ancient monastery and winery whose vineyards belong to the Antinori family. Tour its cellars and participate in a cooking class that gives you the opportunity to prepare and then dine on Tuscan specialties for lunch. Continue to Florence and check in to your boutique hotel in the center of the city. *Hotel Brunelleschi / Meals: B L*

DAYS 8-9: FLORENCE / *Cradle of the Renaissance*

A walking tour this morning introduces you to the history of Renaissance society in endlessly absorbing Florence. Visit Palazzo Davanzati, one of the most well-preserved noble residences in the city, and then the Bargello Museum, built in a former city prison and now home to one of the best collections of Renaissance sculpture in the world. The next day, depart for the airport and board your flight home.

Hotel Brunelleschi / Meals: B D (Day 8); B (Day 9)

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Borgo Scopeto Relais
Beautifully restored medieval Tuscan estate nestled outside Siena with stunning views of the city.



Hotel Alla Posta dei Donini
Return to the 16th century in this historic 48-room hotel in the small Umbrian village of San Martino.



Hotel Brunelleschi
Former property of a Renaissance nobleman, now a contemporary haven in Florence's medieval center.



Boscolo Exedra Roma
Neo-Classical palace hotel ideally situated on the Piazza della Repubblica in Rome.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 16-24	\$5,495	\$1,895
Jun 6-14*, Jun 20-28*, Jul 4-12*, Aug 29-Sep 6, Sep 12-20, Sep 19-27	\$5,795	\$1,995
Oct 3-11	\$5,495	\$1,895

*Days 1-2 at Palazzo Montemartini

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:15 p.m. on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Breathe in the Mediterranean air above Sicily's exotic coast



Sicily, Puglia & the Amalfi Coast

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Featuring Palermo, Taormina, Matera, Naples and Capri
Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Discover the fascinating history and culture of Southern Italy, visiting the island of Sicily, remote Calabria and Puglia, and finishing in glorious sunny Campania
- Savor the flavors of Italy with a private cheese tasting and a cooking class with a Puglian chef
- Step back in time to explore Sicily's incredible Greek and Roman remains, and the mountain-carved city of Matera
- Visit – and sleep in – several UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- 21 meals, with 10 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 6 dinners

DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE PALERMO, ITALY

Arrive in Palermo, Sicily's lively capital, and transfer to your hotel located in the city's historic center. Join your Resident Tour Director tonight for a welcome dinner. The next morning, set off on a guided tour of ancient Palermo, including the Cathedral and the ninth-century Norman Royal Palace with its glittering, mosaic-laden chapel. Journey to the hillside town of Monreale and enter its extravagant cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The rest of your day is at leisure to explore more of this unique port city. *Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa* / Meals: D (Day 1); B (Day 2)

DAY 3: AGRIGENTO / Greek Ruins of Agragas

Today, travel across Sicily's rugged mountainous countryside to the south coast. Stop in the small village of Corleone, birthplace



of several Mafia bosses (including fictional characters in *The Godfather*), and hear from a local expert about this more troubled aspect of Sicily's past. In coastal Agrigento, discover the ancient Valley of the Temples that includes the Temple of Concord, a superb example of sacred classical architecture. Explore the ruins and archaeological museum before checking in to your 27-room villa hotel, set within the grounds of the temple site.

Villa Athena / Meals: B L D

DAYS 4-5: TAORMINA / Majestic Vantage Points

Journey east to Piazza Armerina, a graceful countryside town, where you visit the incomparable Roman Villa del Casale. A luxurious example of an ancient Italian villa, this UNESCO World Heritage Site houses breathtaking mosaics originally laid in the fourth century. Continue to the east coast of Sicily and up to the 6,000-foot-plus heights of smoldering Mount Etna, taking in panoramic views of the landscape and coast. Later, arrive in charming Taormina. The next day, a local expert introduces you to the town's spectacular Greek amphitheater, set high above the ocean. Later, relax or catch up on shopping with time at leisure.

Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace / Meals: B L D (Day 4); B (Day 5)

DAYS 6-7: MATERA / In the Mountainous Città Sotterranea

Rise early for the journey to Messina, where you board a ferry to cross the strait separating Sicily from the "toe" of the Italian mainland. Disembark in Villa San Giovanni in Calabria, and drive into Puglia and to Matera, the ancient Città Sotterranea (Underground City), carved right into the Apennine Mountains. Look forward to your incredible hotel, set within Sassi cave dwellings and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The next day, take a walking tour of Matera before joining a local chef for a Puglian cooking class. Prepare and eat an unforgettable lunch, with time to explore the town at leisure.

Sant'Angelo Luxury Resort / Meals: B D (Day 6); B L (Day 7)



Explore Alberobello's trulli (stone huts) in the company of a local expert on these unique dwellings.

DAY 8: ALBEROBELLO / The Trulli Houses of Apulia

Journey to nearby Locorotondo, one of Italy's most beautiful towns, for a walking tour. Meet a nearby cheese producer for a private tasting and buffet lunch featuring local products. Later, visit Alberobello and its rows of fantastic *trulli* houses, conical limestone dwellings unique to this province of Bari.

Sant'Angelo Luxury Resort / Meals: B L

DAYS 9-10: CAPRI / Mediterranean Idyll

This morning, depart for the sparkling Amalfi Coast area. Stop en route in Paestum, an ancient Greek city known for its well-

preserved Greek temples; see them after a tour and lunch at a mozzarella-making farm. Arrive in Naples, then taste its original Italian pizza for dinner. The next day, cruise by boat across the deep blue Bay of Naples to the sun-kissed island of Capri. Visit Anacapri and charming Capri town, where cool cafés, designer boutiques and grand villas have lured everyone from emperors to celebrities. Tonight, cap off your journey with a special farewell dinner. *Romeo Hotel / Meals: B L D (Day 9); B D (Day 10)*

DAY 11: DEPART NAPLES

Transfer to the airport the next day for your flight home. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Sant'Angelo Luxury Resort

Sleep where Matera's prehistoric residents once did, enjoying views over the ancient rock-carved city from one of 23 beautifully appointed rooms.



Villa Athena

Stay in the Valley of the Temples, with views of the ancient ruins.



Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace

Elegant hotel perched on the water.



Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

Centrally located contemporary hotel in a former convent.



Romeo Hotel

See Mount Vesuvius from this mod bayside boutique hotel in Naples.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Apr 20-30, May 4-14, May 18-28, Jun 1-Jun 11, Jun 15-25, Jul 6-16, Sep 7-17, Sep 14-24, Sep 21-Oct 1, Oct 5-15	\$6,595	\$2,595

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.
 First group event: welcome briefing at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1.
 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 10.
 Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Explore Florence, the capital of Renaissance art



Essence of Italy

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Featuring Rome, Florence, the Cinque Terre and Venice
Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- *Traverse soul-stirring Italy on a journey to its most remarkable regions, experiencing A&K access and the best of la bella vita*
- *In Rome's historic Trastevere district, enjoy wine tasting and dinner at the home of a local resident*
- *Learn the secrets of Florentine cuisine in an Italian cooking class guided by a chef*
- *Get a taste of local life with a visit to the buzzy market district around Venice's Rialto Bridge*
- *Tour a family-owned balsamic vinegar factory, sampling this regional favorite before lunch*
- *19 meals, with 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners*

DAY 1: ARRIVE ROME, ITALY

Arrive in Rome, Italy's Eternal City, where you are greeted by an A&K representative and transferred to your hotel. In the evening, join fellow guests for a special welcome dinner.

Boscolo Exedra Roma / Meals: D

DAYS 2-3: ROME / Ancient City & Holy See

Journey through history with a morning visit to the Imperial Roman Forum and the Colosseum. In the afternoon, explore the charming Campo de Fiori; the Piazza Navona and its remarkable Fountain of the Four Rivers; and the Pantheon, one of the most widely copied buildings in the Western world. Later, stop at the



iconic Trevi Fountain before taking in the Spanish Steps, which are said to comprise the widest stairway in Europe. The next day, explore Vatican City, where you view the magnificent Sistine Chapel with its legendary frescoes by Michelangelo, as well as St. Peter's Basilica. Tonight, venture out to Rome's Trastevere, where cobble-stone streets meet with labyrinth alleys, and where you join a welcoming local in her home for wine and a home-cooked feast.
Boscolo Exedra Roma / Meals: B L (Day 2); B D (Day 3)

DAYS 4-6: FLORENCE / *The Renaissance & Tuscany*
Travel north to the famed region of Tuscany and stop en route in medieval Siena. Here, your local expert introduces you to the Piazza del Campo, home of the famous Palio di Siena horse race. Dating back to the Middle Ages, the twice-yearly event honoring the Virgin Mary features a bareback horse race around the piazza. Continue to Florence, a vast and beautiful monument to the Renaissance and its art. The next day, in the company of a specialist art guide, visit the Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's *David*, and the Uffizi Gallery, home to some of the world's most important art treasures. On your last day, explore the Mercato Centrale market before participating in a three-hour culinary class, where your chef shares the secrets of Florentine cooking. *Hotel Brunelleschi / Meals: B D (Day 4); B (Day 5); B L (Day 6)*

DAY 7: LUCCA / *Roman Remnants*
Drive to Lucca, a city whose history predates the Roman Empire. Explore its historic center, its streets still mirroring the plan imposed by the Romans when they colonized the city. Continue on to your next destination, the stunning Italian Riviera.
Grand Hotel Portovenere / Meals: B D

DAY 8: CINQUE TERRE / *Beauty Along the Coast*
Discover the extraordinary beauty of the Cinque Terre ("Five Lands"), five scenic villages built along the steep coastal cliffs of Liguria on the Italian Riviera. See Manarola, a fishing village set amid terraced vineyards where you can walk to view the magical coast, and visit other villages nearby.
Grand Hotel Portovenere / Meals: B L

DAYS 9-10: VENICE / *Palaces & Canals*
Travelling by coach to Venice, stop en route to enjoy a private tasting of balsamic vinegar at a family-owned factory, with lunch to follow. Tonight, enjoy the incredible atmosphere at your boutique Venetian hotel set along the romantic Grand Canal. The next day, stroll through the famous Rialto Market before visiting St. Mark's Basilica, with its lavish decoration of marbles and golden mosaics, and the Doge's Palace. This evening, take in the atmosphere of a local *bàcaro* (wine bar) before gathering for a festive farewell dinner.
Hotel L'Orologio Venice / Meals: B L (Day 9); B D (Day 10)

DAY 11: DEPART VENICE
After breakfast, transfer to the airport and board your flight home. *Meals: B*

Amalfi Coast Pre-Tour Extension

4 days priced from \$2,495



DAY 1: Arrive in Vietri sul Mare, Italy. *Hotel Raito / Meals: D*
DAY 2: Visit a ceramics museum in Vietri sul Mare. Cruise the Amalfi Coast to Positano, then drive back along the famous coastal road. *Hotel Raito / Meals: B*
DAY 3: Marvel at the ancient Greek temples of Paestum. Meet a local organic mozzarella producer and learn how the cheese is made before enjoying a home-cooked meal at their farm. *Hotel Raito / Meals: B L*
DAY 4: Travel to Rome to join your main journey, stopping first in ancient Pompeii, which was buried in volcanic ash when Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD 79. *Meals: B L*
Available on all departures.

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Hotel L'Orologio Venice
A 42-room boutique hotel on the Grand Canal, near the Rialto Bridge.



Hotel Brunelleschi
Once the property of a Renaissance nobleman, now a contemporary haven.

Visit abercrombiekent.com for photos of all the hotels on this journey.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 22-Jun 1, Jun 5-15, Jun 19-29, Jun 26-Jul 6, Jul 3-13	\$7,495	\$3,195
Jul 17-27	\$6,995	\$2,995
Sep 4-14	\$7,495	\$3,195
Sep 25-Oct 5, Oct 2-12	\$7,295	\$3,095

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.
First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.
Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:15 p.m. on Day 10.
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Look out across the rolling Wye Valley, among Britain's most tranquil landscapes



Britain: Cornwall, Wales & the Cotswolds

10 days priced from \$5,795

Featuring London, Devon, Bath, the Cotswolds and Windsor
Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Journey from bustling London to the rambling English countryside on one captivating and comprehensive itinerary
- Spend two nights at Coombe Abbey, which dates back to 1150 and features picturesque grounds and a moat
- Stroll the streets of Georgian Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its Roman-built baths
- Enjoy private entry to Badminton House at the country home of the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort
- 17 meals, with 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 5 dinners

DAY 1: ARRIVE LONDON, ENGLAND

Arrive in London, where you are met and escorted to your city-center boutique hotel. Tonight, meet your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for a welcome dinner. *The Kensington / Meals: D*

DAY 2: LONDON / Great Britain's Riverside Metropolis

This morning, enjoy a panoramic tour of London. Discover Buckingham Palace, where the Queen has been known to deliver her signature wave; the Houses of Parliament with its beaming clock tower, Big Ben; the great Trafalgar Square; iconic Tower Bridge over the River Thames; and lively Piccadilly Circus in the city's West End. You also take a guided tour at the sprawling, storied British Museum. The remainder of the day is yours to spend at leisure. *The Kensington / Meals: B*



DAYS 3-4: DEVON & CORNWALL / Seeing Stonehenge
 Drive to Stonehenge, an ever-mysterious prehistoric monument. In Salisbury, visit its beautiful cathedral, topped by the tallest spire in the United Kingdom. After lunch at leisure, continue to your grand hotel in the Devonshire countryside, inside Dartmoor National Park. The following morning, visit Morwhellam Working Village in the Tamar Valley, to see blacksmiths plying their trade and learn about the history of Cornish mining. Drive through the picturesque countryside of Cornwall, stopping for a traditional pub lunch. This afternoon, visit Plymouth and the Mayflower Steps. *Bovey Castle / Meals: B D (Day 3); B L (Day 4)*



Privately tour Badminton House, enjoying an unforgettable experience right in the country home of the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort.

DAYS 5-6: BATH / A Journey Back to Roman Times
 Drive north to Bath this morning, stopping en route at Glastonbury Abbey, said to be the final resting place of King Arthur. Take time to appreciate the beautiful Georgian architecture and tour the Roman Baths museum, where well-preserved ruins and interpretive guides reveal what life was like in Roman times. The next day, set out for the charming Cotswolds, where you are invited to tour Badminton House, the private country estate of the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort. Sit down to lunch on the estate before continuing to the medieval town of Lacock. Explore the well-preserved town, which belongs to the National Trust and serves as the site of many film and television productions. Return to Bath for an evening at leisure. *The Gainsborough Bath Spa / Meals: B D (Day 5); B L (Day 6)*

DAYS 7-8: COVENTRY / Shakespeare's Birthplace
 Cross the Severn River this morning as you enter Wales. Drive along the beautiful Wye River valley, pausing en route at the ruins of Tintern Abbey, which inspired countless artists and poets across generations. Continue to the small Borders town of Ludlow, a center of the Welsh food "renaissance." Discover its charming streets and fine food before continuing to your historic country hotel — a former abbey surrounded by a moat, near Coventry. The next day, head to central Coventry, where you see the cathedral, destroyed in World War II and later reborn. Then, journey to nearby Stratford-upon-Avon, the home of William Shakespeare. Tour Shakespeare's birthplace before strolling the streets of the town and enjoying lunch. Continue to Anne Hathaway's Cottage before returning to your hotel. *Coombe Abbey / Meals: B D (Day 7); B L (Day 8)*

DAY 9: WINDSOR / The Queen's Castle
 Bid farewell to Coventry as you head south, stopping in Oxford for a guided walking tour, before arriving in Windsor. Tour its

castle, the largest occupied castle in the world, and an official residence of Her Majesty the Queen. After exploring the town, check in to your hotel opposite the castle gates. Tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner with the new friends you have made. *Macdonald Windsor Hotel / Meals: B D*

DAY 10: DEPART LONDON
 Transfer to the airport and board your flight. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Coombe Abbey
A fascinating 12th-century former monastery in Coventry's countryside, featuring opulent period decor and surrounded by a vast country park.



Bovey Castle
Elegant country residence set on a 275-acre private estate.



The Gainsborough Bath Spa
An impressive hotel with a renowned spa.



The Kensington
Stylish Victorian-era townhouse in buzzy South Kensington.



Macdonald Windsor Hotel
Reimagined historic townhouse just outside the gates of Windsor Castle.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 18-27, Jun 29-Jul 8, Jul 13-22, Sep 7-16, Oct 5-Oct 14	\$5,795	\$2,195

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.
 First group event: welcome briefing at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1.
 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.
 Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.



Wander the winding streets of fascinating Edinburgh

Scotland & Ireland: Stories & Legends

12 days priced from \$6,495
Featuring Edinburgh, Inverness, Belfast, Connemara and Dublin
Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Discover captivating cities, mountainous lands and coastlines, and incredible legends in two vibrant countries
- Sample Scotland's "water of life" on a visit to a Scotch whisky distillery and meet its craftsmen
- Explore the city of Belfast and visit Titanic Belfast, where the famous ship was built
- Experience the region's musical heritage with intimate performances in Scotland and Ireland
- 22 meals, with 11 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 7 dinners

DAY 1: ARRIVE EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

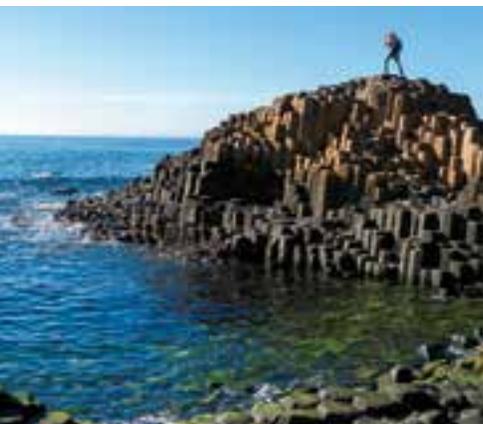
Arrive in bustling Edinburgh and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner. *The Glasshouse / Meals: D*

DAY 2: EDINBURGH / Castle and Crown Jewels

Tour Edinburgh Castle to view the magnificent Scottish Crown Jewels. Drive the Royal Mile, past St. Giles' High Kirk, to Holyrood Palace, Queen Elizabeth's official residence in Scotland (subject to closure for official events). *The Glasshouse / Meals: B*

DAY 3: ST. ANDREWS / Birthplace of Golf

Drive to St. Andrews, where you walk the legendary Old Course. Later, travel to Pitlochry for lunch at Hettie's Tearoom and time for shopping. Tonight, enjoy a festive dinner set to authentic Scottish dancing and bagpipe music. *Kingsmills Hotel / Meals: B L D*



DAYS 4-5: INVERNESS / Heart of the Highlands

Travel to the rugged North Sea coast of the Highlands. Explore the richly adorned Dunrobin Castle and witness falconry in its gardens. Visit the Dalmore whisky distillery, tasting the spirit and meeting with its makers. The next morning, travel to Culloden Moor, where the Jacobite army was defeated in 1746. Cruise the enigmatic waters of Loch Ness, stopping to explore Urquhart Castle and returning along its pretty southern shore. View the cascading Falls of Foyers before returning for dinner at a local restaurant. *Kingsmills Hotel / Meals: B (Day 4); B D (Day 5)*



Unwind when you visit and enjoy a tasting at the Dalmore distillery, set in the lush Highlands and housing some of the oldest whisky stocks in the world.

DAYS 6-7: BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

The 'Titanic' & Giant's Causeway

This morning, fly to Belfast for a close look at the history of this rapidly changing city. Take a self-guided tour at the interactive Titanic Museum, which features artifact-laden galleries and an ocean exploration exhibit. Next, explore Belfast with a local expert who shares insight into the turbulent history of Northern Ireland. Later, quench your thirst at a historic local brewery, where you enjoy a tour and dinner. The next day, visit the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and partake in an Irish breadmaking demonstration before lunch. Return to Belfast along the Antrim Coast road, one of Europe's most scenic drives. *Culloden Estate & Spa / Meals: B L D (Day 6); B L (Day 7)*

DAY 8: ARMAGH / The Living Past

Depart Belfast for Armagh and see the Two Cathedrals, seats of both Protestantism and Catholicism in Northern Ireland. Then, experience the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh, a fascinating tribute to the strength of the bonds between Ireland and America through the centuries. Tonight, check in to your castle hotel in the Republic of Ireland. *Markree Castle / Meals: B D*

DAY 9: WESTPORT, IRELAND / Wild Connemara

Drive this morning to the charming town of Ballina and see the Dolmen of the Four Maols, a stone tomb that dates back to the Celtic period. Continue through the beautiful landscapes of the Connemara countryside to Westport. Over lunch in a cozy pub, enjoy a true Irish *cèilidh* (musical gathering) in this home of traditional music. *Markree Castle / Meals: B L D*

DAY 10: STROKESTOWN / The Famine Years

Visit 18th-century Strokestown Park House for a private tour. While there, explore the Irish National Famine Museum for insight into this sad chapter of the nation's history. Visit Ireland's oldest distillery, Kilbeggan, for a tour and tasting before continuing to your hotel in Dublin. *Dylan Hotel / Meals: B*

DAY 11: DUBLIN / St. Patrick's Cathedral

Explore Dublin this morning, visiting Trinity College to view the eighth-century Book of Kells, one of the most famous illustrated manuscripts in the world. Continue to the fascinating Casino Marino, a jewel of Neoclassical architecture. Spend an afternoon exploring Dublin at leisure, and then gather for a memorable farewell dinner. *Dylan Hotel / Meals: B D*

DAY 12: DEPART DUBLIN

Transfer to the airport and board your flight. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Markree Castle

Built in 1802, the traditional seat of the Cooper dynasty and now a family-run luxury hotel with 30 guest rooms.



The Glasshouse

Boutique 77-room property housed in a former church.



Culloden Estate & Spa

Secluded, intimate property with a spa and gourmet dining.



Dylan Hotel

Luxury rooms at a hip boutique hotel with a sleek cocktail bar.



Kingsmills Hotel

Boutique 18th-century hotel with tastings at its whisky bar.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 14-25, May 21-Jun 1, Jun 25-Jul 6, Jul 9-Jul 20, Jul 23-Aug 3, Aug 20-31, Sep 3-14, Sep 17-28, Oct 8-19	\$6,495	\$2,295

Internal Airfare: Economy class from \$230 (Inverness/Belfast)

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.
 First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.
 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 11.
 Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Thrill over the impressive plumes of Strokkur Geyser



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Featuring Reykjavík, Ranga, Húsafell and Siglufjörður
Limited to 24 guests, with a Resident Tour Director



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Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Discover the north, south and west of Iceland, exploring the island's fascinating geology, culture and contrasts
- Experience an artisan workshop with a traditional craftsman who fashions knives and swords as the Vikings once did
- Drive on Europe's second largest glacier before descending into man-made ice tunnels for an unparalleled look deep inside
- Swim in a thermal swimming pool overlooking the sea in Hofsós
- Cruise the northern coast to spot myriad whale species
- 19 meals, with 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 6 dinners

DAY 1: ARRIVE REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Arrive in Reykjavík and transfer to your modern boutique hotel in the city center. Tonight, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner.
Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre / Meals: D

DAY 2: REYKJAVÍK / True Cosmopolitan Capital

Spend the day exploring both the contemporary and traditional sides of this cultured coastal capital. Start with a visit to a small workshop, where a local craftsman reveals the tradition of Nordic knife-making. Continue to the National Museum of Iceland; Hallgrímskirkja church, with its basalt lava flow-inspired design; and Icelandic design shops. Take a private tour of the Harpa, a new performance center, and then venture out of town to the Hellisheidi Power Plant. A guided tour takes you through one of the largest geothermal power plants in the world, this one harnessing



energy from three volcanic systems. Continue to your rustic 51-room hotel in the countryside. *Hotel Ranga / Meals: B D*

DAYS 3-4: RANGA & SOUTH ICELAND / Forces of Nature
After breakfast, embark on a Super Jeep tour through Thórsmörk, a vast forested nature preserve webbed with glacial rivers — some of which you cross in the hands of skilled driver-guides. The next day, drive the exotic, photogenic south shore, stopping to explore waterfalls, black sand beaches and glaciers. Visit the family-run Thorvaldseyri Volcano Museum and the Skogar Folk Museum. *Hotel Ranga / Meals: B L (Day 3); B D (Day 4)*



Discover a unique organic farm and enjoy a freshly prepared lunch at a progressive geothermal greenhouse in Iceland, one of the world's "greenest" countries.

DAY 5: HÚSAFELL & WEST ICELAND / Saga Sites
Visit Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where the Vikings established the world's first democratic parliament. Continue to Friðheimar, a geothermally heated organic greenhouse, for a tour and freshly prepared lunch. Next, visit the regularly erupting Strokkur geyser and stunning Gullfoss, where milky green glacial water plummets down Iceland's most famous waterfall. Dine tonight at your sustainable boutique hotel surrounded by Icelandic nature. *Hotel Husafell / Meals: B L D*

DAY 6: HÚSAFELL & WEST ICELAND / Langjökull Ice Cap
Begin today's adventure at Deildartunguhver, the highest-flow hot spring in Europe, followed by stops at Hraunfossar and fabled Barnafoss waterfalls. After lunch, ride in a specially equipped eight-wheel truck on the colossal Langjökull ice cap — Europe's second-largest glacier — which, at its highest point, sits 4,760 feet above sea level. Descend into man-made tunnels carved deep into the glacier, exploring stages of glacial formation, blue-hued dens, and even a restaurant and chapel. *Hotel Husafell / Meals: B L*

DAYS 7-8: SIGLUFJÖRÐUR & NORTH ICELAND / The Sea
Journey to Siglufjörður, stopping en route at Skagafjörður Heritage Museum followed by lunch in quaint Blönduós. Continue to Hofsós for a dip in a thermal swimming pool, set on a hillside overlooking the sea, and designed by the same architect behind Iceland's Blue Lagoon. Dinner tonight is at your new boutique hotel in the heart of a small fishing village. Icelandic waters are home to some 20 species of whale. Seek them out the next day in Dalvík on a whale-watching cruise. Enjoy time at leisure to explore pretty Siglufjörður. *Siglo Hotel / Meals: B D (Day 7); B (Day 8)*

DAY 9: AKUREYRI & REYKJAVÍK / Coastal Culture
Venture to Akureyri, Iceland's buzzy small city on the north coast. Visit its botanical gardens, among the northernmost of its

kind and home to over 400 species of native flora. After lunch, explore the beautiful old town on a walking tour. Depart for the airport and fly to Reykjavík, where you check in to your hotel. Tonight, your farewell dinner features traditional Icelandic dishes. *Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre / Meals: B L D*

DAY 10: DEPART REYKJAVÍK
This morning, enjoy breakfast before your flight home. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Hotel Husafell
Near Langjökull Glacier, a modern, eco-friendly 36-room hotel set in nature with geothermal baths.



Siglo Hotel
Find classic Nordic style in a new 68-room boutique hotel on the wharf of a traditional fishing village.



Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre
Once a historic factory, now a chic hotel in an excellent central location.



Hotel Ranga
On the banks of the Ranga River, a 51-room wilderness lodge featuring modern Scandanavian design.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 28-Jun 6, Jun 20-29, Jul 27-Aug 5, Aug 23-Sep 1, Sep 13-22	\$10,995	\$2,495

Internal Airfare: Economy class from \$300 (Akureyri/Reykjavik)

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements. Minimum age is 10 years old. First group event: welcome briefing at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9. Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 4 guests. May 28 and Jul 27 departures operate in reverse. Contact A&K for details.

NEW!

Experience twinkling Zermatt and views of the majestic Matterhorn



Switzerland & the Italian Lakes

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Featuring Zurich, Lucerne, Interlaken, Zermatt and Stresa
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Boutique Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Experience the marvels of the Alps on a journey encompassing the best of Alpine Switzerland and Italy
- Arrive in Zermatt in style with first-class seating on the Glacier Express
- Savor famously smooth Swiss chocolate during a tasting workshop at Lindt chocolatier
- Travel on one of the only cable cars in the world with an outdoor viewing deck
- Enjoy a private farewell dinner on beautiful Isola Bella in Lake Maggiore
- 19 meals, with 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners

DAY 1: ARRIVE ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

Upon arrival in Zurich, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome briefing followed by dinner.
Hotel Storchen / Meals: D

DAY 2: ZURICH / Chocolate Workshop

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Zurich this morning, including a visit to the city's Watch and Clock Museum. After time for lunch at leisure, gather for a sweet finish with a chocolate workshop at Lindt. *Hotel Storchen / Meals: B*



DAY 3: LUCERNE / *Peaks of the Alps*

This morning, travel to Lucerne, on the shores of its beautiful lake, and stroll the streets of this medieval jewel. This evening, ascend the slopes of the Stanserhorn on the world's first cable car with an open observation deck on top. Enjoy dinner surrounded by the matchless beauty of the Swiss Alps before descending back to Lucerne. *Art Deco Hotel Montana / Meals: B D*



Learn the history of Switzerland's iconic alphorn at a private demonstration, and take a turn at playing one yourself.

DAY 4: BERN / *Hands-on with the Alphorn*

Drive to Bern and discover its charms on a morning walking tour. Have lunch in a local restaurant and stroll the streets before a real Swiss treat — a lesson in the history of the famous alphorn, with a chance to try your hand at playing one. Return to Lucerne for an evening at leisure. *Art Deco Hotel Montana / Meals: B L*

DAY 5: INTERLAKEN & BRIENZ / *Beauty of the Lakes*

Cross the Brünig Pass to beautiful Interlaken, so-named for to its location between the Brienersee and Thunersee lakes. Enjoy a tour of this idyllic lakeside getaway, and time for lunch and exploration on your own. This afternoon, pause in Brienz, a center of Swiss woodcarving, and learn more about this traditional craft. *Art Deco Hotel Montana / Meals: B*

DAYS 6-7: ZERMATT / *All Aboard the Glacier Express*

Begin your day with a scenic cruise along Lake Lucerne, taking you through four of Switzerland's 26 cantons (states). After disembarking, board the famous Glacier Express and settle into your first-class carriage to enjoy lunch as you traverse the majestic scenery, arriving in the mountain town of Zermatt. The next day, join your group to ride the Gornergrat Railway to a height of 10,135 feet for spectacular views over the Alps, the Gorner Glacier and the Matterhorn. After lunch, descend to Zermatt for a microbrewery tour. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. *Schlosshotel Zermatt / Meals: B L D (Day 6); B L (Day 7)*

DAYS 8-9: STRESA, ITALY / *Shores of Lake Maggiore*

A short train ride takes you out of Zermatt today. Pause just down the valley in Brig to tour the Stockalper Palace and enjoy lunch, and then cross the Simplon Pass to the Italian Lakes District and the beautiful resort of Stresa, nestled on the shores of Lake Maggiore. Settle into your palatial hotel before a fine dinner. The next morning, relax and enjoy the facilities of your hotel, stroll the local market in Stresa, or just sit in a café and watch the world go by. After lunch, board a private boat for a tour of Lake Maggiore and its islands.

Regina Palace Hotel / Meals: B L D (Day 8); B (Day 9)

DAY 10: ORTA SAN GIULIO / *Monastery Visit*

Drive to nearby Orta San Giulio, a charming medieval town named for the lake on which it sits. Take a boat to the island of San Giulio to see its Benedictine monastery and church, before returning to Stresa. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow guests on beautiful Isola Bella in Lake Maggiore, as the sun sets over the surrounding mountains.

Regina Palace Hotel / Meals: B D

DAY 11: DEPART MILAN

Transfer this morning to Milan Malpensa airport for your onward travel. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Hotel Storchen
A 66-room boutique treasure located on the bank of the Limmat River.



Art Deco Hotel Montana
Stylish, elegant retreat with outstanding views of the nearby lake and city.



Schlosshotel Zermatt
A lovely 49-room hotel centrally located in Zermatt, just paces from the train station and main street.



Regina Palace Hotel
Beautiful Belle Époque hotel on Lake Maggiore featuring authentic period pieces in each room.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 13-23, May 20-30, Jun 17-27, Jul 15-25, Sep 9-19, Sep 16-26, Oct 7-17	\$8,495	\$2,595

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.
 First group event: welcome briefing at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1.
 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 10.
 Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.



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Discover your destination through these authentic experiences.

- Discover storied cities in Central Europe during a journey through Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic
- Explore the scenic Bavarian Alps region, seeing Ludwig II's Neuschwanstein Castle and the village of Oberammergau
- Sample the local flavors when you visit a cheese factory and a family-owned Bavarian brewery
- Visit Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg and enjoy a private violin performance
- Take a look inside the region's World War II history, paying visits to Hitler's wartime getaway, the new Documentation Center in Munich and the Mathausen Concentration Camp Memorial
- 18 meals, with 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners



DAY 1: ARRIVE MUNICH, GERMANY

Arrive in Munich, where you are met and transferred to your family-owned hotel in the heart of the city. Tonight, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner. *Platzl Hotel / Meals: D*

DAY 2: MUNICH / *Discovering the City*

Meet your local expert guide and set out on a morning tour of Munich, which includes the majestic Frauenkirche Cathedral. After an authentic German lunch, visit the new Documentation Center, which offers insight into Munich's complex past. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. *Platzl Hotel / Meals: B L*

DAY 3: NEUSCHWANSTEIN / *Alpine Splendor*

Delve deeper as you travel overland into the Alpine region of Southern Bavaria, pausing at the rococo-style Wieskirche. Tour King Ludwig's fairy-tale-like castle at Neuschwanstein, the inspiration for the castle in Disney's *Sleeping Beauty*. Continue to the village of Oberammergau, famed for its traditional woodcarvings as well as the *Passion Play*, performed since 1634 and taking place every ten years. *Platzl Hotel / Meals: B*



Delight in a private violin concert in the town of Mozart's birth, performed just for you at the Salzburg Museum.

DAYS 4-6: SALZBURG, AUSTRIA / *The Sound of Music*

Travel to Ayinger, home to one of the over 600 breweries in Bavaria, and tour a family-owned brewery for a beer tasting and traditional Bavarian lunch. Continue to a cheese factory, where you take a tour and sample its wares. Cross into Austria this afternoon and arrive at your resort hotel overlooking scenic Lake Fuschl. The following day, an expert local guide introduces you to lovely Salzburg, setting for *The Sound of Music*. See Mozart's birthplace, and then attend an exclusive violin concert at the nearby Salzburg Museum. The next day, travel to Berchtesgaden, site of Hitler's mountaintop house, the Eagle's Nest. Ascend by his custom elevator, built into the mountain. From atop, take in the views over Austria and Germany. This afternoon, drive through the scenic countryside of the Salzkammergut region, filled with sparkling lakes and quaint villages. Stop in the lakeside town of Mondsee before returning to your hotel.

Schloss Fuschl / Meals: B L D (Day 4); B (Day 5); B D (Day 6)

DAY 7: ČESKÝ KRUMLOV, CZECH REPUBLIC / *Radiant City*

Travel to the town of Mauthausen, site of one of Austria's most infamous concentration and labor camps. A guided tour lends insight into this poignant history. After lunch, continue into the Czech Republic and arrive at Český Krumlov, where you explore the city with a local guide. Visit the castle before continuing to the Old Town and your boutique hotel, a former Jesuit dormitory brimming with archways and frescoes. *Hotel Růže / Meals: B L D*

DAYS 8-9: PRAGUE / *The Winding Lanes of Old Town*

Skirt the Vltava River to beautiful Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. After lunch by the river, tour the city's Old Town. Wander its winding cobblestoned lanes and into its Jewish Quarter, birthplace of Franz Kafka. See the Gothic Town Hall in Old Town Square, famous for its astronomical clock. Visit the Jewish Museum, which houses the largest collection of Judaica in Europe, along with the Jewish Cemetery. Check in to your sleek boutique hotel in the heart of the city. The following day,

visit Prague's Castle District and the stunning, Baroque Strahov Monastery, where you take a private tour of the ornate library. Tonight, join your Resident Tour Director for a farewell dinner to mark the end of a memorable journey.

Hotel Cosmopolitan Prague / Meals: B L (Day 8); B D (Day 9)

DAY 10: DEPART PRAGUE

Transfer to the airport and board your flight. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Schloss Fuschl

An expansive and luxurious lakeside castle resort built in 1450, complete with views and an elegant spa.



Hotel Růže

Original frescoes color this ornate hotel, a former 16th-century Jesuit abbey set in old Český Krumlov.



Platzl Hotel

Set in the heart of Munich, with a fine-dining restaurant and traditional sausage house.



Hotel Cosmopolitan Prague

New boutique hotel opened in a historic building, perfectly situated near shopping and restaurants.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Jun 8-17, Aug 31-Sep 9*, Sep 7-16, Oct 12-21,** Oct 26-Nov 4	\$5,295	\$1,995

*Days 8-9 at Art Nouveau Palace Hotel

**Days 1-3 at Hotel München Palace; Days 8-9 at Art Nouveau Palace Hotel

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.

First group event: welcome briefing at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:15 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Delight in the color and charm of fascinating Tallinn



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- Discover four countries, including little-known but fascinating Baltic gems, and Finnish design-forward legend, Helsinki
- Visit three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the deeply storied, culture-heavy Old Towns of Vilnius and Riga
- Take an entertaining tour of Latvia's architectural gem, Rundāle Palace, complete with ghost stories and extravagant gardens
- Explore Riga's National Opera House during an exclusive backstage visit
- Join an Estonian sculptor for a master class at his gallery
- Discover the history of modern Finnish design on a visit to the Iittala & Arabia Design Center
- 19 meals, with 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners



DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

Land in Lithuania's capital city of Vilnius and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner. The next day, discover the city's gems with a tour through its Old Town — a UNESCO World Heritage Site — the Baroque Church of St. Peter and Paul, and the Gates of the Dawn, Vilnius' only surviving city gate. Called the "Jerusalem of Lithuania" for its strong Jewish influence, explore Vilnius' tragic past when you pay an important visit to Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum, largely the creation of local Holocaust survivors. Later, visit the Amber Museum-Gallery to learn

about the harvesting and processing of “Baltic Gold.” Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Radisson Blu Royal Astorija Hotel / Meals: D (Day 1); B (Day 2)

DAYS 3–5: RIGA, LATVIA / Stunning Cosmopolitan City
 Today, journey overland to Riga, making notable stops along the way. Visit the Hill of Crosses, a moving Lithuanian pilgrimage site; explore Bauska’s ancient castle complex; enjoy a theatrical tour of Rundāle Palace; and pay a meaningful visit to the Salaspils memorial. Arrive in Riga, where you check in to your newly opened design hotel in Riga’s Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Gather for dinner at a local restaurant. The next day, embark on a captivating tour of the Old Town, sprawling Riga Central Market and the incredible Art Nouveau District, a testament to the city’s boom at the height of this flamboyant movement. Learn more about it on a visit to the Riga Art Nouveau Museum. Later, enjoy an exclusive backstage tour of the esteemed Latvian National Opera House. The rest of your evening is at leisure to explore this rich capital city. On your last day, go beyond the city as day-tripping Latvians do to enchanting Sigulda National Park. See the Gauja Valley, and explore the ruins of Sigulda Castle and other medieval fortresses with a local guide.

Pullman Riga Old Town / Meals: B D (Day 3); B (Day 4); B L (Day 5)



Invoke your inner artist during a master class with renowned Estonian sculptor Tauno Kangro, whose work has appeared in exhibits around the world.

DAYS 6–8: TALLINN, ESTONIA / Medieval & Modern
 Drive to Tallinn, Estonia, stopping en route in Tartu. Enjoy a guided tour of this timeless provincial capital, stopping for a local lunch. Check in to your hotel in Tallinn and, later, gather for dinner. The next day offers a deep dive into this fascinating city. Tour its two-tiered Old Town, see Toompea Castle and Tall Herman’s Tower, visit Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, and stand before the storybook medieval walls of Tallinn. Relax on a private cruise, enjoying lunch while sailing through Tallinn harbor. Continue your tour of Tallinn the next day when you visit the lavish Kadriorg Palace, designed for Peter the Great by Italian architect Niccolò Michetti; also see Kadriorg Park and the Song Festival Grounds. Venture to Kumu, the city’s hyper-modern art museum housing the largest repository of Estonian art. Later, enjoy a master class at the gallery of Estonian sculptor Tauno Kangro. Share the day’s highlights over dinner at a local restaurant.

My City Hotel / Meals: B L D (Day 6); B L (Day 7); B D (Day 8)

DAYS 9–11: HELSINKI, FINLAND / Legendary Coastal Queen
 Cruise in business class on a fast ferry bound for Finland. Upon arrival in Helsinki, embark on a tour of this cutting-edge Scandinavian capital wrapped in coastlines. Ride a ferry to

the inhabited sea fortress of Suomenlinna, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Check in to your historic hotel in the heart of the city and enjoy a night at leisure. Finnish traditions beckon you the next day. Visit the medieval city of Porvoo, now buzzing with craft shops and colorful buildings. Tour this ancient trading post with your local guide. After time for lunch, continue to the Iittala Arabia Design Center to discover the history of this iconic Finnish brand. Return to Helsinki for a festive farewell dinner. On the last day, board your flight home.

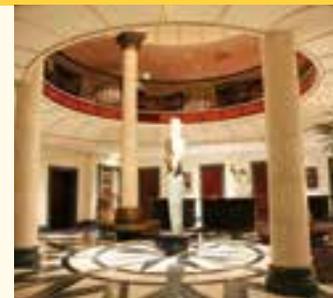
Hotel Haven / Meals: B L (Day 9); B D (Day 10); B (Day 11)

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey’s unique hotels.



Pullman Riga Old Town
Newly opened in a historic 1789 building, a modern hotel with a full spa and prime Old Town location.



Hotel Haven
Enjoy Scandinavian design and an intimate setting right on the waterfront.



Radisson Blu Royal Astorija Hotel
Modern style set in a 1901 Baroque building in Vilnius’ Old Town.



My City Hotel
Dressed in favorite pieces from the owner’s Italian art collection, with 68 rooms in Tallinn’s Old Town.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 27–Jun 6, Jun 24–Jul 4, Jul 22–Aug 1, Aug 26–Sep 5, Sep 16–26, Oct 7–17	\$4,395	\$1,395

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.
 First group event: welcome briefing at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1.
 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 10.
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- *Uncover Eastern Europe's hidden gem on a comprehensive itinerary in Poland, ending in neighboring Prague*
- *Discover the history of Warsaw from its early glories to the Warsaw Rising of World War II*
- *Descend into the stunning Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site*
- *Relive a dark chapter of Poland's past with a visit to Auschwitz*
- *Tour the Staropramen Brewery in Prague and sample its famous brews*
- *18 meals, with 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners*

DAY 1: ARRIVE WARSAW, POLAND

Arrive in Warsaw, the capital of Poland, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome briefing followed by dinner. *Polonia Palace Hotel / Meals: D*

DAY 2: WARSAW / Baroque Highlights

This morning, set out for a guided tour of Warsaw's highlights, including the 14th-century Cathedral of Saint John and the Royal Castle, a symbol of Polish statehood. After lunch, visit Wilanow Palace and Gardens, the former Polish royal residence. Explore the city at your leisure this afternoon. *Polonia Palace Hotel / Meals: B L*

DAY 3: WARSAW / History of Resistance

This morning, visit the Rising Museum, which commemorates



the Polish resistance to Nazi occupation. Enjoy lunch and an afternoon on your own. Tonight, enjoy a private piano performance with a glass of sparkling wine at the Szuster Palace.
Polonia Palace Hotel / Meals: B D



Spend a special evening at Szuster Palace, sipping sparkling wine and enjoying a private piano concert featuring the works of Chopin, Warsaw's native son and Poland's greatest composer.

DAY 4: CZESTOCHOWA / Icon of the Madonna
 Drive to Czestochowa, where you visit the monastery of Jasna Gora, home of the Black Madonna, a painting that has drawn countless reverent visitors over the centuries. After lunch, proceed to Krakow and check in to your hotel. This evening, dinner is paired with a presentation of traditional Polish music and dance. *Hotel Copernicus / Meals: B L D*

DAY 5: KRAKOW / Stunning Salt Caverns
 This morning, explore Krakow, one of the oldest and most beautiful cities of Eastern Europe. Its centerpiece is the magnificent Market Square, the largest of its kind in Europe. You may also enjoy a visit to St. Mary's Church with its famous Baroque 15th-century altar. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore the remarkable Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most stunning sites in Europe. Descend 150 feet by private elevator and explore the network of chambers and lakes that have been carved out over the centuries.
Hotel Copernicus / Meals: B L

DAY 6: AUSCHWITZ / Echoes of the Holocaust
 This morning, visit the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, preserved as a memorial for the 1.5 million people of 28 nationalities who perished here. Explore the stone buildings of Auschwitz with your specialist guide, who brings to life the everyday horrors experienced by those who were brought here. Return to your hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure.
Hotel Copernicus / Meals: B

DAY 7: OLOMOUC, CZECH REPUBLIC / Historic City
 Depart Krakow for the historic riverside town of Olomouc for a short walking tour; its Holy Trinity Column is a spectacular Baroque monument and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to Prague. *Hotel Cosmopolitan Prague / Meals: B D*

DAY 8: PRAGUE / Jewish Quarter & Town Hall
 Visit the Jewish Museum, home of Europe's largest collection of Judaica, and the Jewish Cemetery. Explore Old Town; the Jewish Quarter, birthplace of Franz Kafka; and Old Town Square's Gothic Town Hall with its fascinating astronomical clock. Later, enjoy a sample and tour at Staropramen Brewery, the second largest in the country. *Hotel Cosmopolitan Prague / Meals: B L*

DAY 9: PRAGUE / Baroque & Gothic Treasures
 In Prague's Castle District, privately visit the Baroque library halls of the Strahov Monastery, and view its incredible frescoes. Admire the religious artifacts at the Loreto Chapel, as well as the towering, Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Gather for your farewell dinner. *Hotel Cosmopolitan Prague / Meals: B D*

DAY 10: DEPART PRAGUE
 Transfer this morning to the airport for your onward travel.
Meals: B

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Polonia Palace Hotel
A beautiful architectural monument in central Warsaw, this Beaux Arts-style hotel built in 1913 was the only hotel in the capital to survive World War II.



Hotel Copernicus
Five-star opulence on Krakow's oldest street, formerly a church residence and today featuring authentic historical detail alongside modern luxuries.



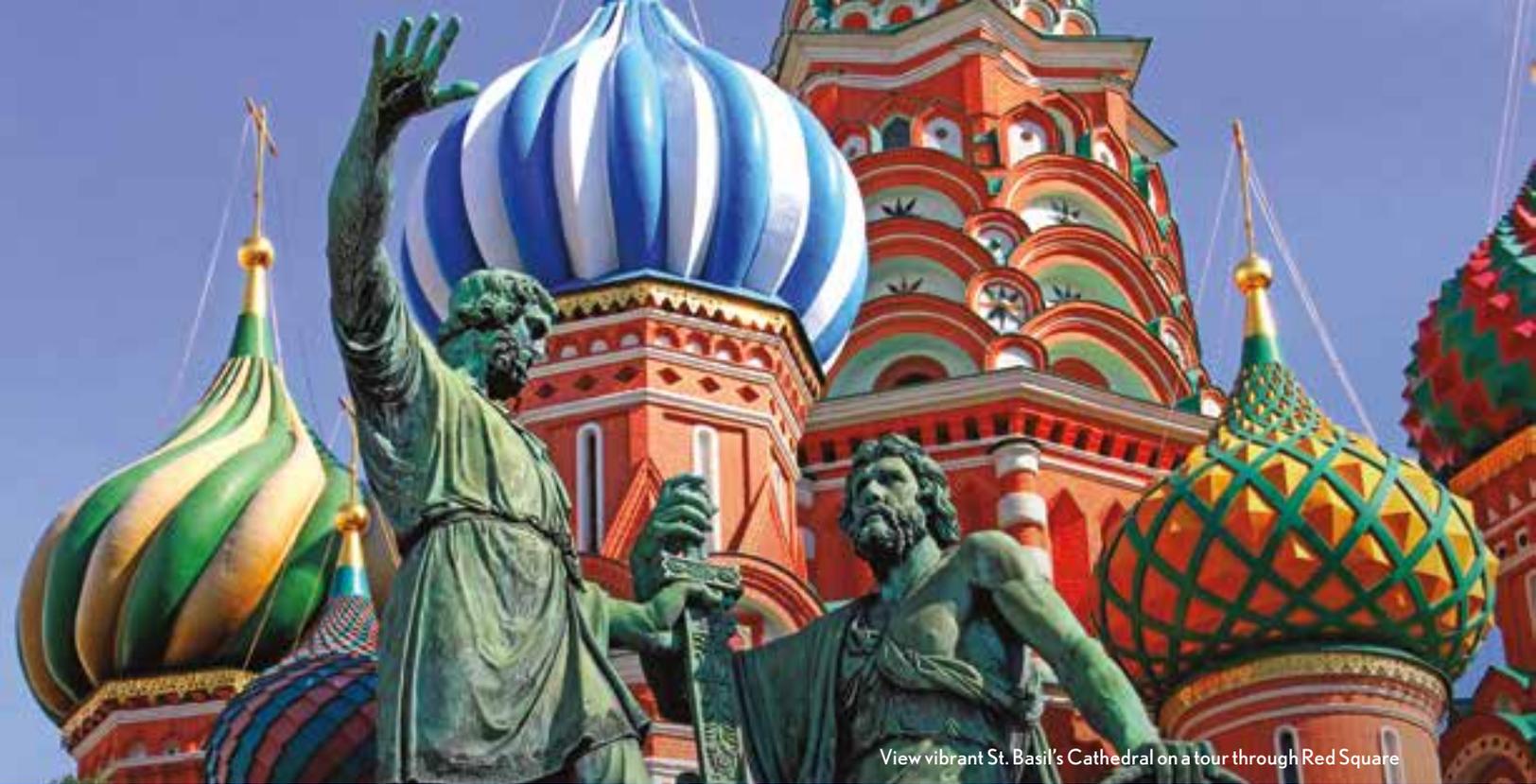
Hotel Cosmopolitan Prague
Stylish boutique hotel in the heart of Prague, housed in a Belle Époque townhouse and refreshed with contemporary design.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 18-27, Jun 22-Jul 1	\$4,395	\$1,495
Jul 6-15, Jul 27-Aug 5, Aug 17-26	\$3,995	\$1,395
Sep 14-23, Sep 28-Oct 7	\$4,395	\$1,495

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.
 First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.
 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.
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- Explore medieval Suzdal and have lunch with a local family
- Enjoy a talk by a Russian scholar on Russia's past and present
- Avoid the crowds with before-hours visits to the Kremlin Armory Museum, Peterhof and the Hermitage
- Listen to a choir performance in Moscow's magnificent Church of St. Nicholas
- Meet Zoya Belyakova, an expert on the Romanovs, to learn about the fascinating history of Russia's last ruling dynasty
- 19 meals, with 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners

DAY 1: ARRIVE MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Upon arrival in Moscow, transfer to your hotel. This evening, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner. *Metropol Hotel / Meals: D*

DAY 2: MOSCOW / The Stately Capital

Tour Moscow, starting at the Kremlin, and beat the crowds with an exclusive before-hours visit to the State Armory. View its impressive collection of carriages, royal gala clothes and fabulous Fabergé eggs. Then, visit two Kremlin cathedrals: Assumption and Archangel. After lunch at a local restaurant, stroll Red Square to view Lenin's Tomb and St. Basil's Cathedral. See the



city from a different perspective when you ride the Moscow Metro, renowned for its ornate stations. *Metropol Hotel / Meals: B L*

DAY 3: MOSCOW / Russian Legends

This morning, explore the colorful Danilovsky farmer's market. Then, see the New Maiden Cemetery, final resting place of Chekhov and other noted figures. After lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy a talk by a Russian scholar. Later, visit the Tretyakov Gallery, one of Moscow's greatest treasures. Behind the gallery's whimsical façade lies the foremost collection of Russian fine art in the world. *Metropol Hotel / Meals: B L*

DAY 4: THE GOLDEN RING / Russia's Spiritual Heart

Leave the city for the Golden Ring, the circle of venerable cities northeast of Moscow. Visit Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius, the most important monastery in the Russian Orthodox Church. Continue to the old town of Suzdal, stopping to learn how the iconic Matryoshka dolls are made. Check in to your hotel and enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride before dinner. *Pushkarskaya Sloboda / Meals: B L D*



Discover the clever manufacturing processes behind the creation of Russia's iconic Matryoshka nesting dolls when you observe artisans at work in a traditional factory.

DAY 5: SUZDAL / Timeless Jewel

Explore Suzdal, often described as an open-air museum of Russian history. Eat lunch with a local family. Then, take a master class revealing the art of Suzdal's local ceramics. After some time at leisure, enjoy a revitalizing visit to an authentic Russian bath. *Pushkarskaya Sloboda / Meals: B L*

DAY 6: ST. PETERSBURG / Venice of the North

Pause in Vladimir on the way back to Moscow. Board a high-speed Sapsan train for the ride to St. Petersburg, the crowning glory of Peter the Great, arriving later in the evening. *Hotel Astoria / Meals: B D*

DAY 7: ST. PETERSBURG / Legacy of a Dynasty

Start the day with early, crowd-free access to the Hermitage, home to three million pieces of artwork. After lunch at a local restaurant, learn the history of the Romanovs when you meet with Zoya Belyakova, an expert on the subject. Cruise the city's canals and visit St. Isaac's Cathedral to marvel at its gilded dome, and the red granite columns that grace its façade. *Hotel Astoria / Meals: B L*

DAY 8: PETERHOF / Private Grand Palace Tour

Drive to Peterhof, summer estate of Peter the Great. Tour the Grand Palace, which is opened for you before official operating

hours. Return to St. Petersburg via hydrofoil and visit the fascinating Peter & Paul Fortress. *Hotel Astoria / Meals: B L*

DAY 9: PUSHKIN / Russia Past & Present

Travel to Tsarskoe Selo (the Tsar's Village), also called Pushkin. View Catherine Palace and the world-famous Amber Room, now restored to its original glory. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure, and tonight, join your fellow guests for a farewell dinner. *Hotel Astoria / Meals: B D*

DAY 10: DEPART ST. PETERSBURG

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Metropol Hotel

Fronting Revolution Square and the Bolshoi Theatre, this striking Moscow landmark once served as the headquarters of the Bolshevik party.



Pushkarskaya Sloboda

This charming collection of villas occupies a sunny stretch of riverfront in the heartland of Russia; welcoming guests with a relaxed, park-like atmosphere.



Hotel Astoria

Overlooking St. Isaac's Cathedral, this iconic St. Petersburg address boasts a fascinating guest registry including H.G. Wells and George W. Bush.

Dates & Pricing

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May 11-20, Jul 20-29	\$5,995	\$1,795
Aug 3-12, Aug 17-26, Aug 31-Sep 9, Sep 14-23, Oct 5-14, Oct 19-28	\$5,495	\$1,595

Journey Details

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- Discover China's most fascinating cities, exploring Beijing, ancient Xian and spectacular Shanghai, with stays in a curated collection of modern high-design hotels
- Venture off the beaten path to the less-visited, well-preserved Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China
- View the incredible Terra Cotta Warriors with an archaeologist
- Experience Shanghai's waterfront Bund on a walking tour with a local historian
- Learn the venerable art of tai chi in Shanghai
- 18 meals, with 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING, CHINA

Arrive in dynamic Beijing, China, and transfer to your stylish hotel in the historic district. *The PuXuan Beijing Hotel & Spa*

DAY 2: BEIJING / *The Great Wall of China*

Journey to the well-preserved Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China. See the wall from below and witness how it resembles the rolling spine of a dragon; then, walk or ride a cable car to the top for vistas of the surrounding mountains. After experiencing the largest of the New Seven Wonders of the World, return to your hotel, stopping en route to see sites from the 2008 Summer Olympics, such as the "Bird's Nest" and the "Water Cube." Return to your contemporary hotel and, tonight, enjoy a special welcome dinner. *The PuXuan Beijing Hotel & Spa* / Meals: B L D



DAY 3: BEIJING / Nexus of Power & Culture

Visit Tiananmen Square, the vast plaza and powerful seat of government, where a lone protester once faced down a line of tanks. Then, walk in the footsteps of rulers from long ago when you explore the mesmerizing Forbidden City, China's former imperial palace and now a vast museum housing the treasures of 24 emperors. After lunch at a local restaurant, sample the art scene in the 798 Art District, where you witness innovative works by China's avant garde. *The PuXuan Beijing Hotel & Spa / Meals: B L*



View the rows and rows of unearthed Terra Cotta Warriors with an on-site archaeologist, who reveals the mysteries of this ancient clay army.

DAYS 4-5: XIAN / Emperor Qin's Terra Cotta Warriors

Fly to Xian and enjoy lunch on arrival. Afterward, stop at the Xian Jingwen Cattle Culture Museum, where you have an opportunity to see the curator's private collection of precious relics. Check in to your hotel with time to relax. The next day, meet with an archaeologist during your visit to the excavation site of the Terra Cotta Warriors, a life-size clay army created under China's first emperor to protect him in his afterlife. Thousands of soldiers have been unearthed since the site's discovery in 1974, each bearing a unique face that speaks to the remarkable craftsmanship behind their creation. Your archaeologist provides insight into their fascinating story and shares the museum's latest discoveries. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure. *The Westin, Xian / Meals: B L D (Day 4); B L (Day 5)*

DAY 6: SHANGHAI / City of the Future

Fly to cosmopolitan Shanghai. After lunch at a local restaurant, get to know the city when you join a local historian for a guided walking tour of the Bund, the city's buzzy waterfront promenade. Next, ascend to the top of the Shanghai Tower for stunning views of hyper-illuminated Shanghai. High-style, vintage design and lush bamboo gardens greet you at your hotel, where you settle in for the night. *The PuLi Hotel & Spa / Meals: B L D*

DAY 7: SHANGHAI / Extraordinary Arts

Rise early as the locals do for an early-morning tai chi session at Jing An Park, led by a master in the art. Board a *sampan* in charming Zhujiyajiao, a traditional water village, and glide through its central canal lined with boutiques. Explore more of this fast-paced city during an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, attend a performance by the Shanghai Acrobatics Troupe, complete with dazzling feats of strength, balance and athleticism. *The PuLi Hotel & Spa / Meals: B*

DAY 8: SHANGHAI / Creative Culture Immersion

Dive into Shanghai's history when you visit the Urban Planning Exhibition Hall, then continue to the Shanghai Museum, famous

for its collection of bronzes and ceramics. Next, explore the 16th-century Yu Garden, with its picturesque pavilions and streams, cloaked in Ming history and the shade of Luohan pines. Stroll the streets of the Old Town — the original core of Shanghai — browsing its artisan stalls and myriad temples. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner at a trendy local restaurant.

The PuLi Hotel & Spa / Meals: B L D

DAY 9: DEPART SHANGHAI

Transfer to the airport and board your flight home. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



The PuLi Hotel & Spa

Beautiful bamboo gardens in the courtyard of this high-style hotel contrast clean lines, traditional Chinese design and a central Shanghai location.



The PuXuan Beijing Hotel & Spa

Stay near the Forbidden City in the heart of China's capital of Beijing at this modern new hotel, featuring a spa and two specialty restaurants.



The Westin, Xian

Contemporary rooms, a spa and the on-site Xian Qujiang Museum of Fine Arts, all in the heart of Xian's Qu Jiang New District.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Mar 22-30, Apr 5-13, Apr 19-27, May 10-18, Oct 11-19, Oct 25-Nov 2	\$4,495	\$1,695

Internal Airfare: Economy class from \$655 (Beijing/Xian/Shanghai)

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.
 First group event: welcome briefing at 8:00 a.m. on Day 2.
 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 8.
 Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.



Walk the Djemaa el-Fna in Marrakech, busy with vendors and artists

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Featuring Casablanca, Fez, Rabat and Marrakech

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Boutique Connections at a Glance

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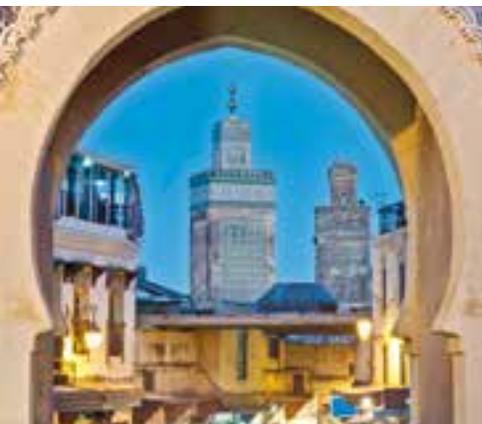
- Discover the full breadth of this diverse African country, exploring its historic cities and mountain villages, and meeting its welcoming Berber people
- Spend three nights in fascinating, action-packed Marrakech
- Explore Meknes and Volubilis, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites, to unveil Morocco's unique culture and past
- Experience Moroccan hospitality when you dine with a local family in their Marrakech home
- Get to know the local Berber people with a visit to their mountain village
- 16 meals, with 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners

DAY 1: ARRIVE CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your hotel. Gather tonight for a special welcome reception and dinner at a local restaurant.
Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche / Meals: D

DAY 2: CASABLANCA / Imperial Meknes

Explore the towering Hassan II Mosque, a wildly intricate building that holds 25,000 worshippers; an additional 80,000 can be accommodated in the squares around it. Soaring above the ocean, its minaret stands as the tallest religious structure in the world. Stop at the city of Meknes. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the imperial cities of Morocco, it was built in the



17th century by the powerful sultan Moulay Ismail to rival the court of Louis XIV. At day's end, arrive in the alluring city of Fez; find your boutique hotel just beyond the hustle and bustle on a scenic hilltop. *Hotel Sahrai / Meals: B L*

DAY 3: FEZ / *The Medieval City*

Step back in time into ancient and remarkably untouched Fez el-Bali ("Old Fez"), the cultural heart of Morocco. Wander among the 9,000 lanes, alleys and *souks* that comprise its old quarter, where locals conduct their day-to-day business. See an elaborate mosaic-tiled fountain in Nejjarine Square. Later, discover Fez el-Jadid ("New Fez"), built in the 13th century. Fez el-Jadid is home to the Mellah, the old Jewish quarter, with its wrought-iron-decorated windows and carved wood balconies. Tonight, dine at a traditional Moroccan *riad* with a special guest who shares insight into Moroccan life. *Hotel Sahrai / Meals: B L D*

DAY 4: RABAT / *Roman Ruins of Volubilis*

After breakfast, drive to Rabat, the capital of Morocco. En route, explore Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to Morocco's largest and best-preserved Roman ruins with excellently preserved mosaics. Arriving in Rabat, explore the 12th-century Moorish Hassan Tower, the incomplete minaret of a great mosque. View the mausoleum of Mohamed V, founder of modern Morocco, and visit Oudaya Kasbah. Set on a bluff over the Atlantic, its gate is considered among the most beautiful in the Moorish world. *Sofitel Rabat Jardin des Roses / Meals: B L*

DAY 5: MARRAKECH / *The "Red City"*

Travel overland today to Marrakech, arriving in the afternoon. Considered the "Pearl of the South," Marrakech was once the capital of an empire that stretched from Spain to Senegal, and is sometimes known as the "Red City" for the distinctive hues of its brick buildings. *Naoura Barrière Marrakech / Meals: B*



What better way to get to know someone than over a meal together? Find out in Marrakech, where a local family invites you into their home for dinner.

DAY 6: MARRAKECH / *Palaces and Performers*

Discover Marrakech's ancient medina, the old walled section of the city. Explore the Saadian Tombs displaying intricate stucco and Granada-style carvings, and the Dar Si Said (Museum of Moroccan Arts), a former palace. Continue to El Badi Palace and the 12th-century Koutoubia Minaret, the most perfect Islamic religious structure in North Africa. Stroll through Djemaa el-Fna square where fire-eaters, mime artists and street musicians perform. Return to your hotel by private horse-drawn carriage. This evening, enjoy a unique dining experience when you share a dinner with a local family. *Naoura Barrière Marrakech / Meals: B L D*

DAY 7: MARRAKECH / *Atlas Mountains*

Today, choose to remain in Marrakech or enjoy a full-day excursion to the High Atlas Mountains. Visit a picturesque village at Imlil Valley, meeting with local Berbers and visiting them in their homes. Your farewell dinner tonight is held at a charming traditional *riad*. *Naoura Barrière Marrakech / Meals: B L D*

DAY 8: DEPART MARRAKECH

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Hotel Sahrai

Boutique 50-room hotel on a hilltop between the New Town and Medina, with fantastic views of Fez.



Naoura Barrière Marrakech

Marrakech charm meets French luxury at this 85-room oasis with a central location near the Medina.



Sofitel Rabat Jardin des Roses

Vast gardens teeming with roses surround this beautiful, centrally located hotel, near the Royal Palace.



Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche

A modern high-rise in an ideal location, near the Medina and opposite the Hassan II Mosque.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Jan 20-27, Feb 3-10, Jul 7-14, Dec 1-8	\$2,995	\$1,195
Feb 17-24, Aug 25-Sep 1, Oct 13-20, Nov 17-24, Dec 22-29	\$3,295	\$1,195

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.

First group event: welcome dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 8:00 p.m. on Day 7.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.



Persia: A Tapestry of Ancient & Modern Iran

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 Featuring Tehran, Shiraz, Persepolis, Yazd and Isfahan
 Limited to 24 guests, with a Program Director



Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Immerse yourself in the rich and diverse Persian history, culture, art and religions of Iran – a land rarely experienced by American travellers
- Visit seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Eram Garden, Persepolis, Pasargadae and the Masjed-e Jamé (Friday Mosque) in Isfahan, a masterpiece of Iranian architecture
- Experience a performance featuring traditional Iranian musical instruments, followed by a discussion with local musicians
- Learn about the intricacies of Persian miniature art as you peer through a magnifying glass during a private demonstration with an artist and professor at the local university
- Explore Iran's iconic, colorfully hued tile work when you visit various famed mosques throughout the country
- 30 meals, with 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 9 dinners



DAY 1: ARRIVE TEHRAN, IRAN

Arrive in Tehran, where you are met by your A&K representative and transferred to your hotel.

Espinas International Hotel or Espinas Palace Hotel

DAY 2: TEHRAN / City of Museums

Set out to explore the bustling, cosmopolitan capital of Tehran, a mountain-fringed city replete with 7,000 years of Persian history.



Mingle with locals in the Meidan Emam (Imam Square) in Isfahan

Take a glimpse into its fascinating past when you view prehistoric and ancient artifacts at the National Museum of Iran, among them silver and bronze objects, manuscripts, and tiles from various post-Islamic periods. Pause for lunch before continuing to the ornate, textile-filled Carpet Museum of Iran, taking note of its Iwan-style entrance with Art Deco-style brickwork, as well as the extensive collection of old and new Persian carpets and rugs. Return to your hotel and spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Rejoin fellow guests this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at your hotel.

Espinas International Hotel or Espinas Palace Hotel / Meals: BLD

DAY 3: TEHRAN & SHIRAZ / *Priceless Relics*



Begin the day at the Reza Abbasi Miniature and Calligraphy Museum, where you gain insight into the arts of Persian pottery, miniature painting and calligraphy dating back to the second

millennium. Proceed to the breathtaking Golestan Palace complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the oldest historic monuments in Tehran. See its impressive Marble Throne Hall, the Shams-ol-Emareh (Sun Palace) and several of its other stunning galleries. At the National Jewelry Treasury — situated in the limited-access vaults of the Central Bank of Iran — marvel at the glimmering, priceless collection of crown jewels and gems. Transfer to the airport and board an evening flight to Shiraz. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Zandiyeh Hotel or Shiraz Grand Hotel / Meals: BLD

DAY 4: SHIRAZ / *The "City of Roses and Nightingales"*



Embark on a city tour of Shiraz, named for the wine once produced here.

Discover some of its idyllic, iconic gardens, which inspired others from Andalusia to India and beyond,

including historic Eram Garden, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built during the 13th century. Later, visit Madrassa Khan, an active theological school, where you may have the chance to interact with teachers and students. Also view the beautiful pink-tiled, 19th-century Nasir-ol-Molk Mosque; the garden-situated tomb of celebrated lyrical poet Hafez; and the Holy Shrine of Shah-e-Cheragh.

Zandiyeh Hotel or Shiraz Grand Hotel / Meals: BLD

DAY 5: PERSEPOLIS / *Ancient Archaeological Wonders*



Set out on a half-day excursion to one of the world's most important archaeological sites, Persepolis. Upon arrival in the expansive, ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid kings, see

remains of the palaces of Darius the Great, Xerxes and Artaxerxes, in addition to fabled bas-reliefs that depict kings, courtiers and gift-bearing representatives of the Persian Empire. Also, visit Naqsh-e Rostam to see the Kába-ye Zartosht (fire temple/sanctuary), Royal Tombs and seven magnificent Sasanian rock-reliefs, including one depicting Shapur the First's victory over Roman Emperor Valerian. Return to Shiraz this afternoon, with time at leisure. Then, gather with fellow guests for a private



View the spectacular interiors of the Nasir-ol-Molk Mosque (Pink Mosque) in Shiraz

visit to a Persian carpet shop to witness an ancient weaving demonstration, followed by the opportunity to browse.

Zandiyeh Hotel or Shiraz Grand Hotel / Meals: BLD

DAY 6: YAZD / *Discovering Pasargadae*



Drive to Yazd, stopping en route at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pasargadae, where you see the impressive tomb of Cyrus the Great, founder of the Persian Empire. Also, witness the remains of three palaces, set within the vast plain of Dasht-e-Morghab. Continue to the desert town of Abarkuh, observing its storied 4,000-year-old cypress tree before arriving in Yazd.

Moshir Al-Mamalek Garden Hotel or Dad Hotel / Meals: BLD

DAY 7: YAZD / *Towers of Silence, Temple of Fire*



Explore Yazd, the center for Iran's small Zoroastrian community. Visit one of the two abandoned Zoroastrian Towers of Silence, dating back to the 19th century.

Until some 50 years ago, the dead were carried here and left to decompose. See the active Zoroastrian Fire Temple, its fire burning for about 1,500 years. Then, visit the Friday Mosque, noting its minarets, the highest in Iran. Observe the town's beautiful old houses and the Dowlat-Abad Garden, an 18th-century hexagonal house with the highest *badgir* (wind-catcher) in Iran. Return to your hotel, where dinner is served this evening.

Moshir Al-Mamalek Garden Hotel or Dad Hotel / Meals: BLD

DAY 8: ISFAHAN / *Persian Marvels*



Spend the day driving to Isfahan, stopping en route in the mud-brick desert town of Meybod, to visit the crumbling Narein Castle dating back to Sasanian times. After taking in panoramic views of the town, visit an old ice house and intriguing pigeon house. Continue to Isfahan, and check in to your hotel. Later, gather with fellow guests for a private visit to a local gallery for a Persian miniature painting demonstration by an artist and professor at the local university.

Abbasi Hotel or Kowsar Hotel / Meals: BLD

DAY 9: ISFAHAN / *Visual Feast*



Embark on a full-day tour of picturesque Isfahan, the 17th-century capital of the Safavids. Visit the breathtaking Masjed-e Jāmé (Friday Mosque), the oldest congregational mosque in Iran. It stands as an impressive example of the evolution in mosque architecture, one spanning 12 centuries. Continue to the Armenian Quarter, site of the Vank Cathedral. After lunch, visit a local music museum, where you learn about ancient Iranian instruments, followed by an enriching, engaging demonstration by local musicians. Experience Chehel Sotoun, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, built by Shah Abbas II in the 17th century for entertaining and receptions. Witness its 20 wooden columns as they reflect in the surface of the pool, as well as magnificent artwork depicting famous battle scenes from Persian history.



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Discover the ancient art of Persian carpet weaving in Shiraz, where carpets made by weavers reflect geometric tribal designs.

Then, spend the remainder of the afternoon viewing some of Isfahan's most iconic bridges: Khajou double-decker bridge and Si-o-Seh Pol, with its 33 arches.

Abbasi Hotel or Kowsar Hotel / Meals: BLD

DAY 10: ISFAHAN / Spellbinding Architecture



Spend your final morning in Isfahan at the Meidan Emam, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover the Imam (Shah) Mosque, featuring brilliant, seven-color mosaic tiles; Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque,

showcasing magnificent architecture and tiles; and the Ali-Qapu Palace, known for its enchanting music rooms and balcony overlooking the famous square below. In the afternoon, explore the famed Qeisarieh Bazaar, which is filled with Isfahan's storied arts and handicrafts. This evening, attend a private farewell dinner at your hotel. *Abbasi Hotel or Kowsar Hotel / Meals: BLD*

DAYS 11-12: DEPART TEHRAN

This morning, drive to Tehran, stopping en route in Kashan. Upon arrival, visit the Tabatabāei mansion, a picturesque, 19th-century merchant's house offering the chance to see how the wealthy lived amid gracious courtyards with verdant gardens. Continue to Tehran, where a room awaits for you to enjoy prior to departing for the airport this evening or tomorrow morning.

Novotel Tehran Imam Khomeini International Airport / Meals: B (Day 11); B (Day 12)

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Abbasi Hotel

An ancient caravansary brimming with history and atmosphere.



Zandiyeh Hotel

A modern, 72-room boutique hotel in the heart of Shiraz.

Visit abercrombiekent.com for photos of all the hotels on this journey.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Mar 8-19, Apr 5-16, May 3-14, May 17-28, Aug 30-Sep 10, Oct 4-15	\$5,995	\$1,595

Internal Airfare: Economy Class from \$155 (Tehran/Shiraz)

Journey Details

Minimum age is 18 years old.

First group event: welcome reception at 9:00 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: arrival in Tehran at 6:30 p.m. on Day 11.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.



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- 16 meals, with 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners

DAY 1: ARRIVE CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

Arrive in Calgary, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, gather with your fellow guests for a cocktail reception and welcome dinner. *Fairmont Palliser Hotel / Meals: D*

DAY 2: LAKE LOUISE / Pristine Waters

Drive through the Bow Valley to Johnston Canyon, with its sheer walls, waterfalls, tunnels and pools. Stroll the interpretive walkway before heading to glacially fed Moraine Lake in Banff National Park. Later, experience a hands-on lesson in wildlife and landscape photography from a professional. Try your skills on one of the most beautiful lakes in the Canadian Rockies. Finish the day at your historic resort set on Lake Louise (5,740 feet).

Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise / Meals: B L D



DAY 3: LAKE LOUISE / Flora and Fauna

Travel through serene Yoho National Park, pausing to explore Takakkaw Falls, before proceeding to Emerald Lake, vibrantly colored by glacial sediment. Meet with your expert guide, who reveals the geological and natural forces behind this scenic lake, and describes the breathtaking natural surroundings and habits of the endangered grizzly bear. After lunch, weather permitting, view the Spiral Tunnel and Kicking Horse Natural Bridge. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Lake Louise at your own pace. *Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise / Meals: B L*

DAY 4: JASPER / Through the Ice Fields

Travel to the scenic Icefields Parkway for a full day of adventure. Set along the backbone of the Canadian Rockies and named after the area's sprawling ice fields, the parkway represents one of the world's great drives, offering wildlife sightings, and vistas of verdant forests and soaring peaks. See Crowfoot Glacier and the glacier-fed Peyto Lake. Stop at the massive Athabasca Glacier (7,000 feet) for an exciting ride across its surface on a specially designed vehicle. You also visit Sunwapta Falls, enjoying a barbecue lunch in a stunning, remote setting, before continuing to Jasper National Park and your iconic mountain lodge.

Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge / Meals: B L D

DAY 5: JASPER / Canyon Skyscrapers

Cruise along the mile-high Maligne Lake to the famous Spirit Island, a tiny islet surrounded by the towering snow-capped Rockies. You may opt to join your fellow guests for a guided hike through the Maligne Canyon, with its impressive 200-foot-tall limestone walls. Later, return to your lodge, where the remainder of your day is at leisure to enjoy its natural surroundings and amenities. *Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge / Meals: B D*



Join a professional photographer for an enriching hands-on lesson in the art of wildlife and landscape photography, right out in the field.

DAY 6: BANFF / Canada's Stunning First National Park

Today, stop for photos of Athabasca Falls and Mount Kerkeslin. Take a thrilling walk along the Glacier Skywalk, with a breathtaking view of Sunwapta Valley from a glass-floored platform. Continue to Banff National Park — a UNESCO World Heritage Site established in 1885 as Canada's first national park. Arrive at your extraordinary hotel, which is styled after a Scottish Baronial castle and known as the "Castle in the Rockies." *Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel / Meals: B L*

DAY 7: BANFF / Nestled in Nature

Bordered on all sides by wilderness, Banff is a national park resort community surrounded by spectacular nature, home to roaming

deer, elk and other wildlife. Begin with a relaxing and memorable float trip down the majestic Bow River. The rest of your day is at leisure to enjoy Banff at your own pace, perhaps exploring the community's restaurants, galleries and unique shops. This evening, gather with fellow guests to attend a special farewell dinner.

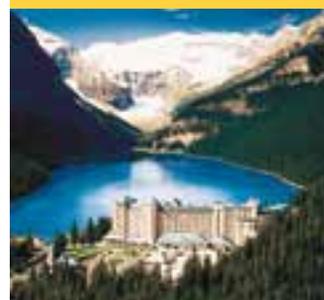
Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel / Meals: B D

DAY 8: DEPART BANFF

This morning, drive to Calgary International Airport where your tour ends. *Meals: B*

Boutique Accommodations

Take a closer look at your journey's unique hotels.



Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
Premium rooms overlook stunning Lake Louise within Alberta's Banff National Park.



Fairmont Palliser Hotel
A historic landmark in downtown Calgary, known for welcoming royalty for over a century.



Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge
Set on Lac Beauvert and around an award-winning golf course in Alberta's Jasper National Park.



Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
A national historic site styled after a Scottish castle, complete with alpine views in Banff National Park.

Dates & Pricing

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Jun 30-Jul 7, Jul 28-Aug 4, Aug 4-11, Aug 18-25, Sep 18-25, Sep 26-Oct 3	\$5,795	\$1,995

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements. Minimum age is 10 years old. First group event: welcome reception at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: Calgary International Airport arrival at 12:00 p.m. on Day 8. Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests. Sep 18 and Sep 26 departures operate on an alternate itinerary. Contact A&K for details.



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- Sail in the company of A&K Program Directors and resident Cuban guides, who provide incomparable insight into Cuba's history, education, health care system and economy, as well as its political and social structure
- Spend two full days in Havana and experience its vibrant energy during a private dance rehearsal in Cuba's capital city
- Visit residents at a private home in Trinidad, enjoying Cuban music and sipping a canchancha beverage
- Discover Punta Francés Nature Reserve, inaccessible except by sea, where you snorkel or explore the beach and mangroves while learning about local ecology and conservation efforts
- 29 meals, with 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 9 dinners



DAY 1: ARRIVE HOLGUIN, CUBA

Arrive at Frank Pais International Airport, where you complete immigration and customs formalities and transfer to your hotel. Meet fellow guests and enjoy lunch at a local *paladar* (privately owned restaurant), interacting with your servers as you enjoy your first taste of Cuban cuisine. Continue to Santiago de Cuba and visit the University of Santiago (time permitting), where you meet students and faculty and learn about Cuba's higher education system. Next, check in to your hotel. This evening, get to know



Explore Cienfuegos, Cuba's "Pearl of the South"

your accompanying Abercrombie & Kent Program Directors and resident Cuban guides at a reception briefing and welcome dinner. *Melià Santiago de Cuba / Meals: L D*

DAYS 2-3: SANTIAGO DE CUBA / *Setting Sail*

Visit the Holy Shrine El Cobre, which houses the patron saint of Cuba, la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre. After learning about the role religion plays in the lives of Cubans, visit the Cementerio Santa Ifegenia, the final resting place of many of the Bacardi family, Fidel Castro and national hero Jose Martí. There, you witness the ceremonial changing of the guard at the Jose Martí Mausoleum. Following lunch at a *paladar*, visit the Moncada Barracks, a military garrison that played an early role in the Cuban Revolution. The site is an active primary school and now houses an interactive museum. Next, join your local guides for an informative walking tour of central Santiago and Cespedes Square. Explore the city center. In due course, transfer to the Santiago marina, where you board your home for the next seven nights, elegant 'Le Ponant.' As your yacht sails out of the marina, glimpse the stunning Morro Castle, a citadel overlooking the entrance to the bay. Meet the Captain and crew of 'Le Ponant,' toasting to your enriching journey as you set sail in exploration of Cuba. Spend the following day at sea, participating in informative talks and presentations on a wide range of subjects, among them Cuban history, education, health care and policy. Conditions permitting, watch as the crew hoists the sails of your stunning, three-masted sailing yacht from atop its deck.

'Le Ponant' / Meals: B L D

DAYS 4-5: TRINIDAD / *Charming Colonial City*

Enjoy breakfast and lunch on board. This afternoon, transfer to the heart of Trinidad in the Sancti Spiritus Province, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join your resident Cuban guide for an enlightening walking tour. Stroll through Trinidad's colonial city center as you learn the history of one of the oldest European settlements in Cuba. Visit the Romantic Museum, built in 1740 within the home of a wealthy sugar mill owner. Discover the Cuba of bygone days as you view its period furnishings, china and other 19th-century artifacts. Next, visit Casa Particular — the private home of Lia and Pechi — for a musical interlude and *canchancha* drink. Return to your vessel for dinner. Later this evening, you may join your guides for a singular evening in festive Trinidad, as it comes alive with music. Tonight, 'Le Ponant' remains in port. The following day, delve deeper into the wonders of Trinidad and its surroundings. Start this morning with a short drive to the "valley of the sugar mills" and visit the small village of Manaca. See the Iznaga tower, once a sentry post to keep watch over the slaves working in the sugar plantation and mill in the Sugar Valley. Back in Trinidad, visit the Palenque de los Congos Reales to attend an enriching Afro-Cuban performance, meeting afterward with its musicians and dancers. Following lunch at a local *paladar* in Market Square, return to 'Le Ponant' and set sail for Cienfuegos, the "Pearl of the South." Time permitting, you may choose to spend the evening with your guides in Cienfuegos. *'Le Ponant' / Meals: B L D*

DAY 6: CIENFUEGOS / *Beauty by Sea*

Set out on an illuminating, guided walking tour of Cienfuegos. Visit the Thomas Terry Theater, continuing along the boulevard to a Cuban CUC store and pharmacy. Enjoy a private performance by the acclaimed Cantores de Cienfuegos a capella choir, with time to interact post-concert with its members. Following lunch at a local *paladar*, continue with a private musical performance by the Chamber Orchestra de Cienfuegos. Return to 'Le Ponant' later this afternoon and set sail. *'Le Ponant' / Meals: B L D*

DAY 7: PUNTA FRANCÉS / *Outdoor Expedition*

Arrive at beautiful Punta Francés Nature Reserve on Isla de la Juventud this afternoon. Unreachable except by sea, the marine reserve is fringed by an arc of powdery white-sand beach. Meanwhile, its thick palm and mangrove forest stands in stark contrast to the glimmering, turquoise Caribbean Sea. Land by Zodiac and spend the afternoon participating in structured activities amid this unique environment. You may partake in either a guided snorkeling excursion, experiencing firsthand Cuba's unspoiled coral reef system or a guided nature walk led by local naturalists along the breathtaking beach and adjacent mangrove forest. As this enriching afternoon comes to a close, return to your ship and enjoy dinner with fellow guests.

'Le Ponant' / Meals: B L D

DAY 8: AT SEA / *Enriching Lectures & Lovely Vistas*

As you spend today sailing through Cuban waters, attend informative lectures, such as those about the impact of music on Cuban society and how it influenced the art form in the United States and beyond. Learn about local transportation, including

iconic “Yank tanks” (vintage cars), as well as significant points in Cuba’s history and the intricacies of U.S.-Cuba relations.

‘Le Ponant’ / Meals: BLD

DAY 9: HAVANA / History Revealed

After breakfast on board, disembark ‘Le Ponant’ and proceed to the heart of Old Havana at St. Francis Square. Stroll through the neighborhood with a local architect, discussing the challenges of city reconstruction projects, while absorbing the vibrant, extraordinary architecture that surrounds you. Explore St. Francis Square or visit the lively San Jose market by the sea. Following lunch, visit Finca La Vigia — Ernest Hemingway’s home — taking time to visualize the author’s life during the more than 20 years he lived there. Check in to your five-star hotel. *Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski / Meals: BL*



Delve into the art of Cuban dance during a private studio rehearsal in the lively city of Havana, gaining insight into the history of movement and its significance to local culture from the dancers themselves.

DAY 10: HAVANA / Arts and Culture

Following breakfast, visit Havana University, where you interact with students and faculty. Next, explore Revolution Square and the city’s historic, culturally rich neighborhoods, including the business district of Vedado. Skirt the *malecón* (seawall promenade), see the Capitol area and stop at La Cabana for panoramic views of Havana. Tour the famed and historic Hotel Nacional, learning about a bygone era of Cuban history. Then, join the museum curator on a guided visit of Museo de Belles Artes, an art museum dedicated to the progression of Cuban art from colonial times to the present day. Next, attend a private dance rehearsal to gain insight into the remarkable art of Cuban dance. This evening, transfer with your fellow guests by “Yank tank” for a scenic evening drive down the Paseo and *malecón* to a local *paladar* for a farewell dinner. *Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski / Meals: BLD*

DAY 11: DEPART HAVANA

Transfer to the airport and board your return flight home.

Meals: B

Dates & Pricing

Departure Dates	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
Feb 23-Mar 5, 2018; Mar 1-11, 2018*	\$10,995	\$11,995	\$12,995	\$14,995	\$16,495
Early Booking Discount†	\$9,995	\$10,995	\$11,995		
Single Supplement	\$7,995	\$8,495	\$8,995	\$14,995	\$16,495

*This departure will operate in the reverse direction. Timing, sequence of sightseeing and some inclusions may vary. Call A&K for details.

†Save \$1,000 per person when you book categories 1-3 by Oct 31, 2017. NOTE: Triple pricing is available on a limited basis for Category 3 cabins, upon request.

Journey Details

Minimum age is 18 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:15 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: farewell dinner on Day 10.



See preserved “Yank tanks,” parked outside the Great Theater of Havana

Hotel Spotlight



Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski

Located in the heart of Havana in a historic setting, this new, five-star property – the only one of its kind in Cuba – offers refinement and European elegance.

'Le Ponant'

'Le Ponant' is a spacious-yet-intimate boutique, three-masted sailing yacht designed for uncommon comfort. With a 1.3: 1 guest-to-personnel ratio, its impeccable service and elegant public spaces cater to relaxation. Meanwhile, two refined dining options await, and a Marina offers a launching point from which to explore.

'Le Ponant' at a Glance

- 29 guest cabins
- Built in 1991 and renovated in 2015
- All meals included on board, with an open bar throughout the cruise, including house wines and house Champagne (premium drinks excluded)
- Comfortable lounge for engaging discussions
- Approximately 36 crew members
- Facilities include two dining venues, a Marina and a panoramic Sun Deck

REFINED ACCOMMODATIONS

Modern cabins feature the comforts of home, including Wi-Fi access, flat-panel satellite TV, intra-ship phone, desk and dressing table, as well as a private bathroom with a shower, bathrobes and French toiletries.

GO ASHORE IN A PRIVATE GROUP

Your dedicated Program Directors join you as you participate in private excursions with a small group of guests, led by our resident Cuban guides.

FINE CUISINE WITH SELECT WINES

Enjoy fine cuisine, prepared by your onboard chef and served with house wines and select vintages relevant to the regions on your route.

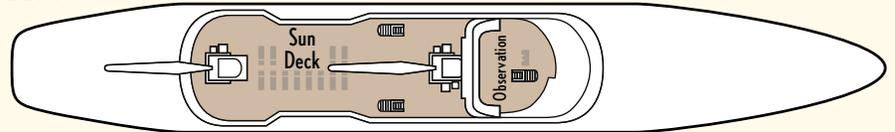
EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND COMFORT

The vessel features two dining venues — an al fresco eatery and a refined dining room, both of which serve international cuisine, inflected with local flavors and ingredients. Comfortable public spaces give way to a scenic Sun Deck and a Marina, ideal for enjoying the sun while sailing, or while engaged in conversation with fellow travellers and our expert staff.

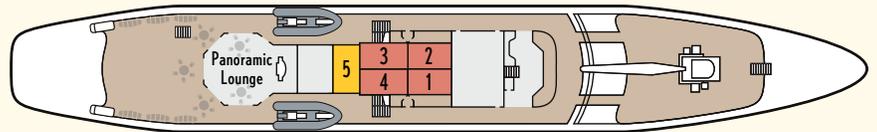


Deck Plan

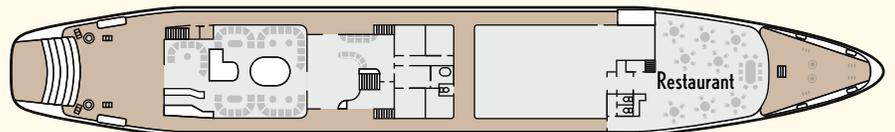
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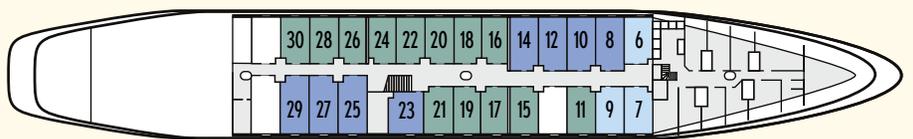
ANTIGUA DECK



SAINT-BARTH DECK



MARIE-GALANTE DECK



- Category 5 (165 sq. ft.)
- Category 4 (135 sq. ft.)

- Category 3 (145 sq. ft.)
- Category 2 (121 sq. ft.)

- Category 1 (116 sq. ft.)





Connections **European River Cruise Journeys**

Experience the same authentic boutique ambience of our land journeys, joined by no more than 24 like-minded guests on the only small-group river cruising experience available in Europe.

A Small Group of 24 or Less

While your river ship carries a complement of around 150 passengers, you enjoy every shore excursion and meal in a group of no more than 24 Connections guests — which makes for a far more personal, boutique-style experience. Your Resident Tour Director serves as your concierge on board and leads you to a private vehicle for your Connections-only shore activities, where you experience your destination in a relaxed, intimate ambience.

Private Dining on Board and on Shore

When dining on board ship, your Connections group sits at specially reserved tables, joined by your Resident Tour Director. Going ashore, your small group has the opportunity to dine at local restaurants — something no one else on your cruise does and which few other companies offer. In addition, local wine and beer are always included at lunch and dinner, and every journey features a specially arranged Chef's Highlights dining event with an exclusive tasting menu.

Always Exclusive Excursions

Every trip ashore on your European River Cruise Journey is an invitation-only affair — just you, your fellow Connections guests and your Resident Tour Director and local guide. Set out on visits to local neighborhoods and markets or meet one-on-one with remarkable artisans, musicians and culinary experts who lend an incomparable firsthand perspective on the local people and culture.

A Complete Itinerary on Both River and Land

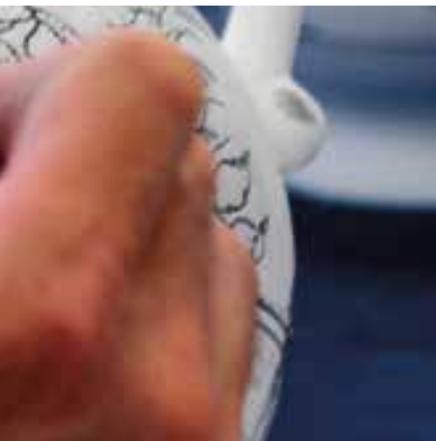
Every European River Cruise Journey is a complete itinerary that reveals the heart of your destination on land as well as on the water. Explore vital cultural hubs such as Amsterdam, Munich, Budapest and Paris before or after your cruise, with sightseeing and meals included. In addition, holiday-timed theme cruises give you the opportunity to experience Germany and Austria at their most festive.

Dedicated Onshore Vehicles

When you disembark for a shore excursion led by your Resident Tour Director, a comfortable vehicle designated exclusively for your group is waiting by the dock, so you never have to wait or search for a bus. You travel as a small group, not as a crowd, and explore together as like-minded travellers.

Elegance on Shore: Boutique Hotels

Just as on our land-based journeys, each hotel on your river cruise journey is chosen with exquisite care. We select centrally located hotels, allowing you easy access to all the must-see sites. We also choose smaller boutique properties — whether historic buildings enjoying a new life as a hotel, or distinctive properties with a legacy of hospitality — that embody the unique traits of your destination. In addition, places like the Hotel Cosmopolitan Prague and Munich's Platzl Hotel offer close proximity to delectable food and intriguing culture, along with the chance to experience authentic local flavor without even walking outside.



Cruising Holland & Belgium in Bloom

9 days priced from \$3,995 | Departing April 11, 26

Featuring a 7-night cruise to Amsterdam, Arnhem and Antwerp

Cruise through Holland to Belgium's finest cities and towns, stopping along the way for Connections-exclusive excursions to Arnhem's Kröller-Müller Museum — home to the world's second-largest Van Gogh collection — an authentic meal of moules-frites in Bruges, and the striking Keukenhof Gardens, where you sit down to lunch amid fragrant bouquets of flowers.



Cruise **Europe in Style**

Choose from these popular 2018 Connections European River Cruise Journeys or our complete portfolio of 11. Joined by a Resident Tour Director and no more than 24 guests, enjoy Europe's only small-group river cruising experience on a journey filled with local insight, authenticity and award-winning A&K style.

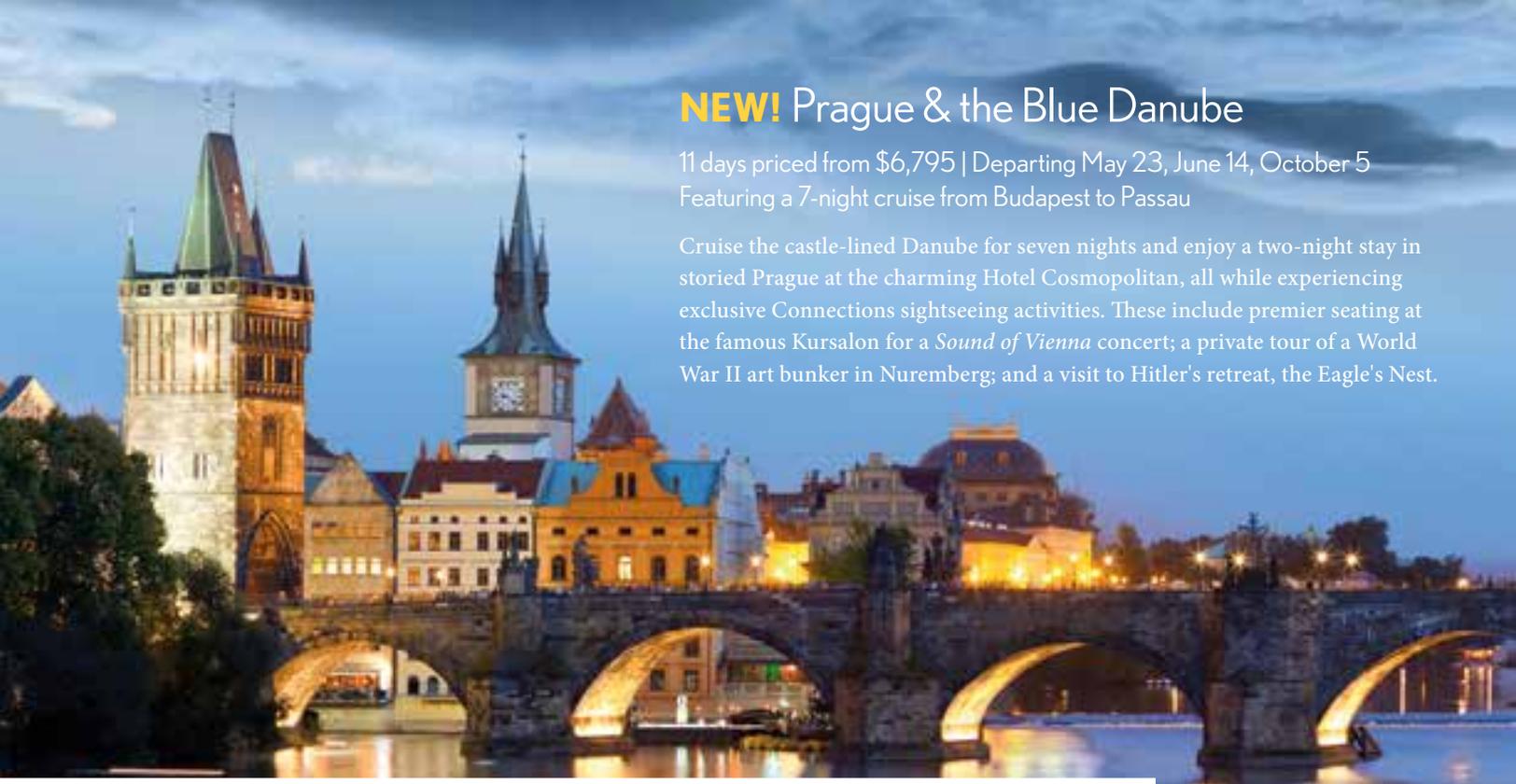


Paris, Burgundy & a South of France Cruise

11 days priced from \$7,595 | Departing July 23, August 13, October 1

Featuring a 7-night cruise to Mâcon, Lyon and Avignon

Begin with stays in boutique hotels in Paris and Beaune, before setting sail on a seven-night cruise through the south of France on the Saône and Rhône rivers. Along the way, Connections-exclusive shore excursions reveal a hands-on baking class at a Parisian *boulangerie* and a day trip to Sénanque and Arles, where you visit the Cistercian Abbey of Sénanque and the asylum where Vincent van Gogh was voluntarily interned.



NEW! Prague & the Blue Danube

11 days priced from \$6,795 | Departing May 23, June 14, October 5
Featuring a 7-night cruise from Budapest to Passau

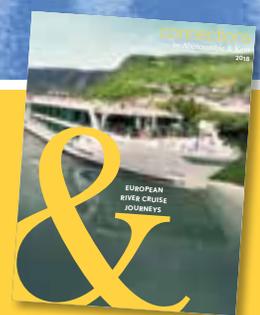
Cruise the castle-lined Danube for seven nights and enjoy a two-night stay in storied Prague at the charming Hotel Cosmopolitan, all while experiencing exclusive Connections sightseeing activities. These include premier seating at the famous Kursalon for a *Sound of Vienna* concert; a private tour of a World War II art bunker in Nuremberg; and a visit to Hitler's retreat, the Eagle's Nest.



Art & Architecture Along the Rhine

11 days priced from \$7,395 | Departing June 5, August 29
Featuring a 7-night cruise from Basel to Amsterdam

Enjoy premium cabins as you cruise the spellbinding Rhine River for seven nights, as well as stays in charming boutique hotels in Basel and Amsterdam. Intimate meals ashore, a guided visit of the Mathildenhöhe artist's colony and a private architectural tour of Amsterdam are also among the Connections-exclusive excursions available only to A&K guests.



Discover Our 2018 Connections European River Cruise Journeys

Cruising Holland & Belgium in Bloom

Paris, the Loire & a Seine River Cruise

Paris, Burgundy & a South of France Cruise

Food & Wine of France: Paris, Burgundy & Provence

The Heartland of Europe: Cruising the Rhine, Main & Danube

Prague & the Blue Danube Along the Rhine

Art & Architecture Along the Rhine

Christmas Markets Along the Danube

Christmas Along the Danube
New Year's Along the Danube

To request a full brochure, call A&K at **800 323 7308**, visit abercrombiekent.com or contact your travel professional.

Terms & Conditions

These Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC ("A&K") Terms and Conditions apply to group journeys including Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo, Family, Connections, Connections European River Cruise, Celebration and Wings Over the World Journeys, as well as Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions, departing between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, Luxury Expedition Cruises departing between March 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019 and bookings for future years until updated. For all other terms and conditions including all journeys to Cuba and Signature Series Journeys, please refer to abercrombiekent.com.

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

All group journeys excluding Connections European River Cruise, Luxury Expedition Cruises, Private Jet, Wings Over the World, and Inspiring Expeditions by Geoffrey Kent are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of two (2) persons unless noted on the itinerary. Guaranteed departures will operate except only in cases of force majeure, which could include any major world event adversely affecting international travel patterns or other circumstances beyond A&K's control.

A&K PRICE ASSURANCE

The A&K Price Assurance applies to all group journeys available through A&K excluding Luxury Expedition Cruises, Private Jet, Inspiring Expeditions by Geoffrey Kent, international and internal air and extra services. The A&K Price Assurance applies only to advertised rates on abercrombiekent.com for the same program, travel date and accommodation classification. A&K reserves the right to modify or cancel the A&K Price Assurance for future bookings without prior notice.

INCLUDED IN JOURNEYS

All accommodations, meals and fully guided sightseeing (including park and entrance fees) as noted in the itinerary; airport transfers to/from hotel/ship in the first/last published city regardless of day of arrival and departure (on Expedition Cruises, transfers may be included on start and end dates only); services of A&K Resident Tour Director or appropriate Guide on Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions; coffee/tea/soft drinks/water at included meals; local wine and beer at all designated welcome and farewell dinners except for Iran journeys and with all lunches and dinners on Connections European River Cruise Journeys; local bottled water during sightseeing; portage of two (2) pieces of baggage; complimentary Internet access (where available on land and Connections European River Cruise Journeys; excluded on all other cruises and trains; service levels are not guaranteed); hotel taxes; and gratuities throughout, except to the Resident Tour Director/Extension guide/East Africa safari driver-guides.

Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo, Family and Wings Over the World Journeys Additional Inclusions:

A&K's Travelling Bell Boy Service is provided; however, because of security regulations, this service may be limited at airports, rail stations and points of embarkation for cruises. A&K's Traveller's Valet includes laundry service for eight (8) pieces (excludes Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions and Mount Kilimanjaro). Dry cleaning is not included.

Expedition Cruises (Antarctica, Arctic and Japan)

Additional Inclusions:

Complimentary standard bar drinks, beer, house wine, soft drinks, coffee drinks, juices and bottled water (excluding premium wines, spirits and Champagnes) while on board; all shore excursions and full lecture program while on board; services of an A&K Expedition Staff and local guides; gratuities for the ship's crew and A&K Expedition Staff; a post-cruise expedition logbook; and a complimentary expedition parka and backpack provided on board Antarctica/Arctic cruises.

Africa Journeys Additional Inclusions:

Medical evacuation service, when available, including air transportation to medical care facilities, is included within Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. For Climb Kilimanjaro program participants, medical evacuation is included from the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro to Nairobi. Hospitalization and medical expenses are at an additional cost.

NOT INCLUDED IN JOURNEYS

A&K's Guest Protection Program; international and internal airfares, unless otherwise noted; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; reciprocity and other border fees; airport departure taxes, unless otherwise noted; excess baggage charges; gratuities to the Resident Tour Director/Extension guide/East Africa safari driver-guides; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; beverages other than those noted in inclusions above; sightseeing not included in the published itinerary; and personal expenses

such as laundry (except for A&K's Traveller's Valet as noted), communication charges, Internet access for all trains and cruises except Connections European River Cruise Journeys; and optional activities (which are subject to availability).

HOTEL CHECK-IN

Most hotels allow check-in to take place during the midafternoon. Should you wish to have a guaranteed room ready for your immediate check-in upon arrival, it can be arranged for an additional charge. Please ask A&K for details and prices.

ROOM UPGRADES/SPECIAL REQUESTS

Upgrades are available on request at individual hotels. Specific requests such as adjacent or connecting rooms, bedding requests, smoking rooms and special dietary needs should be advised at time of booking. Please note that while every effort will be made to secure a special request, it cannot be guaranteed.

ITINERARIES

A&K reserves the right to modify program itineraries, including arranged sightseeing, and substitute accommodations, including vessels, aircraft and trains, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K's control. Every effort will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

International airfare (to the journey starting point and from the ending point) is not included in program pricing. A&K has special agreements with many air carriers and can offer quotations from any gateway. Some journeys require internal flights as specified in the itinerary. This airfare is typically not included and must be purchased from A&K in addition to the journey. In the instance where charter flights are used and seating is limited, A&K reserves the right to substitute and confirm air reservations on a suitable alternative scheduled air flight. All internal air is based on economy class seating and is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply). All international and internal air quotes are subject to change until final payment has been received by A&K. Flight confirmation is based on availability. Air reservations cannot be confirmed until a passport copy is received by A&K.

All air carriers are independent contractors and are not owned, managed, controlled or operated by A&K. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between yourself and the airlines (and not A&K), even if purchased through A&K. A&K is not liable for, and does not assume responsibility or accept claims with regard to, seat assignments, name changes, schedule changes, flight changes and/or cancellations. Should you change or cancel your air transportation arrangements before or after your travel begins, all airline change and cancellation fees will apply.

BAGGAGE

A&K provides portage of two (2) pieces of baggage per person. Please note should your journey include internal/domestic or charter flights, your luggage allowance may be less than two (2) pieces of baggage and weight/size restrictions and additional costs may apply.

Details will be provided in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the travel program, and A&K assumes no liability for lost or damaged baggage. Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions and fees applicable to your international flights.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Quoted program prices are per person, double occupancy except where indicated. Marco Polo Club discount is not eligible on Connections and Connections European River Cruise Journeys for memberships established prior to November 1, 2015. For full program terms and conditions visit akmarcopolo.com. Marco Polo Journeys have two prices; a higher price that allows us to guarantee departures for small groups of two to six guests and a lower price for groups of seven or more guests. The higher price will be noted on your initial invoice and reduced before you depart if your group has seven or more guests. Although not expected, published prices may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted at the time of printing. A&K is under no obligation to give a breakdown in costs of any journey. Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions are only available to guests booked on related group journeys. Modification of program content to accommodate a smaller group size will not affect the published program price.

CHILD POLICY

The minimum age is 10 years old unless noted on the itinerary and all children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Minimum age is 18 years for Iran journeys, 12 years old for Connections European River Cruise Journeys and varies for Family Journeys. Some activities contained within an itinerary may have a different age restriction than the overall minimum age requirement. Details will be provided at the

time of booking. A&K reserves the right to marginally exceed the published maximum group size on Family Journeys to accommodate a family.

ACTIVE ELEMENTS & CONDUCT

Some active elements have been incorporated into select itineraries. To enjoy the trips as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. A&K will require prior notice if any participant has any physical or other condition or disability that would prevent them from participating in active elements of any trip and/or could create a hazard to him or herself or to other members of the group. Due to ship restrictions, women over six (6) months pregnant are not permitted to travel on Expedition Cruises. The guest represents that neither he nor she nor anyone travelling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or herself or other members of the tour. A&K reserves the right to decline acceptance of anyone whom it considers unsuitable due to fitness level. A&K also reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the participant's own expense, anyone whose physical condition or conduct negatively impacts the enjoyment of the other guests or disrupts the tour.

A&K'S GUEST PROTECTION PROGRAM

Our Guest Protection Program, which provides cancellation coverage, medical coverage and protection against lost or damaged luggage, is not included in the program price and is recommended. The plan must be purchased within 14 days of deposit in order to waive the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. Call A&K for details.

Special Requirement for Antarctica and Arctic Cruises:

Due to the remote locations, A&K requires proof of a minimum of \$50,000 per person in emergency evacuation/repatriation insurance for all Antarctica and Arctic cruises. This minimum amount is included in the A&K Guest Protection Program; upgrades can be purchased for higher coverage on request. If you do not purchase the A&K Guest Protection Program, we require proof of alternative coverage. Please note emergency evacuation insurance provides for covering the cost associated with emergency evacuation and repatriation up to the limits of the respective policy; however, it does not guarantee the timing, method or mode of such evacuation and repatriation, which is subject to weather, location and other conditions or variables outside of A&K's control.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

It is the guest's sole responsibility to obtain and have available when necessary the appropriate valid travel documents. All guests are advised to check with the appropriate government authority to determine the necessary documents. A valid passport is required for U.S. citizens travelling to all international destinations. Passports must be valid for six (6) months after the return of your journey and should also have sufficient blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps. Many destinations also require a visa for U.S. citizens; this will be indicated in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Non-U.S. citizens should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey. You may be refused boarding or disembarked from a vessel without liability for refund, payment, compensation, or credit of any kind if you do not have proper documentation, and you will be subject to any fine or other costs incurred by A&K which result from improper documentation or noncompliance with applicable regulations.

Special Requirement for Iran: Visas for U.S. citizens to travel to Iran must be obtained prior to arrival in Iran. Authorization is required to apply for a visa which A&K will assist you in obtaining. Instructions will be provided upon deposit. You must complete the Visa Information Form and return to A&K no later than 120 days prior to departure. Failure to provide A&K with this information will result in the cancellation of your booking and forfeiture of any monies paid.

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposit per Person Required at Time of Booking	
Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo and Family Journeys	\$1,000
Connections and Connections European River Cruise Journeys	\$500
Expedition Cruises	\$2,500
Wings Over the World Journeys	\$5,000

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 90 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of the request in order to secure confirmation. For all Expedition Cruise, Connections European River Cruise, Wings Over the World and Select Journeys indicated below, final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. An additional nonrefundable permit fee is required at time of booking for Uganda: Gorillas & Beyond (\$1,350 per person) and the Uganda Extension (\$600 per person).

Select Journeys: Celebration Journeys; Cruising the Mekong; Siam, Saigon & Angkor Wat; Myanmar & the Irrawaddy; Southern Africa Safari by River & Rail; Taj Mahal & the Treasures of India (Holiday and Pushkar Fair departures); India Wildlife Safari: Lions, Tigers & Leopards; Legends of the East by Rail: Bangkok to Singapore & Bali; Mongolia: Naadam Festival & the Khan Legacy; Namibia & Botswana: Dunes, Delta & the Kalahari; Britain's Great Stately Homes; and Persia: A Tapestry of Ancient and Modern Iran.

CANCELLATION CHARGES

Cancellations must be received in writing and will become effective on the date of receipt, fax or email. Cancellations received by A&K are subject to the following:

CANCELLATION FEES PER PERSON

Luxury Small Group Journeys, Marco Polo Journeys, Family Journeys, Connections Land Journeys, and related Group Pre/Post Tour Extensions (except Select Journeys as listed above)	
91 days prior to departure or more	\$500
90-61 days prior to departure	20% of program price
60-31 days prior to departure	50% of program price
30 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price
Connections European River Cruise Journeys, Select Journeys listed above and related Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions	
121 days prior to departure or more	\$500
120-91 days prior to departure	20% of program price
90-61 days prior to departure	50% of program price
60 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price
Expedition Cruises and related Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions	
181 days prior to departure or more	\$500
180-121 days prior to departure	\$1,500
120-91 days prior to departure	20% of program price
90-61 days prior to departure	50% of program price
60 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price
Wings Over the World Journeys	
181 days prior to departure or more	\$2,500
180-121 days prior to departure	\$5,000
120-91 days prior to departure	50% of program price
90 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price

Partial Room Cancellation: If a guest cancels or leaves a journey and a roommate remains, an additional supplement may apply to the price for the remaining guest.

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR INTERNAL AIR
All internal air is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply).

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR EXTRA SERVICES
Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in connection with A&K journeys are subject to specific cancellation penalties. These will be provided at the time of booking and noted on the invoice.

CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

Refunds are not made for any missed services, except for verifiable extenuating circumstances. Please see our **Limits on A&K's Responsibility** clause below. For verifiable claims to be considered, they must be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program and be accompanied by supporting documentation and/or a statement from the local destination company verifying the claim. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual price of the services involved and not on a per diem basis. Adjustments will not be made for unused sightseeing trips or meals. A&K will not accept any liability for any claims that are not received within 30 days of the termination of your travel program.

PHOTOGRAPHY DURING TRAVEL

A&K reserves the right to take photographs and video during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes during the program and thereafter. By booking a program with A&K, guests agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs and video. Guests who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to their Resident Tour Director at the beginning of their program.

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Further, as consideration for being permitted to participate in the Activities; you release A&K, whether known or unknown, from, and agree not to sue or make claim against A&K for, property damage, cancellation of any Activities for any reason, illness, negligent rescue operations or procedures, personal injury, or death arising out of your participation in the Activities, and any activity related thereto, including transportation to and from the site of the Activities, regardless of whether such property damage, illness, personal injury, or death results from the negligence of A&K (but not its reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct), and/or from any defect in equipment. You further agree to indemnify and hold A&K harmless with respect to any claim made against A&K by anyone else which (a) related to your participation, or (b) which would be subject to the above release and covenant not to sue if you had made the claim directly yourself.

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Cuba Programs Terms & Conditions

These Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC (“A&K”) Terms and Conditions apply to 2017-18 Cuba: People to People Connections group journeys, Cuba by Land and Sea: A People-to-People Cruise, and Signature Cuba: A Private People to People Journey.

SPECIAL PROGRAM NOTES: PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

Please note that the special Cuba people-to-people programs will be different from other programs on which you may have previously participated. Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC operates the people-to-people program to Cuba under a general license issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control and, as dictated by U.S. law, all participants are required to adhere to a full-time schedule of activities designed to inform, educate and promote meaningful interaction with the people of Cuba. Deviation from this itinerary, even in part, is not permitted. Per the general license requirements, this is a full-time program with many inclusions and there will be little to no free time on most days of the program.

Specific itinerary inclusions (visits, meetings with individuals and organizations, home visits) are dependent on outside factors and host availability; therefore, it may sometimes be necessary to substitute with alternatives of equal relevance and interest. Things work differently in Cuba, and activities that had been scheduled far in advance may sometimes become unavailable for a number of reasons. Therefore, flexibility is key and it is very important to go into this experience with an open mind. Your local guide will be adept at swapping activities for others when and if needed, but do not be disappointed if something in your program changes — it is likely to happen. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit a country that has been inaccessible to Americans for a long time, so you are encouraged to make the most of it and enjoy every moment.

The comprehensive itineraries will put you in direct contact with Cuban citizens, and provide structured activities to facilitate your discussions. Your experienced guide will facilitate many of these interactions, but it is a good idea to ask questions to get the most out of the experience. While the people you meet may not speak English, you will be surprised at how much you can share through body language and with the help of a good translator.

As part of your obligations as an authorized traveller under the general license, you are obligated to comply with certain requirements, including maintaining a record of your activities and expenses for five years. We encourage you to keep a travel journal. In addition, there are limits on what you can bring to Cuba, what you can spend and what you can bring back from Cuba that are explained in more detail in your Destination Information.

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

All Cuba land journeys are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of two (2) persons. Guaranteed departures will operate except only in cases of force majeure, which could include any major world event adversely affecting international travel patterns or other circumstances beyond A&K's control.

A&K PRICE ASSURANCE

The A&K Price Assurance applies to all group and independent Cuba journeys available through A&K excluding international and internal air and extra services. The A&K Price Assurance applies only to 2017-18 advertised rates on abercrombiekent.com for the same program, travel date and accommodation classification. A&K reserves the right to modify or cancel the A&K Price Assurance for future bookings without prior notice.

INCLUDED IN JOURNEYS:

All accommodations, meals and fully guided activities and meetings/exchanges (including park and entrance fees) as noted in the itinerary (please note activities are subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances); airport transfers to the hotel, regardless of day of arrival;

services of an A&K Program Director; coffee/tea/soft drinks/water at included meals; local wine and beer at welcome and farewell dinners; local bottled water during sightseeing; portage of two (2) pieces of baggage; complimentary Internet access at hotels where available and not included on board ship (service levels are not guaranteed); hotel taxes and service charges; and gratuities throughout, except to the Program Director.

Cuba by Land & Sea: A People-to-People Cruise Additional Inclusions: Complimentary standard bar drinks, beer, house wine, soft drinks, coffee drinks, juices, bottled water (excluding premium wines, premium liquors and premium Champagnes) while on board; all shore excursions and enrichment programs while on board; services of A&K Cruise Director and two A&K Program Directors; and all gratuities including the ship's crew, A&K Cruise Director and A&K Program Directors.

NOT INCLUDED IN JOURNEYS

A&K's Guest Protection Program; international and internal airfare; costs associated with obtaining passports and visas for non-U.S. citizens visas; excess baggage charges; gratuities to the A&K USA Program Director (except for **Cuba by Land and Sea: a People-to-People Cruise** departure); beverages other than those noted in inclusions above; activities and meetings not included in the published itinerary; and personal expenses such as laundry and communication charges.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Specific requests, such as adjacent or connecting rooms, bedding requests, smoking rooms and special dietary needs, should be advised at time of booking. Please note that while every effort will be made to secure a special request, it cannot be guaranteed.

ITINERARIES

A&K reserves the right to modify program itineraries, including arranged sightseeing, and substitute accommodations, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K's control. Every effort will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

International airfare (to the journey starting point and from the ending point) is not included in program pricing. A&K has special agreements with many air carriers and can offer quotations from any gateway. Some journeys require internal flights as specified in the itinerary. This airfare is typically not included and must be purchased from A&K in addition to the journey. In the instance where charter flights are used and seating is limited, A&K reserves the right to substitute and confirm air reservations on a suitable alternative scheduled air flight. All internal air is based on economy class seating and is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply). All international and internal air quotes are subject to change until final payment has been received by A&K. Flight confirmation is based on availability. Air reservations cannot be confirmed until a passport copy is received by A&K.

All air carriers are independent contractors and are not owned, managed, controlled or operated by A&K. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between yourself and the airlines (and not A&K), even if purchased through A&K. A&K is not liable for, and does not assume responsibility or accept claims with regard to, seat assignments, name changes, schedule changes, flight changes and/or cancellations. Should you change or cancel your air transportation arrangements before or after your travel begins, all airline change and cancellation fees will apply.

INSURANCE

Medical insurance is required for all travellers from the U.S. to Cuba in case of emergency and is included in the cost of your air ticket. Should you encounter any medical emergency during the course of the program, local representatives will be on hand to assist; however, you will need to show your return air ticket and passport in order to receive treatment.

BAGGAGE

A&K provides portage of two (2) pieces of baggage per person. For Cuba by Land & Sea: A People-to-People Cruise, guests may only bring one checked piece of luggage per person with a maximum weight of 44 pounds. For Cuba: Across the Island: People to People, one checked bag and one carry-on bag per person is included in the airfare fee. Additional fees will be applied for each additional checked

bag and are the sole responsibility of the guest. Additional details will be provided in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the travel program, and A&K assumes no liability for lost or damaged baggage. Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions and fees applicable to your international flights.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Quoted program prices are per person, double occupancy except where indicated. Marco Polo Club discount is not eligible on any Connections journey to Cuba for memberships established prior to November 1, 2015. For full program terms and conditions, visit akmarcopolo.com. Although not expected, published prices may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted at the time of printing. A&K is under no obligation to give a breakdown in costs of any journey. Modification of program content to accommodate a smaller group size will not affect the published program price.

CHILD POLICY

The minimum age is 18 years old unless noted on the itinerary. The minimum age is 10 years old for Signature Cuba: A Private People to People Journey.

ACTIVE ELEMENTS AND CONDUCT

Some active elements have been incorporated into select itineraries. To enjoy the trips as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. A&K will require prior notice if any participant has any physical or other condition or disability that would prevent them from participating in active elements of any trip and/or could create a hazard to him or herself or to other members of the group. A&K reserves the right to decline acceptance of anyone whom it considers unsuitable due to fitness level. A&K also reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the participant's own expense, anyone whose physical condition or conduct negatively impacts the enjoyment of the other guests or disrupts the tour.

A&K'S GUEST PROTECTION PROGRAM

Our Guest Protection Program, which provides cancellation coverage, medical coverage and protection against lost or damaged luggage, is not included in the program price and is recommended. The plan must be purchased within 14 days of deposit in order to waive the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. Call A&K for details.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

It is the guest's sole responsibility to obtain and have available when necessary the appropriate valid travel documents. All guests are advised to check with the appropriate government authority to determine the necessary documents. A valid passport is required for U.S. citizens travelling to all international destinations. Passports must be valid for six (6) months after the return of your journey and should also have sufficient blank pages for visas and immigration stamps.

Visas and authorization for U.S. citizens to travel to Cuba must be obtained prior to arrival in Cuba. Associated fees are included in the cost of the program. U.S. citizens on all programs must sign and return a Travel Affidavit to A&K confirming that they are travelling under the auspices of an OFAC-authorized, people-to-people general license no later than 90 days prior to departure. This form will be sent to you in Preliminary Documents. A&K will send the required Cuba visa (tarjeta del turista) with your Final Documents prior to departure. Non-U.S. citizens should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

You may be refused boarding or disembarkation from a vessel without liability for refund, payment, compensation or credit of any kind if you do not have proper documentation, and you will be subject to any fine or other costs incurred by A&K that result from improper documentation or noncompliance with applicable regulations.

PAYMENT

A \$1,000-per-person, non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking for Cuba by Land and Sea: A People-to-People Cruise and Signature Cuba: A Private People to People Journey with final payment due 120 days prior to departure. For departures within 120 days, full payment is required at the time of booking.

A \$500-per-person, non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking Cuba group land programs, with final payment due 90 days prior to departure. For departures within 90 days, full payment is required at the time of booking.

CANCELLATION/CHANGE FEES

Cancellations must be received in writing and will become effective on the date of receipt, fax or email. Cancellations received by A&K are subject to the following:

Cuba Group Land Programs	
91 days prior to departure or more	\$500
90-61 days prior to departure	20% of program price
60-31 days prior to departure	50% of program price
30 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price

Cuba by Land and Sea: a People-to-People Cruise and Signature Cuba: A Private People to People Journey	
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60 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price

Partial Room Cancellation: If a guest cancels or leaves a journey and a roommate remains, an additional supplement may apply to the price for the remaining guest.

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR EXTRA SERVICES

Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in connection with A&K programs are subject to specific cancellation penalties. These will be provided at the time of booking and noted on the invoice.

CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

Refunds are not made for any missed services, except for verifiable extenuating circumstances. Please see our Limits on A&K's Responsibility clause below. For verifiable claims to be considered, they must be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program and be accompanied by supporting documentation and/or a statement from the local destination company verifying the claim. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual price of the services involved and not on a per diem basis. Adjustments will not be made for unused sightseeing trips or meals. A&K will not accept any liability for any claims that are not received within 30 days of the termination of your travel program.

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- You can earn mileage credit from your preferred airlines, where applicable, just as if you booked on your own



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The finest small-group travel experience, with a maximum group size of 18 guests

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MARCO POLO JOURNEYS®

Limited-edition journeys with a maximum group size of 18 guests

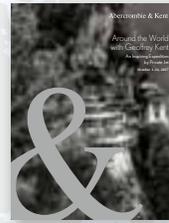
Marco Polo Journeys bring adventurous travellers to the world's most exotic destinations and exclusive events, led by A&K's finest Resident Tour Directors.



WINGS OVER THE WORLD JOURNEYS

A luxurious way to experience the world, by private charter air, for 13–20 guests

Get the most from every day of exploration on a luxury journey that combines A&K's timeless small-group travel experience with the time-saving convenience of privately chartered flights.



PRIVATE JET JOURNEYS

The ultimate in luxury travel, aboard A&K's exclusively chartered private jet, limited to 50 privileged guests

Step aboard A&K's exclusively chartered Boeing 757 for the adventure of a lifetime, featuring fully lie-flat, first-class seats, on an epic itinerary personally designed by A&K founder Geoffrey Kent.



CONNECTIONS® BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEYS

Authentic boutique journeys with a maximum group size of 24 guests

Stylish journeys that feature a Resident Tour Director, Connections that reveal your destination through authentic local interactions, inspiring dining options and hand-selected boutique hotels.



CONNECTIONS® EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISE JOURNEYS

Boutique-style travel on Europe's rivers, with a maximum group size of 24 guests

The most complete and authentic small-group cruising experience in Europe, featuring A&K-exclusive shore excursions and pre- and post-cruise touring led by a Resident Tour Director.



FAMILY JOURNEYS

Inspiring adventures for all ages, with a maximum group size of 24 guests

Family Journeys provide the fun and convenience that travelling families need, with departures timed during school breaks and itineraries packed with opportunities to interact with your destination.



LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

Exclusively chartered, expert-led expeditions, with a maximum group size of 199 guests

Backed by more than 25 years' experience, our journeys to Japan, Antarctica and the Arctic take place on luxurious, all-balcony ships exclusively chartered by A&K.



LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Completely customizable travel for any size party, designed with your interests in mind

Explore the world your way on a journey made just for you, filled with exclusive insider-access opportunities and backed by 24/7 support from our top local experts.



EUROPEAN CANAL BARGE CRUISES

Tranquil voyages along Europe's scenic canals and rivers, ideal for individuals or small groups

Experience France and other countries at their most scenic and serene on a barge cruise, enjoying relaxed sightseeing and delicious food and wines. Book a scheduled cruise or charter a vessel for your group.

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2018 Connections Boutique Group Journeys

JOURNEY	PAGE #	PRICED FROM	# OF DAYS	DEPARTURE MONTHS													
				JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
 Europe																	
Spain: Seven Cities	12	\$5,695	10				●	●	●	●	●	●	●				
Croatia: Jewel of the Coast	14	\$3,995	9					●	●	●		●	●				
Italy: Tuscany & Umbria	16	\$5,795	9					●	●	●	●	●	●				
Sicily, Puglia & the Amalfi Coast	18	\$6,595	11				●	●	●	●		●	●				
Essence of Italy	20	\$6,995	11					●	●	●		●	●				
Britain: Cornwall, Wales & the Cotswolds	22	\$5,795	10					●	●	●		●	●				
Scotland & Ireland: Stories & Legends	24	\$6,495	12					●	●	●	●	●	●				
Iceland: Geysers & Glaciers	26	\$10,995	10					●	●	●	●	●					
NEW! Switzerland & the Italian Lakes	28	\$8,495	11					●	●	●		●	●				
Bohemia & Bavaria: Munich, Salzburg & Prague	30	\$5,295	10						●		●	●	●				
The Baltics & Helsinki	32	\$4,395	11					●	●	●	●	●	●				
NEW! Poland to Prague	34	\$3,995	10					●	●	●	●	●					
Russia: Treasures of the Tsars	36	\$5,495	10					●		●	●	●	●				
 Asia, India & the Pacific																	
Classic China	38	\$4,495	9			●	●	●						●			
 Morocco & Beyond																	
Morocco: Imperial Cities	40	\$2,995	8	●	●					●	●		●	●	●		
Persia: A Tapestry of Ancient & Modern Iran	42	\$5,995	12			●	●	●			●		●				

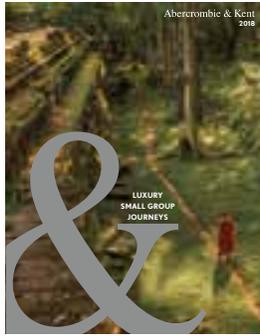
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North America: Canadian Rockies	46	\$5,795	8						●	●	●	●			
Cuba by Land & Sea: A People to People Cruise	50	\$9,995	11		●	●									

JOURNEY	PRICED FROM	# OF DAYS	CRUISE NIGHTS	DEPARTURE MONTHS											
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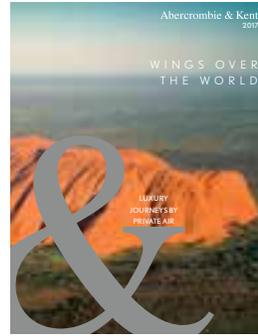
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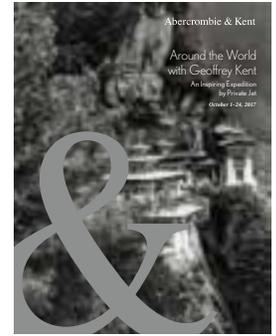
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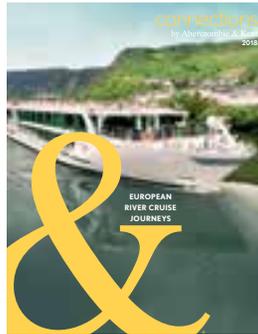
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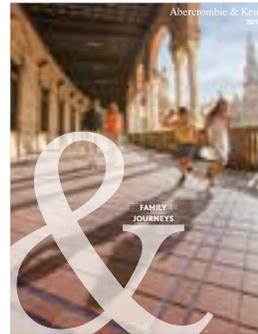
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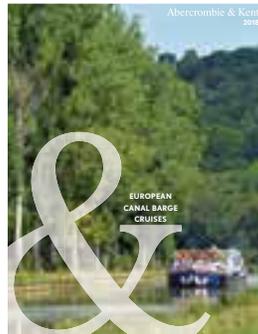
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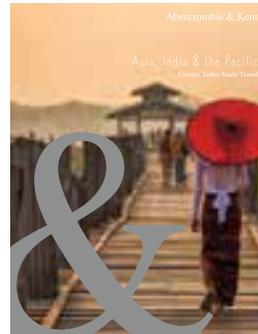
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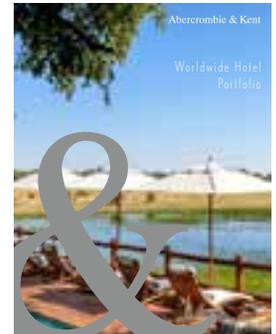
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