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SMALL GROUP TOURING 2020-2021



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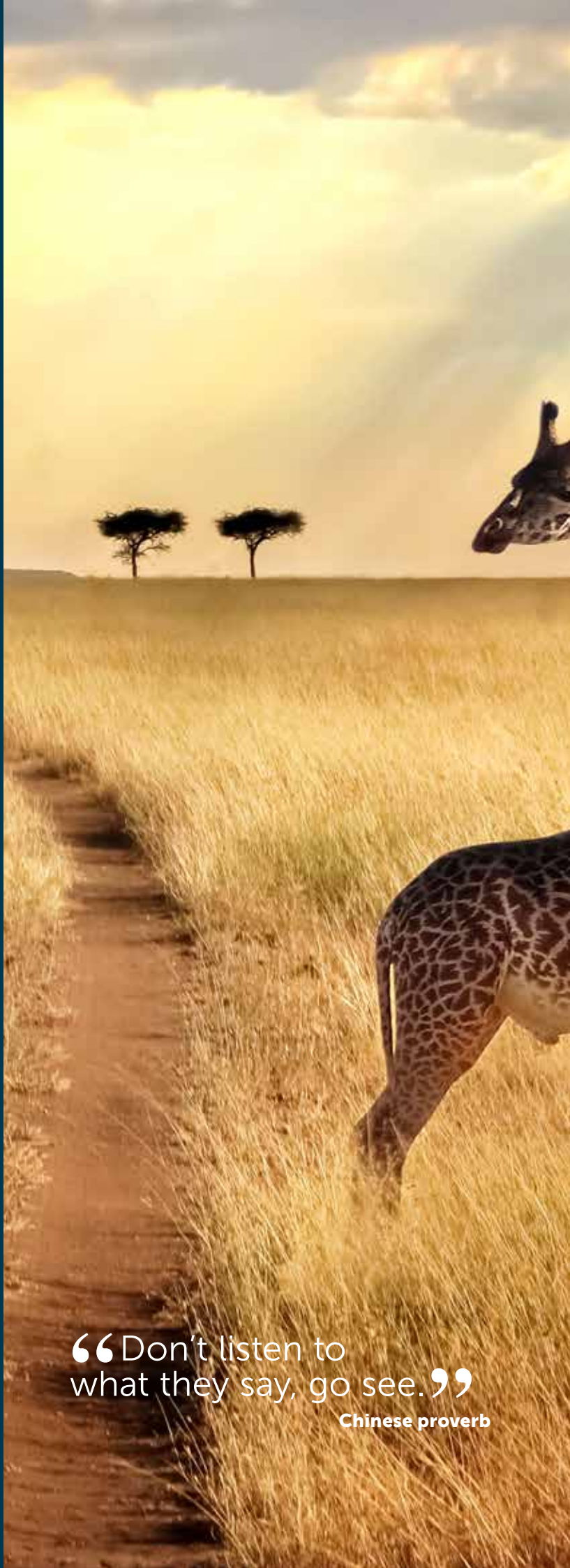
Our **Escorted Escapes** offer a wonderful opportunity to travel the world. Whether you're travelling as a couple, with friends, or as a solo traveller, you'll explore a range of amazing destinations with like-minded people. In addition, you'll be accompanied by your tour host every step of the way, ensuring you relax and enjoy your holiday.

Escorted Escapes strike the perfect balance between inclusions and free time; some group meals and activities are included, but we also set aside time to pursue individual interests.

With our small group size we are able to offer a diverse range of accommodation styles throughout each trip. Location is the key factor we consider when it comes to choosing where you stay, but it will always be clean and comfortable with private ensuite facilities guaranteed every night.

Each Escorted Escape is crafted by our experienced staff who carefully plan each itinerary down to the last detail. We ensure you see the main attractions, with included sightseeing and unique added extras that will make your trip unforgettable. We look forward to sharing our passion for travel with you when you join us on an Escorted Escape.

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“Don't listen to what they say, go see.”

Chinese proverb

A large giraffe stands in a golden savanna landscape under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The giraffe is in the foreground, looking towards the left. In the background, a single acacia tree stands on the horizon.

OUR STORY

Escorted Escapes is an Australian family owned and operated company, based on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. We have an extensive background in the retail travel industry and remain passionate about travel and delivering the best experience we can to our clients. We started creating escorted group tours to make travel easy and affordable for our local customers who appreciated our inclusive small group travel style. Over time, we were able to grow the destinations we offered through repeat travellers and the referral of family and friends to Escorted Escapes. Our customers are predominantly over 50, with a large percentage of retirees, however all still have an adventurous spirit!

We now sell our tours across the country and are proud to offer Australians an easy and affordable way to explore some of the world's most desirable locations, while we take care of the details. Our management team has over 80 years experience in the travel industry, so when booking with Escorted Escapes you know your travel plans are in good hands.



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With you every step of the way

“We wonder for distraction,
but we travel for fulfillment.”

Hilaire Belloc





TOP 10 REASONS TO TRAVEL WITH US

SMALL GROUPS

We offer a small-group experience on all of our Escorted Escapes. We guarantee our group size will never exceed 20 travellers on any one tour. With fewer travellers in our groups, you'll spend less time checking into hotels and getting on (and off) transport and more time seeing the sights.

AUSTRALIAN-BASED TOUR HOST

Each and every tour is hosted by an experienced travel professional. Our hosts have travelled extensively themselves and have a passion for exploring our wonderful world. We are there to liaise with the local operators to ensure you relax and enjoy your holiday while we take care of the details.

TOUR LEADERS & LOCAL GUIDES

Each of our trips include a local English-speaking tour leader who is your destination expert, in addition to your Australian-based tour host. We also utilise the services of expert local guides where appropriate to enhance your experience in the key destinations.

UNIQUE ITINERARIES

Each itinerary is carefully planned and unique to Escorted Escapes. They are individually designed with our clientele in mind, reflecting our extensive travel industry experience and valued customer feedback. We prefer to travel at a leisurely pace, minimising one night stays in favour of two and three-night stays at key destinations.

AIRFARES INCLUDED

Every Escorted Escape includes return economy airfares from Australia (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide), plus all internal flights as per the itinerary. For available upgrades (at additional cost) or departures from Australian cities not listed above please contact your consultant for pricing. We generally use premium airlines for all long haul travel, to give you the most direct flights and best connection times to our destination. Deviations from the group are often possible, please contact your consultant who will customise your itinerary to make the most of your trip.

VISAS, TIPPING & TRANSFERS INCLUDED

We believe travel should be simple and easy for you, which is why we include as many costs as possible, including transfers from your home to the airport (to the value of \$100). Visa costs for Australian passport holders are also included in every tour. We take care of tipping for group activities as well as for your tour leader, local guides and drivers.

INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING

While our trips are leisurely paced, we pride ourselves on including the very best sightseeing on offer in each location. Please refer to the itinerary and trip notes for daily inclusions. Optional activities (at additional cost) may also be available in certain locations.

OUR ACCOMMODATION

We use a range of quality accommodation including hotels, lodges, luxury tented camps and cruise cabins. We take pride in selecting the best locations and guarantee that all accommodation includes private ensuite facilities. With our small group sizes, we have the flexibility to stay in smaller boutique properties, where available, to further enhance your travel experience. Please refer to the trip itinerary for the hotels we have carefully selected for your trip*.

MEAL INCLUSIONS

Breakfast is included each day for your convenience. We also offer a selection of included meals as per the trip itinerary, while allowing plenty of opportunities for you to sample the local cuisine at your leisure.

SOLO TRAVELLERS

If you're travelling solo you don't need to be travelling alone. With our Escorted Escapes, you have the opportunity to travel with a whole new set of friends. Our single supplements are designed to keep the cost down and remove the stress of travelling by yourself.



INCLUSIONS

OUR ACCOMMODATION

We are very selective when choosing accommodation for our tours. We always try to find some unique properties where you don't just have a bed to sleep in, but an experience.



Chobi Safari Lodge – Kasane, Botswana



Inkaterra Hacienda Conception – Amazon Rainforest, Peru



Snow Hotel (Gamme Cabins) – Kirkenes, Norway

OUR INCLUDED SIGHTSEEING

Once you're on tour, you shouldn't have to worry about paying for extras along the way. That's why we have selected the best sightseeing options and included them. From every entry fee, to all game drives, from a Tango show in Buenos Aires, to a helicopter flight over Victoria Falls!

Below is an example of the included sightseeing for our African Highlights Escorted Escape.*

- ✚ 2 Sunset Game Cruises on the Chobe River
- ✚ Open vehicle game drive in Chobe National Park
- ✚ Guided tour of Victoria Falls
- ✚ Marvel at Victoria Falls from the air, on a "Flight of the Angels" helicopter tour
- ✚ Traditional dinner and drum show at "The Boma – Place of Eating"
- ✚ Sunset cruise on the Zambezi River
- ✚ Cape Town city tour, including a cable car to the summit of Table Mountain
- ✚ Full day sightseeing tour to the Cape Peninsula, including visiting fairy penguins at Simonstown, Hout Bay seal cruise, Cape Point Funicular and Chapman's Peak
- ✚ Robben Island half day tour
- ✚ Vineyard Tour, wine tasting and lunch at a Western Cape winery
- ✚ Excursion to the Cango Caves
- ✚ Tour a local Ostrich farm, including a 3 course lunch
- ✚ Enjoy a boat cruise and lunch at Knysna Heads
- ✚ Explore Tsitsikamma National Park and the famous Storms River Suspension Bridge
- ✚ Visit Birds of Eden, the world's largest free flight aviary and bird sanctuary
- ✚ Full day open vehicle game drive in Kruger National Park
- ✚ 4 Open vehicle game drives at Karongwe Private Game Reserve
- ✚ All entry and park fees



CUSTOMERS

WHY OUR GUESTS LOVE ESCORTED ESCAPES

Here at Escorted Escapes we pride ourselves on offering tours that provide excellent value for money and deliver a memorable holiday for everyone. Our small group tours ensure that each guest is made to feel part of the family, whether you are travelling with a friend, your partner or solo. We know our clients have a great time travelling with Escorted Escapes as many of them come home to book their next trip with us. This repeat business, as well as the referral of family and friends is the ultimate compliment and confirmation that we are exceeding our guests expectations.

STILL NOT SURE? READ OUR CUSTOMER TESTIMONIALS AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

"As I'm a solo traveller now, I thought this Escorted Escapes trip to South America would be perfect for me, and it was. It is so nice to have everything organised for you with a great itinerary. Since then I have done two more trips with Escorted Escapes, one to Antarctica and another to Russia and the Baltics. Both of these exceeded my expectations also. Next year I'm excited to have two more tours booked with Escorted Escapes, the first to Egypt & Jordan, then to Southern Africa. I never thought I would see so much of our amazing world at my age, but with Escorted Escapes I'm confident that I'll have a wonderful time and get delivered home safely and very happy."

Laraine - Essence of South America

"Escorted Escapes certainly provided us with value for money and an extremely enjoyable glimpse of Africa. A great mix of game viewing at the beginning and the end, with a variation in the middle visiting Cape Town and the beautiful countryside to the east. The game drives went from being spectacular in Chobe to jaw dropping in Kruger and Karongwe. The accommodation was well chosen and extremely comfortable with great dining options in all locations."

Barbara & Laurie - African Highlights

"The great thing about Escorted Escapes is that the groups are small and the people at Escorted Escapes are mindful of the mix of people that are going. Itineraries can be tailored around the dynamic of the group. Personally, I love photography and had always wanted to go to Africa and I could see that going in a small group had lots of benefits, such as shorter waiting times, a flexible itinerary, unique accommodation and quality dining. We have travelled extensively but often talk about our African Escorted Escape as being the best trip we have ever been on. We love Escorted Escapes so much that we have booked two back to back tours in 2020 - Egypt & Jordan and Spectacular Scandinavia."

Colin & Lynette - African Adventure

"Escorted Escapes is to be congratulated for its overall organisation, accommodation and unexpected surprises and extras that are included in their holidays. We would definitely travel with them again. The value for money was fantastic and the 21 day holiday went without a hitch. We now have fantastic memories for a lifetime."

Brian & Vikki - African Highlights

DEPARTURE DATES

DATE	TWIN	SOLO
2 - 24 Mar 2021	\$19,995*	\$22,995*

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- ✓ SMALL GROUPS*
- ✓ INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Search for the renowned "Big 5" on included game drives within some of the most famous national parks across Africa
- Travel to the Serengeti in the ideal season to maximise your chances of seeing the annual migration of wildebeest and zebra
- Experience majestic wildlife viewing during your stay at a luxury private game reserve
- Witness one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls
- Enjoy some of Africa's finest game viewing on safari in the Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Marvel at the majestic view of Victoria Falls on your included "Flight of the Angels"
- Take the cable car to the summit of Table Mountain for views across Cape Town, one of the world's most spectacular cities
- Visit the world-renowned David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Nairobi



THE GRAND AFRICA

DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - JOHANNESBURG

Our Escorted Escape begins today as we fly from Australia to Johannesburg. Tonight will be spent in the air en-route to South Africa.

DAY 2 JOHANNESBURG

On arrival in Johannesburg, we will be met by our tour leader and transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the evening is at leisure within the Emperors Palace complex.

Accommodation: Peermont Mondior

DAY 3 KRUGER PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

We return to the airport for our flight to Hoedspruit, the gateway to the wonders of Kruger! Enjoy lunch in the surroundings of our beautiful lodge before heading out this afternoon on the first of our game drives. We have the added benefit of being located in a private game reserve, with highly experienced rangers and the ability to take our vehicles off-road to maximise our chances of animal sightings. Our Welcome Dinner is tonight at the Lodge Restaurant.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Moditlo River Lodge

DAY 4 KRUGER PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

On our morning and afternoon game drives we will explore different locations within the reserve to maximise our game viewing experience. There will be time between game drives to relax and enjoy the stunning surroundings of our lodge. Enjoy sundowner drinks and wonderful food whilst discussing today's wildlife encounters.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Moditlo River Lodge

DAY 5 FRANSCHHOEK

We spend our last morning in Kruger with a final game drive before our flight to Cape Town. It's a short drive to Franschhoek, a charming town with centuries-old vineyards and Cape Dutch architecture, located in South Africa's Western Cape wine region.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Protea Hotel By Marriott

DAY 6 FRANSCHHOEK

Enjoy a relaxing morning meandering through the quaint village of Franschhoek before a gourmet lunch and vineyard tour at Le Petite Ferme, a stylish winery nestled amongst the vineyards on the slopes of Olifants Pass. After lunch we discover the historic Boschendal Wine Estate with a cellar tour and wine tasting.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Protea Hotel By Marriott

DAY 7 CAPE TOWN

Discover the beauty of Stellenbosch while we stop for morning tea, then sit back and enjoy the scenery on our way to Cape Town. On arrival, we'll take the cable car to the summit of Table Mountain and drive through the coastal suburbs of Clifton and Sea Point. The beautiful V&A waterfront is only a short walk from the hotel.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** The Portwood Hotel

DAY 8 CAPE TOWN

Today we'll spend a full day exploring the stunning Cape Peninsula, following the coast down to the Cape of Good Hope - the views from the lighthouse are stunning! In the afternoon we'll visit the fairy penguins at Simonstown.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** The Portwood Hotel

DAY 9 CAPE TOWN

Today is free to further explore Cape Town, a beautiful city with a wide range of activities on offer. Stroll around the V & A Waterfront, browse the stores and markets or take a tour across the harbour to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela and other anti-apartheid activists were imprisoned.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** The Portwood Hotel



DAY 10 VICTORIA FALLS

Have a leisurely start to the day and perhaps a sleep in, before we head to the airport for our flight to Victoria Falls. We are met on arrival and transferred to Ilala Lodge, our luxurious accommodation only a few minute's walk from the falls. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings and watch out for the local wildlife on the grounds of the lodge.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Ilala Lodge

DAY 11 VICTORIA FALLS

Board the unforgettable 'Flight of the Angels' helicopter tour this morning and marvel at the majestic views of the falls and iconic Zambezi river from the air. We will also enjoy the panorama of the falls from land while exploring the national park. Take to the Upper Zambezi River in the afternoon on a sunset cruise; sit back and enjoy the view while sipping on a cocktail.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Ilala Lodge

DAY 12 NAIROBI

We are travelling at the perfect time of year to experience the full power of the Falls in all its glory. Today, have a relaxing start to the day before we cross into Zambia to see the falls from a different aspect – spend part of the day in this amazing destination before we return to the airport for our flight to Nairobi in the afternoon.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport

DAY 13 NGORONGORO CRATER

This morning we fly to Arusha and make our way towards the Ngorongoro Crater. We spend the afternoon on a game drive through Lake Manyara, a beautiful scenic national park. The park offers varied ecosystems, breathtaking views and incredible ecological variety in a small area, rich in wildlife and an amazing number of birds. Later this afternoon we drive to our lodge on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

DAY 14 NGORONGORO CRATER

After breakfast we descend some 610 metres into the crater for a full day game drive complete with picnic lunch. Prides of lions, herds of Cape buffalo, rhino, giraffes, golden & black-backed jackal, zebra, cheetah, leopard and spotted hyena freely roam on the plains of the crater floor. In the afternoon we visit a Masai village and learn about one of the earth's oldest cultures.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

DAY 15 LAKE NDUTU

The drive from Ngorongoro to Ndutu is a game drive in itself. En-route your driver-guide will search for the migratory herds who usually frequent the area at this time of year. The dense population of the migratory herd, along with their young offspring, encourage predators such as lion, leopard and cheetah to move into this area to take advantage of the vulnerable calves.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Lake Ndutu Luxury Lodge

DAY 16 LAKE NDUTU

We have the whole day ahead of us in the Ndutu area, spotting all varieties of wildlife. Each day is different, but we focus of course on the Great Migration. Zebra and wildebeest are the most numerous of the migrating animals here. Our driver-guide will also be on the lookout for other wildlife, using his expertise to try to find elephant, lion, buffalo, leopard and cheetah – just some of the many, many species you will encounter in this awe-inspiring location.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Lake Ndutu Luxury Lodge

DAY 17 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

We make our way across the Serengeti via the beautiful high lying farmland as we enter the heart of wild Africa. The endless plains, rolling into the distance as far as the eye can see, are home to resident herds of buffalo, topi, hartebeest and impala, waterbuck, reedbuck and dik-dik, giraffe, warthog and birdlife of all colors and sizes. We enter the Seronera Valley, famous for its abundant lions and leopards.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

DAY 18 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

We continue our focus in the Seronera Valley on a full day game drive. Large prides of lion are renowned in this area, and we are most likely to encounter cheetah on the rolling southern plains towards the Naabi Gate. The lines of sausage trees along the Seronera riverbanks provide the perfect environment for leopards to camouflage themselves on sun-dappled branches.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

DAY 19 NAIROBI

After breakfast, we farewell the Serengeti and fly to Kenya's capital Nairobi. The afternoon is free to relax and enjoy the facilities at our hotel.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Eka Hotel

DAY 20 NAIROBI

We visit two important animal rehabilitation centres today. The world renowned David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust is known for its successful elephant and rhino rescue and rehabilitation programme, while The Giraffe Centre specialises in the conservation of the endangered Rothschild Giraffe. This evening, we'll celebrate our travels with a group farewell dinner and raise a glass to toast our incredible adventure.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Eka Hotel

DAY 21 NAIROBI - DUBAI

Relax this morning at the hotel before we transfer to the airport for our flight to Dubai. This evening we stay inside the airport terminal at the transit hotel to ensure a good nights rest before the long flight back to Australia.

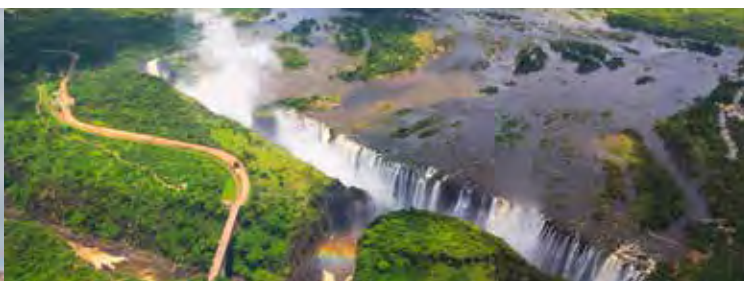
Meals: B **Accommodation:** Dubai Transit Hotel

DAY 22 IN TRANSIT

Today is spent travelling.

DAY 23 AUSTRALIA

Our Escorted Escape ends. On arrival, farewell your new friends and tour host as you head home.



DEPARTURE DATES

DATE	TWIN	SOLO
22 Aug - 11 Sep 2020	\$13,995*	\$15,495*
19 Sep - 9 Oct 2020	\$13,995*	\$15,495*
14 Aug - 3 Sep 2021	\$14,995*	\$17,495*
18 Sep - 8 Oct 2021	\$14,995*	\$17,495*

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience majestic wildlife viewing during your stay at a luxury private game reserve
- Visit the world famous Kruger National Park on a full day safari
- Witness one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls
- Explore the coastal scenery along South Africa's renowned Garden Route
- Marvel at the majestic view of Victoria Falls on your included 'Flight of the Angels'
- View elephants and hippos up close as you cruise along the Chobe River
- Take the cable car to the summit of Table Mountain for views across Cape Town, one of the world's most spectacular cities
- Sample local wines at some of the beautiful Western Cape vineyards
- Discover the stunning coastline of the Cape Peninsula on a sightseeing tour



DAY 1 AUSTRALIA

Our Escorted Escape begins today as you fly from your nearest capital city to Sydney. Tonight is spent at the airport hotel where you can meet your host and share a welcome drink with your fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Rydges Sydney Airport Hotel

DAY 2 SYDNEY - JOHANNESBURG

We fly to Johannesburg today. On arrival, we will be met by our tour leader and transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the evening is at leisure within the Emperors Palace complex.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Peermond Mondior Hotel

DAY 3 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

This morning return to Johannesburg airport for our onward flight to Kasane, the gateway to Chobe National Park. Board a game cruise on the Chobe River before returning to the lodge for our Welcome Dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Chobe Safari Lodge

DAY 4 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Experience Chobe National Park on an open-vehicle game drive this morning. Chobe is home to the largest elephant population in the world. Late in the afternoon, return to the river for a sunset game cruise and enjoy a dinner feast on board.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Chobe Safari Lodge

DAY 5 VICTORIA FALLS

Today we cross the border into Zimbabwe on our way to Victoria Falls. Spend the afternoon at your leisure, perhaps relaxing and watching the wildlife near the property. This evening we enjoy a group dinner at the famous restaurant Boma – Place of Eating.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Ilala Lodge

DAY 6 VICTORIA FALLS

Board the unforgettable 'Flight of the Angels' helicopter tour this morning and marvel at the majestic views of the falls and iconic Zambezi river from the air. We will also enjoy the panorama of the falls from land while exploring the national park with our guide. In the evening we take to the upper Zambezi on a sunset cruise.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Ilala Lodge

DAY 7 CAPE TOWN

Today we fly from Victoria Falls to Cape Town. Spend the afternoon at your leisure – perhaps you might like to go shopping, exploring the local neighbourhoods or relax at your hotel.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Portsworld Hotel





DAY 8 CAPE TOWN

Explore the city of Cape Town today, beginning with a trip to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela and other anti-apartheid activists were imprisoned. We will also ride the cable car to the summit of Table Mountain to enjoy stunning views across the city and bay.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Portswood Hotel

DAY 9 CAPE TOWN

Enjoy a full day of exploration along the stunning Cape Peninsula, following the coast down to the Cape of Good Hope. The views from the lighthouse are stunning as you look down on the meeting of two oceans. Enjoy the beauty of Clifton and Camps Bay, gaze at the peaks of the Twelve Apostles, visit a penguin colony and see the famous wineries of Constantia.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Portswood Hotel

DAY 10 FRANSCHHOEK

Spend a leisurely morning in Cape Town before we take a short drive to reach the beautiful Western Cape wine region encompassing Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch. We will stay in Franschhoek, a charming town with centuries-old vineyards and Cape Dutch architecture.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Protea Hotel by Marriott

DAY 11 FRANSCHHOEK

Enjoy a relaxing morning meandering through the quaint village of Franschhoek before a gourmet lunch and vineyard tour at Le Petite Ferme, a stylish winery nestled amongst the vineyards on the slopes of Olifants Pass. After lunch, we discover the historic Boschendal Wine Estate with a cellar tour and wine tasting.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Protea Hotel by Marriott

DAY 12 OUDTSHOORN

We farewell the wine region and make our way along the picturesque Garden Route, we'll break the journey with a lunch stop en-route before arriving at the beautiful town of Oudtshoorn, known as "the ostrich capital of the world".

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Swartberg Country Manor

DAY 13 OUDTSHOORN

This morning we'll explore the Cango Caves - a series of hidden chambers cut deep into a thick limestone rock layer in the Swartberg Mountains. We then proceed to a local ostrich farm to enjoy a three course lunch and guided tour.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Swartberg Country Manor

DAY 14 KNYSNA

We depart today for Knysna, a popular town in the heart of the Garden Route. Knysna is situated on a beautiful lagoon and surrounded by ancient forest. We'll enjoy a boat cruise and lunch at Knysna Heads.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Protea Hotel Knysna Quays

DAY 15 KNYSNA

Today we further explore the Knysna area, including the Tsitsikamma National Park and the famous Storms River Suspension Bridge, as well as visiting Birds of Eden; the world's largest free flight aviary and bird sanctuary.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Protea Hotel Knysna Quays

DAY 16 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Fly from George to Kruger International Airport and transfer to our lodge. Spend the evening enjoying the facilities of the lodge.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Muluwa Lodge

DAY 17 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Today is a full day game drive, exploring the stunning scenery and wildlife of the Kruger National Park. Covering an area of 19,485 square kilometres, the world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Muluwa Lodge

DAY 18 PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

After a restful start to the morning we make our way to our accommodation in a different part of the Greater Kruger National Park. We arrive in time to make the most of the wonderful facilities before our afternoon game drive.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Karongwe River Lodge

DAY 19 PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Embark on an early morning game drive before returning to the lodge for lunch and some down time. Explore different sections of the reserve today, enjoying sundowner drinks on your afternoon game drive where hopefully your checklist of the Big 5 sightings will be complete!

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Karongwe River Lodge

DAY 20 KRUGER - AUSTRALIA

Head out for one last game drive this morning before returning to the lodge for breakfast. Later, transfer to the airport for our flight to Johannesburg and onward to Australia.

Meals: B

DAY 21 AUSTRALIA

Our Escorted Escape concludes. On arrival, farewell your new friends and tour host as you head home.



DEPARTURE DATES

DATE	TWIN	SOLO
7 Aug - 5 Sep 2020	\$15,995*	\$17,995*
4 Sep - 3 Oct 2020	\$15,995*	\$17,995*
1 Aug - 30 Aug 2021	\$16,995*	\$18,995*
5 Sep - 4 Oct 2021	\$16,995*	\$18,995*

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- ✓ INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls
- Search for the Big 5 in open-vehicle game drives in Etosha National Park
- Marvel at the majestic view of Victoria Falls on your included 'Flight of the Angels'
- View elephants and hippos in their natural environment in Chobe National Park
- Enjoy one of the world's most spectacular cities, Cape Town, with included tours to Table Mountain and the Cape Peninsula
- Explore the Okavango Delta in a traditional style mokoro (canoe)
- View the world's highest sand dunes at Soussusvlei
- See the world's second largest canyon at Fish River
- Stay in a boutique guesthouse in the Western Cape Winelands, complete with wine tasting

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Meals: B **Accommodation:** Peermont Mondior Hotel

DAY 3 VICTORIA FALLS

Today we fly from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls and transfer to our luxury lodge. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings at the lodge and look out for your first wildlife sightings. This evening is our Welcome Dinner, a feast for the senses as we enjoy a traditional dinner and drum show at the Boma.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Ilala Lodge

DAY 4 VICTORIA FALLS

Board the unforgettable 'Flight of the Angels' helicopter tour this morning and marvel at the majestic views of the falls and iconic Zambezi river from the air. We will also enjoy the panorama of the falls from land while exploring the national park. Take to the upper Zambezi river in the afternoon on a sunset cruise, keeping an eye out for the first game sightings of your trip!

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Ilala Lodge

DAY 5 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Depart Zimbabwe and cross the border into Botswana. We're heading for Kasane on the edge of Chobe National Park, where we will enjoy an afternoon game cruise on the magnificent Chobe River.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Chobe Safari Lodge

DAY 6 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Experience Chobe National Park on an open-vehicle game drive this morning. Late in the afternoon, return to the river for a sunset game cruise, viewing herds of elephant and buffalo quenching their thirst by the water.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Chobe Safari Lodge

DAY 7 NATA

Today we head south to Nata for a night at the Elephant Sands Lodge. With no fences, wildlife is free to roam around the camp, offering you a unique up-close experience with the elephants. This evening we'll sample a traditional bush braai (barbeque) dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Elephant Sands Lodge

DAY 8 OKAVANGO DELTA

Farewell the elephants this morning and head to Maun, the gateway to the World Heritage listed Okavango Delta. You may wish to take an optional flight over the Delta to gain a unique perspective of the vast landscape.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Cresta Maun Hotel

DAY 9 OKAVANGO DELTA

Sit back and relax in your mokoro (traditional style canoe) as local guides paddle us through the narrow waterways of the Okavango Delta. Expect to see hippos and abundant birdlife from the water, and other game at a lunch stop at a local island.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Cresta Maun Hotel

DAY 10 CAPRIVI

Travel along the western edge of the Delta and into the Caprivi Strip region of Namibia. After a long travel day enjoy a relaxing sunset cruise on the upper reaches of the Okavango.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Popa Falls Resort



DAY 11 CAPRIVI

We begin today with an early morning game drive in the Mahango National Park, a remote area blessed with abundant wildlife. The rest of the day will be at your leisure. You may wish to partake in one of the camp's optional bush walks or village visits to further explore the area.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Popa Falls Resort

DAY 12 ETOSHA

Today is a long travel day but our destination, Etosha National Park, makes it worthwhile. The name Etosha is derived from the Oshiwambo and means "big, white place", owing to its major feature - a salt pan so large it can be seen from space!

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Mokuti Etosha Lodge

DAY 13 ETOSHA

Discover the eastern corridor of Etosha National Park with morning and afternoon open-vehicle game drives. Despite the vast salt pan, there are numerous permanent waterholes which attract an abundance of wildlife, providing excellent game viewing opportunities.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Mokuti Etosha Lodge

DAY 14 ETOSHA

Today our game drive takes us right across the park, exploring the salt pans, waterholes and wildlife en-route to Okaukuejo Resort, where we will spend the next two nights.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Okaukuejo Resort

DAY 15 ETOSHA

Explore the western region of Etosha on morning and afternoon game drives today. Make sure you visit the resort's famous floodlit waterhole during your free time for amazing up close wildlife viewing.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Okaukuejo Resort

DAY 16 SWAKOPMUND

Farewell Etosha today and head south to the Skeleton Coast and Swakopmund. Swakopmund's German origins are quite pronounced in the beautiful old German colonial buildings throughout the city, a stark contrast for this town sitting at the edge of the Namib desert.

Meals: B Accommodation: Swakopmund Plaza Hotel

DAY 17 SWAKOPMUND

This morning we depart the Walvis Bay Waterfront for a marine educational sightseeing tour in the bay area in search of the marine big 5: whales, dolphins, mola, leatherback turtle and seals. This afternoon is free for you to further explore Swakopmund, or alternatively to relax at the beach or your hotel.

Meals: B Accommodation: Swakopmund Plaza Hotel

DAY 18 SWAKOPMUND

Today is a free day to choose from a range of optional activities. You might like to explore the open-air markets, head to the National Marine Aquarium, or visit the local museum.

Meals: B Accommodation: Swakopmund Plaza Hotel

DAY 19 SOSSUSVLEI

We head south today through the spectacular scenery of the Namib Naukluft National park en-route to Sossusvlei. On the way, keep your eyes open for oryx, springbok, and Hartmann's mountain zebra. Enjoy dinner at the lodge on arrival.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Hammerstein Lodge

DAY 20 SOSSUSVLEI

Marvel at the incredible scenery today as we rise early to visit the world's highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. You can climb Dune 45 if you're feeling fit and energetic, before exploring Death Valley surrounded by 300 metre high sand dunes and petrified trees.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Hammerstein Lodge

DAY 21 FISH RIVER CANYON

Today we drive through the remote regions of Southern Namibia to our lodge close to Fish River Canyon. Enjoy dinner on arrival while you take in the unique landscape.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Canyon Village

DAY 22 ORANGE RIVER

Join a morning walk along the canyon rim trail for spectacular views across and into Fish River Canyon, one of the largest canyons in the world. We will then continue south to our lodge on the banks of the Orange River.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Norotshama River Lodge

DAY 23 ORANGE RIVER

Today we explore the region from the river on a canoeing trip downstream. Take in the picturesque area which forms the border between Namibia and South Africa, before returning to the hotel for dinner.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Norotshama River Lodge

DAY 24 CITRUSDAL

Farewell Namibia as we head south along the Western Cape of South Africa. We travel today to Citrusdal, a small town at the base of the scenic Cederberg mountains.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Pieknierskloof Mountain Lodge

DAY 25 FRANSCHHOEK

Take a short drive to reach the beautiful Western Cape wine region encompassing Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch. Enjoy lunch and a vineyard tour at Le Petite Ferme, nestled among the vineyards on the slopes of Olifants Pass. After lunch we'll visit the historic Boschendal Wine Estate for cellar tour and wine tasting.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: Protea Hotel by Marriott

DAY 26 CAPE TOWN

Sit back and enjoy the scenery on our way to Cape Town. On arrival we'll join a city tour, take the cable car to the summit of Table Mountain and drive through the coastal suburbs of Clifton and Sea Point. The beautiful V&A waterfront is only a short walk from the hotel.

Meals: B Accommodation: Portsworld Hotel

DAY 27 CAPE TOWN

Today we'll spend a full day exploring the stunning Cape Peninsula, following the coast down to the Cape of Good Hope - the views from the lighthouse are stunning! In the afternoon we'll visit the fairy penguins at Simonstown.

Meals: B Accommodation: Portsworld Hotel

DAY 28 CAPE TOWN

Today is a free day to explore this stunning city before the group assembles for our farewell dinner. Take an optional trip out to Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, stroll around the V&A waterfront or perhaps take the time to do some last minute shopping.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Portsworld Hotel

DAY 29 CAPE TOWN - AUSTRALIA

Our adventure in Africa comes to an end today. We'll be transferred to Cape Town Airport for our flight to Johannesburg and onto Australia.

Meals: B

DAY 30 AUSTRALIA

Our Escorted Escape concludes. On arrival, farewell your new friends and tour host as you head home.

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DATE	TWIN	SOLO
30 Aug - 18 Sep 2020	\$15,495*	\$18,495*
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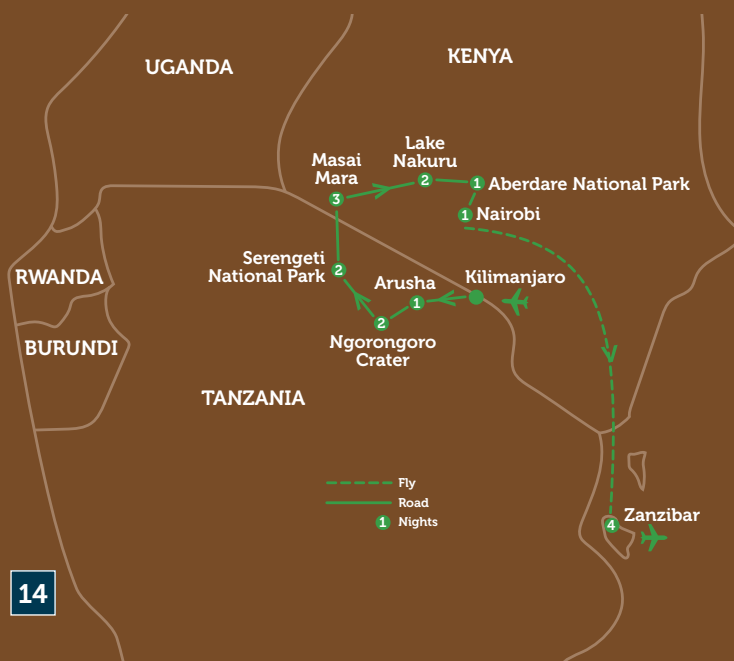
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel to the Masai Mara in the ideal season to maximise your chances of seeing the annual migration of wildebeest and zebra
- Search for the renowned "Big 5" - lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant and buffalo
- Experience open-vehicle game drives in the world-famous Serengeti National Park
- Spend a memorable day on safari in the Ngorongoro Crater
- Enjoy game drives in Lake Nakuru National Park, a sanctuary for endangered rhinos
- Sit by the floodlit waterhole and watch the wildlife from the comfort of the lounge at The Ark Lodge
- Visit a local Masai village and learn about the traditional Masai lifestyle and culture
- Explore historic Stone Town and the spice plantations of Zanzibar
- Relax on the stunning beaches of Zanzibar's north coast

**DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - KILIMANJARO**

Our Escorted Escape begins today as we fly from Australia to Kilimanjaro.

DAY 2 ARUSHA

On arrival into Kilimanjaro, our tour guides eagerly await our arrival for a unique and traditional African style welcome before transferring to our hotel in Arusha. Your afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy the beautiful surrounds or to rest.

Accommodation: Arusha Serena Hotel

DAY 3 NGORONGORO CRATER

This morning we depart to the Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest inactive, unfilled volcanic caldera, which has been described as one of the great natural wonders of the world. The crater is home to many species of wild game and birds – almost every species of African plains mammal lives in the crater, including the endangered black rhino and the densest population of predators in Africa. Tonight enjoy a sunset drink and welcome dinner at the lodge.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

DAY 4 NGORONGORO CRATER

After breakfast we descend some 610 metres into the crater, for a full day game drive complete with picnic lunch. Prides of lions, herds of Cape buffalo, rhino, giraffes, golden and black-backed jackal, zebra, cheetah, leopard and the spotted hyena freely roam on the plains of the crater floor. Unmatched for its natural variety and breathtaking beauty, there are few places on earth where such a tremendous diversity of landscapes exist inside a region this size.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

DAY 5 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Farewell the majestic Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast and head for another famous Tanzanian highlight – the Serengeti. First we will visit a Masai village to learn about one of earth's oldest cultures, before enjoying lunch on arrival at our lodge. This afternoon depart on a game drive through the world famous Serengeti National Park, home to over 4 million mammals and birds.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Serengeti Serena Lodge

DAY 6 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

The Serengeti is one of the world's last great wildlife refuges and home to one of the most valued collections of wildlife on the planet, renowned for its large predator population. We explore this spectacular park with morning and afternoon game drives today.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Serengeti Serena Lodge

DAY 7 MASAI MARA

After breakfast we head north towards the Kenyan border and continue to the Masai Mara Game Reserve. Today is a long travel day, but the wildlife in one of Africa's greatest reserves makes it worthwhile.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Serengeti Serena Lodge

DAY 8 MASAI MARA

Today it's all about the animals, with morning and afternoon game drives. The Masai Mara is one of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves. The acacia dotted plains, tree-lined rivers and woodlands are abundant with wildlife and an array of birdlife, including the two million animals that migrate through the area during the natural wonder that is the Great Migration.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Tipilikwani Mara Camp



DAY 9 MASAI MARA

Spend another day exploring the stunning scenery and wildlife of the Masai Mara with morning and afternoon game drives. Game viewing is spectacular year round; you may see a pride of lions stalking their prey, observe a herd of elephants and their fascinating social structure or see pods of hippo wallowing in the rivers.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Tipilikwani Mara Camp

DAY 10 LAKE NAKURU

After breakfast, we travel across vast plains of the Rift Valley, keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle on our way to Lake Nakuru. Arrive at the lodge in time for lunch before an afternoon game drive.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Lake Nakuru Lodge

DAY 11 LAKE NAKURU

Today we explore the park on morning and afternoon game drives. Best known for its vast populations of pink flamingos in the wet season, Nakuru National Park is also a sanctuary for giraffes as well as the endangered rhinos.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Lake Nakuru Lodge

DAY 12 ABERDARE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, depart for Aberdare National Park, a beautiful mountain range in the central highlands of Kenya. This afternoon we make our way to our accommodation at an overnight lodge built deep in the forest. Enjoy game viewing at the floodlit water hole from the comfortable lounge areas or from your room at any time of night.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** The Ark

DAY 13 NAIROBI

Today we make our way to Kenya's capital, Nairobi, where we'll arrive in the afternoon and enjoy some leisure time at our hotel. This evening we will experience dinner with a local Kenyan family.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Eka Hotel

DAY 14 ZANZIBAR

Today we'll visit the world renowned David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust as well as the Rothschild Giraffe Rehabilitation Centre and learn more about this worthwhile project and the importance of the elephant in Africa's conservation efforts. This afternoon we farewell Kenya and fly to our final destination, Zanzibar, and transfer to our hotel.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Double Tree by Hilton

DAY 15 ZANZIBAR

This morning, explore historic Stone Town on a guided tour through the narrow streets and alleyways of this former trading port. Learn why Zanzibar is known as the "Spice Island" on a guided spice tour of local farms and plantations where you can see and taste a wide variety of spices of the region.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Double Tree by Hilton

DAY 16 ZANZIBAR

Today we head for the relaxing shores of the Bluebay Beach Resort, a 5-star hotel spread over 30 acres of tropical gardens with over 1,000 palm trees. Located right on the edge of the wide and sandy white beach on the island of Zanzibar, the resort is a wonderful place to relax and unwind before we make the trip home.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa

DAY 17 ZANZIBAR

Spend a day relaxing at the resort doing whatever you please. You might like to indulge in a treatment at the day spa, join in on some water sports or simply lay out on the pristine beach. This is your last chance to relax and unwind before leaving Africa.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa

DAY 18 ZANZIBAR - AUSTRALIA

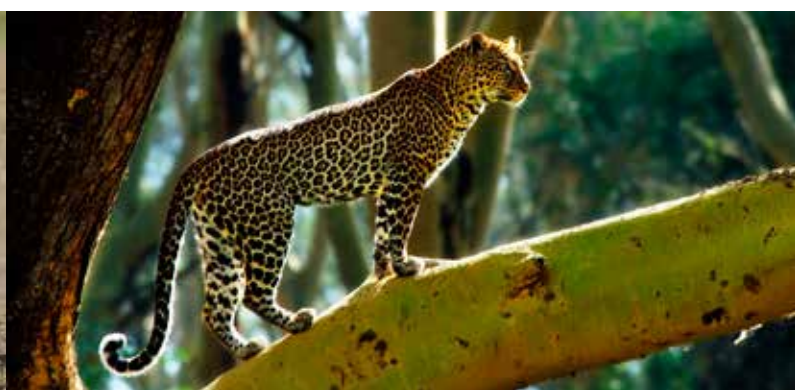
Today we farewell Africa and begin the journey home. All good experiences must come to an end and sadly you must say "kwaheri" (goodbye). Later this afternoon we will be transferred to Zanzibar International Airport for your onward flight home.

DAY 19 IN TRANSIT

Today is spent travelling.

DAY 20 AUSTRALIA

Our Escorted Escape concludes today. On arrival, farewell your new friends and tour host as you head home.



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11 - 30 Mar 2020	\$12,995*	\$15,995*
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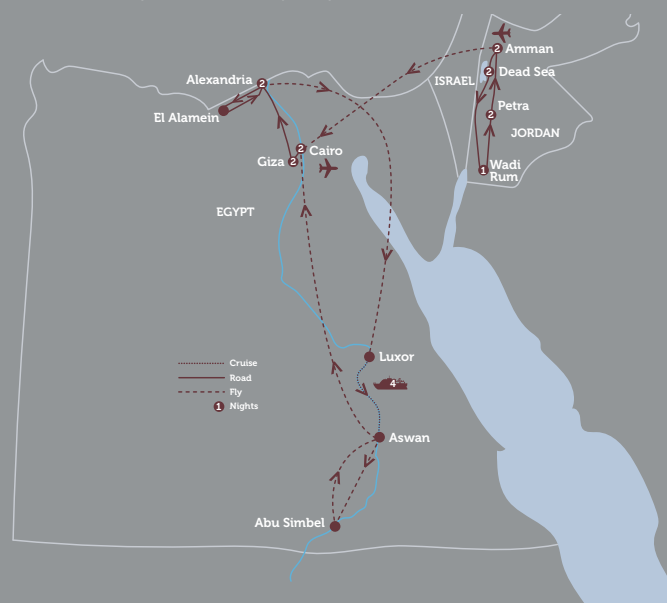
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the Great Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the World
- Cruise the Nile on the luxurious MS Tulip for 4 nights
- See the Valley of The Kings, and descend into the tomb of the boy king Tutankhamun, one of the most renowned archaeological sights in history
- Visit the World War II sights at El-Alamein and Alexandria, including the War Memorial and Australian Cemetery
- Take in the majestic temples of Abu Simbel, and admire the effort of relocating the temples, when the Aswan dam created Lake Nasser in 1968
- Learn the history of the region through an Egyptologist, and piece all the amazing sights and stories together at the Egyptian Museum
- Sharpen your bargaining skills at the Khan El Khalili Markets in Cairo
- Rejuvenate with a swim in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea
- Explore the unique landscape of Wadi Rum on a 4WD Bedouin tour
- Experience the changing colours of Petra, at sunrise and throughout the day, culminating in the magical "Petra by Night"

EGYPT & JORDAN
IN DEPTH**DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - DEAD SEA**

Our Escorted Escape begins today as we fly from Australia to Jordan. Tonight will be spent in the air en-route to Amman.

DAY 2 DEAD SEA

Today we arrive in Amman, the capital of Jordan. We then make our way to the lowest point on the earth – the Dead Sea. At 400 metres below sea level, it is one of the most spectacular landscapes in the world. We will check in to our hotel, where the rest of the day is at your leisure before we meet in the evening for our welcome dinner.

Meals: D Accommodation: Holiday Inn Dead Sea

DAY 3 DEAD SEA

Today is free to explore the Dead Sea. The banks of the Dead Sea have been a centre for healing for several centuries. The mineral rich mud is known for its therapeutic qualities and the salt content is ten times higher than the ocean which makes it uniquely buoyant. Float in the relaxing waters or sample some of the many spa treatments available.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Holiday Inn Dead Sea

DAY 4 WADI RUM

Today we head south to Wadi Rum Desert (Valley of the Moon), a protected desert wilderness featuring rippled red sand dunes and a maze of monolithic sandstone and granite rockscapes which rise up from the desert floor. Enjoy a 4WD Bedouin Jeep tour to explore the most picturesque spots, before transferring to our accommodation for the evening - traditional style Bedouin tents equipped with modern conveniences.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Sun City Camp

DAY 5 PETRA

Today we travel to the ancient city of Petra where we will explore for the afternoon. Now a UNESCO World Heritage site, Petra enchants visitors with massive architecture and an ingenious complex of dams and water channels. Much of Petra's appeal comes from its spectacular setting, deep inside a narrow desert gorge.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Petra Guest House

DAY 6 PETRA

After an early breakfast, we will walk to Petra to watch the sunrise, with an unforgettable pattern of changing colours amongst this fascinating site. Enjoy free time at Petra in the afternoon before we complete our Petra experience with a visit to the "Petra By Night Show" - this event is a magical way to see part of the rock city by candlelight and explore the old city.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Petra Guest House

DAY 7 AMMAN

Visit Kerak Castle en-route to Madaba "The City of Mosaics", followed by a visit to the Monastery in Mount Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land. We then visit the unique site of Bethany, recognised by the major traditional Christian Churches as the true site where Jesus Christ was baptized by St John. It is now one of the most significant places of pilgrimage in Catholicism and one of the most important biblical discoveries in the world.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Corp Amman



DAY 8 AMMAN

Today we visit Ajloun Castle, one of the greatest examples of Islamic architecture. We then head to the Roman City of Jerash, hidden for centuries in sand before being excavated and restored over the past 70 years. The site is now generally acknowledged to be one of the best preserved Roman cities in the world.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Corp Amman

DAY 9 GIZA

We farewell Jordan this morning and fly to Cairo. On arrival, we will be transferred to Giza, home of the iconic Great Pyramids and Sphinx. The afternoon will be spent at your leisure.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Marriott Mena House

DAY 10 GIZA

It's a memorable day today as we visit one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. Learn about one of the most celebrated civilisations in human history from an Egyptologist. We also see first-hand how papyrus was made in ancient times on a tour of the Papyrus Institute. This afternoon we visit the pyramids of Memphis and Sakkara.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Marriott Mena House

DAY 11 ALEXANDRIA

Today we head for Alexandria, our first stop is the Alexandria Library – renowned for its walls carved with giant letters, hieroglyphs and symbols. This afternoon we explore the Catacombs of Kom Ash Shuqqafa, the largest-known Roman burial site in Egypt. We then make our way to the striking 14th century, Citadel of Qaitbay.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Sheraton Montazah

DAY 12 ALEXANDRIA

Today we visit El Alamein for a guided tour of the site of the allied force victory in World War II. Wander through the War Museum which offers an outstanding collection of artefacts, followed by a visit to the War Cemetery where more than 1200 Australian WWII Diggers have been laid to rest.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Sheraton Montazah

DAY 13 LUXOR

We farewell Alexandria this morning and fly to Luxor for our next adventure, a 4 night cruise on the magnificent Nile. After settling in on the ship and enjoying a late lunch, we'll tour Luxor's East Bank, where you will see Karnak and Luxor Temples. Karnak Temple is perhaps the greatest example of worship in history and was dedicated to the God Amon, his wife Mut and their son Khonsu, while the temple of Luxor has been in almost continuous use as a place of worship right up to the present day.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** MS Tulip

DAY 14 NILE CRUISE - ESNA

This morning we discover the West Bank of the Nile including the Valley of the Kings and descend into the tomb of the boy king Tutankhamun, one of the most renowned archaeological sights in history. We also visit the temple of Queen Hatshepsut which is one of Egypt's most impressive temples and the Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** MS Tulip

DAY 15 NILE CRUISE - KOM OMBO

This morning we visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu, the most well-preserved temple of Ancient Egypt, renowned for its gigantic pylons and the second largest temple in Egypt after Karnak. We then sail to Kom Ombo and the ancient Egyptian temple of Horus and Sobek, a healing place of pilgrimage for ancient Egyptians and famous for its mummified crocodiles.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** MS Tulip

DAY 16 NILE CRUISE - ASWAN

We arrive into Aswan this morning. We tour the High Dam and the Temple of Philae, one of the greatest Temples in Egypt, rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. This afternoon we board a traditional Felucca to sail around Kitchener's Island and visit the Aswan Botanical gardens.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** MS Tulip

DAY 17 CAIRO

This morning we disembark our cruise and take a short flight to visit the impressive temple of Abu Simbel which is guarded by four colossal statues of Ramses II. Admire the effort of relocating the temples, when the Aswan Dam created Lake Nasser in 1968. We return to Aswan for our flight to Cairo where we will transfer to our hotel.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Ramses Hilton

DAY 18 CAIRO

We begin our day with a visit to the Citadel of Salah el-Din, then proceed to the beautiful Alabaster Mosque of Muhammed Ali. We make our way to the Grand Egyptian Museum, home to Tutankhamun's death mask and the most extensive collection of Egyptian antiquities in the world. We then have time for some bargain hunting at the Khan El Khalili Markets. This evening we celebrate our final night on tour with a farewell dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Ramses Hilton

DAY 19 CAIRO - AUSTRALIA

Spend the morning at leisure before we say goodbye to the "Land of the Pharaohs" and travel to the airport to begin our journey home.

Meals: B

DAY 20 AUSTRALIA

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DATE	TWIN	SOLO
2 - 23 Mar 2021	\$14,995*	\$17,995*

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend the night in a spectacular glass igloo gazing at the stars and, if you're lucky, the Northern Lights
- Visit Rovaniemi, the home of Santa Claus and one of Finland's best areas for winter activities
- Cross the Arctic Circle under the amazing colour displays of the Northern Lights
- Discover the rich history of Norway at the Viking Ship and Kon-tiki Museums
- Experience the legendary Flåm Railway, considered one of the most beautiful rail journeys in the world
- Learn about the lives and training of the well known Huskies at a working Husky farm
- Cruise Norway's coastline with Hurtigruten, a world leader in exploratory travel
- Take in the spectacular beauty of the UNESCO World Heritage listed Norwegian fjords
- Take a day trip to the medieval town of Tallinn in Estonia



SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA & NORTHERN LIGHTS

DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - HELSINKI

Our Escorted Escape begins today as we fly from Australia to Helsinki. Tonight will be spent in the air, en-route to Finland.

DAY 2 HELSINKI

On arrival in Helsinki we will be met by our local tour leader and transferred to our hotel.

Accommodation: Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti

DAY 3 HELSINKI

This morning we embark on an orientation tour of Helsinki - see the famous Senate Square with the Cathedral, the Market Square, the Uspenski Cathedral, Olympic stadium and much more. The afternoon is at your leisure, you may wish to rest and relax or further discover the city. This evening you have a chance to get to know your fellow travellers at our Welcome Dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti

DAY 4 HELSINKI

Enjoy a full-day private excursion to the medieval city of Tallinn in Estonia. We begin with a ferry crossing, then embark on a walking tour to explore the city, which includes stops at the baroque Kadriorg Park, Song Festival Grounds and the seaside district of Pirita. We then visit the Aleksander Nevskij Cathedral and the Dome Church. You may spend some time at leisure in Tallinn before we board the ferry back to Helsinki.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti

DAY 5 ROVANIEMI

Start the day with a scenic train ride to Rovaniemi. Sit down for a meal in the onboard restaurant and bar, for a full experience on this iconic journey. We arrive in Rovaniemi, the capital of Lapland and the 'official' hometown of Christmas, where culture, winter activities and fairytales come together.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Sokos Hotel Vaakuna

DAY 6 SINETTA

Start today with a visit to Santa Claus Village, where you have the chance to meet Santa Claus and cross the magical arctic circle. Enjoy a group lunch at the village. Our next stop is Sinetta where we will spend the night in a glass igloo, a true wonder of Finnish Lapland. The igloo village is set in an opening surrounded by pine trees, which creates ideal conditions to see the Northern Lights in a starry night sky. Sleep peacefully as the 'Aurora Alarm' searches the skies for you. Once the alarm has signalled, open your eyes to view the glowing night sky from the comfort of your cosy bed!

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Arctic Snow Hotel & Glass Igloos

DAY 7 SAARISELKÄ

We have a relaxing late start to the morning, before we farewell Sinetta. Sit back and take in the scenery in the Finnish countryside, as we make our way to Saariselkä. Spend the afternoon relaxing at the hotel, there's an indoor pool and several saunas.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Holiday Club Saariselkä

DAY 8 SAARISELKÄ

Today we tour a husky farm. The head musher will lead an engaging talk about the life and training of these well known Arctic animals, before taking a husky ride. You will have a chance to take some great photos!

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Holiday Club Saariselkä



DAY 9 KIRKENES

We farewell Saariselkä this morning and head north. We stop for a delightful visit at a reindeer farm, enjoy a sleigh ride and learn the importance of reindeer in Sámi culture. We also tour the Sámi museum, a beautiful Arctic museum and nature centre that preserves the culture of the Sámi people. Then it's on to our home for the evening in Kirkenes where we'll stay in the unique Gamme Cabins.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Kirkenes Snow Hotel (Gamme Cabins)

DAY 10 COASTAL VOYAGE

Today we board the MS Nordlys for our Norwegian Classic Voyage south. After departing Kirkenes we head due north to Vardø, the oldest town in northern Norway and the eastern-most in the country. This region is where we'll have the best chance of viewing the spectacular Northern Lights.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** MS Nordlys

DAY 11 HONNINGSVÅG & THE NORTH CAPE

Enjoy magnificent sub-Arctic landscape on our journey towards North Cape, one of the northern most points on the European continent. After brief stops in Havøysund and Hammerfest, we will dock in Tromsø late in the evening in time to experience an optional magical Northern Lights concert at the Arctic cathedral.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** MS Nordlys

DAY 12 LOFOTEN ISLANDS

Cruise through the Lofoten Islands, an archipelago known for its exceptional natural beauty and picturesque fishing villages. Our daylight sailing route through this world-famous region is a highlight for many. After a short stop at the tiny village of Risøyhamn we continue south and through a passage into the narrow Raftsund, flanked by peaks rising 1,000m out of the sea.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** MS Nordlys

DAY 13 THE POLAR CIRCLE AND "THE SEVEN SISTERS"

Travel along the Helgeland coast dotted with hundreds of tiny islands, fertile farmland and steep granite walls. We cross the Arctic Circle today and celebrate the occasion on deck. The Arctic Circle is rich in local lore with stories including the legend of the Seven Sisters, a picturesque mountain range over 900m high.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** MS Nordlys

DAY 14 TRONDHEIM AND KRISTIANSUND

This morning we have the chance to explore and enjoy the culture, architecture and history of Trondheim. We then continue southbound through the Trondheimfjord and along Trondheimsleia channel, before arriving at Kristiansund, the home of dried fish production. Experience the ship's open sea crossing towards Molde, known for its breathtaking location, with panoramic views of the snow-clad mountain peaks.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** MS Nordlys

DAY 15 BERGEN

This afternoon we disembark the MS Nordlys in Bergen, Norway's second largest city located on the mountain side overlooking the sea. Your afternoon will be at leisure for you to explore this beautiful city.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Clarion Admiral Hotel

DAY 16 BERGEN

Today we enjoy a tour of Bergen, including a drive past St Mary's Church and Haakon's Hall, and a walk through the old Hanseatic wharf at Brygge. We also visit Trolldaugen, the home of the composer Edvard Grieg. Later in the afternoon, we take the Fløibanen funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen for magnificent views of Bergen.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Clarion Admiral Hotel

DAY 17 OSLO

This morning we depart Bergen on a scenic train journey on the Bergen Railway to Voss. From Voss, we travel by bus through the charming villages and landscapes, towards Gudvangen. Sail through the picturesque World Heritage listed Aulandsfjord and Nærøyfjord - one of the most dramatic fjords in Norway. We then board the legendary Flåm Railway to Myrdal, which offers breathtaking views of the Norwegian fjord landscape. We recommence our journey on the Bergen Railway to Oslo, where we'll arrive in the evening.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Thon Hotel Opera

DAY 18 OSLO

This morning we start with an orientation tour of Oslo, which includes the Opera House and Vigeland Sculpture Park. The afternoon is at your leisure, you may wish to rest and relax or further discover this beautiful city.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Thon Hotel Opera

DAY 19 OSLO

We spend today further exploring Oslo. Admire the views across Oslo from the Holmenkollen Ski jump, and visit the Viking Ship Museum and Kon-tiki Museum. You can spend some time at leisure before we head out for our group farewell dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Thon Hotel Opera

DAY 20 OSLO- AUSTRALIA

Today is free to do any last minute shopping or relax and enjoy the hotel facilities before a late afternoon transfer to the airport for our flight home.

Meals: B

DAY 21 IN TRANSIT

Today is spent travelling.

DAY 22 AUSTRALIA

Our Escorted Escape ends. On arrival, farewell your new friends and tour host as you head home.



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DATE	TWIN	SOLO
24 Aug - 14 Sep 2020	\$9,995*	\$11,495*

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Soak in the views of Lake Ohrid - from the cobbled streets of the old town to admiring the spectacular setting of the St Naum Monastery on the edge of the lake
- Spend time in Dubrovnik, with its distinctive old town overlooking the endless shimmer of the Adriatic sea - it never disappoints
- Take a ferry journey from Split to the Isle of Chiovo and admire its Venetian Architecture
- Explore the intricate cave system of the Matka Canyon in Macedonia
- Mix with the locals in Zagreb at the Dolac Bazaar markets that separate the upper and lower towns, full of local produce from all over the country
- Take a boat ride to the magical tear-shaped Bled Island located on one of Slovenia's most beautiful lakes
- Spend the day exploring the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Plitvice Lakes National Park, renowned for its dramatic waterfalls, glittering lakes, and lush forested cliffs
- Experience Sarajevo, where East meets West, one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world
- Admire the iconic medieval stone bridge in Mostar, the Balkans' most renowned bridge



DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - ZAGREB

Our Escorted Escape begins today as we fly from Australia to Zagreb.

DAY 2 ZAGREB

On arrival at Zagreb Airport today, we are met by our guide and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the afternoon is free to spend at your leisure.

Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton

DAY 3 ZAGREB

Discover the charm of Zagreb as we spend the day exploring Zagreb's main sights including the famed markets of Dolac Bazaar, St. Mark's Church, the medieval Stone Gate and Pope's tower, built to protect the southern city gate. We also stop by the central Ban Josip Jelacic Square, a popular meeting place, then make our way to the Lotrscak Church and the beautiful tree-lined Cemetery of Mirogoj where you can discover the graves of writers, poets and composers. This evening you have a chance to get to know your fellow travellers at our Welcome Dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** DoubleTree by Hilton

DAY 4 LJUBLJANA

This morning we travel to Bled and visit the medieval Bled Castle perched atop a steep cliff, rising 130m above the glacial Lake Bled. We take a boat ride on the Lake to visit the Assumption of Mary Church, where according to legend every wish can come true by ringing the church bell 3 times. We then continue to the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana and enjoy a panoramic city tour including Medieval Castle, City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas and Triple Bridge.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Radisson Blu Plaza

DAY 5 PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

Today experience a fascinating subterranean paradise at the Postojna Caves, with 24kms of underground passages, galleries and halls. Later we travel to the renowned Plitvice Lakes National Park, boasting 16 cascading lakes, breathtaking canyons, and Croatia's tallest waterfall. We spend the evening at the charming riverside town of Bihac on the banks of the Una River.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Hotel Kostelski Buk

DAY 6 SARAJEVO

Today we make our way to Sarajevo, the historic capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We explore the city highlights, including the Begova Mosque, Cathedral of the Sacred Jesus Heart, Eternal Flame memorial and the ancient Turkish Old Bazaar. Enjoy some free time in the fascinating old town this afternoon before a group dinner this evening.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Novotel Sarajevo

DAY 7 SARAJEVO

We pay a visit to the Sarajevo War Tunnel "Tunnel of Hope" - an underground tunnel located under the Airport area constructed in 1993 during the Siege of Sarajevo. We then make our way to the National Park Vrelo Bosna, a peaceful and relaxing park at the foothills of Mt Igman. The afternoon is free to explore Sarajevo before we meet for dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Novotel Sarajevo

DAY 8 BELGRADE

We visit Novi Sad, the second largest Serbian city, en-route to Belgrade. Discover the main city sights, including the Petrovaradin Fortress, towering over the river on a 40m high rocky cliff. It is considered Europe's second-largest fortress, and one of the best-preserved. This evening we dine at the hotel restaurant.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Hotel Falkensteiner



DAY 9 BELGRADE

We continue our exploration of Belgrade this morning. Along with its wonderful sights, what makes Belgrade special is that it brandishes a boastful and freewheeling energy while retaining its enduring grit. You'll have time to soak up the atmosphere and perhaps do some shopping in Knez Mihailova Street, the main pedestrian and shopping zone – one of the oldest and most valuable landmarks of the city.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Hotel Falkensteiner

DAY 10 SKOPJE

Today travel to the Macedonian capital, Skopje; known for its cultural and historical monuments and archaeological sites. Enjoy a panoramic city tour, viewing landmarks including the Square of Macedonia, Stone Bridge, and the Castle of Skopje. This evening enjoy a group dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Hotel City Park

DAY 11 SKOPJE

We spend today at Matka Canyon. Covering approximately 5,000 hectares, Matka is one of the most popular outdoor destinations in Macedonia and home to several medieval monasteries. The Matka Lake within the Matka Canyon is the oldest artificial lake in the country. There are ten caves at Matka Canyon, with the shortest in length being 20 metres, and the longest being 176 metres long.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Hotel City Park

DAY 12 OHRID

Today we head to Ohrid, a small resort city on the hilly shores of Lake Ohrid, with steep streets dotted with beautiful churches and topped by the bones of a medieval castle. Take in the stunning lakeside scenery and main sights of the city on a walking tour. There will also be time for some shopping in the Ottoman Bazaar.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Hotel City Palace

DAY 13 OHRID

Discover the UNESCO-listed landscapes of Lake Ohrid today, heading south towards the Albanian border to the St Naum Monastery – an imposing sight on a bluff on the shores of the lake and one of the most popular tourist destinations in Macedonia. Relax on a boat ride on the picturesque lake, before returning to Ohrid in the afternoon.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Hotel City Palace

DAY 14 BUDVA

We farewell Macedonia this morning and make our way to the Albanian capital, Tirana. Discover the city's major landmarks, including the main city plaza; Skanderbeg Square, the Et'hem Bey Mosque, Opera building and Ministries building. Afterward, we make our way to Budva, a historic Montenegrin town on the Adriatic Sea famed for its stunning beaches.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Hotel Adria Budva

DAY 15 BUDVA

The city of Budva dates back 3,450 years and is one of the oldest cities on the Adriatic Sea. Most of the buildings were erected during the Venetian rule. In the present day, narrow streets are lined with modern cafes, churches and galleries. Explore the town before we board a boat to cruise the Adriatic Sea to Kotor for some more sightseeing. Kotor is a fortified coastal city, characterized by winding streets and squares and a medieval old town.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Hotel Adria Budva

DAY 16 DUBROVNIK

Today we travel along the coastline to Croatia's southern seaport Dubrovnik, overlooking the calm blue Adriatic Sea. A prominent tourist destination, Dubrovnik is known for its distinctive Old Town encircled with massive stone walls dating back to the 16th century. Our city tour highlights include Stradun Square, The Palace of Rector and the Time Tower.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Hotel Adria Dubrovnik

DAY 17 DUBROVNIK

Enjoy a full day excursion, crossing the border back into Bosnia and Herzegovina to Mostar. Mostar is known for its iconic Stari Most (Old Bridge), a reconstructed medieval arched bridge spanning 29 metres and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We ascend to the Koski Mehmet-Pasha Mosque, which offers panoramic city views. We return to Dubrovnik in the afternoon and enjoy a group dinner this evening.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Hotel Adria Dubrovnik

DAY 18 SPLIT

Today we break our journey to Split with a visit to a Mali Ston oyster farm for a wine tasting tour and lunch. The bay of Mali Ston has been famous for seashell cultivation since the days of the Roman Empire. After lunch, we continue to Split, the largest city in the Dalmatia region and one of the most vibrant port cities, stunningly located between mountains and the sea.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Hotel Ora

DAY 19 SPLIT

This morning we visit the town of Trogir, situated on a small island between the Croatian mainland and the island of Ciovo, and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its Venetian architecture. We return to Split for some sightseeing including Diocletian's Palace, Jupiter's Temple and the St Dujce Cathedral. This evening is our farewell group dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Hotel Ora

DAY 20 SPLIT – AUSTRALIA

Today we farewell Croatia and head to the airport to begin our journey home.

Meals: B

DAY 21 IN TRANSIT

Today is spent travelling.

DAY 22 AUSTRALIA

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Red Square, the Kremlin and the Armoury in Moscow
- Visit the majestic Peterhof Grand Palace and Catherine Palace in St. Petersburg
- Cross the mighty Danube River on Budapest's famous Chain Bridge
- Wander around the historic Town Hall square in the middle of the medieval Tallinn
- Appreciate art and culture at the second-largest museum in the world, the Hermitage State Museum
- Visit Riga, known for its wooden buildings, art nouveau architecture and medieval Old Town
- Remember Poland's tragic past with a tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and museum
- Travel on high speed train between Moscow and St. Petersburg



RUSSIA & THE BALTICS

DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - MOSCOW

Our Escorted Escape begins as we fly from Australia to Moscow. Tonight will be spent in the air en-route to Russia.

DAY 2 MOSCOW

Upon arrival in Moscow, we will be met by our tour leader and transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure before we meet in the evening for our welcome dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Azimut Hotel Olympic

DAY 3 MOSCOW

We spend today exploring the founding centre of Moscow, the Kremlin and Red Square. Wander within the walls of this ancient fortress and admire the magnificent St. Basil's Cathedral.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Azimut Hotel Olympic

DAY 4 MOSCOW

This morning we tour Moscow's unique and beautiful Metro stations. See the beautiful mosaics, marble pillars, stained glass and artwork that make the Moscow metro unlike any other metro system in the world. Tonight we have the opportunity to enjoy either an iconic Russian Ballet Theatre show or the famous Moscow Circus.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Azimut Hotel Olympic

DAY 5 SUZDAL

We depart for Suzdal today via Vladimir, where we visit the Assumption and Dmitrievsky Cathedrals. In Suzdal we explore the Suzdal Kremlin, Monastery and Wooden Architecture and Peasant Life museum, which offers a fascinating glimpse into the lives of the rural folk in the area. This evening enjoy a group dinner at your hotel.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Sokol Hotel

DAY 6 MOSCOW

Today we travel to Sergiev Posad where we will visit the Trinity Lavra Monastery of St. Sergius, the most important monastery in Russia and the spiritual center of the Russian Orthodox Church. Before we travel back to Moscow, we get to test our creative skills with a Russian doll painting master class.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Azimut Hotel Olympic

DAY 7 ST. PETERSBURG

Travel by high-speed train from Moscow to St. Petersburg today. On arrival, we tour St. Petersburg, including a visit to Nevsky Prospekt Street, the main thoroughfare of St. Petersburg, as well as the Statue of Peter the Great and the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, known for its onion-shaped domes and colourful exterior.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Original Sokos Olympia Grand Hotel

DAY 8 ST. PETERSBURG

Today we explore St. Petersburg, including the Peter & Paul Fortress, founded by Peter the Great in 1703. We also visit the impressive St. Isaac's Cathedral, whose dome dominates the St. Petersburg skyline. Our afternoon is spent at the Museum of Russian Vodka.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Original Sokos Olympia Grand Hotel

DAY 9 ST. PETERSBURG

Palaces are today's theme as we embark on a short road trip to visit nearby palaces and parks at Peterhof and Pushkin. Catherine Palace, with its elaborate blue and white facade, is a magnificent example of Russian baroque, while Peterhof's Versailles inspired palace and vast parklands with numerous fountains are a sight to behold!

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Original Sokos Olympia Grand Hotel



DAY 10 ST. PETERSBURG

We spend our last morning in St. Petersburg appreciating art and culture at the Hermitage State Museum, the second largest museum in the world. The afternoon is free for you to spend at your leisure.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Original Sokos Olympia Grand Hotel

DAY 11 TALLINN

Today we depart St. Petersburg and head for the Estonian capital, Tallinn. Just across the border, we stop at Narva, to explore Hermann Castle and Art Gallery. Lunch is included before we continue our journey to Tallinn.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Park Inn Meriton

DAY 12 TALLINN

Spend the morning exploring Tallinn, including the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and St. Olaf's Church, before enjoying a Medieval lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon is free to explore Tallinn further at your leisure.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Park Inn Meriton

DAY 13 RIGA

We depart for Riga today. After crossing the border into Latvia, we make stops at the Turaida Castle complex in Sigulda and the Soviet Underground Bunker in Līgatne before continuing onto Riga.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Opera Hotel & Spa

DAY 14 RIGA

Today our exploration of Riga includes the Riga Cathedral, the Freedom Monument and St. Peter's Church, where you can take the lift to the observation deck for 360-degree views of the city of Riga. We visit the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia that covers the period when the Russians and German Nazis occupied Latvia.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Opera Hotel & Spa

DAY 15 VILNIUS

Our journey through the Baltics continues as we head into Lithuania today. En-route we visit the Ninth Fort Memorial, completed in the 1900s as a final part of Kaunas Fortress and located on the outskirts of Kaunas, Lithuania's second largest city.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Hotel Avenue Congress

DAY 16 VILNIUS

Today we visit local sights including the Vilnius Cathedral and Gediminas Castle, as well as the Užupis district in the old town, which in 1997 declared itself an Independent Republic. We also head to the nearby Trakai Castle, located on an island in Lake Galvė.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Hotel Avenue Congress

DAY 17 WARSAW

It's a long travel day today as we make our way into Poland. Just across the border, we stop at Białystok for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch we continue our journey to Warsaw, the capital of Poland.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Polonial Palace

DAY 18 WARSAW

Spend today exploring Warsaw. Highlights include the Royal Castle, Rising Museum and Poland's tallest building; the Palace of Culture and Science, where you can admire the views from the observation deck.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Polonial Palace

DAY 19 WARSAW

Today is at leisure for you to relax and enjoy Warsaw. You could make your way back to the Old Town and explore in-depth, take in the gardens, do some shopping or enjoy a traditional Polish lunch at one of the many restaurants.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Polonial Palace

DAY 20 KRAKOW

We travel across Poland to Krakow today via Tokarina, where we will explore the Kielce Region Countryside Museum, an open-air folk museum with historic buildings such as homesteads, cottages, windmills and watermills as well as a splendid manor house.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Inx Design

DAY 21 KRAKOW

Spend this morning touring the city of Krakow. We visit the Wawel castle as well as the Jewish district of Kazimierz in the Old Town, now a jumble of galleries, quirky shops, vintage clothing stores and bars. The afternoon is free for you to explore at your leisure.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Inx Design

DAY 22 KRAKOW

Today we travel to Oświęcim and take a guided tour of Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration and extermination camps, synonymous with genocide and the Holocaust. Visit the onsite museum to learn about the Nazi Holocaust and how the camps functioned.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Inx Design

DAY 23 BUDAPEST

This morning we continue into Hungary and on to Budapest, where we spend the afternoon getting acquainted with the city. Take a short tour which includes the famous Chain Bridge that spans the River Danube between Buda in the west and Pest in the east and the Dohány Great Synagogue and museum.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Novotel Danube

DAY 24 BUDAPEST

We further explore Budapest today, where our highlights include the Buda Palace and Budapest History Museum. The afternoon is at your leisure before we meet up for our farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Novotel Danube

DAY 25 BUDAPEST - AUSTRALIA

Today we farewell Budapest and head to the airport for our flight home.

DAY 26 AUSTRALIA

Our Escorted Escapes concludes today. Farewell your new friends and tour host as you head home.



DEPARTURE DATES

DATE	TWIN	SOLO
18 May - 10 Jun 2021	\$16,995*	\$19,295**

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience world famous train journeys - the Trans Mongolian and Trans Siberian railways
- See the best of Beijing - Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and walk on the Great Wall of China
- Stay in a traditional Mongolian Ger and experience Nomadic family lifestyle first hand
- Enjoy beautiful St Petersburg - Peterhof Palace and Gardens, the Hermitage Museum and Peter & Paul Fortress
- Discover Lake Baikal - the largest and deepest freshwater lake in the world
- Wander through the eclectic city of Ulaanbaatar and see a unique cultural performance of throat singing
- Relax and appreciate the views from your train carriage - untouched scenery of the Gobi Desert, National Parks and mountains
- Experience 24 hours of sunlight in St Petersburg and celebrate the "White Nights" festival with the locals
- Explore the colourful sights of Moscow - Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin
- Visit Mongolia's most recognisable monument - the huge Genghis Khan 40 metre high steel statue

**DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - BEIJING**

Our Escorted Escape begins today as we fly from Australia to China. Tonight will be spent in the air en-route to Beijing.

DAY 2 BEIJING

Today we arrive in Beijing, a thriving city which is the country's political, economic and cultural centre. On arrival we will be transferred to our hotel. Spend the afternoon at your leisure before we gather for a welcome meeting this evening.

Accommodation: Qianmen Jianguo Hotel

DAY 3 BEIJING

Visit Beijing's many wonderful sights today. Discover the fascinating history and significance of the Temple of Heaven, set in beautiful parklands. We continue to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, the world's largest palace complex. This evening we enjoy a group welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Qianmen Jianguo Hotel

DAY 4 BEIJING

Today we set off on an unforgettable excursion to visit one of China's most popular destinations, the Great Wall of China. The wall stretches some 5,000 kilometres across China's mountainous northern frontier. This evening we will experience a spectacular performance and dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Qianmen Jianguo Hotel

DAY 5 ON TRAIN

This morning we board the overnight express train which takes us north to Mongolia. On board, enjoy the amazing scenery as the train tackles the mountains before descending to the arid lands of Inner Mongolia, and onwards to the very heart of Asia.

Meals: Boxed Breakfast **Accommodation:** Train

DAY 6 ULAANBAATAR

We awaken on the train to stunning views of the south Gobi Desert. This afternoon we arrive in Ulaanbaatar where we explore the city and visit the National History Museum, which holds a collection of over 57,000 objects from the pre-history of Mongolia to the end of the 20th century. In the evening we witness a cultural performance where you will hear the unique traditional Mongolian throat singing.

Meals: D **Accommodation:** Best Western Tuushin Hotel

DAY 7 TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

This morning we will explore the Gandan Khiid Monastery where we mingle with the ruby-robed monks both young and old. We travel through to the countryside retreat of Terelj National Park, where we visit the famous Turtle Rock and get a glimpse into traditional Mongolian life by visiting a local nomadic family. Tonight we will be staying in a ger - the traditional dwelling of the Mongolian people.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Alungoo Ger camp

DAY 8 ON TRAIN

We return to Ulaanbaatar, one of the world's most remote capitals, where we visit the 40m tall equestrian statue of Genghis Khan on horseback. We will then have some free time prior to boarding our train to Siberia.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Train

DAY 9 LAKE BAIKAL

We arrive into Irkutsk in the early afternoon and transfer to Lake Baikal. Over 600 kilometres long and up to 80 kilometres wide, Baikal contains 20 percent of the earth's fresh water and is home to many unique species. We will enjoy sightseeing stops along the way to our guesthouse, including the Museum of Wooden Architecture.

Meals: D **Accommodation:** Lake Baikal Guesthouse



DAY 10 LAKE BAIKAL

Enjoy a full day exploring the incredible 25 million-year-old, UNESCO listed Lake Baikal. Meander along the lakeshore, hop on a chairlift or have a swim! We will also visit the Limnological Museum in Listvyanka and learn about the history of the lake and its fauna and flora.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Lake Baikal Guesthouse

DAY 11 IRKUTSK

We return to Irkutsk in the morning and take in the beautiful scenery en-route. We visit a region where Shamanism is still practiced and experience the fascinating traditions of the Buryats, the largest indigenous group in Siberia.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Central Hotel

DAY 12 ON TRAIN

Begin today with a city tour of Irkutsk. Old buildings and timeworn mansions lend a beauty to this remote but flourishing city, often called "The Paris of Siberia". Visit the central market, cathedrals and admire the old buildings with intricate wooden lacework, before boarding the train this afternoon for a 2 night journey.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Train

DAY 13 ON TRAIN

Life on board is a destination in itself! Mingle with the locals and learn some new phrases. As the train pulls into the many stations along the way, hop off and greet the Babushkas selling their homemade goodies and fresh produce on the platform – you may wish to purchase some fresh local snacks to enjoy on the train.

Accommodation: Train

DAY 14 YEKATERINBURG

After arriving in Yekaterinburg in the early afternoon we'll transfer to our hotel. The city is rich in architectural monuments, museums as well as theatres. There will be free time to explore at your leisure, before we meet for dinner.

Meals: D **Accommodation:** Park Inn

DAY 15 YEKATERINBURG

Yekaterinburg, a city founded by Peter the Great in 1723, is situated just 40 kilometres inside of Asia. Today we'll embark on a city tour where we take in its history, including a visit to Romanov's Church and the Europe/Asia Obelisk, which marks the continental border.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Park Inn

DAY 16 ON TRAIN

A mid-morning departure sees us bid farewell to Asia as we cross the Ural Mountains and enter Europe aboard the train to Moscow. As we boom over the steel bridges spanning Siberia's nerve system of 5,000 rivers, the flickering silvers and greens of the birch forest speed past the train window.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Train

DAY 17 MOSCOW

Our train pulls into the Station in the capital of Moscow mid-morning. We have the remainder of the day to see many of the city's main sights, including the famed Red Square and iconic St. Basil's Cathedral, built from 1555 to 1561 on orders from Ivan the Terrible.

Meals: L **Accommodation:** Peter 1st Hotel

DAY 18 MOSCOW

Today is a full day of sightseeing in Moscow. Explore the Kremlin, the fortified complex in the centre of Moscow that overlooks the Moskva River to the south, Saint Basil's Cathedral and Red Square to the east, and the Alexander Garden to the west. Go behind its walls to visit the Armoury Chamber with its vast array of treasures.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Peter 1st Hotel

DAY 19 MOSCOW

Start today with a visit to the Cosmonaut museum, dedicated to Russian space exploration and holding over 85,000 artefacts. We follow with an interesting tour of the palatial metro rail system draped in chandeliers, mosaics and baroque bas-reliefs. The afternoon is free for you to explore the streets, shops and cafes or revisit some of the Moscow's iconic sights.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Peter 1st Hotel

DAY 20 ST PETERSBURG

This morning we catch the four hour fast train to St Petersburg, where we will enjoy an afternoon at the impressive Hermitage Museum, the 2nd largest art museum in the world, along with Palace Square. This is one of the best times to visit St Petersburg, as the city celebrates its "White Nights" annual summer festival.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Golden Triangle Hotel

DAY 21 ST PETERSBURG

This morning we will visit St Isaac's Cathedral and Peter & Paul Fortress, the original citadel of St. Petersburg which today forms the central part of the State Museum of Saint Petersburg History. Spend the afternoon at leisure before we head out to enjoy an evening performance at one of St. Petersburg's excellent theatres.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Golden Triangle Hotel

DAY 22 ST PETERSBURG

We make the most of our last full day in Russia, starting with a visit to Peterhof; Peter the Great's Summer Palace. Wander the grounds and admire the palaces, gardens and fountains. We then head to Catherine's Palace to admire its lavish Rococo interiors. This evening we celebrate our wonderful trip with a group farewell dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Golden Triangle Hotel

DAY 23 ST PETERSBURG - AUSTRALIA

Today we say goodbye to Russia and begin our journey home.

Meals: B

DAY 24 AUSTRALIA

Our Escorted Escape concludes. On arrival, farewell your new friends and tour host as you head home.



DEPARTURE DATES

DATE	TWIN	SOLO
29 Oct - 18 Nov 2021	\$9,495*	\$11,495*

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Capture the perfect image of the majestic Taj Mahal in the spectacular morning light
- Explore Ranthambore National Park, a vast wildlife reserve and home to tigers, leopards and marsh crocodiles
- Spend the day at a unique Indian Festival, the annual Pushkar Camel Fair
- Gaze at the spectacular skyline of Pokhara, dominated by three of the ten highest mountains in the world and located on the tranquil shores of Lake Pokhara
- Visit Bhaktapur, an ancient UNESCO world heritage site in the Kathmandu Valley
- Tour the magnificent palaces in the romantic city of Udaipur
- Discover the charms and flamboyant style of Jaipur, known as "The Pink City"
- Wonder at the fascinating sites of Kathmandu including Boudhanath Stupa, one of the largest Buddhist stupas in the world
- Ride through through the bustling streets of Old Delhi in a traditional rickshaw



INDIA AND NEPAL ENCOUNTER

DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - KATHMANDU

Our Escorted Escape begins as we fly from Australia to Kathmandu. On arrival in the evening at Kathmandu Airport, we are met by our guide and transferred to our hotel.

Accommodation: Shangri-La Hotel Kathmandu

DAY 2 KATHMANDU

Discover the fascinating city of Kathmandu. Beginning at Boudhanath, a large 5th Century Buddhist stupa. We then make our way to Pashupatinath, a holy Hindu shrine dating back to 200BC. View the treasure trove of unusual architecture at Patan Durbar Square with its exquisite wood carving, stone, brick and brass craftsmanship. Tonight enjoy a welcome group dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Shangri-La Hotel Kathmandu

DAY 3 KATHMANDU

This morning we venture to Bhaktapur (which literally translates to "the place of devotees"), a UNESCO world heritage site in the Kathmandu Valley. It is considered a cultural gem, rich with a fascinating history and filled with ancient Hindu and Buddhist religious sites, palaces and courtyards.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Shangri-La Hotel Kathmandu

DAY 4 POKHARA

Say goodbye to Kathmandu as we make our way to the city of Pokhara, located on the shores of the tranquil Lake Phewa. Here the skyline is dominated by three of the ten highest mountains in the world. In the afternoon, we make our way to the Peace Monastery situated on a hill, with sweeping views of the Annapurna Mountain Range reflected in Lake Phewa below.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Shangri-La Hotel

DAY 5 POKHARA

It's a magical start to the day watching the sun rise over the Himalayas. On a clear day, the view of is spectacular. We will spend the rest of the day exploring Pokhara including the Pokhara Mountain Museum, Devi's Fall and Gupteswar Cave, before boarding a boat on Phewa Lake to visit the Tal Barahi Temple.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Shangri-La Hotel

DAY 6 KATHMANDU

After breakfast, we return by air to Kathmandu. We stop for lunch in the fascinating Thamel shopping district of Kathmandu. Afterwards, we take to the narrow streets to explore the dizzying array of shops, temples and eclectic market stalls selling everything from pashminas to prayer flags.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Shangri-La Kathmandu

DAY 7 DELHI

Today we farewell Nepal and fly to Delhi to begin our adventure in India. Stepping into the streets of this treasure-trove city, you will feel as if you've taken a journey back in time, with remnants of lost empires on almost every corner. From flower markets to sari-clad women, all the nuances of India are on show in Delhi.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** jūSTa Greater Kailash

DAY 8 DELHI

We spend the day exploring Delhi. We wind our way through the bustling, narrow labyrinths of Old Delhi on an exciting rickshaw ride. We visit Gandhi Smriti, a museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi. Our next stop is the exquisite Sikh Temple, called the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, where more than 10,000 people are fed each day! This afternoon, we explore Agrasen Ki Baoli, a unique and historical stepwell. This evening we visit the shrine of Hazrat Nizamuddin.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** jūSTa Greater Kailash



DAY 9 AGRA

We farewell Delhi and make our way to Agra, home of the legendary Taj Mahal, built by the Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan, as an eternal monument of love to his wife. Later in the evening, we will visit the last of Mughal-built gardens, Mehtab Bagh, for an uncluttered view of the Taj Mahal.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Crystal Sarovar Premiere

DAY 10 AGRA

We rise early to see the incomparable beauty of the Taj Mahal at sunrise, before taking a walking tour through the nearby village. It provides a fascinating insight into traditional rural life and the rich architectural heritage of India. We will tour the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Agra Fort, an imposing red sandstone citadel built originally as a military structure by Akbar in 1565 and partially converted into a palace during the time of Shah Jahan.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Crystal Sarovar Premiere

DAY 11 RANTHAMBORE

We leave Agra and make our way to Ranthambore, home of the famed Ranthambore National Park, one of the biggest and most renowned national parks in northern India. En-route we visit Chand Baori, considered among the most beautiful of stepwells in India.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Jungle Vilas

DAY 12 RANTHAMBORE

Ranthambore National Park was once a famous hunting ground for the Maharajas of Jaipur – now it's a major tourist attraction and a wildlife enthusiast and photographer's dream. We traverse the park on morning and afternoon safaris in search of the elusive tigers. Spotting tigers in the wild can test your patience but it's well worth the effort.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Jungle Vilas

DAY 13 JAIPUR

Today we head to Jaipur, the "Pink City" and capital of Rajasthan. Within the pink walls, you will find lively bazaars, camel carts, cows and rickshaw drivers, as well as numerous historical sights. It is also renowned for its traditionally dressed Rajput men wearing colourful turbans and sporting magnificent moustaches. Tonight we dine on the authentic cuisine of Rajasthan with a local family.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Alsisar Haveli Hotel

DAY 14 JAIPUR

We stroll through the lanes of Aund Meena - a village at the base of the iconic Amber Fort. The classically romantic Amber Fort is one of the finest examples in the world of a fort palace. On our return, we stop at the Anokhi Textile Museum to gain an in-depth knowledge of the prints authentic to this region. We explore the City Palace, which is still the home of the Jaipur Royal Family.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Alsisar Haveli Hotel

DAY 15 PUSHKAR

We journey to Pushkar, set on Pushkar Lake, a sacred Hindu site with 52 ghats where pilgrims bathe. Our visit is scheduled to coincide with the annual Pushkar Camel Fair. It's a unique sight, and a wonderful opportunity to witness a centuries-old traditional Indian festival. This evening we visit the fairground and wander amongst the elaborately adorned camels.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** The Orchard Hotel

DAY 16 PUSHKAR

Join the activities at the fair today, where a walk through the awakening campground will allow us to observe the villagers as they prepare for the day. See the festivities in full swing with colourful rows of local handicrafts and a rich variety of street food stalls.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** The Orchard Hotel

DAY 17 UDAIPUR

We continue our journey to Udaipur, which is considered to be one of India's most beautiful cities with picturesque lakes and innumerable palaces. We enjoy a private sunset boat cruise on Lake Pichola which affords views of some of the most important historical monuments - fine Havelis, temples and palaces, including the City Palace.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Fateh Niwas Hotel

DAY 18 UDAIPUR

We visit the magnificent City Palace, built-in 1725, an enormous edifice that stands on a hill on the banks of Lake Pichola. Stroll through the old city on foot, exploring its narrow lanes and bustling marketplaces before we visit the workshop of the Siklikar community. We will see how the weapons of the Rajputs were embellished with intricate inlay work using Gold or Silver wires.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Fateh Niwas Hotel

DAY 19 UDAIPUR - AUSTRALIA

Sadly it's our last day in India. Legend has it that the elements of India have a magical power that will entice you to return in the future. Enjoy the morning at leisure before we make our way to the airport for our journey home.

Meals: B

DAY 20 AUSTRALIA

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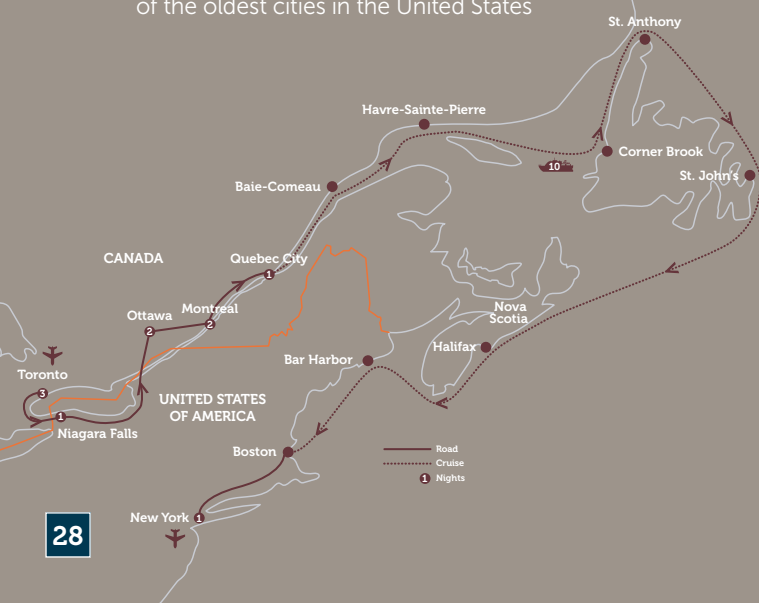
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- View the spectacular Niagara Falls, and experience them up close on a boat cruise
- Cruise in style on Holland America for 10 nights from Quebec City to Boston
- Tour the famous sights and landmarks in New York City
- Visit the stunning Montreal Botanical Garden, one of the world's largest botanical gardens
- Enjoy lunch and 360° views of Toronto from the top of the CN Tower, the most recognisable piece of the Toronto skyline
- Experience the unique Québécois history and culture in Quebec City and Montreal
- Witness the ever changing colours of the fall foliage that the region is renowned for
- Shop and dine at the historic Nova Scotia harbour port of Halifax
- Explore the quintessential New England coastal town of Bar Harbor
- Visit a traditional sugar shack to learn the history of maple syrup production
- Discover the historic city of Boston, one of the oldest cities in the United States



EASTERN CANADA & NEW ENGLAND IN THE FALL

DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - TORONTO

Our Escorted Escape begins today as we fly from Australia to Toronto. On arrival in Toronto we will be transferred to our hotel.

Accommodation: Chelsea Toronto

DAY 2 TORONTO

Today we begin with an orientation tour of Toronto including Bay Street, the Financial District, City Hall, Parliament of Ontario, University of Toronto, Yonge Street and the Eaton Center. This evening get acquainted with your fellow travellers at our welcome dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Chelsea Toronto

DAY 3 TORONTO

You are free to relax this morning before we venture to the top of the CN Tower for lunch with a view! Opened in 1976, the CN Tower defines the Toronto skyline and remains a celebrated architectural marvel. The floor-to-ceiling glass provides a spectacular 360° panoramic view over the city and lake. The rest of the day is free to explore at your leisure. For unbeatable views of the city skyline you may wish to take the short ferry ride across to Centre Island, a car-less island comprising 600 acres of parkland, attractions, bicycle paths and eateries.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Chelsea Toronto

DAY 4 NIAGARA FALLS

This morning we depart for the Niagara Peninsula - the natural divide between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. On arrival at Niagara Falls we board the "Hornblower" and venture up close to the American Falls, Canadian Horseshoe Falls, and breathtaking Great Gorge. Marvel at the thundering roar, awesome power and amazing mist that the powerful falls create. In the afternoon we visit Niagara on the Lake, a lovely colonial style town. Enjoy a winery tour and tasting before returning to Niagara Falls to check into our hotel. This evening we'll take an evening walk to admire the illumination of the falls.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Sheraton on the Falls

DAY 5 OTTAWA

This morning we depart Niagara Falls and make our way to the Thousand Islands region, an archipelago of over 1800 islands that straddle the Canadian/US border. Enjoy lunch on a one hour cruise through what the Indians have dubbed the "Garden of the Great Spirit". After our cruise we make our way to the Canadian capital, Ottawa.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Lord Elgin

DAY 6 OTTAWA

This morning we acquaint ourselves with the beautiful Canadian Capital on an orientation tour - passing by the Rideau Canal, Canadian Museum of Civilization, National Gallery of Canada and Rideau Hall. The afternoon is free to relax or explore the city further if you so choose!

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Lord Elgin

DAY 7 MONTREAL

We farewell Ottawa this morning and make our way to Montreal. On arrival in Montreal we begin an orientation tour of this dynamic metropolis. We'll explore old Montreal, the Business District and enjoy the views across the city from Mount Royal. Spend the afternoon at leisure enjoying the culture and beauty of this historic city.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Doubletree by Hilton

DAY 8 MONTREAL

We start our day at the Montreal Botanical Garden, one of the world's greatest botanical gardens with a collection of 22,000 plant species spread out over 75 hectares. Next we embark on a cable car ride to the top of the tallest inclined tower in the world - the Montreal Tower Observatory, located within the Montreal Olympic Park. Enjoy the panoramic view of metropolitan Montreal, Olympic Park and the dominant St. Lawrence River. On a clear day, this view stretches for more than 100km!

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Doubletree by Hilton



DAY 9 QUEBEC CITY

We farewell Montreal this morning and head to Quebec City. We stop en-route at a sugar shack where we will enjoy the folkloric traditions and the 'art' of maple syrup production. We then head to the Sanctuaire Notre-Dame-du-Cap in Trois Rivières, Canada's national shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We continue to the stunning Montmorency Falls - a wonder of nature that measures 30m higher than Niagara Falls. On arrival in Quebec City we'll check into our hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Hotel Pur

DAY 10 QUEBEC CITY

This morning we explore Quebec City, the only fortified city north of Mexico. We visit the Place Royale, Plains of Abraham, Parliament Hill and the historic Château Frontenac hotel. Enjoy some free time to stroll the cobblestone streets and discover the charm of this beautiful city, before we board the Ms Zuiderdam where we spend the evening onboard in the port of Quebec City.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Holland America's MS Zuiderdam

DAY 11 QUEBEC CITY - HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE

Today you may wish to join one of the tour activities, or alternatively explore Quebec City further yourself before rejoining the ship as it sets sail towards the Gulf of St Lawrence.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Holland America's MS Zuiderdam

DAY 12 BAIE-COMEAU, QUEBEC

Today we stop at Baie-Comeau, beautifully located on the banks of the Manicouagan and Saint Lawrence Rivers. Stroll the lovely quartier Sainte-Amélie. Learn about regional wildlife at the Maison de la Faune. Or visit the new Centré Boréal, a fascinating Glacier Center where visitors can walk through a manmade glacier, experiencing its temperature, sound and movement.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Holland America's MS Zuiderdam

DAY 13 HAVRE-SAINT-PIERRE, QUEBEC

Today we stop at the tiny French island of St-Pierre & Miquelon - the last remnants of the former colonial territory of New France.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Holland America's MS Zuiderdam

DAY 14 CORNER BROOK, NEWFOUNDLAND

We spend today in Corner Brook, a small but bustling city on Newfoundland's west coast. Captain Cook initially mapped this area, known as the Bay of Islands, in 1767 and like many other Newfoundland settlements, Corner Brook began as a fishing village. Take in the stunning scenery, the rolling green mountains and the views overlooking the bay.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Holland America's MS Zuiderdam

DAY 15 ST. ANTHONY, NEWFOUNDLAND

Today is spent near the northern tip of Newfoundland's Great Northern Peninsula. Tiny St. Anthony predates even the famed navigator and explorer Jacques Cartier. Though he gave the town its name, it was already a seasonal camp used by French and Basque fishermen when he arrived in 1534.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Holland America's MS Zuiderdam

DAY 16 ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

Today we explore the historic St John's, which occupies a spectacular site on one of the finest natural harbors in the world. Entering through "the Narrows", a 200-meter-wide passage flanked by cliffs, the harbor then widens out into a protected basin. Square, flat-roofed wooden houses painted in different colours are typical of St. John's.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Holland America's MS Zuiderdam

DAY 17 AT SEA

Today is spent at sea where you can relax and enjoy the wonderful facilities provided on the Ms Zuiderdam.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Holland America's MS Zuiderdam

DAY 18 HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

We spend the day in Halifax - Nova Scotia's provincial capital. Halifax has a rich maritime history, beautiful architecture and a magnificent coastline. It is home to one of the greatest natural harbours in the world and has a lovely waterfront, great shopping districts and cultural enclaves. Nature lovers, food aficionados and shopaholics will all enjoy visiting the city!

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Holland America's MS Zuiderdam

DAY 19 BAR HARBOR, MAINE

Today we set foot on US soil as we arrive in Bar Harbor, Maine. Surrounded by the magnificent Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor is a scenic and walkable town whose streets are lined with restaurants and boutiques. Various boat tours explore the waters and islands that surround Bar Harbor, including seasonal opportunities to view wildlife and lighthouses along the way.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Holland America's MS Zuiderdam

DAY 20 BOSTON - NEW YORK

We disembark our ship in New England's largest city, Boston. From the charming cobblestones of Beacon Hill, to the civic landmarks along the Black Heritage Trail and Freedom Trail, Boston is a treasure trove of Americana. After touring the city in the morning, we'll make our way to the "Big Apple" - New York! This evening we'll head out on the town for a farewell dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Millennium Hotel

DAY 21 NEW YORK - AUSTRALIA

Wake up to the hustle and bustle of New York today! We'll view the major sights and landmarks on a city tour, including Central Park, Times Square and the Empire State Building, before we transfer to the airport for our flight home.

Meals: B

DAY 22 IN TRANSIT

Today is spent travelling.

DAY 23 AUSTRALIA

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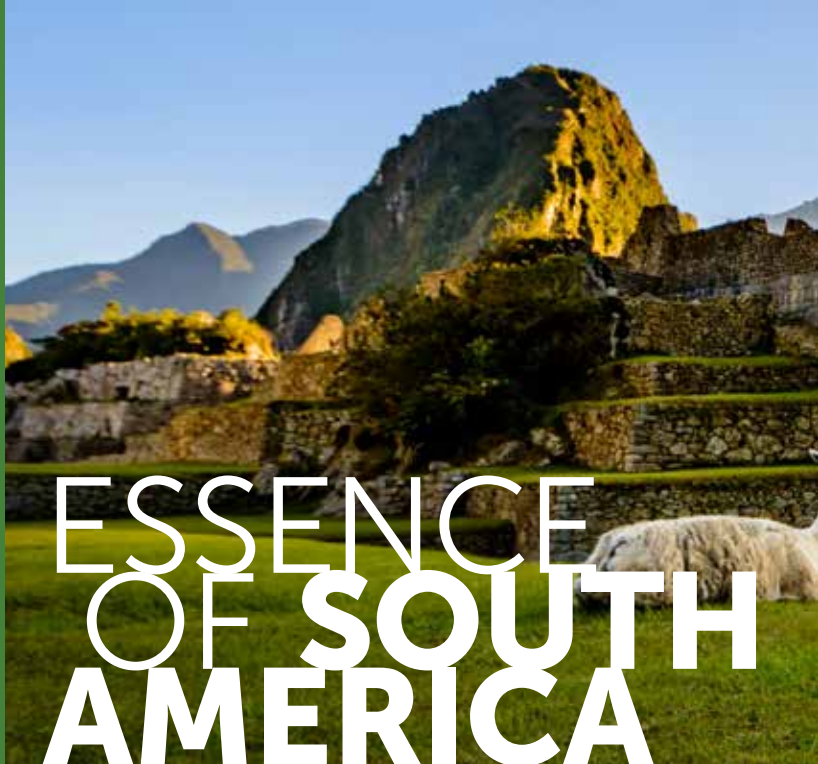
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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage site of Machu Picchu
- Visit the stunning Iguazu Falls and enjoy the beautiful vistas from both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides of the falls
- Admire Rio de Janeiro's iconic beaches and cityscape from the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain
- Get up close with the wildlife of the Peruvian Amazon
- Enjoy a traditional tango show and dinner in Buenos Aires
- See the magnificent Incan ruins at Cusco and the Sacred Valley
- Ride the luxurious Vistadome train between the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu
- Walk through the Amazonian treetops on the Inkatererra Canopy Walkway
- View the magnificent fountains and laser show at Lima's Parque de la Reserva

**DAY 1 AUSTRALIA - BUENOS AIRES**

Our Escorted Escape begins today as we fly from Australia to Buenos Aires. On arrival we'll be met by our tour leader and transferred to our hotel. This evening is at your leisure.

Accommodation: Hotel Boca

DAY 2 BUENOS AIRES

Our day begins with a tour of local neighbourhoods, including the colourful La Boca. Visit the city's second oldest church and the celebrated Recoleta Cemetery. In the evening, discover the beauty and passion of Argentine culture at a traditional tango show and dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Hotel Boca

DAY 3 BUENOS AIRES

Venture beyond the city on a tour to the Paraná Delta, the world's third largest river delta. Enjoy a break from the hustle and bustle of city life on a relaxing boat ride, viewing landmarks that line the waterways, including Sarmiento's historic home and museum.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Hotel Boca

DAY 4 LIMA

Transfer to Buenos Aires airport for our flight to Lima. This afternoon includes a short city tour, followed by dinner and a guided walk of the magical circuit of water at the Parque de la Reserva.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Wyndham Hotel Lima Airport

DAY 5 AMAZON RAINFOREST

Rise early for our flight to Puerto Maldonado, the gateway to the Peruvian Amazon. A short boat ride takes us into the rainforest and our base for experiencing this unique region.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Inkatererra Hacienda Concepcion

DAY 6 AMAZON RAINFOREST

Explore the surroundings with a morning excursion to Lake Sandoval. After lunch, discover breathtaking vistas from the 30m high Inkatererra Canopy Walkway. Later in the evening you can take a guided rainforest-by-night excursion, listening out for the melodies of the nocturnal species.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Inkatererra Hacienda Concepcion

DAY 7 AMAZON RAINFOREST

Today we learn about local cultivation techniques on a farm excursion. Relax in the afternoon or head out on a canoe to try your hand at traditional catch-and-release fishing.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** Inkatererra Hacienda Concepcion





DAY 8 SACRED VALLEY

This morning we transfer back to Puerto Maldonado airport for our flight to Cusco. On arrival, we will be met by a local guide and transferred to the Sacred Valley in the Andean highlands. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy at your leisure and acclimatise to the altitude.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Hacienda del Valle

DAY 9 SACRED VALLEY

Discover the charming Incan city of Pisac - an ancient site perched high above the present day Pisac town - and its magnificent views over the Vilcanota River. We also visit the Pisac markets and admire the local handicrafts.

Meals: B + L **Accommodation:** Hacienda del Valle

DAY 10 MACHU PICCHU

Explore the Incan ruins at Ollantaytambo before taking an afternoon train to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. Relax and enjoy the spectacular scenery through the valley from the comfort of the Vistadome train.

Meals: B + L + D **Accommodation:** El Mapi Hotel by Inkaterra

DAY 11 MACHU PICCHU

Today is an early start as we travel up from town to the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage site of Machu Picchu. Learn about the rich history of this awe-inspiring ancient city and enjoy time to explore on your own before returning to the hotel and regrouping for a relaxed dinner.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** El Mapi Hotel by Inkaterra

DAY 12 CUSCO

Take a morning train back to Ollantaytambo before a scenic drive through the Sacred Valley to Cusco. En-route we'll visit salt mines in the mountains and enjoy a weaving demonstration by local artisans. Tonight is free to enjoy at your leisure in Cusco.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Novotel Cusco

DAY 13 CUSCO

Embark on a guided tour of Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage site borne from the blending of Incan and European culture and architecture. Visit the Koricancha (Golden Temple) and San Christobal Church, fortress of Saksaywaman and the archaeological sites Qenko and Puca-Pucara.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Novotel Cusco

DAY 14 IGUAZÚ

Today is a travel day as we fly across the continent to the town of Iguazú. Our hotel is located on the Argentinean side of the falls and here we enjoy our first night in this tropical paradise.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Mercure Iru Hotel

DAY 15 IGUAZÚ

Your first views of the magnificent Iguazú Falls will be from the Argentinean side today. There are three main walking trails, each offering unique perspectives of the thundering waterfalls.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Mercure Iru Hotel

DAY 16 IGUAZÚ

Today is a free day to relax and enjoy the facilities and activities your hotel has to offer, or venture further afield to explore the local area.

Meals: B **Accommodation:** Mercure Iru Hotel

DAY 17 RIO DE JANEIRO

This morning explore the Brazilian side of the falls, following an impressive walking trail that takes you virtually under the falls. There is also time for an optional helicopter flight. In the afternoon, we head to the airport for our flight to Rio De Janeiro.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Windsor Excelsior Hotel

DAY 18 RIO DE JANEIRO

Today we head through the city to Corcovado and the impressive Christ the Redeemer statue. Later we take the cable car to the summit of Sugarloaf mountain to take in the famous views across the entire city. Relax and refresh at the hotel before a group dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B + D **Accommodation:** Windsor Excelsior Hotel

DAY 19 RIO DE JANEIRO - AUSTRALIA

Enjoy a morning at leisure to explore, shop or perhaps relax on Copacabana or Ipanema beach before an afternoon transfer to the airport for your flight home.

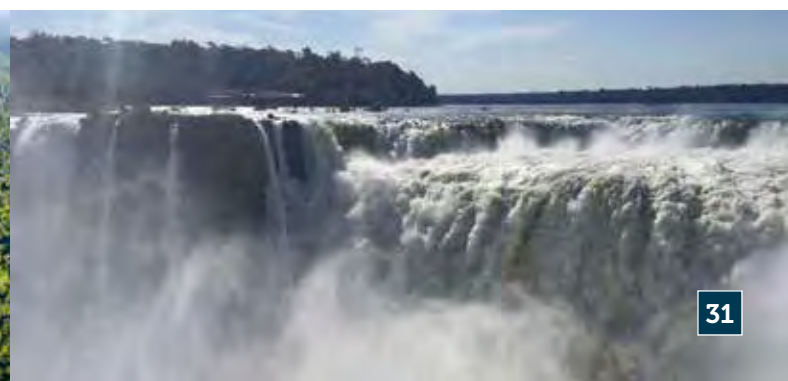
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO TRAVELS WITH ESCORTED ESCAPES?

Escorted Escape tours are designed for adults only, the majority of our travellers are over the age of 50. Travelling solo is very popular with Escorted Escapes tours as you have the security and convenience of a host travelling with you from Australia, as well as having everything arranged for you. Our tours are only sold within Australia.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ON THE TOUR?

All of our tours are small-group and have a maximum of 20 passengers, plus your tour host. In some locations our group sizes are capped at 18 due to vehicle sizes. We believe travelling in smaller groups will ensure a more personalised and comfortable group travel experience for everyone.

WHAT STANDARD OF ACCOMMODATION DO ESCORTED ESCAPES USE?

We use a range of quality accommodation including hotels, lodges, luxury tented camps and cruise cabins. We take pride in selecting the best locations and guarantee that all accommodation includes private ensuite facilities. With our small group sizes we have the flexibility to stay in smaller boutique properties, where available, to further enhance your travel experience. Please refer to the trip itinerary for the hotels we have carefully selected for your trip. All accommodation is subject to change. Where this occurs, we will substitute a hotel of a similar standard.

I AM A SOLO TRAVELLER.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO SHARE A ROOM?

If you're travelling solo, you don't need to be travelling alone. With our Escorted Escapes, you have the opportunity to travel with a while new set of friends! However, we do not 'match up' single travellers and you will be required to pay the single supplement. Our solo traveller prices are listed for each itinerary and are very competitively priced.

HOW ACTIVE IS MY ESCORTED ESCAPE?

Each itinerary has different fitness and mobility requirements. In general a moderate level of fitness is required for all of our tours. Please refer to our website for requirements specific to your chosen itinerary.

WHAT AIRLINES DO YOU USE?

We use premium airlines Internationally, (where available) for our tours such as Qantas, Air New Zealand, Etihad Airways, Singapore Airlines, Air Canada, Qatar and Emirates. In most instances, you will be advised of which airline we will be using upon booking.

CAN I UPGRADE MY FLIGHTS TO PREMIUM ECONOMY OR BUSINESS CLASS?

Yes of course. You will just be required to pay the difference in the fare you choose compared to the airfare we have included.

CAN I EXTEND MY STAY USING YOUR INCLUDED AIRFARES?

Escorted Escapes encourage you to make the most of the destination you are visiting. Should you wish to travel either before or after the group tour please contact your consultant who can provide you with the appropriate travel costs to meet your specific travel requirements.

ARE ESCORTED ESCAPES TOURS ALWAYS GUARANTEED TO RUN?

As we only operate small-group tours, the majority of our tours will always go ahead as scheduled. In the rare instance where a trip needs to be cancelled due to operational reasons and/or lack of numbers, we will try to accommodate you on one of our other departures where suitable. If not suitable, a full refund of all monies paid will be provided.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON A SPECIFIC TRIP?

Detailed trip notes for each of our itineraries are located at www.escortedescapes.com.au. These trip notes will provide additional information regarding travelling times and distances, transportation, accommodation, climate information, currency and suggested packing lists.

WHAT MEALS ARE INCLUDED?

All of our trips will include daily breakfast while on tour. We include some lunches and dinners, either in your hotel or at a local restaurant. We choose not to include all meals as it enables you to experience the local cuisine at your leisure, which we firmly believe is an integral part of the overall travel experience. Please refer to your specific itinerary for further information regarding meal inclusions.

“Better to see something once
than to hear about it a thousand times.”

Susan Sontag

ARE YOU ABLE TO CATER FOR MY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS?

Please ensure that you advise all dietary requirements at the time of booking so we are able to advise the respective airlines, hotels and restaurants. The more information you can give us the greater chance we have to meet your specific needs.

WHO IS THE AUSTRALIAN-BASED TOUR HOST FOR MY TRIP?

Each and every tour is hosted by an experienced travel professional from Australia. Our hosts have travelled extensively themselves and have a passion for travel. In addition to your Australian based tour host, there is always an experienced and fully certified in-country tour leader. Your tour host and tour leader will always work together and liaise with the local operators to maximise your travel experience.

DO I NEED TO TAKE OUT TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR MY TRIP?

Escorted Escapes participants are required to have fully comprehensive travel insurance. You will be required to provide your consultant with a copy of your insurance policy details prior to final payment. Please check that your insurance includes cover for cancellation fees in the event you are forced to cancel your tour prior to departure or leave the tour during operation due to unforeseen circumstances.

HOW MUCH LUGGAGE CAN I BRING?

The general luggage allowance while on tour is one suitcase with a maximum size of 76 x 53 x 28cms (30 x 21 x 11 inches) and weight of 20kg. Some trips have specific luggage requirements, for further information please refer to the individual trip notes. You may also carry a small backpack or an overnight bag with you for the duration of the tour. Escorted Escapes provide a suitably sized day pack for each passenger with their documents which we encourage you to bring with you on the trip.

DO I HAVE TO CARRY MY OWN LUGGAGE?

Where portage is available and can be pre-booked, we will endeavour to do so, but you should expect that at times you will be required to handle your own luggage on and off transport vehicles, in and out of your accommodation, between vehicles and airports and at other times as required. Unfortunately we are unable to include portage in each destination on every tour.

HOW MUCH VALIDITY DO I NEED ON MY PASSPORT?

All travellers are required to possess a passport valid for six months beyond the conclusion of your trip. This is an entry requirement for most countries and entry may be refused should you have less than six months remaining on your passport.

WILL I NEED A VISA & HOW DO I OBTAIN THIS?

Visas are required prior to travel for certain destinations. If your trip requires you to obtain a visa prior to departure your consultant will facilitate this process. All costs associated with any visa requirements are included for Australian passport holders. You will also require a minimum of four blank pages in your passport for any required visas or entry permits obtained en-route. Please advise your consultant at time of booking if you do not travel on an Australian passport so we can advise on the visa requirements and costs for your specific nationality.

IS TIPPING INCLUDED IN THE TRIP?

Yes. Our Escorted Escapes are designed to make travel easy for you, so we take care of tipping for all of our group activities and meals, as well as for your tour leader, local guides and drivers. This ensures the people who make a significant difference to your holiday experience are properly rewarded for their knowledge, expertise and service. Any activity or meal you have outside of the group inclusions will require tipping at your discretion.

HOW MUCH SPENDING MONEY SHOULD I BRING?

As personal spending varies from person to person, we cannot advise on individual spending money requirements. Please remember our trips include all transportation, accommodation, sightseeing and activities, most tipping, visas and many meals. Please factor these inclusions into calculating how much spending money you may require.

WHEN DO I NEED TO PAY FOR MY TOUR?

A non-refundable and non-transferable deposit of \$1000 per person is required within seven (7) days from booking. An additional non-refundable payment of \$2000 per person (plus any applicable airfare upgrade or deviation costs) is required ten (10) months prior to departure. The balance of your trip is required three (3) months prior to departure, with the exception of Spectacular Scandinavia & Northern Lights, Trans-Mongolian Beijing to St. Petersburg and Eastern Canada in the Fall, which require the balance of your trip four (4) months prior to departure.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

***TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS & CONDITIONS APPLY.** Please ask us for further details.

CONTRACT: The following terms and conditions ('booking conditions') form the contract basis with Escorted Escapes (Playford Travel Group). These terms and conditions form the entire agreement between the parties, please ensure you read them carefully. By confirming your booking and subsequent payments, we are entitled to assume that you have had the opportunity to read, and have read these booking conditions; that you agree to and accept your rights and obligations as per the disclosed terms and conditions. Your contract may also include additional terms and conditions applicable to third parties who provide a service in connection with your tour. Amendments may be made to these terms and conditions from time to time, which will be published on our website and we will provide you with the current hard copy upon request.

GOVERNING LAW: If any dispute arises between you and us, the laws of Australia will apply. You irrevocably and unconditionally submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Australia, and waive any right that you may have to object to an action being brought in those courts.

TOUR AMENDMENTS: We aim to present an accurate itinerary, though we may need to change arrangements for reasons outside our control. This may include (but is not limited to) amendments to hotels, airlines and local operations. Should this occur an alternative of an equivalent standard will be provided or compensation when required.

PRICES: Prices are correct as at 1 Dec 2019 and are subject to change. Quoted prices are valid until 12 weeks prior to each departure date unless sold out prior. Prices are per person twin share or single share and are subject to availability. Prices shown are fully inclusive of taxes, levies, government charges and other applicable fees. Prices are in Australian dollars and are valid for travel departing Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide (unless otherwise stated). Should you wish to depart from another Australian airport (additional costs may apply) please contact your travel consultant for further information.

DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS: A non-refundable and non-transferable deposit of \$1000 per person is due within seven (7) days of booking. An additional non-refundable Airfare Payment of \$2000 per person (plus any applicable airfare upgrade or deviation costs) is required ten (10) months prior to departure. Should your tour not be guaranteed at this point, your additional payment will be required within seven (7) days from your tour becoming confirmed. Late bookings inside 10 months prior to departure: both payments will be required within seven (7) days from booking. The balance of your trip is required three (3) months prior to departure, with the exception of Spectacular Scandinavia & Northern Lights, Trans-Mongolian Beijing to St. Petersburg and Eastern Canada in the Fall, which require the balance of your trip four (4) months prior to departure.

HEALTH & FITNESS: You must ensure that you are aware of any health requirements and recommended precautions relevant to your travel and ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. In some cases, failure to present required vaccination documentation (e.g. proof of Yellow Fever vaccination) may deny you entry into a country or return to Australia. We recommend that you consult with your local doctor, travel medical service or specialist vaccination clinic before

commencing your travel. General health advice for the destination you wish to visit is also available from DFAT (see smartraveller.gov.au). A good level of fitness is required to be able to participate on any Escorted Escapes. In some destinations you will be required to walk long distances without the use of any walking aid and climb stairs. In some cases guests are required to carry their own luggage. It is your responsibility to advise Escorted Escapes of any medical conditions which may affect the normal conduct of the tour and the enjoyment of other guests.


TRANSFERS: Return transfers to the airport in Australia are included up to the value of \$100 per person. If the costs between your home and your tour departure city (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide) exceed this you can either choose to pay the difference or have the \$100 pp refunded and make your own way to and from your departure airport. Please refer to your travel agent to arrange the transfers.

GRATUITIES: Gratuities are included for all local staff assisting our tours and cannot be redeemed for a cash refund. Any activity or meal you have outside of the group inclusions will require tipping at your discretion.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: It is mandatory for all our clients travelling on Escorted Escapes to obtain a fully comprehensive travel insurance cover for the whole duration of your travel arrangements. Your travel consultant can provide information to you about travel insurance. For details of the services they provide, including a quote, please refer to their Financial Services Guide/Product Disclosure Statement.

PASSPORTS & VISAS: All travellers must have a valid passport for international travel and many countries require at least six months' validity from the date of return, and some countries require a machine-readable passport. All travellers must have a minimum of four (4) blank pages in your passport. It is important that you ensure that you have valid passports, visas and re-entry permits which meet the requirements of immigration and other government authorities. Any fines, penalties, payments or expenditures incurred as a result of such documents not meeting the requirements of those authorities will be your sole responsibility (except to the extent caused by fault on our part). Visa information is based on Australian Passport holders. Where a visa is required the cost is included in the trip price for Australian Passport holders only. If you are not travelling on an Australian passport we may be able to provide Visa requirements for an additional fee. All Visa Inclusions are correct as at 1 Dec 2019, should any changes be made to Visa Requirements, Tourism Levy's or Visa fee increases there may be an additional cost that you will be required to pay.

AIRFARES: Our air travel is with third party airlines. All airfares are subject to flight and booking class availability at time of booking. If airlines have not released schedules due to being out of date range at time of brochure printing or booking, Escorted Escapes will confirm specific airlines and times by providing your travel agent an updated invoice once confirmed. Airfares will be booked and ticketed upon receipt of your Airfare Payment to avoid price or tax increases. Once tickets are issued any changes may incur additional fees. We are not liable for any airline schedule change or any travel delay or disruption. Escorted Escapes is not responsible for any additional costs nor services missed as a result of an airline-imposed schedule change. We also will not be liable for an additional service booked in conjunction with the flights. While we endeavour to accommodate your airline seating requests, these are not guaranteed and are subject to change at the airlines discretion.



“Oh the places you’ll go...”

Dr Seuss

LUGGAGE: The general luggage allowance whilst on tour is one suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg. Sizes will vary depending on airline and tour transport and are subject to change at any time. Excess baggage may not be permitted on all tours, where allowed it is not included and will be at your own expense. Escorted Escapes is not liable for any luggage delays, luggage damage or loss. It is your responsibility to look after your property at all times and that you have adequate travel insurance to cover your belongings.

CABIN CATEGORY: All cruises are based on lead-in inside cabin twin share. Please refer to trip notes for specific cabin information. Escorted Escapes reserve the right to make changes to cabin assignment, within the category booked, without prior notice.

TAXES: Certain taxes are mandatory in various countries. There may also be an additional local tax charged at some airports, which is included in our prices. All taxes are subject to change without notice. All prices and charges in this brochure include Australian GST where applicable.

AMENDMENT & CANCELLATIONS: Cancellation of reservation/s must be provided to us in writing and is subject to the following cancellation fees: 121 days or more before departure - Loss of deposit and Airfare Payment (including upgrade or deviation costs). 120 days and less before departure – 100% cancellation fee applies. Subject to your refund and remedy rights under the Australian Consumer Law, no refund is available for cancellations after the holiday package has commenced or in respect of any tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised. Escorted Escapes reserves the right to cancel the tour should the numbers travelling not meet the required minimum. Should this occur a full refund will be provided. All Escorted Escapes are subject to minimum passenger bookings. Should you choose not to participate in any included activities whilst on tour, no refund will be provided. If we have to change any part of your booking for reasons beyond our control, for example if an airline changes its schedules, a hotelier overbooks hotel accommodation, or if there are any changes in applicable taxes or charges, we will notify you. If any such changes result in your holiday costing more or otherwise being materially different from that originally booked, then you may cancel the holiday and we will refund any monies already paid less any charges levied by suppliers.

FORCE MAJEURE: means act of God, the occurrence of an event that is beyond Escorted Escapes control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Escorted Escapes, which includes, but is not limited to: war, terrorism, fire, flood, extreme weather conditions, loss of power, epidemics or pandemics, industry disputes, strikes, earthquakes, riot or civil disturbances, acts of government or other authorities, material shortages or other disruption to the tour beyond our control.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: You acknowledge that you are 18 years of age or older and that you understand and agree with the above terms and conditions and our Privacy Policy. Escorted Escape participants must be a minimum of 18 years of age.

PHOTOS AND MAPS: Images in the brochure are representative only and may not necessarily be visited on tour. Please note that maps included in our brochure may not be to scale.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Travel documents include (without limitation) airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain conditions and/or restrictions, including (without limitation) being non-refundable, non-date-changeable and subject to cancellation and/ or amendment fees. All travel documents are non-transferable. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport/photo identity holder; some carriers will deny carriage if the name varies and the booking may be cancelled. Please review your travel documentation carefully and advise us immediately of any errors in names, dates or timings. It is your responsibility to collect all travel documents prior to travel.

RISK AND LIABILITY: There are general risks involved with travelling that are beyond our control, whilst your safety is of our concern it is acknowledged by all parties the risks involved. Escorted Escapes is not responsible or liable for any death, injury, illness, loss (including loss of enjoyment), damage, detention, delay (including mechanical breakdown) which is beyond our control. Our tours include the services of independent service providers and other operators, who are not agents or employees of Escorted Escapes. We therefore do not warrant the performance of any service provider. Without limitation, you release us from all liability and any claim you may have in relation to the service provider should be raised to them directly. It is your responsibility to take care whilst on tour. In the event of force majeure, we or the service provider will make the necessary arrangements to continue the tour with the best option that can be arranged. You acknowledge that a force majeure event can result in proposed or planned tours or sightseeing being cancelled or the possibility of the continuation of the tour being cancelled. It is acknowledged that in this case a tour may not be able to be provided exactly as advertised and we endeavour to make the best possible alternative arrangements.

PRIVACY & DATA PROTECTION: For us to process your booking we are required to obtain personal information about you, (including sensitive information and health information) necessary for business purposes. We may also be required to release your personal information to: Service providers, customs, immigration authorities, visa issuing services. The kinds of personal information and sensitive information we commonly collect and hold about you are: name, phone number, email address, date of birth, nationality, passport details, visa details, medical conditions, travel preferences, travel insurance and loyalty memberships. In some instances, we may be required to provide your personal information to local operators outside of Australia. The above list of personal information is included. By booking with Escorted Escapes, you consent for us to hold and release your personal information to third parties where required for tour bookings. You consent to us using your personal details for future Escorted Escapes marketing purposes.

HOST: In the unlikely event your host, for whatever reason, is unable to attend or continue the tour due to an unforeseen circumstance Escorted Escapes will endeavour to send a replacement host when practical. There may be a delay in the replacement host joining your tour because of visa requirements, transport schedules and availability or any other operational reason. You will always be with your tour leader or a local guide.



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