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Independent chauffeur driven tours

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This is your personal roadmap for discovering travel in a more interesting and personal way. An AutoVenture tour is as adventurous as it is comfortable, as cultural as it is personal, and as flexible as it is professional. Simply put: AutoVenture brings you eye to eye, nose to nose and shoulder to shoulder with the people, places and experiences to provide an unforgettable experience.

AutoVenture accommodates travelers who want to drive themselves as well as those who want to sit back and enjoy a luxurious, chauffeured tour. In both cases, AutoVenture arranges accommodations, provides top-notch recommendations and ensures that each customer is shown the vacation of a lifetime.



Chauffeur-driven tours

AutoVenture travelers are escorted by their own English-speaking, local chauffeur. Your chauffeur will help you discover little known villages and historic towns at your own pace, and you'll learn the interesting tidbits, history and local lore that only a native would know. What better way to experience the continent's past and present, as well as its culture and customs?

Self-driven tours

Self-driven tours feature detailed, customized itineraries that can be modified to fit your personal tastes. We provide you with all the tools to make your discovery as easy and rich as possible. On your trip, there is absolutely no wrestling with outdated roadmaps. Our detailed driving instructions, using Michelin maps, make it easy to embark on your own, customized adventure.

We offer discriminating tours, where overnight stays are an immersion in elegance, featuring hotels of character and charm. We steer you to lodging with flair for regional gourmet cuisine, and close to compelling landmarks.

No ordinary travel itineraries, we provide gateways to journeys that will provide stories to share for a lifetime.



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Europe

Describe your ideal European vacation and at AutoVenture, we will create it. Travel back in time walking through regal castles, grand chateaux and country manors; witness the grandeur of landscapes that take your breath away; be humbled by history and the scenes of battles won or lost; and, at the end of the day, be pampered in a luxurious, secluded hotel. AutoVenture provides you with an open door to foreign adventure, experienced in true Old World style.

Come experience Europe in a uniquely personal way. The images, tastes and stories will last a lifetime.



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France



DAY 1 — PARIS, NORMANDY

Your first day in France begins with a drive from Paris to historic Normandy. First is a stop outside of Paris in Monet's house and garden in Giverny, where you will experience the renowned artist's vision in an unforgettable setting. Continue along the great Fortress Castle of Richard the Lionhearted, which overlooks the River Seine; and then to the pastoral elegance of the Normandy countryside. At day's end, you arrive at your hotel, a noble house surrounded by 15 acres of elegant grounds. Note: Chauffeured trips start from the Paris airport or from the hotel – depending upon advance arrangements. Self-drive clients can start from the airport, from the in-town rental office or after the car is delivered to the hotel. Lodging: Chateau de Sully

DAY 2 — NORMANDY

The inspiration and sad beauty of D-Day's invasion beaches await you on your second day. From Omaha Beach to the Pointe du Hoc, the epic events of June 6, 1944, will leave an everlasting impression. Nearby is Bayeux, with its famous tapestries depicting the Norman Conquest of England in 1066. Lodging: Chateau de Sully

DAY 3 — BRITTANY

Strike out this morning for Brittany and the "Marvel of France," Mont St. Michel. Now more than 1,000 years old, the spectacular 12th century, soaring abbey is perched on a stupendous rock rising out of the sea. Then travel along the coast to the opulent and unique "Bricourt." Lodging: Hotel de Bricourt-Richeux

DAY 4 — BRITTANY

Weave your way through the rustic splendor of this rural countryside down to Brittany's rugged south coast. The Breton countryside is a region of delightfully unspoiled medieval towns, and it is these, more than anything else, that gives the province its individuality and distinctive charm. Lodging: Chateau de Locguenole

THE GET-AWAY ROAD

8 Days / 7 Nights – Normandy, Brittany and Chateaux Country

A regular potpourri of French delights: from beaches to hedgerows, castles to manors, with a healthy helping of nostalgia and history throughout.

DAY 5 — CHATEAU COUNTRY

Your adventure continues along the Atlantic coast, but soon the landscape softens as you approach the gentle Loire River and the beginnings of the fabled "Chateau Country." Your hotel's history as a manor house dates back to the 15th century, and remains one of the great resting places in the western Loire. Lodging: Chateau de Noirieux

DAY 6 — CHATEAU COUNTRY

Chart your castle tour along the Loire to the great fortress Chateau of Angers. Next you visit Chinon, with its reminders of Joan of Arc; then to Fontevraud, where you will find the tombs of Richard the Lionhearted and his mother, Eleanor of Aquitaine. Last, tour Villandry and its world-renowned gardens. Lodging: Domaine des Hauts de Loire

DAY 7 — CHATEAU COUNTRY

Spend the day exploring the great chateaux of the eastern Loire district. They vary in style from the strongly fortified castles of the 13th and 14th centuries, to the ornate Renaissance buildings of the 16th and 17th centuries. The chateaux are linked with the history of France's kings and queens. Lodging: Domaine des Hauts de Loire

DAY 8 — PARIS

Leave the Chateau Country this morning via the magnificent Gothic Cathedral of Chartres and soon you're back in Paris where your experience of enlightenment and discovery now becomes a treasured memory.



"Our chauffeur was a walking guidebook of history, information and colorful stories."

Photos: Mike Price, top left, Suzanne Bonnefond, top right.



France



THE VINTAGE ROAD

7 Days / 6 Nights – Champagne, Alsace and Burgundy
Stroll among the vines and sample the wines. The fun begins in Champagne, bubbles up in Alsace, pours through Burgundy, flows freely through Barbizon, and sips back to Paris.

DAY 1 — PARIS, CHAMPAGNE

Breezing by lush fields on poplar-lined roadways and along the river Marne, you're soon at Chateau-Thierry, a scene of battle in both world wars. Continue into the very heart of the Champagne District. It is this region, with its chalk soil and mild climate, which makes champagne production possible. Settle into Le Royal Champagne, with its sweeping views of the vineyards for a memorable stay in this 17th century former coaching inn.

Lodging: Le Royal Champagne

DAY 2 — CHAMPAGNE

Enjoy a relaxing morning followed with a day of exploration. Epernay has an estimated 200 miles of cellars and tunnels. These caves serve as vast vaults cut into the chalk rock on which the town is built. Millions of bottles have been stored here since before the time of Napoleon. Visit the nearby abbey where the blind monk, Dom Perignon, invented the process for turning the region's still wine into sparkling champagne.

Lodging: Le Royal Champagne

DAY 3 — ALSACE-LORRAINE

Leave Champagne early via Verdun and Baccarat, and drive through the Vosges Mountains to Alsace-Lorraine. Follow the "Route du Vins," a green ribbon unbroken for 90 miles of vineyards. Alsace produces Germanic wine in the French manner. Riesling, Sylvaner, Gewürztraminer are made for the table rather than the drawing room or garden. Right in the middle of the vineyards, you'll relax in a tranquil, intimate country inn with just 15 rooms.

Lodging: Le Clos Saint Vincent

DAY 4 — ALSACE-LORRAINE

Spend the day to explore the Alsatian Wine District. Your step back in history begins in Colmar, which dates back to 823 A.D. Staying on the "Route de Vins," you'll discover the prettiest "Hansel and Gretel" wine villages in the world including Riquewihr, Kayserberg and Ribeauville. Return to your private vineyard where the well-stocked wine cellar and famed cuisine of owner Bertrand Chapotin awaits you.

Lodging: Le Clos Saint Vincent

DAY 5 — BURGUNDY

Depart Alsace and drive by the beautiful River Doubs as your travel into Burgundy and the fabled vineyards of Cote d'Or. The great wine merchants of this region are represented here. From Bouchard and Drouhin, to Latour and Jadot, they're here within the walls of the ancient wine capital of Beaune. Your hotel, located in the heart of the Cote d'Or, is complete with an old cellar vault, a fascinating wine museum, and a tasting room where these incredible vintages can be sampled.

Lodging: Chateau Andre Ziltner



DAY 6 — BURGUNDY

Explore some of France's most famous vineyards. To the north, you will encounter the red wines of the Cote de Nuits, Vosne-Romanee and Gevrey-Chambertain. Next, saunter down to the southern district to visit the vineyards of the greatest whites in the world: Meursault and Puligny-Montrachet. Plus, add a splash of Pommard and Chambolle-Musigny to round out a day of learning and discovery.

Lodging: Chateau Andre Ziltner

DAY 7 — PARIS

It's a reluctant farewell to the Vintage Road. A cheerful thought for the day would be to travel via the village of Barbizon, which gives its name to the famous school of late 19th and early 20th century painters. Here you can lunch in the lovely garden of the famed Hostellerie du Bas Breau, which is known for its unique menu featuring rare game from the forest of Fontainebleau.

"On our last day, our chauffeur took us to his mother's restaurant outside of Paris and she prepared for us the most exquisite dinner."

Photo: Frederik Haentjens, bottom right.



France



THE JOIE DE VIVRE ROAD

6 Days / 5 Nights – Chateau Country, Dordogne, Provence
Paris to Nice, or Nice to Paris – it's your choice. La Belle France in one delightful sweep: Paris to the Cote d'Azur, and its joie de vivre all the way.

DAY 1 — PARIS, CHATEAU COUNTRY

Leave Paris in the morning via Orleans to the Chateau de Chambord, the largest of the Loire chateaux, which was built in the early 16th century to serve as a hunting lodge for King François I. The Loire River was diverted to make a bit more space for its construction. Even Leonardo da Vinci was believed to have been involved in the design. Next you'll tour the historic Chateau de Blois, where Joan of Arc was to be blessed by the Archbishop of Reims in 1429 before departing with her army to drive the English from Orléans. After such a full day, sleep will come easily in the elegant Domaine des Hauts de Loire.
Lodging: Domaine des Hauts de Loire

DAY 2 — PERIGORD

Today the chateaux of the Loire will keep your head moving from side to side. Continue on to Fontevraud l'Abbaye, which has a curious domed roof and the nation's only Romanesque kitchen to have survived the centuries. Journey to the south to the "Venice of Perigord," which has a luxurious landscape, prehistoric grottos and quaint bridges. Continue to your hotel, Le Moulin de l'Abbaye, on the banks of the Dronne to discover the fascinating heritage of this ancient mill, where monks used to come extract oil from walnuts.
Lodging: Le Moulin de l'Abbaye



DAY 3 — DORDOGNE

Drive to the prehistoric caves of Lascaux, and tour the model cave of Lascaux II, which is open to visitors. With more than 1,000 castles, it has some of the most intriguing visual feasts in Europe. Following the Dordogne, you soon discover a dream castle rising above the river: the Chateau de la Treyne, which will enchant you with the sweetness of its beautiful gardens and discreet luxury. A pleasant walk before dinner can be taken in the castle's 300 acres of park land with its age-old trees.
Lodging: Chateau de la Treyne

DAY 4 — TARN GORGE

As you drive south, you pass through historical Albi, with its red-tiled roofs signaling your presence in the south of France. Soon you'll encounter the "Gorges du Tarn" undoubtedly one of the most striking scenic features in France. Most impressive between Les Vignes and Ste. Enimie. This valley was carved out in a number of different phases; the last extended over a million years, forming picturesque, sheer cliffs that tower up to 500 meters above the valley. Using flat-bottomed boats, the Cirque des Baumes is navigable at La Malene. The most eye-popping places along the Tarn River Gorges are floodlit every evening in the summer. Located on the Gorge's banks, the Chateau de la Caze is a rare, 15th century castle with its medieval character carefully preserved.
Lodging: Chateau de la Caze

DAY 5 — PROVENCE

Mediterranean magic begins with your morning drive into the heart of Provence. You'll wind your way through the villages made famous through the humorous books written by Peter Mayle. Soon the names of history start to visually come alive—Pont du Gard, Avignon, Arles and Les Baux. Here, in the middle of this celebrated region, the Auberge de Noves sits quietly and sedately in a fragrant world of flowers and olive trees where service and respect have become a tradition.
Lodging: Auberge de Noves

DAY 6 — NICE

On your last morning, you will discover much along the way to the Riviera. Drive on the Aix-en-Provence with its fountains and mantle of tree-shaded boulevards before dropping down to the coast. There you'll drink in breathtaking sea vistas and the storied towns of St. Tropez, Cannes and Antibes. It's a splendid, chic end to your six-day adventure.

"For us, the best part of having a chauffeur was the freedom. We did what we wanted, when we wanted. We slept in when we needed and stayed out late when it suited us."

Photo: Frederik Haentjens, top right.



France

THE PROVENCE ROAD

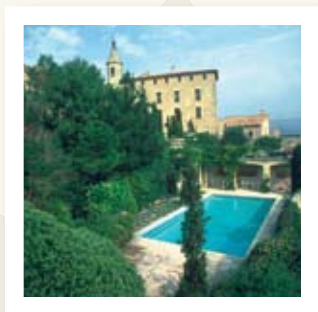
7 Days / 6 Nights – Provence and Cote d'Azur

In one grand sweep, you'll experience all the glamour and color of the South of France; including ancient, medieval villages clustered on rocky hilltops.

DAY 1 — NICE, AVIGNON

Start early so you won't miss one moment of this fascinating, dramatic coastline. Wind your way west to glamorous Cannes, the colorful old port of Antibes, and the dramatic coastline of the Esterel. Turn inland to the Rhone Delta, the heart of Provence, toward Van Gogh country around Arles. Here, in the middle of this celebrated and renowned region, the Auberge de Noves sits quietly and sedately in a fragrant world of flowers and trees.

Lodging: Auberge de Noves



DAY 2 — AVIGNON

A leisurely day of exploration waits, including the incredible Pont du Gard aqueduct built by the Romans 2,000 years ago, and which still stands majestically intact. Continue to Les Baux strikingly situated on a great crag and surrounded by mysterious, shadowy rock formations.

Lodging: Auberge de Noves

DAY 3 — VAUCLUSE

First enjoy the rural landscape of the Vaucluse district of Provence, with its hills, mountains, lavender fields, gorges and cliffs. It also has an abundance of markets and charming villages. Next, journey via the Fontaine-de-Vaucluse to see the impressive spring that flows out of a 230 meter-high cliff, one of the natural wonders of France. With Mont Ventoux as a stunning background, continue deeper into the countryside and to your destination, Crillon le Brave. The hotel, a collection of old village houses, is a charming country inn perched at the top of a tiny hill overlooking a panorama worthy of an artist's canvas.

Lodging: Hostellerie de Crillon le Brave

DAY 4 — VAUCLUSE

Take a leisurely day to explore the ancient villages and towns deep in the heart of old Provence. Vaison-la-Romaine has been settled since the Bronze Age, and spent five centuries as a prosperous Roman outpost. The route of the "Dentelles de Montmirail" presents a fascinating look at village life in this unique and less-traveled corner of the Vaucluse.

Lodging: Hostellerie de Crillon le Brave

DAY 5 — AIX-EN-PROVENCE

Bid a reluctant farewell to the Crillon le Brave and travel south to l'Isle sur la Sorgue, ringed by canals, home to the largest concentration of antique shops in Provence. Continue east to the Luberon Villages made famous through the books of Peter Mayle including "A Year in Provence." Cross the Luberon plain to Aix, the former capital of Provence, and the luxurious and charming Villa Gallici.

Lodging: Villa Gallici

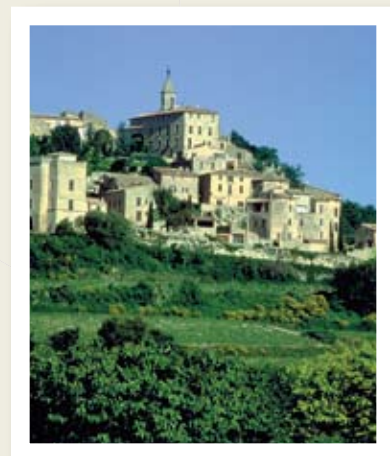
DAY 6 — AIX-EN-PROVENCE

A full day to explore Aix, a UNESCO World Heritage site, whose nickname "City of Fountains" is amply justified by the water that cascades in the old squares. Don't forget to stroll along the tree-shaded central avenue - the Cours Mirabeau. Aix was the home of Paul Cézanne. Visit his old studio, "Atelier Paul Cézanne," and the Musee Granet with an entire gallery devoted to his works.

Lodging: Villa Gallici

DAY 7 — NICE

Linger over breakfast in your elegant surroundings before returning to the Cote d'Azur. Travel via Grasse and take time to discover the charm of this rose-scented town clinging precariously to a limestone plateau. In St. Paul, stay long enough to experience this colorful artistic oasis, before heading back to the Riviera where your "Provençal Circle" is complete.





THE RAMBLING ROAD

8 Days / 7 Nights – Cotswolds, Devon, Cornwall

Legendary romance, pirates and smugglers, castles and cottages, all coming alive from the timeless past and neatly packaged for an experience you'll never forget.

DAY 1 — LONDON, COTSWOLDS

Once on the open road, enjoy the old world charms of the Cotswold villages. In Oxford, view the skyline from the hills surrounding the city; the turrets, pinnacles and towers rising from the colleges all have the appearance of a medieval fairytale place. Continue past hedgerows to the elegant Buckland Manor. Set in glorious grounds on a hillside overlooking magnificent landscapes, the Manor dates back to the 13th century.

Lodging: Buckland Manor

DAY 2 — COTSWOLDS

Explore the green, rolling countryside, which is marked by gentle streams and storybook villages. These include like Stow-on-the-Wold, Bourton-on-the-Water and Moreton-in-the-Marsh. Chart your course to Shakespeare's Stratford-on-Avon and return to the peace and tranquility of the manor via the ancient Roman Road known as the Fosse Way.

Lodging: Buckland Manor

DAY 3 — DEVON

Rise early to begin a memorable day. In Bath, tour the remarkable remains of Roman Britain, including the "Pump Room" and the Roman Baths. Continue on to the ecclesiastical town of Wells, which is still dominated by its medieval cathedral. Next is Glastonbury where legend has it that King Arthur and Queen Guinevere are interred. Continue to the Castle Hotel at Taunton, on the site of a former 12th century Taunton Castle. The Chapman family has been running the hotel for 50 years, with its restaurant and brasserie, Brazz, considered one of the 20 best places to dine in Britain.

Lodging: Castle Hotel

DAY 4 — CORNWALL

From Devon you drive deep into Cornwall along the rugged coast. Continue to Tintagel where the ruins of King Arthur's Camelot still overlook the sea. Onward towards Land's End and Lodging:

Lodging: Hotel Tresanton

DAY 5 — CORNWALL

Explore the "Land's End," where the earth's wildest ocean rage. No land intervenes due west to America, nor southwest to Brazil, nor south to Spain. There are only those dots on the horizon, the Scilly Isles. Discover Penzance, a town built as a defense against pirates. See St. Ives with its narrow streets and alleys, and where fishing has been a way of life for centuries.

Lodging: Hotel Tresanton

DAY 6 — DARTMOOR

Today your journey continues along the south coast of Cornwall into Dartmoor, and a country house of rare distinction, Gidleigh Park. This turn-of-the-century mansion lies in a secluded valley overlooking the Teign River, and is ideal for magnificent, private walks. Paul and Kay Henderson ensure the epitome of comfort, combined with a promise of culinary excellence.

Lodging: Gidleigh Park

DAY 7 — DORSET

After breakfast, continue through Devonshire into Dorset, an area made famous through the novels of Thomas Hardy. Travel the picturesque villages of Milton Abbas, Dowlish and Piddle Valley. Your day's destination, Plumber Manor, was built in the early 17th century and has remained in the Prideaux-Brunes family ever since. Plumber is very much a family home far from the madding crowd where guests can enjoy the genuine hospitality from a bygone era.

Lodging: Plumber Manor

DAY 8 — LONDON

Your return to London will be via Salisbury and Stonehenge, where you will see the double circle of enormous stones precisely positioned by ancient Druids 4000 years ago. Your remembrance of this historic sweep will be replayed many times over in your mind's eye.

"Half way through our trip, our chauffeur stopped being our chauffeur and became our friend. A man of impeccable taste and refinement, a true gentleman in every sense of the word."

Photo: Rob Elsas, top right.



Britain



THE POST ROAD

6 Days / 5 Nights – Cotswolds, Wales, Yorkshire, Lake District
London to Edinburgh or Edinburgh to London...you choose.
Either way its brimming history, with thatched cottages, castles, picture-post card villages and jolly good fun.

DAY 1 — LONDON, THORNBURY

Leave London in the morning and head for the open road via amazing Avebury, which is actually older and a bit more mysterious than Stonehenge. In fact, it's the largest monolith stone circle in Europe. Continue deeper into the English countryside to the "The West Country." Your destination is Thornbury Castle, whose history dates from the year 1510, and is rich with the connections to Henry VIII, Ann Boleyn and Mary Tudor.

Lodging: Thornbury Castle Hotel



DAY 2 — COTSWOLDS

The next morning, travel through the rolling countryside to the traditional Cotswold villages that still evoke the charm of a bygone era. Continue deeper through the English pastoral landscape to Mallory Court. It is an outstanding example of period architecture built in mellow stone with leaded light windows, and set in 10 acres of landscaped grounds in the heart of the Cotswolds.

Lodging: Mallory Court

DAY 3 — NORTH WALES

Prepare for an early start this morning, as there is much to see on this journey into Wales. The landscape becomes more rugged as you pass towns with tongue-twisting names like Gldyfrdwy, Cerrigydrudion and Betws-y-Coed. Your destination is the elegant Bodysgallen Hall, a 17th century manor house standing in over 200 acres of parkland, with spectacular views of the Snowdonia region of North Wales.

Lodging: Bodysgallen Hall

DAY 4 — YORKSHIRE

Resume your adventure today along the north coast to the delightful half-timbered town of Chester. As the Roman city of Deva, it was the headquarters of the Roman 20th Legion, one of the three Roman legions in Britain. Continue into the famed Peak District, where you can visit stately Harewood House, which Chatsworth made famous in the PBS series "Brideshead Revisited." Continue on towards York and stay at a 300-year-old country house set on the edge of the city, Middlethorpe Hall.

Lodging: Middlethorpe Hall

DAY 5 — LAKE DISTRICT

Arise to see the wonders of the ancient, walled city of York. Explore the back streets of the "Shambles" and the Viking Museum where everyday life, sights, and even smells, of the 10th century come alive. Continue through the Yorkshire Dales and the tiny hamlets and villages immortalized in the works of author James Herriott. Here you truly will see "All Creatures Great and Small" as you wind your way through this unique landscape, into the Lake District and the singular charms of Sharrow Bay.

Lodging: Sharrow Bay Country House Hotel

DAY 6 — EDINBURGH

On this final day, travel north to Scotland and allow time to explore along the way. Hadrian's Wall, which was the furthest northern boundary of the Roman Empire, The Cheviot Hills, The "Border Abbeys" of Jedburg and Dryburg, and finally Edinburgh. Here your Post Road ends as your treasured days of Britannia provide a lifetime of memories.



Photo: Kim Van Dijk, bottom right.



Scotland



THE HIGHLAND ROAD

7 Days / 6 Nights – Around Scotland

Here's a Scotch treat, with plenty of time to scoop up fabulous tartans and cashmeres as you head for the Bonnie Banks and Braes.

DAY 1 — EDINBURGH, BANCHORY

Your adventure starts with a drive north over the Forth Bridge, via the "Devil's Elbow" and Braemar, to Balmoral to visit the summer residence of the Royal Family. Then it's on to Banchory and the Raemoir House. The original house dates from the 16th century, and is set in its own grounds as part of an idyllic 3,500-acre estate. This area is noted for its picturesque scenery, numerous castles and excellent hill walking.

Lodging: Raemoir House

DAY 2 — CULLODEN MOOR

Rise early for a hearty Scottish breakfast and then take the Whisky Trail to Inverness, which is the gateway to the Highlands. Glistening chandeliers, marble fireplaces, massive pillars and classical reliefs are prominent in the decor of Culloden House, a Palladian mansion built in 1772. Among its famous visitors was Bonnie Prince Charlie, who fought his last battle by the park walls.

Lodging: Culloden House

DAY 3 — CULLODEN MOOR

Take a full day to explore this most historic part of Scotland. First, visit Cawdor Castle where Macbeth murdered King Duncan in 1040. At the Battle of Culloden Moor, fought in 1746, Charles Edward Stuart's Highland Army was crushed by the British. It ended the Jacobite uprising and dashed the hopes of the Stuarts to regain the English throne. At the end of the day, visit Loch Ness to seek out its famous "resident."

Lodging: Culloden House

DAY 4 — ISLE OF SKYE

Drive deeper into the Western Highlands via the island castle of Eilean Donan to the Isle of Skye. Here you will find remnants of a Viking heritage dating back to the 9th century – alongside the associations with Bonnie Prince Charlie. Settle into the privacy and seclusion of the unique Kinloch Lodge. Built originally in 1680 as a farmhouse, Kinloch was developed in the 18th century as a remote shooting lodge for the MacDonald Clan.

Lodging: Kinloch Lodge

DAY 5 — WESTERN HIGHLANDS

Crossing the Sound of Sleat, via lochs and glens, you arrive at historic Ft. William and the illustrious Inverlochy Castle. Inverlochy was built in 1863 near the site of the original 13th-century fortress, against a backdrop of some of the most magnificent scenery in the West Highlands. Queen Victoria spent a week here in 1873 and in her diary wrote, "I never saw a lovelier or more romantic spot."

Lodging: Inverlochy Castle

DAY 6 — TROSSACHS

Leave the Highlands today via famous Glen Coe the site of the savage massacre of the MacDonalds by the Clan Campbell in 1692. An interesting monument marks the site of the treachery. Continue past Loch Lomond through the marvelous landscapes of the Trossachs to ivy-covered Cromlix House. Built in 1873, this elegant Edwardian house retains all its original character and diverse architectural styles of the interior.

Lodging: Cromlix House

DAY 7 — EDINBURGH

A short morning drive takes you to Stirling Castle, where Scottish history comes gloriously alive. It was here, at Old Bridge in 1297, where William Wallace (Braveheart) routed an English army of 50,000. "Braveheart's" successes, however, were short lived and, by 1304, the Scottish fight for independence was over. Soon you return to Edinburgh and bid farewell to this fascinating chapter of history.



Photos: Benjamin Wood, top right, Alessandra Magni, bottom right.



Ireland



THE SHAMROCK ROAD

7 Days / 6 Nights – Waterford, “Ring of Kerry,” Connemara
Visit an emerald isle as sparkling as Waterford crystal.
Ancient castles, linens, Belleek, and more captivating extras
all packaged into this four-leaf clover itinerary.

DAY 1 — DUBLIN, WATERFORD

Leave Dublin in the morning for the beautiful Glendalough, Ireland's most important early monastery community. Founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century, there is a haunting sense of timelessness in this valley. Continue through the peaceful Irish countryside to your destination, the splendid Waterford Castle, located on a small island fashioned by nature and set on 300 enchanting acres.
Lodging: Waterford Castle



DAY 2 — KENMARE

The next morning's drive takes you to Tipperary, over scenic country roads, before reaching Fermoy and Cork. Then it's on to Blarney Castle and its famous “Stone.” Continue via Glengarriff to Kenmare. Here you will be welcomed to Sheen Falls Lodge, a magical, timeless haven of peace, located at the foot of heather-covered hills overlooking the cascading Sheen River.
Lodging: Sheen Falls Lodge

DAY 3 — KENMARE

Pack up a picnic lunch and head off for a full day around the fabled Ring of Kerry. Here the warm air of the Gulf Stream gives this unique area a different feel as you meander along the coast past ancient, moss-covered abbeys and church ruins. Return to the Lodge via Killarney, where you can relax after a long day in a cozy lounge in front of a blazing log fire.
Lodging: Sheen Falls Lodge

DAY 4 — COUNTY CLARE

Continue along the back roads via Tralee to Limerick. Similar to other Irish seaports, Limerick was settled in the ninth century by Vikings who came to plunder, but liked the neighborhood and settled down to trade. Limerick has a rich and important history with plenty to see. You remain that evening horse-breeding country and the majestic Dromoland Castle for a royal experience you'll never forget.
Lodging: Dromoland Castle

DAY 5 — CONNEMARA

Breathe in the brisk morning air as you set out for the dramatic Cliffs of Moher: a five-mile, unbroken, giant wall, rising 700 feet above the Atlantic surf. Continue deep into rural Connemara, soon you come to a mid-19th century house set in a 50-acre, award-winning garden of flowering shrubs and woodland walks. Here luxury and tranquility are offered in a cozy atmosphere as you relax before a homey peat fire.
Lodging: Cashel House

DAY 6 — CONNEMARA

It's a lazy day for exploring a spectacular marine setting between Lough Corrib and the Atlantic Ocean. Hidden coves and little islands dot the coastline, perfect for wandering and discovering. Neat, whitewashed cottages, amid tiny rock-strewn fields with blue turf smoke rise skyward. It's a way of life to be seen and treasured in your memory for years to come. Drift back to your Irish hideaway for a beautiful last evening.
Lodging: Cashel House

DAY 7 — DUBLIN OR SHANNON

Your final day's route offers you a choice of traveling back to Dublin or ending the Shamrock Road in Shannon. Either way, you've completed your adventure through a unique land combining antiquity, charming villages, beautiful rugged landscapes and a people full of wit and kindness.

**“It was like our chauffeur knew everyone in the country.
At every town, at every pub, someone recognized him
and treated us like we were his friends.”**

Photos: Pat Duggan, top left, Heidi Ward, top right.



THE RENAISSANCE ROAD

10 Days / 9 Nights – Amalfi, Umbria, Florence, Venice, Lake District
Bellissima! Italy, where colorful memories are collected
memories like a slideshow...Pompeii, Assisi, St. Mark's, Ponte
Vecchio, Grand Canal, Lake Como and more.

DAY 1 — ROME, AMALFI

Traveling south from Rome on the Autostrada del Sole, your first destination is the Amalfi Coast. Here the magic comes alive with Pompeii, Sorrento and the Isle of Capri. Alight into the Le Sirenuse, clinging to the hillside overlooking a storybook town and blue sea.
Lodging: Le Sirenuse

DAY 2 — AMALFI

The Amalfi Drive follows the rocky coast between Sorrento and Salerno. Its innumerable bends along the coastline, afford consistently changing views of enchanting landscapes, oddly shaped rocks plunging vertically into a crystal-clear sea, and Saracen towers, once the haunts of pirates, perched on peaks and reefs.
Lodging: Le Sirenuse

DAY 3 — UMBRIA

Drive north this morning to the extraordinary hill town of Orvieto. It has preserved its medieval ambiance, evident in its narrow, twisting streets and ancient houses. La Badia, considered by many historians as the oldest hotel in Italy, was originally founded as a Benedictine Monastery in the 8th century.
Lodging: La Badia

DAY 4 — FLORENCE

En route to Florence, our first stop is Assisi. With its old streets and houses still enclosed by ramparts, Assisi has hardly changed since the Middle Ages. The famous Basilica of St. Francis, built in 1253, is two, superimposed churches. The lower contains the tomb of St. Francis and the upper features the frescos that mark the beginning of Renaissance painting.
Lodging: Grand Hotel Villa Cora

DAY 5 — FLORENCE

During the Renaissance, the illustrious Medici family ruled Florence and left their mark as great patrons of the arts. Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Boccaccio, Petrarch, Dante and Donatello are the major names linked to Florence's glorious past. The city today remains a work of art by virtue of its rich endowment of medieval monuments and Renaissance buildings.
Lodging: Grand Hotel Villa Cora

DAY 6 — VENICE

Today's drive takes you via Ravenna, famed for its glorious mosaics in the Church of San Vitale. Continue along the Adriatic Sea to Venice, which is situated on a broad lagoon comprising some 118 little islands separated from each other by more than 150 canals—spanned by nearly 400 bridges.
Lodging: Hotel Royal Danieli

DAY 7 — VENICE

A relaxing day to enjoy St. Mark's Square with its palatial arcades, the Bridge of Sighs, the splendid palazzos along the Grand Canal, or shopping for Venetian Glass on the nearby island of Murano.
Lodging: Hotel Royal Danieli

DAY 8 — LAKE COMO

Continue along the open road into the beautiful Italian Lake District and the famed Villa d'Este, a charming hotel situated on the elegant shores of the "Lago de Como." Settle in quickly and begin to live the life of luxury with the glorious view of the lake before you.
Lodging: Grand Hotel Villa d'Este

DAY 9 — LAKE COMO

Take a day to explore the fjord-like Lake Como. Choose a visit to the unique and beautiful gardens of the Villa Carlotta, or a short boat ride across the lake to the delightful town of Bellagio, or just relax in this world-famous setting.
Lodging: Grand Hotel Villa d'Este

DAY 10 — MILAN

Enjoy a morning of leisure at the Villa d'Este with its backdrop of steep mountains, terraced vineyards and celebrated villas before your departure to Milan and the end of your "Renaissance Experience."

"I'm a photographer and there were times the light was just fantastic. So, I often asked our driver to pull over and I took all the pictures I needed. You can't do that with a tour bus."

Photo: Steffen Gerd Oeser, top right.



THE CLASSICO ROAD

10 Days / 9 Nights – Rome, Florence, Venice, Lake District
An old fashioned FIT of Italy, including sightseeing, transfers and chauffeur-driven transportation from city to city.



DAY 1 — **ROME**

Arrive in Rome where you will be met by our representative and transferred by private car to the hotel. Take the remainder of the day to relax and rest.

Lodging: Hotel de Russie

DAY 2 — **ROME**

You will be picked up by your private car and chauffeur for a half-day tour including the Colosseum (inside visit) and the Capitoline Hill with its panoramic view of the

Roman Forum. See the temples of Vespasianus, Saturn, Castor and Polux. Continue on to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Church of St. Peter in Chains. Spend the afternoon at leisure.

Lodging: Hotel de Russie

DAY 3 — **ROME**

The highlight is a half-day tour with your driver-guide of the Vatican and St. Peter's, including the Quirinale Palace, Trevi Fountain, the Panteon, Piazza Navona and the Janiculum Hill, which provides a magnificent panoramic view of Rome. Continue to St. Peter's Square and Basilica (inside visit).

Lodging: Hotel de Russie

DAY 4 — **ROME, FLORENCE**

Your driver will whisk you to Florence via the celebrated "Hill Towns" of Tuscany. With its old streets and houses still enclosed by ramparts, Assisi has hardly changed since the Middle Ages. Built in 1253, the famous Basilica of St. Francis actually is two churches built upon each other. The lower contains the tomb of St. Francis, and the upper in the upper are the magnificent frescos, which mark the beginning of Renaissance painting.

Lodging: Hotel Savoy

DAY 5 — **FLORENCE**

This morning begins with a half-day walking tour with an official guide. The tour will include the cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore with its immense dome by Brunelleschi. Then you'll enjoy Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry with its beautiful mosaics and bronze doors, the Piazza della Signoria and the Uffizi Gallery. Afternoon at your leisure.

Lodging: Hotel Savoy

DAY 6 — **VENICE**

This morning you will be picked up and driven through the Italian countryside to Venice. Transfer by private motor launch to your hotel. Remainder of day is at leisure.

Lodging: Hotel Gritti Palace

DAY 7 — **VENICE**

You will be met by your guide for a half-day tour by foot and gondola. We start with a visit to St. Mark's Square and adjoining monuments. The Doge's Palace, Ducal Apartments, Piombi Prisons and the Bridge of Sighs. Ride a gondola through the Grand Canal, the minor canals and past the numerous private palaces that line these romantic waterways.

Lodging: Hotel Gritti Palace

DAY 8 — **LAKE COMO**

This morning you will be transferred from your hotel by motor launch to the Pizzale Roma, where your car and driver will be waiting to take you to the serene beauty of Lake Como and the regal splendor of the Villa Serbelloni. The latter is situated at the end of a promontory jutting out to the very center of this world-famous haven.

Lodging: Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni

DAY 9 — **LAKE COMO**

Take a leisurely day to relax and enjoy this spectacular spot. It could mean a visit to the unique and beautiful gardens of the Villa Carlotta, or a boat ride around the lake to see the villas and mansions from the water.

Lodging: Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni

DAY 10 — **MILAN**

Morning at leisure at the "Villa" with its backdrop of steep mountains and terraced vineyards, before being transferred to Milan where your "Classic" adventure comes to an end.

Photo: Melanie McEwen, top left.



THE SICILIAN ROAD

7 Days / 6 Nights – Around Sicily

Ancient ruined temples and seething volcanoes. Roman ruins at each turn and Europe's only active volcano, Mt. Etna—this Mediterranean island has it all.



DAY 1 — PALERMO

Transfer on arrival to the most famous hotel in the country, the Villa Igia. This former 19th century palace is set on lush grounds with beautiful views from the guest rooms and terraces overlooking the harbor. Founded by the Phoenicians, conquered by the Romans and later ruled by the Byzantines, Palermo boasts a rich history reflected in its varied architecture.

Lodging: Hotel Villa Igia

DAY 2 — PALERMO

Set out the next morning for a half-day city tour by private car. Visit the Cathedral, Palatine Chapel, and the Churches of San Giovanni, San Cataldo, Martorana and the National Museum. Just south of the city is the Montreale Cathedral, one of the most outstanding Norman structures in the world.

Lodging: Hotel Villa Igia

DAY 3 — AGRIGENTO

Take the open road by way of Segesta to Agrigento. Beautifully situated on a hill, Agrigento is renowned for its ancient section where impressive Greek ruins are scattered among the Valley of the Temples. There is a medieval quarter of steep narrow alleys lying behind the Piazza Roma. If possible, tour the temples at sunset or in the morning when the sunlight turns the stones a honey color.

Lodging: Hotel Baglio della Luna

DAY 4 — SIRACUSA

Depart Agrigento the next day, driving via Caltanissetta and Piazza Armerina to Siracusa. Piazza Armerina is an interesting archaeological town that is noted for its Roman ruins and grandiose 17th century cathedral. The ancient seaport of Siracusa is an archeological dream. From the Old Town on the peninsula, to the archeological zone to the north, ancient treasures can be found around each corner.

Lodging: Grand Hotel

DAY 5 — TAORMINA

Depart Siracusa in the morning, driving via Adrano and the scenic road that encircles Mt. Etna to Taormina. Mt. Etna is Europe's largest active volcano and, after the Alpine peaks, the highest mountain in Italy. The crater is constantly changing its form and on a clear day the view can extend as far as Malta, 210 kms (130 miles) away.

Lodging: San Domenico Palace



DAY 6 — TAORMINA

Today is a full day of leisure in Taormina. The town commands a wonderful site at an altitude of 675 ft. and forms a balcony overlooking the sea and facing Mt. Etna. The Greek Theater is one of Sicily's most impressive and well-preserved archaeological sites. Also of interest are the Corvaia Palace, the Church of St. Catherine, the Medieval Township (preserving many architectural details of the Middle Ages), the Cathedral, and the Public Garden with splendid views and subtropical vegetation.

Lodging: San Domenico Palace

DAY 7 — CATANIA

Depart Taormina on the final day, driving to the Catania airport, where you reflect on the wonders and adventures encountered on your journey through Sicily.

"Our driver asked us if we wanted to attend an Italian wedding. We said, why not? His cousin was getting married; it was like something out of the movies. I gained at least 10 pounds that night."



Germany



THE ROMANTIC ROAD

8 Days / 7 Nights – The Rhine, Black Forest, Lake Constance, Bavaria, Romantic Road
Plenty of Old-World flavor: rarified and romantic, where the riches of centuries unfold before you in eight unforgettable days.

DAY 1 — FRANKFURT, THE RHINE

It's on the open road this morning from Frankfurt to the fabled Rhine. Follow the river past the castles of Burg Rheinstien and Burg Sooneck to Bacharach, which is famed for its half-timbered houses. You'll find striking scenery at every turn, but prepare yourself for spectacular view from the 1,000-year-old castle of Schonburg.
Lodging: Burghotel auf Schonburg



DAY 2 — THE RHINE

A full day to explore those "Castles on the Rhine" perched along both sides of the river. High above Braubach is the mighty Marksburg, the only castle-fortress in the entire Rhine Valley never to have been destroyed. Here you will find a great collection of armor as well as an interesting medieval garden.
Lodging: Burghotel auf Schonburg

DAY 3 — HEIDELBERG AND BLACK FOREST

Depart this morning to romantic Heidelberg, site of music, castle and arts festivals and the international Easter egg market. Then travel to the ancient spa town of Baden Baden. The Romans made good use of the Baden Baden's healing springs and the remains of their bathing temples are still here. Continue deep into the Black Forest to the center of the clock making industry and the home of the cuckoo clock.
Lodging: Hotel Belle Epoque

DAY 4 — LAKE CONSTANCE

Continue your drive through the Black Forest to Lake Constance. The open road takes you to the famous "Rhine Falls" and then to the shores of the lake and your 11-room jewel. Settle in and discover the exquisite beauty of the lake from the elegant terrace.
Lodging: Hotel Residenz Am See

DAY 5 — BAVARIA

Take a leisurely trip this morning via the famous "Deutsche Alpenstrasse," traveling through the Germany's lush countryside. Your destination: the Bavarian Highlands and the Royal Castles built by "Mad King Ludwig." Your hotel provides a perfect setting for exploring this incredible area.
Lodging: Hotel Muller

DAY 6 — BAVARIA

You'll take a full day to explore the fairytale castles of Hohenschwangau, Neuschwanstein and Linderhof. Because Ludwig was the patron of Richard Wagner, the reminders are everywhere—Lohengrin, Tristan and Isolde, and the Ring of the Nibelungen all are indeed woven into the baric of all three castles. Nearby is the famous wood carver's village of Oberammergau where the Passion Play is performed once every 10 years.
Lodging: Hotel Muller

DAY 7 — ROTHENBURG

You're off early by way of Augsburg and onto the "Romantische Strasse"—the Romantic Road. Here is the great highway of the medieval world. Along the way, visit the ancient, walled town of Nordlingen and Dinkelsbuhl before settling in at the famed Eisenhut, located in the center of this medieval masterpiece.
Lodging: Hotel Eisenhut

DAY 8 — FRANKFURT

Leave Rothenburg in the morning via the old trading towns of Mittenberg and Michelstadt, and through the beautiful Neckar Valley to Heidelberg. As the oldest university town in Germany, Heidelberg has been enlivened by students since 1336. Visit the great castle with the largest, wooden wine barrel in the world, as well as the inn of the "Student Prince." Take the short drive back to Frankfurt where the adventure ends and the memories begin.

"It's hard to be vegetarian in Europe, especially in Germany. But our chauffeur did an excellent job at helping us find restaurants that suited our diet."

Photos: Annick Neuenschwander, top left, Kevin Hellon, top right.



Central Europe

THE CASTLE ROAD

10 Days / 9 Nights – Germany, Switzerland, Austria

A medieval masterpiece. Storybook castles, charming villages—there's a magnificent ambiance about this 10-day foray back in history.

DAY 1 — FRANKFURT, THE RHINE

Begin your first day heading for the majestic Rhine River with its storied castles overlooking the riverbanks at nearly every turn. Prepare yourself for the spectacular views from the 1,000-year-old castle of Schonburg, perched high above this extraordinary waterway.

Lodging: Burghotel auf Schonburg



DAY 2 — THE RHINE

Your full day to explore the castles and vineyards along the Rhine. The villages of the Rheingau read like a wine list; Rudesheim, Johannisberg and Eltville. Then you're off to the legendary Loreley Rock where sailors were lured to their doom by the songs of the Sirens. It's a wonderful day of medieval discovery.

Lodging: Burghotel auf Schonburg

DAY 3 — THE BLACK FOREST

Your day begins with a drive via the Pfalz area into the Black Forest and the Roman spa town of Baden Baden. Then you'll travel deeper into the "Schwarzwald" via the unique Gutach Falls, which plunges down the Mountainside in seven wild and spectacular stages.

Lodging: Park Hotel Wehrle

DAY 4 — LUCERNE

The drive today continues through the "Forest" via the famous Rhinefalls into the Swiss countryside, and on to the shores of the beautiful Lake of Lucerne. Settle into the regal Park Hotel Vitznau with its terrace and lawns that reach down to the water's edge.

Lodging: Park Hotel Vitznau

DAY 5 — LUCERNE

A day exploring the lakeside villages of Brunnen and Weggis – as well as a trip up to the Rigi-Kulm on the rack railway – for an unforgettable view over the surrounding lakes and mountains. Finish in Lucerne with its 15th and 16th century houses and medieval, covered bridges.

Lodging: Park Hotel Vitznau

DAY 6 — BAVARIA

Today's route takes you via the scenic German Alps Road to the very heart of the Bavarian Highlands, which is the gateway to the Royal Castles. Settle into the Hotel Muller, which combines the hospitality and tradition of a family-owned Bavarian Inn located at the base of the majestic Neuschwanstein Castle.

Lodging: Hotel Muller

DAY 7 — BAVARIA

You have a full day to explore the Bavarian villages, and to visit three of the most astonishing castles to be found anywhere: Neuschwanstein, Hohenschwangau and Linderhof. The legacy of Mad King Ludwig and his glorification of Richard Wagner and the "Sun King," Louis XIV, can be seen throughout these buildings.

Lodging: Hotel Muller

DAY 8 — SALZBURG

Continue via Garmisch and the famed "Deutsche Alpenstrasse" to the city of Mozart and the magnificent Schloss Monchstein. Here is a storybook castle with ivy-covered walls, as well as towers and turrets dating from the middle of the 14th century. In the 18th century, the castle was the site of musical soirees that featured both Mozart and Haydn.

Lodging: Schloss Monchstein

DAY 9 — SALZBURG

With its beginning as a Celtic and then a Roman settlement, Salzburg has a long and fascinating history. Mozart was born here in 1756, and you can visit his house with mementos of his musical life. Salzburg's musical tradition has been kept alive with the filming of the "Sound of Music," and you can visit sites where specific songs were performed.

Lodging: Schloss Monchstein

DAY 10 — VIENNA

Follow the Danube today as it winds its way past the great Abbey of Melk to Durnstein, where Richard the Lionhearted was imprisoned as he tried to make his way home from the Third Crusade. Arrive in Vienna where your Castle Road ends.

Photo: Andrew Zotov, top left.



Switzerland



DAY 1 — ZURICH, LUCERNE

Take delivery of your car this morning and travel the short route to the Lake of Lucerne. There you'll settle into the elegant Park Hotel Vitznau, located on the shores of this lovely lake.

Lodging: Park Hotel Vitznau

DAY 2 — LUCERNE

Spend the day exploring the lakeside villages of Brunnen and Weggis, and take a trip up to the Rigi-Kulm on the rack railway for an unforgettable view of the surrounding lakes and mountains. Later, wander through ancient Lucerne with its 15th and 16th century houses and medieval, covered bridges.

Lodging: Park Hotel Vitznau

DAY 3 — INTERLAKEN

This morning, drive along the Brunig Pass deep into the very heart of Switzerland. You'll go to Interlaken, which is situated below the mighty Jungfrau in the midst of the greatest mountain scenery in Europe. Here are an endless variety of walks and excursions to such famous attractions as the Lauterbrunnen Valley, Trummelbach Falls and the high, mountain villages of Murren, Wengen and Grindelwald.

Lodging: Grand Hotel Victoria Jungfrau

DAY 4 — INTERLAKEN

Your day to enjoy independent activities. You may be tempted to take the spectacular cogwheel rail journey all the way up to the Jungfraujoch—the highest railway station in Europe with an elevation of 11,340 ft. The adventure takes you to a succession of alpine valleys, ice fields and massive glaciers. It's one of the world's great train experiences.

Lodging: Grand Hotel Victoria Jungfrau

THE SWISS ALPINE ROAD

8 Days / 7 Nights – Lucerne, Interlaken, Zermatt, Gruyeres
Crystalline ice palaces, yodeling Alpine herders, cable cars up to mountain peaks—and carefully chosen, traditional Swiss chalets.

DAY 5 — ZERMATT

The drive today takes you through the mountains to Zermatt. Located in a green valley enclosed between steeply sloped mountains, Zermatt is dominated by that "mountain of mountains," the huge, gracefully curved pyramid of the Matterhorn. Settle into the cozy atmosphere for another night of Swiss friendliness and hospitality.

Lodging: Riffelalp Resort

DAY 6 — ZERMATT

This is a full day of leisure to discover this auto-free village, and explore the old streets and quaint chalets. Do not miss the famous Alpine Museum, which contains relics of the early conquests of the Matterhorn and has a section devoted to reconstructed mountain-dweller homes.

Lodging: Riffelalp Resort

DAY 7 — GRUYERES MONTREUX

Leave Zermatt this morning driving by Sion and Gstaad to the delightful mountain village of Gruyeres. It's famous for its castle, medieval houses, its sometimes-turbulent history and, of course, for its cheese. Perched high in the hills above Montreux, the Hotel Victoria looks out on breathtaking panorama of Lake Geneva backed by jagged mountain peaks. From the moment you walk inside this beautiful inn, there is an old-world ambiance enhanced by handsome antique furniture.

Lodging: Hotel Victoria



DAY 8 — GENEVA

You'll make a reluctant departure this morning as you make your way to Geneva, where your Swiss Chalet Road ends.

"Our chauffeur doubled as our translator and helped us connect with people that I doubt we could have met as tourists."

Photos: Dave Thorp, top left, Steven Wagner, bottom right.



Scandinavia

THE VIKING ROAD

12 Days / 11 Nights – Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo, Fjords, Bergen

It's as sparkling as Swedish crystal at Midsummers' Eve. A land of fairytales and glaciers, and trolls and fjords. You can even ride a mountain railway and coastal steamer.

DAY 1 — COPENHAGEN

Arrive in Copenhagen where you will be met by a private car and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to rest and relax in this warm, charming city.

Lodging: Hotel D'Angelterre

DAYS 2 AND 3 — COPENHAGEN

Spend two days exploring Copenhagen, including a half-day city tour with your private car and chauffeur. Visit beautiful Langelinie Park and its most famous resident, the "Little Mermaid." Then it's off to Rosenborg Castle and the Royal Crown Jewels. You'll enjoy the inner harbor of Nyhavn, the old sailors quarters, and filled sidewalk cafes, pubs and trendy boutiques. Stroll along the narrow, winding streets of the old section—the same streets people have walked for 800 years.

Lodging: Hotel D'Angelterre

DAY 4 — STOCKHOLM

This morning you will be transferred by private car to the airport for your flight* to Stockholm. Upon arriving in Stockholm, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. You'll have the remainder of the day on your own to stroll this picturesque and interesting city.

Lodging: Hotel Grand

DAYS 5 AND 6 — STOCKHOLM

Your stay in Stockholm will feature a half-day city tour by private car. Stops include "Gamla Stan" (old town), the Royal Palace, the busy harbor and the Vasa Museum, which houses a great Swedish war ship—which sank in the harbor in 1628 and was brought to the surface in 1961. It's a fascinating look at a perfectly preserved piece of the Thirty Years War. You will also have plenty of time to browse the shops and streets of Stockholm.

Lodging: Hotel Grand

DAY 7 — OSLO

You're up early today for your morning transfer to the airport for a flight* to Oslo. On arrival you will be transferred to the venerable Grand Hotel located in the heart of the city.

Lodging: Grand Hotel

DAYS 8 AND 9 — OSLO

Begin your visit to the Norwegian capitol with a morning tour of the city, including the peninsula of Bygdoy. There you'll see the Viking ships from the 9th century in the Kon-Tiki Museum. You also will have a day for independent activities. There is much to explore: The Sonja Henie-Nils Onstad Arts Center; Gustav Vigeland's monumental sculptures in the Frogner Park, which at one time shocked the world; Edvard Munch's vast collection of his work that he left to the city, displayed in the beautiful Munch Museum; and The Holmenkollen Ski Jump with its fabulous views over the city and fjord.

Lodging: Grand Hotel

DAY 10 — FJORDS

Today begins one of the world's great overland journeys as you take the train from Oslo into the mountains via some of the most dramatic and spectacular scenery anywhere on earth. From Myrdal, you change to the famous "Flamsbahn Mountain Railway" down the steep slope to the Aurlandsfjord. There you board the Fjord Express steamer, which cruises slowly past towering cliffs and deep into the Sognefjord. Your classic, 150-year-old Kvikne's Hotel is on the waterfront in the town of Balestrand, looking out at the fabulous Sognefjord.

Lodging: Kvikne's Hotel

DAY 11 — BERGEN

Continue on your Fjord Cruiser through the Sognefjord, passing by numerous islands and coastal villages to arrive in Bergen. In the afternoon, a city tour by your chauffeur will take you through this charming town featuring cobbled streets, a harbor lined with medieval wooden buildings that date back to the Hanseatic League, and an open air fish market where the buying and selling action never stops.

Lodging: SAS Royal Hotel

DAY 12 — BERGEN

Today you must bid a reluctant farewell to this Land of the Vikings as you are transferred by private car to the airport for your departure.

*Air not included



Benelux



THE BENELUX ROAD

8 Days / 7 Nights – Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg

Highlights of the Low Countries...a delightful package of historic chateaux and delicious cuisine, bound together with more unspoiled delights.

DAY 1 — AMSTERDAM, FRYSLAN

Drive north en route to a more "traditional" Holland setting: more rural, fewer modern buildings and many villagers wearing Old World clothing. The first stop is the ancient Zuider Zee Port of Hoor with its 16th and 17th Century houses. Continue on to Enkhuizen with its exceptional Zuider Zee Museum. Finally, cross into the northern countryside district of Fryslan.

Lodging: Hotel Landgoed de Klinze

DAY 2 — BLOKKIJL

Today's drive takes you through the Frisian Lake District to see landscapes notable for wide open spaces, lakes, villages laced with canals, and churches built on Terps, which are artificial mounds surrounded by trees. Next visit Giethoorn, a "water village" where boats are the primary means of transport. The best way to enjoy this unique place is to hire a boat and float past the beautiful old houses and gardens.

Lodging: Hotel Kaatje Bij Sluis

DAY 3 — WITTEM

Leave Blokkijl this morning via the Palace of Het Loo to visit the palace and magnificent gardens. Then it's on to the Kroller-Muller Museum featuring 276 works by Vincent Van Gogh. Continue further south to the beautiful Geul Valley where your medieval castle awaits you.

Lodging: Kasteel Witten



DAY 4 — ECHTERNACH

Today's routing takes you from Holland by the Belgian town of Spa, which once was the most fashionable resort in Europe. Drive deep into the Luxembourgian Ardennes where many of the towns and villages have a 1,000-year history. Settle into the Bel Air situated in a magnificent, 20-acre park.

Lodging: Hotel Bel Air

DAY 5 — NOIREFONTAINE

Leave Echternach this morning via Luxembourg City to the unique Abbaye d'Orval. This Cistercian monastery, founded in 1070, is one of the most famous in Europe. Today the ruins are part of the entire complex. The beer and cheese produced here are world famous. Continue to the Moulin Hideux, which has been a beautiful country inn for over 50 years.

Lodging: Auberge du Moulin Hideux

DAY 6 — BRUGES

After breakfast, leave Noirefontaine using the auto route past Tournai and Kortrijk en route to Bruges. Bruges is a Flemish town dating from at least the 8th century. It later became a major importer of wool from England, making it an important cloth-making center—and thus became the commercial and financial hub of northern Europe. Today, most of the buildings are preserved and appear as they did in those early times.

Lodging: Hotel Die Swaene

DAY 7 — BRUGES

You have a full day on your own to explore this medieval treasure. With its many canals, Bruges is often called the "Venice of the North." The town is also renowned throughout the world for its woven lace, and lace centers are open every afternoon if you'd like an up-close presentation. The nighttime illuminations of the old and historic buildings make for an unforgettable evening.

Lodging: Hotel Die Swaene

DAY 8 — BRUSSELS

Enjoy a morning in Bruges before the short drive back to Brussels, concluding your cultural adventure.

"We love food and wine. Our chauffeur helped us order the right cuisine in every region, so we didn't miss any local delights."

Photos: Mark Weston, bottom left, Eddy Van Leuven, top right.



Spain

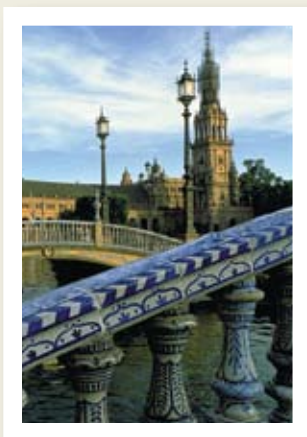


THE ANDALUSIA ROAD

8 Days / 7 Nights – Merida, Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Toledo
Go ahead, have a fling at Flamenco. Guitars, castanets, shimmering veils, flashing eyes and a fusillade of heel tapping. It's all part of the grand escapade.

DAY 1 — MADRID, MERIDA

After taking delivery of your car, travel westward through the picturesque villages of the Extremadura to the ancient Roman outpost of Merida, founded in 25 A.D. The Parador, one of Spain's first luxury hotels, was built as a convent in the 16th century.
Lodging: Parador de Merida



DAY 2 — SEVILLE

Your morning's destination is in the very heart of Andalusia—Seville, where you will soon discover a world of winding streets, flower-laden patios, gardens, fountains and wrought-iron gates. Since 1928 the Alfonso XIII has maintained its luxurious reputation.
Lodging: Hotel Alfonso XIII

DAY 3 — SEVILLE

Your day is free to explore this fascinating city. Highlights may include the Bull Ring, Alcazar Palace and the enormous cathedral with its Giralda Tower.
Lodging: Hotel Alfonso XIII

DAY 4 — CORDOBA

The morning leads through the Andalusian countryside to Cordoba. Narrow, winding streets, tiny squares and low, whitewashed houses with beautiful patios give the town a Moorish character. Cordoba's Parador is located in a quiet, hilly site with its rooms and balconies facing this former 8th century Moorish capital.
Lodging: Parador la Arruzafa

DAY 5 — GRANADA

Following breakfast, you'll drive to another famous, ancient Moorish capital: Granada. It's famous for the magnificent Alhambra. The Parador is a former convent dating from the 16th century. There are gardens, fountains, and a portion of the chapel where Queen Isabella was buried in 1516.
Lodging: Parador San Francisco

DAY 6 — GRANADA

Your highlight is a visit to The Alhambra, a series of palaces begun in 1238 and added to by subsequent Arab rulers. The Generalife consists of exotic, beautiful gardens and the fountains of the Moorish kings. Here you will also find an Italian Renaissance villa with its terraces, grottos and carefully trimmed hedges.
Lodging: Parador San Francisco

DAY 7 — TOLEDO

On the way to Toledo the following day, windmills begin to dot the landscape, indicating your entrance into Don Quixote's country of La Mancha. Toledo's narrow streets and numerous blind alleys evoke a historic charm. The architecture of the Christian and Jewish periods is well represented by the many churches and synagogues.
Lodging: Parador de Toledo

DAY 8 — MADRID

Your last day begins with a leisurely morning to further explore this living outdoor museum before making the short journey back to Madrid, where your Andalusia venture ends, and your the memories of sunny Spain begin.



"Traveling with our chauffeur was one of the most authentic vacation experiences of our lives. We met people and did things we never would have done on our own."

Photos: Paula Moya, top right, Bren Marley, bottom right.



Portugal



THE POUSADA ROAD

8 Days / 7 Nights – Evora, Marvao, Mangualde, Bucaco, Sintra
Castles and Convents...a medieval treasure chest where
Romanesque and Gothic art mix with an uncrowded and
beautiful countryside; providing a much a slower pace of life.

DAY 1 — LISBON, EVORA

Make your way through the peaceful Portuguese landscape en route to the enchanting ancient town of Evora. Compacted between Roman, Renaissance and 17th century walls, Evora's streets are an architectural and cultural medley. Settle into the 15th century pousada deep in the heart of this historic site.

Lodging: Pousada dos Loios



DAY 2 — MARVAO

In the morning the road leads to the fortified town of Elvas, which was liberated from the Moors in 1230 and is still surrounded by ramparts. Marvao is a proud, fortified medieval village clustered at the foot of a castle on one of the Serra Sao Mamede peaks near the border.

Lodging: Pousada dos Santa Maria

DAY 3 — MANGUALDE

Leave Marvao the next day via Guarda, which has been a strategic stronghold since pre-historic times, and served as a base of operations for Julius Caesar. Continue through the Portuguese highlands to Mangualde. Many 16th and 17th century houses bearing coats of arms can be seen surrounding the cathedral square.

Lodging: Estralgem Casa d'Azurara

DAY 4 — BUCACO

Rising early, your destination is the fabled forest of Bucaco. As early as the 6th century, Benedictine monks built a hermitage among the oaks and pines. In 1628, the Barefoot Carmelites built a monastery on the site of the present hotel and surrounded the domain with an unbroken wall. The hotel was constructed between 1888 and 1907.

Lodging: Palace Hotel do Bucaco

DAY 5 — BUCACO

Leisurely explore the forest of Bucaco. Here, monks established contemplative walks and chapels among trees, which gained papal protection in 1632. Part ancient woodland and part arboretum, some 700 native and exotic species remain to enjoy.

Lodging: Palace Hotel do Bucaco

DAY 6 — SINTRA

Travel south the next morning by Batalha. The monastery of Batalha stands in a green valley, a mass of gables, pinnacles, buttresses, turrets and small columns. The rose gold outpouring of its architecture is one of the masterpieces of Portuguese Gothic and Manueine art.

Lodging: Hotel Palacio de Seteais

DAY 7 — SINTRA

The road to Sintra takes you to the fairytale setting of Pena Park and the castle of the Moors. The park of 500 acres is planted richly with rare trees and landscaped with large boulders, lakes and fountains. The 8th century castle appears as a monument with a perimeter wall guarded by four towers.

Lodging: Hotel Palacio de Seteais

DAY 8 — LISBON

Make a leisurely departure along the coast and the famed beach resort towns of Cascais and Estoril to complete your Portuguese exploration.



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Morocco



THE ROAD TO MOROCCO

10 Days / 9 Nights – Casablanca, Rabat, Meknes, Erfoud, Ouarzazate, Fes, Marrakech
On the Road to Morocco—the unique sights and sounds of an exotic land. It's an "Arabian Nights" adventure, unlike any other.

DAY 1 — CASABLANCA, RABAT

Arriving in Casablanca, you will be met by your chauffeur and transferred to Rabat via Mohammedia. Continue past the French Foreign Legion fortress of Mansouriah and Bouanika, to the imperial city of Rabat, the nation's capital and seat of the King. Spend the afternoon visiting the souks, mosques and the Kasbah of Udayah.
Lodging: The Rabat Hilton

DAY 2 — FES

Settle in for a drive by the Moorish Gardens and cascading pools of Mamora. Continue on to Meknes, founded in the 10th century by Berbers. Visit the famous Mosque of Moulay Ismael, the only mosque in Morocco in which non-Muslims are allowed (except on Fridays). Then you're on to Volubilis, which features the best preserved ruins in this part of northern Africa.
Lodging: Hotel Palais Jamaï

DAY 3 — FES

Enjoy a full day of Fes exploration with your chauffeur. It is the oldest of the imperial cities and the spiritual capital of Morocco. The medieval city of "Old Fes" remains complete and unspoiled. It is fervently Islamic, deeply traditional and closed to motor traffic. Here is the gem of Moorish - Andalusian architecture with its dream-like minarets and towers crowned by the green tiled roofs of the mosque.
Lodging: Hotel Palais Jamaï

DAY 4 — ERFOUD

The adventure intensifies today as you drive into the Middle Atlas Mountains via the settlements of Azrou and Midelt, and the stunning gorges of the Ziv Valley. Subtle changes in the flora begin to occur as we arrive in Erfoud. Here, on the very edge of the Sahara Desert, among the impressive sand dunes is the Salam Hotel lying in the midst of a true oasis.
Lodging: Hotel Salam

DAY 5 — OUARZAZATE

Today's drive climbs into the High Atlas Mountains via the village of Tenighir, located in an oasis of pomegranate, fig and olive trees. Later, follow the route through the "Valley of the 1,000 Kasbahs," looming

up before you in a fairyland splendor of gingerbread colored walls, crenelated towers and ancient ochre adobe buildings.
Lodging: Hotel Karam

DAY 6 — OUARZAZATE

Take a full-day excursion to Zagora on the edge of the Sahara Desert. Drive along the Draa River Valley through the Jbel Azlag Gorge, which once was an important stopping place for camel caravans on the journey between Timbuktu and Zagora. There are road signs that say it's just "52 days by camel to Timbuktu." Take time in the afternoon to visit the old French Foreign Legion outpost.
Lodging: Hotel Karam

DAY 7 — MARRAKECH

You leave the High Atlas this morning direct to one of the most treasured cities in the world: Marrakech. It is a rose-red oasis at the foot of snow capped mountains, and it is bustling with centuries-old folklore, soothsayers, snake-charmers, storytellers, acrobats and vendors of mystic potions.
Lodging: La Mamounia

DAY 8 — MARRAKECH

Today you just may want to relax in 10 gorgeous acres of gardens, fountains and pools, which were so beloved by Winston Churchill. Or you may want your chauffeur to show you the highlights of this fascinating city that was founded in the 11th century.
Lodging: La Mamounia

DAY 9 — CASABLANCA

After a leisurely breakfast bid farewell to Marrakech as you take the drive toward the Atlantic Coast and Casablanca. The city folds around the busy port which is as much a historical relic as a living part of the town.
Lodging: Hotel Royal Mansour

DAY 10 — CASABLANCA

This morning you will be transferred by private car for your departure from this exotic land, but the otherworldly experiences will be etched in your memory forever.

Photo: Andre Pipa, top right.



Turkey



DAY 1 — ISTANBUL, CANAKKALE

After breakfast, depart for Canakkale via the Dardanelles. Lunch at a local restaurant on the way, and enjoy an afternoon excursion to Troy and visit to the ruins.

Lodging: Hotel Manici Kasri

Note: Manici Kasri is a small, country-style hotel built of stone and timber in the village of Yesilyurt, which lies at the foot of Mount Ida on the west coast of Turkey. The hotel suites are decorated in different styles. Each room has a functional fireplace. Its restaurant is a gourmet's heaven. The chef uses only local produce including eggs, cheese, olives and honey.

DAY 2 — KUSADSI

Following breakfast, drive to Kusadsi via Pergamum. After a local lunch, you have a chance to explore this great ancient city. There will be visits to the ruins of Pergamum, the Acropolis and the Asclepium, followed by a drive to Kusadsi for dinner.

Lodging: Hotel Kismet

DAY 3 — BODRUM

The next day, set out for Bodrum via Ephesus, which is unmatched by any archeological site in terms of sheer magnitude. Visit the House of The Virgin Mary, the ruins of Ephesus, the Archeological Museum, and the Basilical Museum and the Basilica of St. John. After a local lunch, continue to Bodrum.

Lodging: Hotel Ada

Note: It's almost impossible to trumpet enough superlatives to describe this Relais and Châteaux property, which is a stunning display of understated elegance and superior taste. Fashioned like a stately country villa, the hotel was built at the top of Türkbükü using the elements of classic Ottoman design; incorporating hand-carved stonework, outdoor living spaces and thick, stone walls. The huge rooms are luxurious and rustic, with plush, candlelit bathrooms.

DAY 4 — FETHIYE

More breathtaking scenery waits as we travel through the mountains and the pine forests. We stop en route at Dalyan, and then take a trip to

THE ROAD TO TROY

9 Days / 8 Nights – Troy, Izmir, Antalya, Cappadocia, Ankara

A land where East meets West, Asia becomes Europe and you'll be immersed in the ancient civilization at Izmir, legendary Troy and the natural wonders of Cappadocia.

Caunos, which in ancient times was a busy harbor town. Ancient Caunos has nearby beautiful Turtle beach on one side and a lake on the other.

Lodging: ATA Park Hotel

DAY 5 — ANTALYA

You will be impressed by the striking blue and green colors while we drive on the coast of Mediterranean. You'll visit ancient Myra, the death place of Saint Nicholas, which became the object of pilgrimages with rock tombs overlooking the magnificent Roman Theatre. Stop in at St. Nicholas Church where, during the 4th Century, he served as bishop of this Mediterranean city. Overnight in Antalya.

Lodging: Sheraton Voyager

DAY 6 — ANTALYA

Explore the ancient ruins of Perge, the finest example of a complete Roman city on the southern coast. Its stadium could accommodate 15,000 spectators. Then visit Aspendos, founded by Argive colonists, which is renowned throughout the world for its magnificent ancient amphitheatre.

Lodging: Sheraton Voyager

DAY 7 — CAPPADOCIA

In the morning, head for Cappadocia via Konya, capital of the Seljuk Empire. During the sightseeing tour of Konya, visit the Mausoleum and Museum of Mevlana, home of the famous Whirling Dervishes. Lunch in Konya or en route to Cappadocia.

Lodging: Anatolian Houses

DAY 8 — CAPPADOCIA

Spend the next full day exploring the brilliant landscape of Cappadocia, with its unique valleys and villages that seem like a lost world to the visitor. The region also is famous for its underground cities, such as Kaymakli, and other communities carved from caves and mountainsides.

Lodging: Anatolian Houses

DAY 9 — ISTANBUL

On your final day, transfer to the Kayseri airport for the flight to Istanbul where the tour comes to a glorious end.

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Europe Getaways

Our Getaways are chauffeured, luxurious dips into Europe's finest destinations. Take your time wandering the ruins of a medieval castle, enjoy a second cappuccino at a sidewalk cafe, and don't worry about lingering in the tasting room at a heavenly French vineyard. **Chauffeured only.**

BURGUNDY WINE COUNTRY

3-Nights / 4-Days (Paris back to Paris)



Destination – the Cote d'Or and the village of Chambolle-Musigny and the luxurious Chateau Andre Ziltner.

The northern half of the Cote d'Or is called the Cote de Nuit, and produces the famous red wines of the Pinot Noir grape. Your second day is spent visiting the best-known vineyards in this district including Vougeot, La Tache, Romanee-Conti and Gevrey-Chambertain. Have another favorite? Ask your driver.

The following day takes you on an exploration of the Cote de Beaune where the great white wines are produced with the Chardonnay grape. Visit the tiny village of Puligny-Montrachet, and end with a visit to the famed Chateau de Meursault. For a unique tasting, try the Marche aux vins in Beaune.

NORMANDY

3-Nights / 4-Days (Paris back to Paris)



Journey through the beautiful Seine Valley to Monet's garden, en route to Normandy and the Chateau d'Audrieu. Spend a full day exploring this dramatic stretch of the invasion beaches from Arromanches to Omaha Beach. Lose yourself in the somber memorial of the American Cemetery – and finally to the rugged cliffs of the Pointe du Hoc where the landscape of the fierce battles remains untouched since D-day.

Discover Mont-St-Michel to experience possibly the most historic monument in Europe, and one of the great architectural sites of the world. Return to Bayeux to behold the amazing Bayeux Tapestry, the most important document to come down to us from the Middle Ages. Lodging: Chateau Audrieu

Photo: Agnes Chebrou, top left.



CHATEAUX COUNTRY

3-Nights / 4-Days (Paris back to Paris)

The Loire Valley presents possibly the most fascinating and historic landscapes in Europe. On arrival, settle in at the elegant 16th century confines of the Chateau de Noizay. Here, in the "Vallee des Rois," you will find castles and grand manor houses representing the entire medieval era with every conceivable style of architecture. The following morning, in the western sector, visit Azay-le-Rideau, the famous gardens of Villandry, Chinon and Fontevraud l'Abbaye. Day three in the eastern sector includes Amboise, Chambord, Cheverny and Chenonceau. Your last day takes you via the remarkable cathedral of Chartres before returning to Paris. Lodging: Chateau Noizay

PROVENCE

3-Nights / 4-Days (Nice back to Nice)



Drive via Grasse deep into the Haut-Provence to the spectacular setting of Moustiers-St-Marie, famed for its pottery, Faience. Stay overnight in the luxury and charm of the Bastide de Moustiers. Continue to the Provence of Peter Mayle and the hill town villages of Bonnieux and Menerbes, then via Gordes to Avignon and the luxury of the Auberge de Noves for two nights. Visit the magnificent three-tiered aqueduct of the Pont du Gard, and the town of Arles called "the soul

of France." Here Van Gogh painted some of his most celebrated works. Return to Nice via St-Tropez and Cannes along the sea.

Europe Getaways



FLORENCE TO VENICE

3-Nights / 4-Days (Florence, Portofino, Lake Como, Venice)

Wind your way down to the unusual coastal strip called the Cinque Terre and its main village, Monterosso al Mare. Continue along Santa Margherita to Portofino and the amazing Hotel Splendido to enjoy the gardens, dining terrace and

panoramic views. Drive north to Lake Como and the world-renowned Villa d'Este to relax in elegant comfort for two nights in one of the most favored spots in Italy. Explore the unique and important Roman city of Verona en route to Venice.

THE AMALFI COAST

3-Nights / 4-Days (Rome back to Rome)

Leave Rome driving south via Pompeii to see the "living" remains of this antique Roman resort. These ruins provide a wealth of knowledge about domestic life of the 1st century Romans.

Then journey to the cliff hanging, fisherman's village of Positano, and the five-star luxury of Le Sirenuse. Positano is known for its white, cubed houses with terraced gardens above the shimmering azure sea. Positano: The fisherman's village is one of the most fashionable seaside towns in Italy. Artists are attracted to its delightful setting of white cubed houses with terraced gardens above the azure sea. John Steinbeck once wrote: "Positano bites deep. It is a dream place that isn't quite real when you are there and becomes beckoningly real after you have gone."

The Amalfi Drive follows the rocky coast between Sorrento and Salerno. Its innumerable bends along the coastline, afford consistently changing views of enchanting landscapes, oddly shaped rocks plunging vertically into a crystal-clear sea, and Saracen towers, once the haunts of pirates, perched on peaks and reefs.

Sorrento's warm climate, beautiful gardens and magnificent vistas are a welcome stop. The Moorish gardens of Ravello sit high above the sea, with Capri lying invitingly just offshore.



ROME TO FLORENCE

3-Nights / 4-Days (Rome, Tuscany, Florence)

Drive via Spoleto and the Italian hill towns to Assisi to visit the Basilica of St. Francis. Not to be missed are the frescos of Cimabue and Giotto that marked the beginning of the Renaissance.

Your car will continue deep into Tuscany and the Locanda dell'Amorosa for two nights. While there, you'll visit the Tuscan towns of Multipulciano, Pienza and Montalcino. Continue to Siena to visit the Piazza de Campo, which is one of the best-known piazzas in Italy because of its architecture and its annual Palio horse races. Deeper into the countryside brings you to the elegance of the Relais La Suvera. Your journey ends in Florence via San Gimignano.



GARDENS OF ENGLAND

3-Nights / 4-Days (London back to London)

Your first stop is the medieval house and garden of Knole, one of the largest country manors in England. Drive via Sissinghurst where Vita Sackville-West and husband, Sir Harold Nicolson, created one of the loveliest gardens in England.

Overnight at Eastwell Manor, which is set in 62 acres of gardens and grounds. The next day, drive via Brighton and Ayrndel to Petworth House—England's closest example of a Louis XIV chateau with gardens by Capability Brown. Continue to the 16th century Elizabethan manor of Gravetye Manor for two nights, with lovely rooms overlooking the beautiful gardens. See Chartwell, the wartime home of Winston Churchill, with its garden of wide lawns including a brick wall around the kitchen garden built by Winston himself.

Europe Getaways

COTSWOLDS AND BATH

3-Nights / 4-Days (London back to London)



Return to London via Stonehenge, Britain's most celebrated prehistoric monument.

Meander through the delightful Thames Valley via Oxford, Blenheim and Woodstock. Next, journey into the world of Cotswold villages and the magnificent Buckland Manor for two nights. Discover the "wool" towns of Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Bourton-on-the-Water, Chipping Campden and the Slaughters. Experience neo-classical Bath, famous since Roman times for its warm mineral springs. Tour its pump room and the Roman baths. Your overnight is at the opulent Bath Spa Hotel.

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

3-Nights / 4-Days (Edinburgh back to Edinburgh)



whose dark waters are the home of the elusive "Nessie." You'll also see the famous Inverlochy Castle. Guests have included Queen Victoria and the King of Norway.

You'll head for the Whisky Trail en route to Inverness, the gateway to the Highlands. Glistening chandeliers and marble fireplaces feature in the décor of Culloden House, a Palladian mansion dating from 1772—and your Highland home for the next two nights.

Among its famous visitors was Bonnie Prince Charlie, who fought his last battle by the park walls. Spend a day exploring deep into the Highlands via Bonar Bridge and through the Glens to Ullapool. Drive the length of Loch Ness

DUBLIN TO SHANNON

3-Nights / 4-Days (Waterford, Killarney, Bunratty)

Travel through the scenic and historic site of Glendalough, which founded by St. Kevin in the early 6th century, to Ireland's most celebrated medieval city, Kilkenny. Continue on to Waterford, known the world over for its glass making. The factory, located just outside the city, offers guided tours and views of the glass making process. A small car ferry takes you to a little island for an overnight stay at Waterford Castle.

The road continues through Blarney Castle to the Ring of Kerry before settling in at the beautiful Killarney Park Hotel. Travel via Adare, reputed to be Ireland's prettiest town, through Limerick to Bunratty Castle. Your last night is at the historic Dromoland Castle, situated in 375 beautiful acres.



CLASSICAL GREECE

3-Nights / 4-Days (Athens back to Athens)



Mandala Rosa boutique hotel. In the afternoon, explore the ruins of Ancient Olympia.

In the morning continue north to the magnificent Rion Antirion Bridge crossing the Gulf of Corinth to the mainland, before going on to Delphi. Before returning to Athens, the last day is devoted to touring the ruins of Delphi, sanctuary of Apollo, one of antiquities greatest sights.

Revel in the glories of Ancient Greece. From Athens travel the Sacred Road to the Corinth Canal, and on to Epidaurus, the finest theater in the Ancient world. Continue to Mycenae to see the Palace, Lions Gate and Tomb of Agamemnon. Stop for the night in the picturesque seaside town of Nafplion at the luxurious Ampihtryon Hotel. The next day, race across the Argos plain to Tripolis and Vytania to reach Olympia and the stunning

WONDERS OF TURKEY

3-Nights / 4-Days (Cappadocia back to Cappadocia)

With its unique cultural heritage and spectacular landscape Cappadocia is one of the world's most fascinating destinations. Your chauffeur will meet you at Kayseri Airport for the drive to Goreme and your base for the next three nights—the luxurious Anatolian Houses a boutique hotel carved out of volcanic rocks in a fairytale setting.

Day two, we see the extraordinary underground city of Kaymaklit. In addition, we tour Pasabag, with some of Cappadocia's most spectacular fairy chimneys, and Devrent, famous for its animal-shaped rocks. Day three, we continue with more highlights of southern Cappadocia: the dramatic Ihlara Gorge with medieval frescoed churches clinging to its steep sides, spectacular Selime monastery with its cathedral-sized church, and Guzelyurt, with many lovely old stone mansions, its own small underground city and the 4th century St. Gregorious church. On the last day, visit Goreme Open Air Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site. In the afternoon, transfer to the Kayseri Airport for your return to Istanbul.



South Pacific

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AUTOVENTURE



New Zealand



NORTH ISLAND

8 Days / 7 Nights – Auckland, situated between two beautiful, glistening harbors; Rotorua famous for its Maori Culture, and its spectacular thermal areas; amazing Waitomo with its Glowworm Caves and beautiful Lake Taupo.

DAY 1 — AUCKLAND

Upon arrival, you will be met by your AutoVenture representative and escorted to your hotel. The city occupies a superb site on a slender bridge of land astride two seas, the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea. Auckland also is a picturesque town, built on sloping hills and surrounded by 65 extinct volcanoes.

Lodging: Stamford Plaza

DAY 2 — AUCKLAND

Take a private, half-day tour of the city and its surroundings. This includes the twin harbors, the heights of Mt Eden, and the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Surrounded by 200 acres of gardens and houses, the museum is the best Maori collection of art and culture in the world. Its zoological park reveals New Zealand's national symbol, the Kiwi bird, a strange-looking, fuzz-feathered, and wingless creature that needs to be seen to be truly appreciated. Also, the park has Tuptara, a rare pre-historical reptile, and other feathered, furred and scaly inhabitants who are found nowhere else. Spend your afternoon at leisure.

Lodging: Stamford Plaza

DAY 3 — ROTORUA

In the morning, you will be met by your chauffeur for the drive south through verdant farmland and along the country's longest river, the Waikato. You'll travel through several "service towns" to Hamilton, known for its themed gardens and local zoo containing the largest, free-flight aviary in the Southern Hemisphere. Continue south to Cambridge, the country's center of the equestrian and thoroughbred horse industry, to Rotorua.

Lodging: The Millennium

DAY 4 — ROTORUA

You'll have a full day of private sightseeing. Here the most spectacular phenomena in the world can be seen: geysers, boiling mud, hot pools, hot springs and spouts of gushing steam. Rotorua is also the center of Maori life and culture, with a model village, displays of carving and concerts of Maori music.

Lodging: The Millennium

DAY 5 — LAKE TAUPO

Leave Rotorua this morning for the short drive to New Zealand's largest lake, Lake Taupo, acclaimed locally as the trout-fishing capital of the world. The monster rainbow trout found in this lake descend from a single batch of eggs brought from California's Russian River 100 years ago.

Lodging: Lake Taupo Lodge

DAY 6 — LAKE TAUPO

Enjoy a full day of leisure at this internationally renowned resort. Activities include fishing, boating, horse-back riding, tennis, golf and sailing—or just spend the day relaxing in your luxurious surroundings.

Lodging: Lake Taupo Lodge

DAY 7 — DE REDCLIFF VINEYARD

Leave Lake Taupo, driving via Te Kuti. This west coast route passes Waitomo, a tiny village honeycombed with caves containing limestone stalagmites and stalactites twisted in amazing, tortured shapes. The high spot here is a boat trip to the famous Glow Worm Grotto, lit by an unearthly blue-green radiance given off by tens of thousands of iridescent insect larvae covering the roof and walls. After your visit, continue north to Auckland and the De Redcliff vineyards.

Lodging: Hotel du Vin

DAY 8 — DE REDCLIFF TO AUCKLAND

Leave the vineyards this morning for the short drive to Auckland, where your North Island adventure ends.

"As beautiful as the scenery was, our chauffeur was one of the highlights of our trip. A true gentleman."



New Zealand



SOUTH ISLAND

8 Days / 7 Nights – Christchurch, the Tranz Alpine Express, Franz Joseph Glacier, Queenstown, Middle Earth

DAY 1 — CHRISTCHURCH

Upon arrival you will be met by your chauffeur and transferred by private car to your hotel. Christchurch has been called "the most English city outside of England." Much of the charm here centers along the river Avon that flows through the center of the city.
Lodging: Crowne Plaza

DAY 2 — CHRISTCHURCH

Relax in the morning and spend the afternoon walking tour with your official guide to discover the highlights of this charming city.
Lodging: Crowne Plaza

DAY 3 — THE TRANZ ALPINE EXPRESS

Leave Christchurch in the morning to embark on one of the great rail journeys of the world. From the Pacific Ocean, the trip crosses the country through a fascinating variety of scenery that includes valleys, gorges and the Southern Alps until you arrive at the shores of the Tasman Sea. In Greymouth, your chauffeur will transfer you via the famous Franz Joseph glacier to Fox Glacier.
Lodging: Te Weheka Inn

DAY 4 — FRANZ JOSEPH TO LAKE WANAKA

After a morning tour of New Zealand's most famous glacier, continue along the west coast to Haast, which is the center of high stands of rainforests, and a major wildlife refuge with extensive wetlands. The area is so special it has earned status as a World Heritage site. Continue over the Haast Pass, which is still in the Southern Alps, down to Lake Wanaka.
Lodging: Edgewater Resort

DAY 5 — LAKE WANAKA TO QUEENSTOWN

After a leisurely morning, drive to the quaint, restored, gold-rush mining town of Arrowhead. Next, continue to Queenstown, which is situated on a sheltered arm of the S-shaped Lake Wakatipo. From here, New Zealand's grandest scenic treasures can be reached, including Lake Te Anau and Milford Sound.
Lodging: Mercure Grand St. Moritz

DAY 6 — QUEENSTOWN

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Lodging: Mercure Grand St. Moritz

DAY 7 — QUEENSTOWN

(OPTIONAL TOUR TO "MIDDLE EARTH")

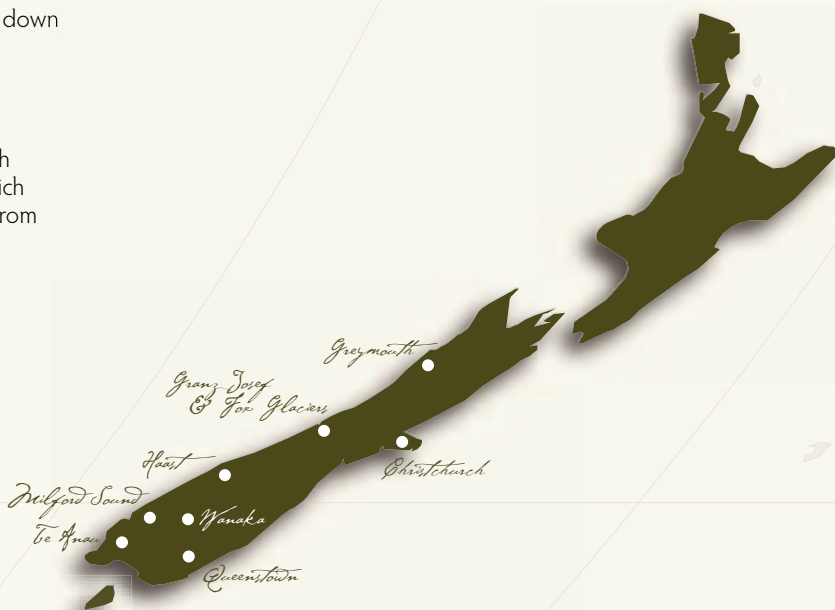
You'll have an opportunity to tour some of the local sites used in the making of the film trilogy, The Lord of the Rings, The Two Towers and Return of the King. Although the filming of the J.R. Tolkien classic took place at over 150 separate locations, the Queenstown area had more of its share in this epic undertaking.
Lodging: Mercure Grand St. Moritz

DAY 8 — MORNING

Transfer to the airport and bid a reluctant farewell to this unique corner of the world.

"I was a tremendous fan of the Lord of the Rings, and seeing it close up and personal brought back many epic moments for me."

Photo: Leonard Low, top right.



New Zealand



CLASSIC NEW ZEALAND

12 Days / 11 Nights – Auckland, Rotorua, Milford Sound, Queenstown, Christchurch, Mt. Cook, deluxe hotels – all transfers and sightseeing by private car and chauffeur.

DAY 1 — AUCKLAND

Upon arrival, you will be met by your chauffeur and transferred to your hotel. The city occupies a superb site on a slender bridge of land astride two seas, the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea. Auckland also is a singularly picturesque town, as it's built on sloping hills, surrounded by 65 extinct volcanoes.

Lodging: Stamford Plaza

DAY 2 — AUCKLAND

Take a comprehensive tour of the city. View the Domain Gardens, the twin harbors and drive up to Mt. Eden for panoramic views.

Lodging: Stamford Plaza

DAY 3 — ROTORUA

Depart Auckland for Waitomo passing through lush farmland. At Waitomo, explore the world-famous Glow Worm caves and tortured formations of stalactites and stalagmites.

Lodging: Hotel Millennium

DAY 4 — ROTORUA

The morning tour begins at the Agrodome to see sheep dogs working the stock followed by a sheep shearing demonstration. Visit the Thermal Reserve where geysers spew at regular intervals amid hot springs and boiling mud pots. In the afternoon and evening, you'll have a chance to witness, in depth, the dramatic presentation of Maori life and culture.

Lodging: Hotel Millennium

DAY 5 — DUNEDIN

In the morning, you'll transfer to the airport for your flight to Dunedin. There you will be met and transferred by private car to Larnach Castle. On the way, you'll enjoy some sweet sightseeing, including the University of Otago, Speights Brewery and the Cadbury Chocolate Factory.

Lodging: Larnach Castle

DAY 6 — TE ANAU

You will be transferred from your hotel to the rail station to board the historic Taieri Gorge Limited for a scenic rail journey up to Pukerangi. There you will be met by your chauffeur for your drive to Te Anau.

Lodging: Fiordland Lodge

DAY 7 — EXCURSION TO MILFORD SOUND

You'll take a full-day cruise up the 16 km waterway of the fiord, where sheer mountain walls tower above the tranquil waters.

In the afternoon, return to Te Anau.

Lodging: Fiordland Lodge

DAY 8 — QUEENSTOWN

You'll have a morning transfer to the airport for your short flight to Queenstown. Your afternoon will be spent sightseeing this favored area including an exciting ride on an aerial gondola to the top of Bob's Peak.

Lodging: Mercure Grand St. Moritz

DAY 9 — QUEENSTOWN

Embark on a cruise boat to the Walter Peak High Country Sheep Station. Visit the original wool shed and watch the sheep dogs in action.

Lodging: Mercure Grand St. Moritz

DAY 10 — CHRISTCHURCH

After a morning at leisure, you'll fly to Christchurch. In the afternoon, there is an optional gondola ride that gently lifts you 1,500 feet above sea-level for an awesome, 360-degree view of Christchurch, the Canterbury Plains and Lyttelton Harbor.

Lodging: Crowne Plaza

DAY 11 — CHRISTCHURCH

Here you will find a bit of England in the South Pacific with its Gothic buildings, lovely gardens and the willow-lined River Avon that meanders through the city. Take an afternoon tour of all the highlights.

Lodging: Crowne Plaza

DAY 12 — DEPARTURE

Your chauffeur will transfer you this morning to the airport for your onward journey.



Photo: Marcelo Shishito, top right.

New Zealand



NORTH & SOUTH ISLANDS

15 Days / 14 Nights – Enjoy the best of both islands, including Rotorua, the Glow Worm caves, the Tranz Alpine Express plus Queenstown, Te Anau and majestic Milford Sound. You'll relish the unique sights and sounds of an exotic land.

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Lodging: Stamford Plaza

DAY 2 — AUCKLAND

Take a private, half-day tour of the city and its surroundings. This includes the twin harbors, the heights of Mt Eden, and the Auckland War Memorial Museum which is surrounded by 200 acres of gardens and houses the best Maori collection in the world. Its zoological park reveals New Zealand's national symbol, the Kiwi bird, a strange-looking, fuzz-feathered, wingless creature with a hunched back and a long, skinny beak. Also, the park has Tuptara, a rare pre-historical reptile, and other feathered, furred and scaly inhabitants who are found nowhere else in the entire world. Spend your afternoon at leisure.

Lodging: Stamford Plaza

DAY 3 — ROTORUA

In the morning, you will drive south through verdant farmland and along the country's longest river, the Waikato. You'll travel through several "service towns" to Hamilton, known for its themed gardens and local zoo containing the largest, free-flight aviary in the Southern Hemisphere. Continue south to Cambridge, the country's center of the equestrian and thoroughbred horse industry, to Rotorua.

Lodging: The Millennium

DAY 4 — ROTORUA

You'll have a full day of private sightseeing. Here the most spectacular phenomena in the world can be seen: geysers, boiling mud, hot pools, hot springs and spouts of gushing steam. Rotorua is also the center of Maori life and culture, with a model village, displays of carving and concerts of Maori music.

Lodging: The Millennium

DAY 5 — LAKE TAUPO

Leave Rotorua this morning for the short drive to New Zealand's largest lake, Lake Taupo, acclaimed locally as the trout-fishing capital of the world. The monster rainbow trout found in this lake descend from a single batch of eggs brought from California's Russian River 100 years ago.

Lodging: Lake Taupo Lodge

DAY 6 — LAKE TAUPO

Enjoy a full day of leisure at this internationally renowned resort. Activities include fishing, boating, horse-back riding, tennis, golf and sailing—or just spend the day relaxing in your luxurious surroundings. Lodging: Lake Taupo Lodge

DAY 7 — DE REDCLIFF VINEYARD

Leave Lake Taupo, driving via Te Kuti. This west coast route passes Waitomo, a tiny village honeycombed with caves containing limestone stalagmites and stalactites twisted in amazing, distorted shapes. The high spot here is a boat trip to the famous Glow Worm Grotto, lit by an unearthly blue-green radiance given off by tens of thousands of insect larvae covering the roof and walls. After your visit, continue north to Auckland and the De Redcliff vineyards.

Lodging: Hotel du Vin

DAY 8 — DE REDCLIFF TO CHRISTCHURCH

Leave the vineyards for your 45-min — ute transfer to Auckland Airport, for your flight to Christchurch. On arrival you will be met and transferred by private car to your hotel. Christchurch has been called "the most English city outside of England." Much of the charm here centers along the river Avon that flows through the center of the city. Take the afternoon walking tour with an official guide to discover the highlights of this river-dominated city.

Lodging: Crowne Plaza

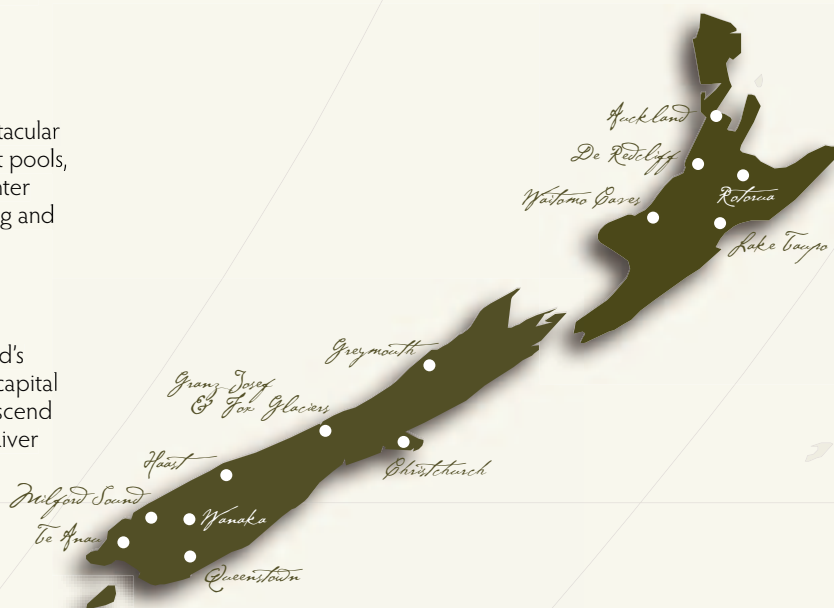


Photo: Alex Massengale, top right.



DAY 9 — **THE TRANZ ALPINE EXPRESS**

Leave Christchurch in the morning to embark on one of the great rail journeys of the world. From the Pacific Ocean, the trip crosses the country through a fascinating variety of scenery including valleys, gorges and the Southern Alps. Finally, you'll arrive on the shores of the Tasman Sea. In Greymouth, your chauffeur will transfer you via the famous Franz Joseph glacier to Fox Glacier.

Lodging: Te Weheka Inn

DAY 10 — **FRANZ JOSEPH TO LAKE WANAKA**

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Lodging: Mercure Grand St. Moritz

DAY 13 — **TE ANAU**

Leave Queenstown and drive along the lake through mountain valleys into the Fiordland National Park. Next you'll drive into the township of Te Anau, which is beautifully situated on the lakeshore. This is the main center for exploration of New Zealand's most spectacular natural attractions; these include Milford Sound and one of the most famous walks in the world, the Milford Track.

Lodging: Fiordland Lodge

DAY 14 — **EXCURSION TO MILFORD SOUND**

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Lodging: Fiordland Lodge

DAY 15 — **DEPARTURE**

Transfer by private car to the Queenstown airport for your departure flight.



Australia

CLASSIC AUSTRALIA

12 Days / 11 Nights – Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, The Outback plus the Great Barrier Reef



DAY 1 — SYDNEY

One of the world's great cities, Sydney offers a cornucopia of activities for the international visitor. Great vistas include the spectacular Opera House, the magnificent ocean beaches and majestic Blue Mountains. Lodging: Four Seasons

DAY 2 — SYDNEY

Today's half day tour takes you to the famous northern surfing beaches and the historic "Rocks" area, where the earliest settlers carved the original city out of the rocky bluffs. End with a special tour of one of the world's most recognizable buildings, the world-famous Sydney Opera House. Lodging: Four Seasons

DAY 3 — SYDNEY

This full-day tour features a visit to the world heritage-listed Blue Mountains National Park, a rugged and beautiful part of the Great Dividing Range. Ride on one of the steepest, scenic railways down into the valley. In the afternoon visit a wildlife sanctuary and see koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, emus and many varieties of fascinating bird life. Lodging: Four Seasons

DAY 4 — THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Hamilton Island. On arrival you will be taken by a connecting launch to Hayman Island. Lodging: Hayman Island Resort

DAY 5 — THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Traverse the waters of the Great Barrier Reef aboard Cruise Whitsundays' vessel, Seaflight, a 37-meter wave piercer. You'll head out to an amazing pontoon at Knuckle Reef Lagoon. The pontoon can be explored in a semisubmersible or by glass bottom boat, snorkeling, diving or Seawalker helmet diving. Lodging: Hayman Island Resort

DAY 6 — ALICE SPRINGS

You will be transferred to the airport for Alice Springs, set near the very center of the continent. The only large town for hundreds of miles, "Alice" is now the center of the "Outback" cattle industry. Lodging: Plaza Hotel

DAY 7 — AYERS ROCK

On the way to Ayers Rock, you first will visit Simpson's Gap and Roe Creek—where there's the possibility of seeing wild kangaroos. You'll arrive at Ayers Rock in time to watch the huge, red monolith at sundown. Lodging: Sails in the Desert

DAY 8 — AYERS ROCK

Rising majestically from the floor of the desert landscape, Uluru (Ayers Rock) is one of the world's natural wonders. Also worth a gaze are the 36 rock domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and their deep valleys and gorges. Lodging: Sails in the Desert

DAY 9 — ADELAIDE

Transfer to the airport for your flight through Alice Springs to Adelaide, is a tasteful mixture of old and new. Surrounded by extensive parks and gardens. Lodging: Hilton Hotel

DAY 10 — ADELAIDE TO MELBOURNE

You'll spend the morning enjoying Adelaide's great charm and unhurried way of life. Adelaide and the surrounding area are the most bountiful and productive regions of Southeast Australia, renowned for its wines, fruits and cheeses. You'll have a short afternoon flight to Melbourne. Lodging: Regent Hotel

DAY 11 — MELBOURNE

In the morning, enjoy a comprehensive tour of Australia's second-largest city. The main features will include the National Art Gallery, a visit to Fitzroy Gardens and Captain Cook's Cottage. Lodging: Sofitel

DAY 12 — DEPARTURE

Your chauffeur will transfer you for your departure flight.



Australia

UNIQUE AUSTRALIA

8 Days / 7 Nights – Sydney to Adelaide via Canberra, Melbourne and the magnificent Great Ocean Drive

Historic Homesteads and Country Houses.



DAY 1 — SYDNEY TO THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Your personal chauffeur will pick you up from your hotel and you'll drive to the Blue Mountains. En route, you will view the many historic homes and enjoy the magnificent scenery of the Jamieson Valley and then continue to Echo Point.

Lodging: Lilianfels

DAY 2 — CANBERRA

Transfer from Lilianfels to Sydney for your domestic flight to Canberra. Take an afternoon tour of Australia's capital city. After the tour, we'll meet you with a four-wheel drive vehicle for the one-hour trip to the Brindabella Valley. You'll luxuriate in the award-winning Brindabella Homestead.

Lodging: Brindabella Homestead

DAY 3 — MELBOURNE

You'll take a short flight to Melbourne and take a chauffeured car to tour the city. Situated at the head of Phillip Bay, Melbourne is centered on the north bank of the Yarra River, with its charm exemplified by sweeping boulevards lined by magnificent, English trees.

Lodging: Windsor Hotel

DAY 4 — WARRNAMBOOL

After a leisurely morning, you will drive along the Great Ocean Road via Apollo Bay to the seaport town of Warrnambool, which is situated on the Indian Ocean.

Lodging: Touram on the River

DAY 5 — ROBE

Leave early for a thrilling drive along "The Great Ocean Road" and the Coonawarra wine region. By afternoon, you'll arrive at the seaside resort town of Robe.

Lodging: Ann's Place

DAY 6 — ADELAIDE

Enjoy a brief tour of the town of Robe before continuing along the coastal road to Adelaide, the capital of South Australia. The city, surrounded by extensive parks and green hills, lies at the foot of the Mt. Lofty Range. The Barossa Valley, home of the highly regarded Australian wine industry, is located just 70 km (42 mi) from the city.

Lodging: Mount Lofty House

DAY 7 — ADELAIDE

Your morning city driving tour includes visits to the Botanical Gardens, picturesque North Adelaide, avenues of restored cottages, well-preserved colonial buildings, and quaint old hotels and art galleries. In the afternoon, enjoy Adelaide's lively restaurant, arts and entertainment scene.

Lodging: Mount Lofty House

DAY 8 — DEPARTURE

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.



Photos: Les Butcher, top left and top right.

South Pacific Getaways

Our Getaways are chauffeured, shorter excursions into the South Pacific's most exotic destinations. Revel in the sights and sounds of a rainforest full of flowers and wildlife, float on the Great Barrier Reef and snap photos of cuddly Koala families. **Chauffeured only.**

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

DAY 1 — CAIRNS — PORT DOUGLAS

Arrive in Cairns, Australia. Cairns, an attractive tropical township, 1797 km north of Brisbane, serve as a gateway to a lush, scenic hinterland. It also serves as the northern end of the "Great Barrier Reef." North and south of the city are extensive sugarcane farms, inland and north on Cape York are vast cattle stations and bauxite mines at Weipa. Nearby to the west is the Atherton Tableland with waterfalls, crater lakes and fern dappled valleys.
Lodging: Sheraton Mirage.

DAY 2 — PORT DOUGLAS

You'll have a full-day catamaran tour of the entire Great Barrier Reef on the M.V. Quicksilver. The craft is a 20m high-speed catamaran that cruises at 20 knots through clear, tropical waters past Schnapper Island, Undine Cay, and numerous reefs. It arrives close to Australia's continental shelf just 90 minutes after leaving Port Douglas. It moors at what experts rate as one of the most spectacular sections of the 2,000 km Great Barrier Reef. Featuring maximum underwater visibility, it is a seascape of breathtaking beauty with deep, sunlit valleys and coral. You can also ride in glass bottom Subsea Explorer and get a closer look at the marine world go by.

DAY 3 — PORT DOUGLAS

In the morning, you'll be driven to the train for one of the most spectacular rail journeys in all of Australia. The train slowly winds its way up the epic pioneer track with every turn revealing a new, panoramic view of sugar plantations. You'll pass Barron Falls, Stoney Creek and then Kuranda Station, a cool, green tropic delight of native shrubs, ferns and flowers. Following lunch, you'll board the Amphibious Army Duck for a tour of the rainforest, and then plunge into the water for a closer look at animal and bird life. In the late afternoon, you'll drive back to Port Douglas down the Juranda Range for great views of the Coral Sea.

DAY 4 — PORT DOUGLAS

A full day of leisure to enjoy independent activities. We suggest the optional full day "white water rafting tour" on the Upper Gorge of the Tully River, or perhaps an environmental land safari north to the Daintree World Heritage regions.

DAY 5 — PORT DOUGLAS

Your private car take you from Port Douglas to the Cairns Airport.



Photo: Frank Langeweg, top right.

South Pacific Getaways

DARWIN /KAKADU

DAY 1 — **DARWIN**

Your AutoVenture chauffeur will greet you at the airport and drive you to the hotel. Darwin, the capital of the Northern Territory, is a modern, tropical city with a colorful history reaching back beyond the gold-rush days to the early European explorers. The palm sand bamboo, the shady banyans and mango trees, and the blazing tropical blooms provide a lush environment for animals and birds of all kinds. An afternoon "City Sights and Sunset" tour will visit the Gallery of Aboriginal Man at the Northern Territory Museum and Art Gallery. Watch wallabies feed under the blazing tropical sunset. Lodging: Skycity Darwin

DAY 2 — **DARWIN**

Enjoy the full-day "Wildlife and Waterfall" tour. Travel along the Stuart highway to Bachelor where you'll enter Litchfield National Park. Visit Florence Falls, enjoy a swim, go bushwalking, take a four-wheel drive tour and visit Berry Springs. After lunch, visit the Territory Wildlife Park including the Nocturnal Animal House. The park has a magnificent range of rare and unique animals and birds on display, seldom seen except by professional naturalists. Lodging: Skycity Darwin

DAY 3 — **TWO-DAY KAKADU TOUR**

Travel south from Darwin to Kakadu National Park, passing Adelaide, Mary and South Alligator River en route. Proceed to Jabiru airport for an optional half-hour flight over the magnificent Arnhem Land Escarpment and Wetlands. After lunch, take the opportunity to explore the wetlands by foot. Overnight in Cooinda at Gagudju Lodge.

DAY 4 — **RETURN TO DARWIN**

An early morning, two-hour boat cruise will enable you to see many varieties of birds and saltwater crocodiles, which are easily viewed at a safe distance. Return to shore for breakfast, before heading for Nourlangie Rock to view the Aboriginal paintings. Your chauffeur will explain the Aboriginal legend to you. Return to Darwin via the Arnhem Highway. Lodging: Skycity Darwin

DAY 5 — **DEPART DARWIN**

After check-out, you will be transferred from your hotel to the airport.



"We saw a family of koala bears sitting in a tree. I told the driver to stop and we spent an hour watching them and taking pictures. You can't do that on a tour bus."

Photo: John Heritage, bottom right.

South Pacific Getaways

TASMANIA

DAY 1 — LAUNCESTON

Upon arrival in Launceston, Tasmania's second largest city, you will be met by your personal chauffeur. The city lies in hilly country where the Tamar, North Esk and South Esk rivers meet. In the afternoon, you'll visit Catarach Gorge. Located in the center of Launceston, with a number of easy walks to enjoy. Follow the Tamar River to Brady's Lookout, and enjoy spectacular views of Tasmania's Eastern Highlands and broad, sweeping river.

Lodging: Country Club Casino



DAY 2 — LAUNCESTON - CRADLE MOUNTAIN

Leave Launceston and travel through Georgian villages of Carrick, Hagley and Westbury before driving into the Great Western Tiers and the Tasmanian Kookaburras Wildlife Park. Meet the "natives"—koalas, Tasmanian devils, wombats, wallabies, wedgetail eagles, falcons and hawks. Travel to King Solomon's Caves for a guided tour where you can see amazing stalagmites, stalactites, columns and shawls, all naturally colored from rich ochre to pale pink. After a cave inspection, travel to town of Black Stumps for lunch. After dinner, make your way to the veranda to observe the native wildlife enjoying their evening meals.

Lodging: Cradle Mountain Lodge



DAY 3 — CRADLE MOUNTAIN - STRAHAN

In the morning, you'll depart to discover Waldheim, located at the edge of the National Park. Gustav Weindorfer built Waldheim at the turn of the century and spent most of his life encouraging the government to protect its magnificent valley. Enjoy the walk he created through the King Billy Pines, Myrtle Forest and Mossy Glens. Visit the enchanted Forest Walk before traveling to Tasmania's West Coast and the fishing village of Strahan on the shores of Macquarie Harbor.

Lodging: Franklin Manor

DAY 4 — STRAHAN - HOBART

Consider taking the optional wilderness "bird's eye view" of this magnificent region. In your plane, view mountain ranges and marvel at small lakes that seem suspended on mountainsides. Travel to Gordon River where you will land and walk into the forest. You'll hike to Sir John Falls to see the Huon Pine Trees, known to be 2,000 years old. Return to Strahan and enjoy a self-guided wander before traveling to Hobart. Stop en route at Lake St. Clair.

Lodging: Sheraton Hotel

DAY 5 — DEPART HOBART

Travel to the summit of Mt. Wellington to see the unforgettable view. Visit Battery point, Salamanca Place and if time permits, the historic town of Richmond before your departure flight.



United States and Canada

These pages provide a guide to the finest tours in North America: its great cities, art, parks, history, museums, monuments, regional cuisine and luxurious accommodations. Each day brings you the greatest cultural riches of each region, and each evening lets you rest easy in historic and unforgettable places.



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United States

CALIFORNIA

8 Days / 7 Nights – Los Angeles, Malibu, Santa Barbara, Morro Bay, Big Sur, Carmel, San Francisco

From Tinsel Town to the City by the Bay, along one of the most spectacular coastlines in the world, plus fabled Malibu Beach, unique Big Sur and beautiful and historic Carmel-by-the-Sea.



DAY 1 — LOS ANGELES - MALIBU

Leave Los Angeles along the Pacific Coast Highway to the fabled Malibu Beach. Palm trees and movies stars, freeways and billboards, a stunning coastline and a lone surfer riding the waves. It's all part of the southern California experience.
Lodging: Malibu Beach Inn

DAY 2 — MALIBU

Full day at leisure to explore nearby Beverly Hills, Hollywood, the Sunset

Strip, Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica. A visit here is not complete unless you include the astonishing Getty Museum, which has assumed its place as one of the great museums of the world. You'll see why.
Lodging: Malibu Beach Inn

DAY 3 — MALIBU - SANTA BARBARA

Today begin a leisurely drive along the beautiful ocean coast up to historic Santa Barbara. This afternoon visit the wonderful Spanish mission, known as the "Queen of Missions" overlooking the town and the sea.

Lodging: Four Seasons Santa Barbara

DAY 4 — SANTA BARBARA - MORRO BAY

This morning's drive takes you up the coast via the quaint "Danish" town of Solvang, and San Louis Obispo to the fishing village of Morro Bay.
Lodging: The Inn at Morro Bay

DAY 5 — MORRO BAY - BIG SUR

Continue along the spectacular Highway 1 to San Simeon to see the amazing, ego-built, Hearst Castle. In the afternoon, wind your way along the shores of the Pacific to the unique tranquility and natural scenic beauty of Big Sur.

Lodging: Post Ranch Inn

DAY 6 — BIG SUR - CARMEL

Another day along this fabulous rugged coast, destination: the historic Monterey Peninsula. Here was one of the first settlements made by the Spanish in the 18th century, and whose influence can still be found in its original colonial architecture.

Lodging: Mission Ranch

DAY 7 — CARMEL

Full day at leisure to explore charming Carmel, 17-Mile-Drive, Pebble Beach and Monterey, with its world-class aquarium, home to more than 350,000 marine animals, fish and water plants.

Lodging: Mission Ranch

DAY 8 — CARMEL - SAN FRANCISCO

Leave Carmel this morning, driving via Santa Cruz, Saratoga, and Palo Alto to the "City by the Bay."



"I've always dreamed of seeing California this way. We took our time and just soaked it in. It was a great second honeymoon."

Photos: Vratislav Sabouk, top left, Matjaz Hren, bottom right.



United States

NEW ENGLAND

10 Days / 9 Nights – Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont

The Boston Tea Party and the Old North Church; the rugged coastline of Maine; the early America with echoes of Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys plus the covered bridges, white church steeples and Vermont maples, dressed in reds and golds.

DAY 1 — BOSTON - KENNEBUNKPORT

Leave Boston this morning driving north via Salem, along the New Hampshire coast and Portsmouth Kennebunkport situated on the rugged shoreline of Maine.

Lodging: The White Barn Inn

DAY 2 — KENNEBUNKPORT - BOOTHBAY HARBOR

Continue north today along the scenic coast immortalized by the great American impressionist painters such as Winslow Homer, William Chase and James McNeil Whistler. Drive via Bath and Wiscasset to Boothbay Harbor.

Lodging: Spruce Point Inn

DAY 3 — BOOTHBAY HARBOR - BAR HARBOR

Depart Boothbay Harbor this morning driving via Blue Hill and Deer Isle to Bar Harbor located on Mount Desert Island.

Lodging: Balance Rock Inn

DAY 4 — BAR HARBOR

Full day to explore the remarkable Acadia National Park. Take the 20 mile Park Loop Road which is the park's top attraction. This fascinating drive takes you high above Bar Harbor before dropping down to the rocky coast. All in all, a remarkable day.

Lodging: Balance Rock Inn

DAY 5 — BAR HARBOR - CONWAY, NH

Leave Bar Harbor this morning driving through the heart of Maine and the rural countryside of New Hampshire to Conway, located on a hillside with a sweeping view of the White Mountains, Snowvillage Inn is as ideal romantic getaway. No traffic, no noise, just birds, crickets and the wind playing in the Pines.

Lodging: Snowvillage Inn

DAY 6 — CONWAY - SHELBURNE

The drive today takes you along the Kancamagus into New Hampshire's famous White Mountain National Forest. Here in some 700,000 plus acres can be found more than 100 waterfalls, dozens of remote lakes and miles of brooks and streams.

Lodging: Inn at Shelburne Farms

DAY 7 — SHELBURNE

Full day of exploring and visiting the Shelburne Museum. Originally designed as a model agricultural estate on the shores of Lake Champlain in 1886, Shelbourne Farms today is a 1,400-acre working farm, National Historic Landmark and nonprofit environmental education organization.

Lodging: Inn at Shelburne Farms



DAY 8 — SHELBURNE - WEST DOVER, VT

Head south this morning crossing the state via the "ideal" college town of Middlebury to Hanover and the beautiful village of Woodstock. Continue through the Green Mountains into the Mt. Snow region of Southern Vermont.

Lodging: The Inn at Saw Mill Farm

DAY 9 — WEST DOVER

Full day to explore the villages of southern Vermont, including Nefane and Townshend. Founded in the late 18th century, the two villages are a step back into early American history.

Lodging: The Inn at Saw Mill Farm

DAY 10 — WEST DOVER - BOSTON

Leave West Dover this morning, driving southwest crossing the Vermont-Massachusetts border and along the Mohawk Trail to historic Concord and Lexington before an afternoon arrival in Boston.

"Our chauffeur was a huge American history buff. I think I learned more about American history driving through it than ever did from books. And, he knew who had the best lobster tails."

United States

MID ATLANTIC

9 Days / 8 Nights – Washington, DC, Virginia, Maryland, Amish Country, Southern Pennsylvania

Our Nations Past – Colonial Williamsburg, Jefferson's Monticello, From Mount Vernon to Harper's Ferry to Gettysburg, a history lesson to be imbedded in your memory bank forever.

DAY 1 — WASHINGTON, DC - WILLIAMSBURG

Leave Washington this morning, driving south along the Potomac to Mt. Vernon to visit the ancestral home of George Washington. Continue to Fredricksburg, Spotsylvania National Military Park and Stratford Hall Plantation to Williamsburg.
Lodging: Colonial Houses of Williamsburg Inn

DAY 2 — WILLIAMSBURG

Full day to explore Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the New World.
Lodging: Colonial Houses of Williamsburg Inn

DAY 3 — WILLIAMSBURG - CHARLOTTESVILLE

Drive west today from Williamsburg via the James River Plantations to Richmond, Virginia's capital since 1780, and the "home" of the Confederate Congress of Jefferson Davis.
Lodging: Keswick Hall

DAY 4 — CHARLOTTESVILLE

It was here that Thomas Jefferson built his famous architectural masterpiece, Monticello. Near this spot he designed his "academical village" which became the University of Virginia, considered by many to be the most beautiful college campus in America. Also visit nearby Montpelier, the 2700-acre estate that was the home of President James Madison and his wife Dolly.
Lodging: Keswick Hall

DAY 5 — CHARLOTTESVILLE - TANEYTOWN

Drive north this morning via Skyline Drive and Shenandoah National Park to Harper's Ferry, where the abolitionist John Brown launched his historic attack on slavery in 1859. Continue via the Civil War battlefield of Antietam to Taneytown.
Lodging: Antrim 1844 Country Inn

"We asked our chauffeur where we could pickup some antiques and he knew the right spot—and helped us bargain a better price!"

Photo: Carrie Hittel, bottom right.

DAY 6 — TANEYTOWN - LANCASTER

Today drive direct to Gettysburg to visit the most famous of all Civil War battlefields. Here, on this hallowed ground, took place the turning point of the war between the North and the South, and the significance of the bloody battle that gave inspiration to the most famous presidential speech of all time; "Four score and seven years ago ..." Continue to Lancaster in the heart of Amish Country.
Lodging: The Inn at Twin Linden

DAY 7 — LANCASTER

Full day to explore the "Pennsylvania Dutch" countryside of rolling hills, winding creeks and neatly cultivated farms. The horse and buggy mode of transportation complete the unique picture. See the Hanns Herr House, Landis Valley Museum, Ephrata, Bird in Hand, Intercourse, and Strasburg.
Lodging: The Inn at Twin Linden

DAY 8 — LANCASTER - WASHINGTON DC

Drive south this morning into the delightful countryside of the fabled Brandywine Valley. Visit Longwood Gardens, one of the world's great estate gardens created by Pierre Du Pont. Continue via the Winterthur Museum with its renowned collection of antique furniture and then via Baltimore to Washington DC.
Lodging: The Willard

DAY 9 — DEPART WASHINGTON





United States

MISSISSIPPI DELTA

8 Days / 7 Nights – Memphis, Natchez Trace, Lafayette, Cajun Country, New Orleans

"The Delta begins in the lobby of the Peabody Hotel in Memphis," wrote journalist David Cohn. Travel the back roads of the south through this vast agricultural plain created by "Old Man River."

DAY 1 — MEMPHIS

Arrive in Memphis where you will be met by your chauffeur and transferred to your hotel. Located on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River, Memphis is a Mecca for Elvis fans and the birthplace for many of the important musical styles of the 20th century.

Lodging: The Peabody

DAY 2 — MEMPHIS – NATCHEZ

Drive south this morning via Clarksdale to Rena Lard, where in May of 1541, Hernando DeSoto discovered the Mississippi River. Continue through the delta via Greenville, which Union troops burned to the ground during the Civil War, and on to Natchez.

Lodging: Monmouth Plantation

DAY 3 — NATCHEZ

Full day to explore the Natchez Trace. This historic parkway commemorates Indian paths that were later used by European settlers to extend their commerce and trade.

Lodging: Monmouth Plantation

DAY 4 — NATCHEZ – LAFAYETTE

Leave Natchez today driving into Louisiana via Baton Rouge and then west to Lafayette, a major center of Cajun life and lore.

Lodging: Bois des Chenes



DAY 5 — LAFAYETTE

Full day exploring the sights and sounds of life on the bayou. The Acadian Village, nestled in 10 wooded acres, is a recreation of an early 19th-century bayou settlement. At Vermilionville, on the banks of the bayou, is a 22-acre living history museum, presenting early Cajun, Creole, and Chitimacha Indian life in the region.

Lodging: Bois des Chenes



DAY 6 — LAFAYETTE – NEW ORLEANS

Depart Lafayette this morning, following the scenic route that meanders alongside the Bayou Teche, a stream that twists and turns through the semi-tropical land of southern Louisiana. Here you can get a glimpse of giant oaks with 150-foot reach, trailing moss sometimes three feet below the branches. On to the "Big Easy."

Lodging: Ritz-Carlton

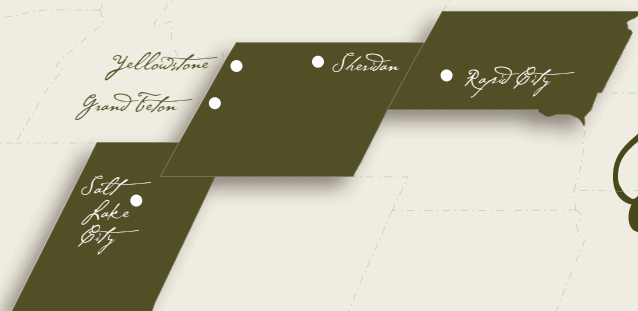
DAY 7 — NEW ORLEANS

Full day to explore this unique city. New Orleans is often called the "Crescent City" because it was founded on the bend of the Mississippi River. The city has more than 35,000 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, more than any other U.S. city. Many of these architectural treasures are located in the 120 blocks of the French Quarter (Vieux Carré), known for its restaurants, antique shops and jazz haunts.

Lodging: Ritz-Carlton

DAY 8 — DEPART NEW ORLEANS

"Our chauffeur took us to this little hole-in-a-wall in New Orleans and said "Mama King makes the best rice and beans. Trust me." He was right. We never would found this place on our own."



United States

YELLOWSTONE AND THE TETONS

10 Days / 9 Nights – Rapid City, Mount Rushmore, The Badlands, Cody, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Jackson Hole, Salt Lake City
Through the wild west and Buffalo Bill country to the greatest national parks in America. Wildlife and Old Faithful, topped off by the splendid peaks of the Grand Tetons. Ending your “Western” adventure at the Great Salt Lake.



DAY 1 — RAPID CITY

Arrive in Rapid City, SD situated in the center of the Black Hills where you will be met and transferred by private car to your hotel.
Lodging: Hotel Alex Johnson

DAY 2 — RAPID CITY - SHERIDAN, WYOMING

Depart to famous Mount Rushmore, regarded as one of the man made wonders of the world. Then it's off to the Crazy Horse memorial, a mountain carving so large that all four heads on Mount Rushmore would fit inside the chief's head. Continue west to Sheridan.
Lodging: Ucross Ranch

DAY 3 — SHERIDAN - CODY

Leave the “Ranch” this morning for the town named for, who else, Buffalo Bill. Afternoon to explore this “Wild West” town.
Lodging: The Irma Hotel

DAY 4 — CODY - YELLOWSTONE PARK

Leave Cody this morning for the best known national park in the country. Thermal geysers and hot springs. A waterfall twice as high as Niagara and a beautiful canyon deep enough to be called “grand.”
Lodging: Old Faithful Inn

DAY 5 — YELLOWSTONE

Full day to explore this magnificent national treasure.
Lodging: Old Faithful Inn

DAY 6 — YELLOWSTONE - THE GRAND TETONS

The drive today takes you south through Wyoming to the Grand Tetons National Park. Though smaller than Yellowstone, it's no less spectacular, and much less crowded.
Lodging: Spring Creek Resort



DAY 7 — THE TETONS

Full day to explore the park. View the towering peaks of the cardinal group that includes Grand Teton (elv. 13,770), Teewinot (elv. 12,325) and Mt. Owen (elv. 12,928). Other sites include Menor's Ferry, Jenny Lake and Colter Bay.
Lodging: Spring Creek Resort

DAY 8 — THE TETONS - SALT LAKE CITY

Depart Jackson this morning crossing the southwest corner of Idaho into Utah driving via the Great Salt Lake into Salt Lake City.
Lodging: Hotel Monaco

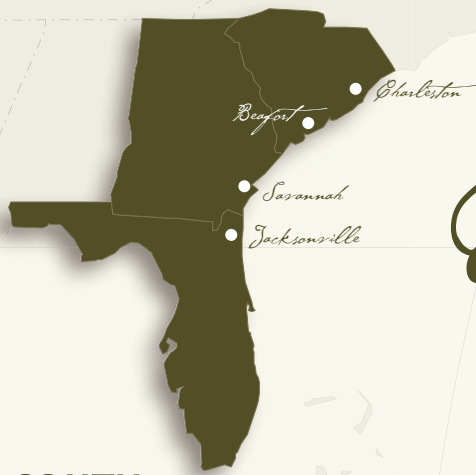
DAY 9 — SALT LAKE CITY

Tour the highlights of this singular city this morning with your chauffeur.
Lodging: Hotel Monaco

DAY 10 — DEPART SALT LAKE CITY

“Glad we had a chauffeur. I would have either crashed our car or missed half the scenic beauty if I had drove myself. I had my face pushed up against the glass most of the time in awe and wonder.”

Photos: Dean Franklin, top left, John Pearson, top right.



United States

THE OLD SOUTH

8 Days / 7 Nights – Sea Island, Savannah, Beaufort, Charleston

The subtropical Golden Isles of Georgia's south Atlantic coast; historic Savannah with its restored mansions; the pure antebellum nature of Old Charleston and the epitome of Southern Hospitality in Beaufort. All wrapped up in a montage of mint juleps and live oaks dripping with Spanish moss.



DAY 1 — JACKSONVILLE - SEA ISLAND

Arrive in Jacksonville Airport. Depart by car driving north along the coast to Sea Island, GA. Attached to St. Simon's Island by a bridge over a narrow waterway; Sea Island has been the domain of the family-owned Cloister Hotel since 1928. Lodging: The Cloister

DAY 2 — SEA ISLAND

Full day at leisure to explore Sea Island and Jekyll Island. Nearby

Cumberland Island is a primitive 3 x 16-mile sanctuary of marshes, dunes, beaches, forests, lakes and ponds. It is also home to alligators, sea turtles, and 300 species of birds.

Lodging: The Cloister

DAY 3 — SEA ISLAND - SAVANNAH

Continue along the Atlantic coast via Fort King George and Seabrook Village to that symbol of the "Old South," Savannah.

Lodging: The Ballastone Inn

DAY 4 — SAVANNAH

Old Savannah has been wonderfully restored and is the largest urban National Landmark District in the country. Live Oaks, Spanish Oaks, Antebellum mansions plus Forrest Gump, and "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." A special day of discovery.

Lodging: The Ballastone Inn

DAY 5 — SAVANNAH - BEAUFORT

The drive today takes you back in time through "The Old South" scenic back-roads to Beaufort, South Carolina, a city founded by the Spanish in 1514, of rich history, southern hospitality and casual seaside charm.

Lodging: The Rett House

DAY 6 — BEAUFORT - CHARLESTON

Leave Beaufort this morning via the Middleton Place Plantation, a National Historic Landmark and a carefully preserved 18th-century plantation that has survived revolution, Civil War and earthquake. The 65 acres of landscaped terraces, ornamental ponds and garden rooms laid out with precise symmetry and balance made this the most unique and grand garden of its time. A true expression of the Old South.

Lodging: Wentworth Mansion

DAY 7 — CHARLESTON

With its cobblestone streets, horse-drawn carriages and pre revolutionary buildings, Charleston remains one of the best preserved cities in America. A day of delightful exploring.

Lodging: Wentworth Mansion

DAY 8 — DEPART CHARLESTON



Photo: Jenny Qiu, bottom right.



Canada

CANADA'S MARITIME PROVINCES

11 Days / 10 Nights – Boston, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Halifax, Peggy's Cove
Vikings to the Scots, French, and native people, this is an area superbly entrenched in the country's history.

DAY 1 — BOSTON

Arrive in Boston. New England's largest city is referred to as the "cradle of American Independence," and is a renowned center of learning and culture. The city has retained a pleasant human scale, evident in its historic neighborhoods such as Beacon Hill and Back Bay.

Lodging: Hotel Copley Plaza

DAY 2 — BOSTON - ST ANDREWS - NEW BRUNSWICK

Leave Boston this morning driving north along the Atlantic coast through New Hampshire and Maine into the Canadian province of New Brunswick to St. Andrews-by-the-Sea.

Lodging: Hotel Algonquin

DAY 3 — ST ANDREWS - CHARLOTTETOWN - PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Travel today along the famous Bay of Fundy with one of the highest tidal ranges in the world. Cross the eight-mile-long Confederation Bridge (toll) from New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island and Charlottetown.

Lodging: Hotel Delta Prince Edward

DAY 4 — CHARLOTTETOWN

Full day to explore Canada's smallest province. The pastoral beauty and rural simplicity are carefully preserved by an island people proud of their land and their traditions.

Lodging: Hotel Delta Prince Edward

DAY 5 — CHARLOTTETOWN - CAPE BRETON ISLAND

Leave Prince Edward Island this morning, driving south to the ferry terminal for the 75-minute ride across to Caribou, Nova Scotia. Continue through the countryside of Nova Scotia and cross over to Cape Breton Island via the dramatic Canso Causeway.

Lodging: Keltic Lodge

DAY 6 — CAPE BRETON ISLAND

Full day to explore the Cabot Trail. One of the world's great drives is along the famous Cabot Trail through the northern tip of the island in Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

Lodging: Keltic Lodge

DAY 7 — CAPE BRETON ISLAND - HALIFAX

Drive south this morning back across the Canso Causeway via the south shore of Nova Scotia to Halifax, superbly situated on a hilly peninsula surrounded by one of the world's great natural harbors.

Lodging: Sheraton Halifax

DAY 8 — HALIFAX - EXCURSION TO PEGGY'S COVE

It's important today to get an early start for the 27-mile drive down to Peggy's Cove to arrive well before the tour buses descend. The picturesque village sits in the middle of a spare, boulder-strewn landscape with old clapboard houses, fishnets drying, lobster traps crowding the wharves, and a winking lighthouse atop the smooth, sea-washed coastal rocks.

Lodging: Sheraton Halifax



DAY 9 — HALIFAX - YARMOUTH - BAR HARBOR, MAINE

Leave Halifax this morning driving south to Yarmouth Harbor to take the catamaran ferry ("the cat") for the two-hour, 45-minute crossing to Bar Harbor.

Lodging: Bar Harbor Inn

DAY 10 — BAR HARBOR

Full day to explore the remarkable Acadia National Park. Take the 20-mile Park Loop Road, which is the park's top attraction. This fascinating drive takes you high above Bar Harbor before dropping down to the rocky coast.

Lodging: Bar Harbor Inn

DAY 11 — BAR HARBOR - BOSTON

Leave Bar Harbor this morning via Portland and Portsmouth to Boston.

Photo: Acru Fox, right.



United States

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

8 Days / 7 Nights – Seattle, San Juan Islands, Canadian Gulf Islands, Victoria, Vancouver

Water, water everywhere. Explore the great port city of Seattle from your hotel lookout above the Pike Place Market.

Ferry from Puget Sound through the San Juan and Gulf Islands into British Columbia and the “English” city of Victoria.

Then it’s on to the fascinating multi-cultural city of Vancouver.



DAY 1 — SEATTLE

Arrive Seattle and make your way to your hotel, located in the “one of a kind” Pike Place Market.

Lodging: Inn at the Market

DAY 2 — SEATTLE

Full day at leisure to explore this fascinating city. The snow-capped Olympic Mountains across magnificent Puget Sound, the bustling waterfront, packed with shops, restaurants, the ferry boats coming and going.

Lodging: Inn at the Market

DAY 3 — SEATTLE - FRIDAY HARBOR

Drive north to Anacortes, gateway to the wonderful San Juan Islands. Continue by ferry through the idyllic San Juans to the small town of Friday Harbor, on San Juan Island.

Lodging: Friday Harbor House

DAY 4 — FRIDAY HARBOR - VANCOUVER ISLAND

Another day of cruising through the San Juans and the Canadian Gulf Islands to Sooke Harbor on the south coast of Vancouver Island.

Lodging: Sooke Harbor House

Photo: Ashley Norman, bottom right.

DAY 5 — VANCOUVER ISLAND

At leisure to explore the very “English” city of Victoria and the southern coast of Vancouver Island.

Lodging: Sooke Harbor House

DAY 6 — VANCOUVER ISLAND - VANCOUVER BC

The Canadian ferry continues your journey through the Gulf Islands to the British Columbia mainland. Continue by car to Vancouver.

Lodging: Wedgewood Hotel

DAY 7 — VANCOUVER BC

Day at leisure to discover perhaps the most multi-cultural city in North America. This is truly one of the greatest melting pots you will ever see.

Lodging: Wedgewood Hotel

DAY 8 — DEPART VANCOUVER



“We’ve never been adventurous when it comes to dining, but our chauffeur urged us to try a sushi restaurant right on the Sound. We would have never thought to try it in a million years, but now I’m hooked.”



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Austria

VIENNA SIGHTSEEING

Half-day historical 4 hrs.

Tour the Ringstrasse with its magnificent buildings, the State Opera House, the Museums of Fine Arts and National History, Parliament, City Hall, Burgtheater, City University, the Hofburg and Schonbrunn Palaces.

Half-day Classical 4 hrs.

St Stephen's Cathedral, Museum of Fine Arts, and Capuchin Crypt.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

Combination of half-day historical and half-day classical.

Half-day Vienna Woods 4 hrs.

The most beautiful sights of Vienna's surroundings; through the Vienna Woods, Liechtenstein Castle, Cistercian Abbey of Heiligenkreuz, and the Memorial Chapel of Mayerling.

Full-day Wachau and Danube Valley 8 hrs.

Visit the wine merchant town of Krems, and then to Durnstein, which has preserved its medieval character.

SALZBURG SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 3 hrs.

Mirabel Palace, Festival Hall, Mozart's birthplace, St. Peter's Abbey, the Cathedral, Fortress Hohensalzburg and Heilbrunn Palace.

Half-day Sound of Music 4 hrs.

Combination city tour/excursion to the Lake District and the places where the film "The Sound of Music" was made. Mirabell garden ("Do-Re-Me" song), Tour festival house ("Edelweiss" song), Mondsee (wedding church) Castle Leopoldskron and little summer house ("16 going on 17" song), Lake Fuschl, St. Peter's Abbey and St. Gilgen.

Half-day Salzkammergut 4 hrs.

Scharflingpass, Krotensee of legendary depth, St. Gilgen on Wolfgangsee, Strobl, St. Wolfgang, the old parish church to see Michael Pacher's winged high altar. Return via St. Gilgen and Fuschlsee.

Half-day Berchtesgaden and Eagles Nest 4 hrs.

Past the Austrian-Bavarian border, along the romantic valley of the Königssee River, through the countryside of the Bavarian mountains to the ruins of the Nazi enclave on the Obersalzberg. A special bus and elevator will bring you to Hitler's Eagle's nest, where you will have a fantastic view over the peaks of the Bavarian mountains.

Belgium

BRUSSELS SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Stock Exchange, Town Hall, Mannequin Pies Fountain, Square du Petit Salon, Church of Notre-Dame des Victoires, European Common Market buildings, Parliament building and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Full-day Bruges/Ghent 10 hrs.

Ghent: Cathedral of St. Bavo, Belfry, Castle of the Counts of Flandres, Town Hall, and Castle of Gerald the Devil. Bruges: Market, Grand Place, Town Hall and Church of Notre-Dame.

Half-day Waterloo 5 hrs.

The battlefield of Waterloo: Headquarters of Wellington and Napoleon, the Column of Victor Hugo, visit the Wellington Museum and the Panorama painting of the battlefield, with a stop at Gaasbeek Castle.

BRUGES SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City (walking tour) 4 hrs.

Medieval center of Bruges, visit at the Burg Place with the Basilica of the Holy Blood, Gothic Town Hall, the Old Recorder's house, the Provost's house and the Court of Justice. Stroll to the fish market and the canals.

Half-day Ghent 4 hrs.

Visit the Castle: "Het Steen," the Church St. Baafs (with Van Eyck panel), Town Hall and Old City Center.

Full-day Brussels and Waterloo 8 hrs.

Visit to the Town Hall, Grand Place, St. Michael's Cathedral, the King's Palace, Manneken Pis Fountain and Atomium. Return via the battlefield at Waterloo and the Napoleon Museum.



Photo: Johan Bredenbeek, bottom right.



Czech Republic

PRAGUE SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

St. Nicholas Cathedral, Prague Castle courtyards, St. Vitus Cathedral, walk the statue-adorned Charles Bridge and through the Jewish Quarter.

Half-day Walking 4 hrs.

Walking through the most important parts of medieval old and new Town of Prague, including the Old Town Square, (Astronomical Clock), Jewish Quarter, Wenceslas Square, quaint cobble stone streets and more.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

Vysehrad, Strahov Library, Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George Basilica and the Golden Lane, Old Town Square with the Astronomical Clock, Wenceslas Square, and Jewish Quarter sites.

Full-day Karlstejn and Plzen 8 hrs.

Drive to Plzen, the home of the famous Pilsner Urquell Beer, the Old Town Square, with the gothic St. Bartholomew Church, Renaissance Town Hall, and explore the relatively recent WWII history with your guide. Drive to Karlstejn and tour the magnificent Crown Jewels repository, holy relics and a fabulous 14th century castle founded by King Charles IV.

Konopiste Castle 6 hrs.

Luxurious hunting castle of Archduke Ferdinand, whose assassination at Sarajevo precipitated World War I. Collections of historical weapons, furnishings, late-gothic sculptures, paintings, and tapestries.

Full-day Hluboka and Ceske Budejovice 8 hrs.

Visit Ceske Budejovice, with medieval houses and a historical square. Then to Hluboka—a neogothic castle with fascinating collections of furniture, tapestries, china, paintings and historical weapons.

Full-day Karlovy Vary 9 hrs.

World famous spa with curing traditions going back more than 600 years, well-known local china, the Moser glass factory and Becher liquor production.

Full-day Kutna Hora, the Ossuary and Cesky Sternberk 8 hrs.

Kutna Hora—an ancient mining city with fascinating Church of St. Barbara, the Royal Mint as well as the unique ossuary, a church decorated with human bones of 40,000 people who died during the 15th century wars. Then to Cesky Sternberk, a castle with unique collections of historical weapons and coins.

Denmark

COPENHAGEN SIGHTSEEING

Half-day Grand City 3 hrs.

Tivoli Gardens, Glyptothek Art Museum, Royal Opera House, Round Tower, University Quarter, Copenhagen Cathedral, Little Mermaid, and Gundtvig Memorial Church.

Half-day Royal Tour 3 hrs.

National Museum, Royal Palace of Christiansborg and the Royal Reception Rooms, gardens, Royal Library, Rosenborg Castle, Royal Crown Jewels and National Gallery.

Full-day Castles and North Sealand 8 hrs.

Drive along the coast and through the countryside of lakes, beech forests, and idyllic villages. Visit Hamlet's Castle, Kornberg and Frederiksborg Palace.

Full-day Hans Christian Anderson 11 hrs.

Depart Copenhagen and cross the Great Belt. Visit the Cathedral at Roskilde, where Danish Royalty have been buried for more than a thousand years. In Odense, visit Hans Christian Andersen's home and museum. Return in the afternoon via Egeskov, one of Denmark's most beautiful manor houses.

Airport – Half-day – Pier 4 hrs.

Meet upon arrival at the airport, transfer into town including a 3-hour city sightseeing tour, release at the pier.

Hotel – Half-day – Pier 4 hrs.

Pick up from the hotel for a 3-hour city sightseeing tour, ending with release at the pier.

Finland

HELSINKI SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Eira with its cobblestone streets and old houses, Market Square, Tower of the Olympia Stadium, Tomb of Marshall Mannerheim and Parliament Building.

Full-day Ainola and Porvoo 8 hrs.

Full-day excursion to Ainola, the home of the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. Visit Porvoo, with its medieval Cathedral, wooden houses and narrow, cobblestone lanes.

Airport – Half-day – Pier 3 hrs.

Meet upon arrival at the airport, transfer into town including a 3-hour city sightseeing tour, release at the pier.

Hotel – Half-day – Pier 3 hrs.

Pick up from the hotel for a 3-hour city sightseeing tour, ending with release at the pier.

Photo: Vaclav Klicnik, top left.

France

PARIS SIGHTSEEING

Half-day Modern 4 hrs.

Champs Elysees, Opera House, Madeleine Church, Place de la Concorde, Les Invalides, Napoleon's Tomb, Eiffel Tower and Montmartre.

Half-day Historical 4 hrs.

Notre Dame, Bastille, Tuileries Gardens, Ile de St Louis, Latin Quarter and Luxembourg Gardens.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

Combination of the above.

Half-day Versailles (closed Monday) 4 hrs.

Forest of St. Cloud, Palace of Versailles and apartments, Gallery of Mirrors, Royal Chapel and gardens.

Full-day Versailles and Giverny (closed Monday) 8 hrs.

Forest of St. Cloud, Palace of Versailles, Gallery of Mirrors and gardens. Continue to Giverny to visit the gardens and house of Claude Monet. (April 1 – October 31)

Full-day Chartres 8 hrs.

Via Rambouillet, visit the gardens and aqueduct of the 12th century castle. Continue to Chartres. The Cathedral is a masterpiece of gothic art containing the most outstanding examples of stained glass windows in the world.

Half-day Giverny (closed Monday) 4 hrs.

Visit the gardens and house of Claude Monet, including the site of his masterpiece, "Water Lilies." (April 1 – October 31)

Full-day Fontainebleau (closed Tuesday)

Barbizon, Fontainebleau Forest, Royal Palace and hunting lodge of Fontainebleau.

Full-day Normandy 10 hrs.

Drive to the Normandy countryside touring Rouen, Deauville, Caen, Bayeux Tapestry, D-Day Museum at Arromanches, Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery, Pointe du Hoc, Utah Beach, Ste. Mere Eglise.

Full-day Champagne Country 10 hrs.

Reims Cathedral, Notre Dame, Museum St. Denis, Mumm Champagne house, Basilique St. Remi, Epernay, Moet and Chandon, Mercier and De Castellane.

Evening 8:00 p.m. – midnight 4 hrs.

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RIVIERA SIGHTSEEING – NICE, CANNES, AND MONTE CARLO

Half-day Nice 4 hrs.

Promenade des Anglais, Harbor, Lower Corniche, Mont Boron, Villefranche, Cimiez and the Russian Church.

Half-day Monte Carlo 4 hrs.

Grande Corniche, La Turbie, Monte Carlo, the Casino, exotic gardens, the Prince's Palace, and Eze. Return via Lower Corniche.

Full-day Monte Carlo and Menton 8 hrs.

Grande Corniche, Col des Quatre-Chemins, Menton on the French-Italian Border, Monte Carlo, the casino, exotic gardens, and Prince's Palace.

Half-day St. Paul and Vence 4 hrs.

Saint-Laurent-du-Var, Gattieres and Saint-Jeannet. Vence, the Matisse Chapel. The fortified town of Saint-Paul.

Full-day Riviera 8 hrs.

Visiting all major points of interest on the Cote d'Azur from Monte Carlo to Cannes. Services also available from Marseilles.

PROVENCE SIGHTSEEING – AVIGNON, AIX AND LES BAUX

Half-day Avignon, Pont du Gard 4 hrs.

Including the Palais des Papes, ancient town walls, Pont d'Avignon ("Sur le Pont d'Avignon, l'on y danse") and the Pont du Gard Roman viaduct.

Half-day Les Baux, St. Remy and Arles 4 hrs.

The dramatic fortress site of Les Baux and the Roman monuments of St. Remy and Arles.

Full-day Provence 8 hrs.

Aix-en-Provence (City of Fountains), Avignon, Pont du Gard, Les Baux, St. Remy and Arles.

Full-day Luberon, Vaucluse 8 hrs.

Avignon, Vaison-la-Romaine with extensive Roman ruins and Medieval Old Town, Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, Gordes and the Villages des Bories (ancient stone dwellings), and the 12th Century Abbaye de Senneque. Luberon villages and castles, including Gordes, Menerbes, Bonnieux and Lourmarin (setting for the book, "A Year in Provence").

Germany

BERLIN SIGHTSEEING

Half-day West 4 hrs.

Kurfurstendamm, Memorial Church, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, Charlottenburg Palace (Egyptian Museum), Olympic Stadium and Victory Column.

Half-day East 4 hrs.

Friedrichstrasse, Unter den Linden, Potsdam Square, Brandenburg Gate and Check Point Charlie.

Full-day Potsdam 8 hrs.

Drive through the Grunwald Forest and across the Glienicke Bridge to Potsdam. Visit Frederick the Great's Palace of Sanssouci and Cecilienhof.

Full-day Berlin from Baltic Sea ports 12 hrs.

Pick up from cruise ships in Travemunde, Warnemunde, or Hamburg for a full day of Berlin sightseeing.

FRANKFURT SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

House of Goethe, Roman Mosaics, Cathedral, St. Paul's Church.

Full-day Heidelberg 8 hrs.

Via Bergstrasse to Heidelberg. The Castle and the world's largest wine casks, Holy Ghost Church, university and Students Prison.

Full-day Rhine Valley 8 hrs.

Castles on the Rhine, Rudesheim, St. Goar, Boppard and the Lorelei.

MUNICH SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Koenigsplatz, the State Old Pinakothek, Academy of Arts, Marienplatz and Deutsche Museum.

Half-day Dachau 4 hrs.

Jewish memorial and original prison barracks.

Full-day Nurnberg 8 hrs.

Justice Palace where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946, and the Albrecht Durer House.

Full-day Bavarian Royal Castles 8 hrs.

Garmisch, Monastery of Ettal, and King Ludwig's fairy-tale castles at Linderhof and Neuschwanstein. Services also available from Hamburg, Stuttgart and Cologne.

Britain

LONDON SIGHTSEEING

Half-day West End 4 hrs.

British Museum, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, House of Parliament, Westminster Abby, Whitehall, Buckingham Palace, the Mall, Changing of the Guard (weather permitting).

Half-day East End 4 hrs.

Fleet Street, St. Paul's, Tower of London and Crown Jewels, and Charles Dickens' "Old Curiosity Shop," Battleship HMS Belfast.

Full-day London 8 hrs.

Combination of the above.

Half-day Windsor Castle 4 hrs.

Royal Castle, with its beautifully wooded park, the state apartments and Queen's Doll House. Changing of the guard takes place daily at 10:30 a.m., except on Sunday. When the Queen is not there, a drum and pipe band is mustered.

Full-day Eton, Windsor, Hampton Ct 8 hrs.

Through London's suburbs to Eton, Windsor Castle, Windsor Great Park, Hampton Court and Gardens.

Full-day Shakespeare, Cotswolds 9 hrs.

Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Trinity Church, Warwick Castle, Banbury.

Full-day Oxford, Blenheim Palace 8 hrs.

Blenheim Palace, Bladon Church (grave of Winston Churchill), Oxford and country villages.

Full-day Canterbury, Leeds Castle 8 hrs.

The lovely city of Canterbury with its famous Cathedral, and Leeds Castle (described as "England's most beautiful").

Full-day Chartwell, Hever Castle 8 hrs.

Country Estate of Sir Winston Churchill, restored and packed with Churchill memorabilia. Hever Castle with many colorful associations with Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn.

Full-day Bath, Stonehenge 9 hrs.

Bath, River Avon, Royal Crescent, 18th Century Pumproom and Roman Baths, and Stonehenge.

Evening 8:00 p.m. – midnight 4 hrs.

Scotland

EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle, Castle Rock with spectacular view of forth Estuary, and the Fife Coast.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

The Royal Mile, the Old Town, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Castle Hill, the Lawnmarket, the High Street, Canongate, Holyrood Park rising to Arthur's Seat (with a tremendous panorama of Edinburgh).

Full-day Trossachs, Loch Lomond 8 hrs.

Stirling Castle, Callander, through the mountains to Loch Katrine, Aberfoyle, Trossachs and Loch Lomond.

Full-day Burns Country 8 hrs.

Burns Cottage, Tweed Valley, Culzean Castle and Gardens.

Full-day Scott Country 8 hrs.

The Valleys of Border Country, Abbotsford (home of Sir Walter Scott), the Abbeys of Melrose and Dryburg.

INVERNESS SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City/Environs 4 hrs.

The 16th-century Abertarff House—the headquarters of An Comunn Gaidhealach, the Highland Association, which preserves the Gaelic language and culture; the old city and Loch Ness to the west, and Colloden to the east.

Full-day Western Highlands 8 hrs.

Along the shores of Loch Ness to Drumnadrochit for "monster watching," Eileen Doonan Castle, Kyle of Lochalsh and Muir of Ord.

Greece

ATHENS SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City and Acropolis 4 hrs.

Through the main streets of Athens to the ancient town, Theatre of Dionysos, Areopagus, Pnyx, Temple of Hephastos (Theseum), ancient Agora, Stoa of Attalos, Acropolis; Propylea, Temple of Wingless Victory, Parthenon, Erechtheum and the Acropolis Museum with its unique collection of preclassical sculptures.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

Half-day Cape Sounion 4 hrs.

Coast of Saronikos Bay to Phaleron, Glyfada, Vouliagmeni, Varkiza, Lagonisi and Anavisos. Arrive in Sounion at the southernmost Cape of Attica, Temple of the Sea God, Poseidon (Neptune). Magnificent view on the Aegean Sea and the islands at sunset.

Full-day Delphi 9 hrs.

Sacred Road, Daphni and Eleusis, winding coastal highway of Saronikos Bay. Thebes, Leivada and Mt. Parnassus of Delphi, the ancient sanctuary of Apollo and Temple of Apollo, the museum, Treasury of the Athenians and the Castalia Spring.

Full-day Argolis 9 hrs.

Sacred Road, Saronikos Bay, Daphni, Eleusis, Megara, Corinth Canal and Corinth; Doric Temple of Apollo and museum, Bema of St. Paul and the Agora. Through vineyards and valley scenery to Mycenae, the fortress of Agamemnon, Beehive Tombs, Lionesses' Gate and the ruins of the Palace of the Golden Mycenae described by Homer. Argos, along the coast of Argolis Bay, and Tyrins to Nauplia. Visit Epidaurus to visit the theatre, the museum and other monuments.

Airport – Half-day – Pier 5 hrs.

Meet upon arrival at the airport, transfer into town including a 3-hour city sightseeing tour, with release at the pier.

Half-day from Cruise Ship in Piraeus 4 hrs.

Pick up in Piraeus, to Athens for sightseeing and return to ship.

Full-day from Cruise Ship in Piraeus 8 hrs.

Pick up in Piraeus, to Athens for sightseeing and return to ship.



Holland

AMSTERDAM SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Queen's Palace, Mint Tower, Concert Hall, Municipal Museum, Rijksmuseum (closed Sunday a.m. and Monday) to see Rembrandt's famous "Nightwatch," paintings by Frans Hals and Jan Steen. Portuguese Synagogue, Rembrandt's house, Old City Gate, and Weeping Tower.

Half-day Volendam and Marken 4 hrs.

Visit a typical Dutch cheese farm. The fishing village of Monnikendam, Marken, the former island in the Zuyder Zee, Volendam, where people still wear their colorful, traditional costumes.

Half-day Flower Fields (April–May) 4 hrs.

See fields of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths in bloom. Your visit culminates in Holland's famous garden-park, the Keukenhof. Stroll through this showcase of flowers, where professional bulb growers have used their skill and imagination in creating this world-famous attraction.

Full-day Grand Holland 8 hrs.

Aalsmeer flower auction (closed Sat. and Sun.), Blue Pottery works in Delft, Rotterdam, The Hague, House of Parliament, Knight's Hall, Peace Palace, and the miniature town of Madurodam. Return via Wassenaar.

Hungary

BUDAPEST SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Heroes' Square, Millenary Monument, Danube Embankment offering a splendid view over the city and its famous public buildings; Parliament building, Gellert Hill, Castle District, Matthias Church and the Fishermen's Bastion.

Half-day Castle district 4 hrs.

The cozy little streets and squares, as well as the museums and historic monuments of the Castle District. Also, the former residence of the kings, the Royal Palace.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

Full-day Danube Bend 8 hrs.

The picturesque medieval town of Szentendre with its wealth of museums. Then on to Esztergom, the oldest royal and ecclesiastical residence. In Visegrad, you can admire the magnificent panoramic views from the Citadel.

Ireland

DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Trinity College, Book of Kells, Irish hospital's Sweepstakes Office, Christ Church Cathedral and Botanical Gardens.

Half-day Literature 4 hrs.

Follow the footsteps of Joyce, Shaw, Swift, Brown and others. Joyce Museum, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Phoenix Park.

Full-day Glendalough and Avoca 8 hrs.

The monastic settlement at Glendalough, Glen of Two Lakes and Vale of Avoca.

SHANNON SIGHTSEEING

Full-day Ring of Kerry 8 hrs.

Killoglin, River Laune, Caragh Lake, Rossbeigh for a view of the Atlantic, Waterville, Sneem, and the Lakes of Killarney.

Full-day Dingle and Slea Head 8 hrs.

Milltown, Castlemaine, Dingle Bay, Inch, Dingle, Connor Pass, Castlegregory, Vale of Tralee and Farranfore.

KILLARNEY SIGHTSEEING

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Services also available from Limerick and Cork.

Italy

ROME SIGHTSEEING

Half-day Colosseum and Forum 4 hrs.

Colosseum, Church of St. Peter in Chains with the Statue of Moses by Michelangelo, Capitoline Hill, Trevi Fountain, Palatine Hill and the Roman Forum.

Half-day Vatican (including guide) 4 hrs.

Vatican Museum and Gallery, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.

Full-day Rome 8 hrs.

Capitoline Hill, Roman Forum, Palatine Hill, Colosseum, Pantheon, St. Peter in Chains, Trevi Fountain, Holy Stairs, Piazza del Popolo, Quirinale Palace, Castelo San Angelo, Piazza Navona, Hadrians Tomb, Castel San Angelo and Santa Maria Maggiore.

Half-day Appian Way 4 hrs.

Basilica of St. Mary Major, Basilica of St. John Lateran, Holy Stairs, ruins of the old baths of Caracalla, Old Appian Way, Chapel of Domine Quo Vadis, Catacombs of St. Calixtus or of St. Sebastian, and the Tomb of Cecilia Metella.

Half-day Hadrian's Villa and Tivoli 4 hrs.

Excursion to Hadrian's Villa and Tivoli, Villa d'Este, Temples of Vesta and Sybil, waterfalls and Emperor Hadrian's Villa, Old Lucano Bridge and Platii Tomb.

Full-day Pompeii/Sorrento/Positano 10 hrs.

Excavated city, Temples of Jupiter and Apollo, courts, markets, baths, House of the Vetii and other private villas, some of which have only recently been uncovered; the two theaters and museum (includes official guide in Pompeii).

Full-day from Cruise Ship Civitavecchia 8 hrs.

Pick up in Civitavecchia, to Rome for city sightseeing and return to ship.

Airport – Half-day city tour – Pier 6 hrs.

Hotel – Half-day city tour – Pier 5 hrs.

FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING

Half-day Walking Tour with official guide 3 hrs.

Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio, Cathedral, Baptistry, Giotto's Belltower, Santa Croce, and Convento di San Marco with the Frescos of Fra Angelico.

Half-day City with car, driver and official guide 4 hrs.

Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Medici Chaples, Church of San Marco, Piazza SS. Annunziata and the Church of Santa Croce with the tombs of Michelangelo, Rossini and Galileo. Piazza Michelangelo.

Full-day City with car, driver and official guide 8 hrs.

Half-day City with driver only 4 hrs.

Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Medici Chaples, Church of San Marco, Piazza SS. Annunziata and the Church of Santa Croce with the tombs of Michelangelo, Rossini and Galileo. Piazza Michelangelo.

Full-day City with driver only 8 hrs.

Same as above with Pitti Palace and Gallery, Viale die Colli and Piazzale Michelangelo, Cathedral, Baptistry, Giotto's Bell Tower, St. Lawrence Church and the Medici Chapels.

Half-day Fiesole and Hill Towns 4 hrs.

Fiesole, San Domenico Convent, Convento of S. Francis, Roman Theatre, Bandini Museum, Settignano, and Medicean Villas.

Full-day Siena and San Gimignano 8 hrs.

Siena, Cathedral, Piccolomini Library, Town Hall with the Mangia Tower, Piazza del Campo, House of S. Caterina and other main points of interest. After lunch, San Gimignano, "the city of the fair Towers", the two palaces of the Podesta, Cathedral, Church of St. Augustine and Twin Salvucci Towers.

Full-day Chianti Wine Country 10 hrs.

Wonderful day through the Chianti Classico wine district including Greve, Castellina, Radda, Brolio, Meleto and Gaiole.

Half-day to Pisa 4 hrs.

Across the Tuscan countryside to the historic university town of Pisa. Pisa possesses one of the most beautiful architectural groupings in Europe including the newly reopened leaning Tower of Pisa, the 11th century Cathedral and the baptistry.

Full-day from Cruise Ship in Livorno 8 hrs.

Pick up in Livorno, to Florence for sightseeing and return to ship.

MILAN SIGHTSEEING**Half-day City with official guide 3 hrs.**

Cathedral (Duomo), Church of Sta. Maria delle Grazie with fresco "The Last Supper" Arch of Peace and Scala Opera House.

Full-day Italian Lakes 8 hrs.

Stresa on Lake Maggiore, facing the three Borromean Islands (Isola Madre, Isola Bella and Isola die Pescatori), Pallanza, cross the lake by ferry from here to Laveno, and Lake Como.

VENICE SIGHTSEEING**Half-day Walking (with official guide) 4 hrs.**

Venice on foot, St. Mark's Square and adjoining monuments, St. Mark's Cathedral, Treasury and Sacristy, Doges Palace, picture galleries and Ducal apartments, Piombi Prisons, and Bridge of Sighs.

Half-day Lagoon Islands with Escort 4 hrs.

By motor launch with an English-speaking escort. Venetian glass factories, medieval village of Burano, lace factories, church with a leaning tower, Torcello, and 11th-century Cathedral containing Byzantine decorations.

AMALFI COAST SIGHTSEEING – STARTING / ENDING IN SORRENTO AND POSITANO**Half-day Amalfi Coast 4 hrs.**

The Amalfi Drive, which follows the rocky coast between Sorrento and Salerno, is the most spectacular in Italy. Its innumerable bends, following the coastline, afford consistently changing views of enchanting landscapes, shaped rocks that plunge into the crystal-clear sea and Saracen towers.

Full-day Pompeii, Amalfi, Sorrento 8 hrs.

Pompeii, temples, theaters, baths, house of the Vetii, private villas, museum, across the mountains east of Vesuvius to Vietri sul Mare, on the bay of Salerno. Here begins the famous Amalfi Drive, one of the most celebrated scenic routes in Europe.

Half-day Pompeii with 2 hrs. guide 4 hrs.

Excavated city, Temples of Jupiter and Apollo, courts, markets, baths, house of the Vetii and other private villas, some of which have only recently been uncovered, the two theatres and museum.

Half-day Naples with driver and official guide 4 hrs.

Walk through the Quartieri Spagnoli (Spanish Quarter) visiting the Capella Sansevero, the Duomo, San Gregorio Armeno, the Gate of Capuana, the Castel Nuovo and the Palazzo Real.

Full-day Naples with driver and official guide 8 hrs.

Visiting the archeological sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum, then to Naples and the Archeological Museum, the Cappella Sansevero, Duomo and San Gregorio Armeno.

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Norway

OSLO SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Munch Museum, Cathedral, Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Holmenkollen (with the famous ski jump) and City Hall.

Half-day Oslo Environs 4 hrs.

Drive to the open-air Folk Museum at Bygdøy, Viking ships, the "Kon-Tiki" raft and polar ship "Fram."

Full-day City 8 hrs.

Airport – Half-day – Pier 4 hrs.

Meet upon arrival at the airport, transfer into town including a 3-hour city sightseeing tour.

Hotel – Half-day – Pier 3 hrs.

Pick up from the hotel for a 3-hour city sightseeing tour, ending with release at the pier.

BERGEN SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Merchant's Quay, Fish Market, Hanseatic Museum and St. Mary Church.

Half-day Trollhaugen 4 hrs.

Drive to Trollhaugen, the home of Edvard Grieg, Fantoft Stave Church.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

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Hotel – Half-day – Pier 4 hrs.

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OSLO - BERGEN VIA THE FJORDS

Norway in a Nutshell Two days

First day - begins one of the world's great overland journeys as you take the train into the mountains of the Hardangervidda to the town of Myrdal, where you change to the famous "Flamsbahn" Mountain Railway that takes you down to flam at the tip of the Aurlandsfjord. Next it's the Fjord Express steamer, which takes you past towering cliffs deep into the Sognefjord to Balestrand and the renowned Kvikne's Hotel, with its fabulous Fjordside setting. Overnight at Kvikne's Hotel.

Second day - Continue your fjord journey the next morning by Fjord Express steamer through the Sognefjord and past the coastal villages and islands to Bergen.

Poland

WARSAW SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Old town, rebuilt from the ashes of war, baroque and gothic monuments, Jewish ghetto and Lazienki Park.

Full-day Zelazowa Wola 8 hrs.

Zelazowa Wola is the birthplace of Frederic Chopin. The house is now a museum and, on Sundays, is the site of piano recitals.

KRAKOW SIGHTSEEING

Half-day Auschwitz 4 hrs.

The former Nazi concentration camp, now a martyrdom museum.

Full-day Wadowice and Kalwaria Zabrzyszowska 8 hrs.

Birthplace of Pope John Paul II and site of Bernardine Monastery.

Portugal

LISBON SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Liberty Avenue, Black horse Square, Belem Tower, Monument to the Discoveries, Jeronimos Monastery, and Coaches Museum.

Half-day Sintra and Estoril 4 hrs.

Bay of Cascais, picturesque cliffs of Boca do Inferno, Guincho to Cabo da Roca—the westernmost point of Europe. Sintra Mountain and its gardens to visit the charming Pena Palace.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

Full-day Sintra and Estoril 8 hrs.

Hills of Monsanto, Queluz and the Royal Palace and Gardens, Belas, Mafra, and Sintra to visit the Royal Palace. Castle of Pena and Cascais, and Estoril.

Full-day Fatima, Nazare, Obidos 8 hrs.

Walled Village of Obidos, 12th century monastery with tombs of Pedro and Ines at Alcobaca, Portuguese fishing village of Nazare, Batalha Monastery, Fatima—a center of the Catholic faith and world pilgrimages. Return to Lisbon through the colorful farming region.

Airport – Half-day city tour – Pier 4 hrs.

Meet upon arrival at the airport, transfer into town including a 3-hour city sightseeing tour. Release at the pier.

Russia

ST. PETERSBURG SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

The Peter and Paul fortress, the cruiser "Aurora" from whose deck was fired the first shot signaling the beginning of the October Revolution; the main thoroughfare Nevsky Prospekt with its shops and pastel Baroque buildings.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

Main tourist sights including the hermitage Museum housing one of the world's greatest collections of art treasures.

Full-day Petrodvorets 8 hrs.

Peter the Great's Winter Palace—the "Versailles of the East"—with its exquisite park and magnificent fountains.

Full-day Pushkin and Pavlovsk 8 hrs.

Excursion to the Russian countryside to Pushkin to visit the magnificent palace built by Catherine the Great in the 18th century. Continue to Pavlovsk with its fascinating Grand Palace and beautiful parks.

Full-day Petrodvorets and Pushkin 8 hrs.

Peter the Great's Summer Palace — "Versailles of the East" — with its exquisite park and magnificent fountains. Travel through the Russian countryside to Pushkin to visit the magnificent palace built by Catherine the Great in the 18th century.

MOSCOW SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Red Square, Gum Department Store, the Russian White house, Gorki Park, the Bolshi Theatre and the Novodevichi Convent.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

The Kremlin and Armory Museum, Red Square with Lenin's Tomb, Arbat Street, Smolenskaya Street and the KGB headquarters building.

Spain

MADRID SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City Tour 4 hrs.

Bailén Street, Mayor Street, Puerta del Sol, Carrera de San Jerónimo, Parliament Square, Cánovas Square, Prado Museum, Prado Boulevard, Alcalá Street and España Square to the Royal Palace.

Full-day City Tour 8 hrs.

Full-day Toledo 8 hrs.

Spanish Gothic Cathedral (13th century) with El Greco and Goya paintings in the Sacristy; El Transito Synagogue (14th century); Sta. Maria la Blanca Synagogue (12th century); Santo Tome (Church of St. Thomas) with El Greco painting "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz;" the Alcazar, and Santa Cruz Museum.

Full-day Escorial and Valley of Fallen (closed Mondays) 8 hrs.

El Escorial (the burial place of the Spanish kings), Basilica, Phanteon of the kings, Library and Philip II's private rooms. Valley of the Fallen (national memorial to the dead in the Civil War -1936-39); basilica, memorial, and stone cross.

Full-day Avila, Segovia, La Granja 8 hrs.

Avila (the birthplace of St. Theresa with well-preserved 11th-century walls): Cathedral, convent of St. Theresa and Church of St. Thomas. Segovia: Roman aqueduct (still in use), Alcazar, Cathedral. Royal residence at la Granja.

BARCELONA SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Tetuán Square, Arch of Triumph, Rondas, Via Layetna, Cathedral, Gothic Quarter, City Hall, Urquinaona Square, Cataluña Square, Ramblas, Christopher Columbus Monument, Miramar (panoramic view of the city and port), Spain Square and Gran Via.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

Half-day Montserrat 4 hrs.

Past little villages dotting the countryside and up the scenic mountain road to Montserrat. Visit to the Basilica where the 12th-century Black Virgin will be seen.

Full-day Costa Brava 8 hrs.

This jagged coastline from Blane along 90 miles of beaches to the Franco-Spanish town of Port Bou. This famous highway extends from Lloret de Mar to Port Bou, and is especially scenic between Tossa de Mar and San Feliu de Guixols.

Airport – Half-day – Pier 4 hrs.

Meet upon arrival at the airport, transfer into town including a 3-hour city sightseeing tour, release at the pier.

Hotel – Half-day – Pier 4 hrs.

Pick up from the hotel for a 3-hour city sightseeing tour, ending with release at the pier.

SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Alcazar, Palace of Charles V and Gardens, Santa Cruz Quarter, Old Jewry, Basilica of the Macarena with the famous image of Our Lady Esperanza and the Treasure.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

The largest Cathedral in the Christian world, Columbus Tomb, Park of Maria Luisa, Spain and America Squares, Charity Hospital, Alcazar, Palace of Charles V and Gardens, Santa Cruz Quarter, Old Jewry, Basilica of the Macarena with the famous image of our Lady Esperanza and the Treasure.

Full-day Jerez de la Frontera 8 hrs.

Enjoy Jerez de la Frontera, famous for its sherry. Visit one of the cellars with the opportunity to taste the wine. Visit the Equestrian School with a regular show every Thursday. On other days, clients may assist in the training. No local guides available.

Full-day Seville from Cadiz 8 hrs.

Pick up and return to the cruise ship.

COSTA DEL SOL SIGHTSEEING**Half-day Malaga 4 hrs.**

Cathedral, bullring, museum of Holy Week processions, harbor, and Gibralfaro Castle.

Full-day Ronda 8 hrs.

Magnificent, 18th century arched bridge, with narrow, whitewashed houses clinging round the edge. The town retains its original Moorish plan, ancient houses and fine Renaissance mansions. Its bullring is one of the oldest in Spain, entered through an elegant gateway and surrounded by fine arcades inside.

Full-day Granada 8 hrs.

Through the scenic Sierra Nevadas to the heart of Andalucia - Granada. Central walk of the Alhambra, Justice Gate, Wine Gate, Moorish Palace, Partial Gardens and Towers. Palace of Charles V Woods of the Alhambra, to the Gardens of the Generalife, which is the summer residence of the Caliphs.

GRANADA SIGHTSEEING**Half-day City 4 hrs.**

Central walk of the Alhambra, Justice Gate, Wine Gate, Moorish Palace, Partial Gardens and Towers. Palace of Charles V, Woods of the Alhambra to the Gardens of the Generalife and the summer residence of the Caliphs.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

Carthusian Monastery, Cathedral, Royal Chapel (museum and pantheon of the Catholic kings), typical quarter of Alcaiceria (former Arab silk market), and panoramic view.

Sweden

STOCKHOLM SIGHTSEEING**Half-day City 4 hrs.**

Cathedral, Royal Palace, Old Town, Wasa Ship Museum, Fjallgatan with its magnificent view over Stockholm and the harbor, Milles Garden Sculpture Park, home sculptor Carl Milles, Embassy Area, and City Hall where part of the Nobel Prize ceremonies are held annually.

Half-day Drottningholm Palace, Theater 4 hrs.

Royal Residence of Drottningholm and its beautiful park, Royal Palace and unique 18th-century theater.

Full-day City 8 hrs.**Airport – Half-day – Pier 4 hrs.**

Meet at the airport, transfer into town including a 3-hour city sightseeing tour. Release at the pier.

Hotel – Half-day – Pier 4 hrs.

Switzerland

GENEVA SIGHTSEEING**Half-day City 3 hrs.**

Mont-Blanc Bridge, Flower Clock, old section of town, St. Peter's Cathedral, Reformation Monument, university, Grand Theatre, downtown business and shopping area, United Nations Building (formerly the League of Nations), seat of the International Red Cross.

Full-day Chamonix and Mar de Glace 8 hrs.

Follow the glacier stream Rave through Animas', Bonneville, Silences and Le Fayet. Arrive in Chamonix around 11:00am. Mountain railway to Montenvers, view of "Mer de Glace."

Full-day around Lake Geneva 8 hrs.

Shores of Lake Geneva, Lausanne, Corniche of the Vineyards of Lavaux, Vevey, Montreux, Castle of Chillon, Villeneuve, St. Gingolph, the French Shore and Evian.

LUCERNE SIGHTSEEING**Half-day City 2 hrs.**

"Lion Monument" dedicated to the Swiss Guard, Wooden Chapel Bridge of 1333, Wooden Dance of Death Bridge of 1407, medieval town walls and the Town Hall of 1599.

Full-day Berne 8 hrs.

From Lucerne through picturesque Countryside of the Entlebuch to Berne, Capital of Switzerland. Tour of the town and return through villages of Sumiswald and Huttwil to Lucerne.

Full-day Swiss countryside 8 hrs.

Brunig Pass, Lakes of Lucerne, Sarnen and Lungern, Gorge of the Aare at Meiringen, and Lake Brienz to Interlaken to view the Jungfrau, and Grindelwald at the foot of the Wetterhorn. Return via the valley of Lauterbrunnen, Staubbach Falls and Trummelbach Falls for a visit via the electric elevator built into the Black Monk Rock.



ZURICH SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Bahnhofstrasse with bank buildings and shops; the twin-spired Basilica of the Grossmünster, Helmhaus with local museum, Town Hall, Gallery of Modern Art, and Swiss National Museum.

Full-day Lake of Lucerne 8 hrs.

Sihl Valley, Cham, Lucerne, Küssnacht, Weggis, Vitznau, Gersau, Brunnen, Schwyz, Arth-Goldau, Zug, Albis and return to Zurich.

Full-day Rhine Falls/Black Forest 8 hrs.

Schaffhausen, Neuhausen with the Rhine Falls, largest and most impressive waterfall in Europe. Continue into Germany and the heart of the Black Forest to Schluchsee, and return to Zurich via quaint old towns of Waldshut and Brugg.

INTERLAKEN SIGHTSEEING

Full-day Grand Alpine 8 hours

Grimmel Pass, Handegg Falls with a mighty drop of 200 feet, descend to Gletsch, ascend the Furka Pass to the Rhone Glacier Ice Grotto with its curious color effects, view the Valais and Bernese Alps, including the Matterhorn, Weisshorn and several other noted peaks. From Furka Pass down to Andermatt, Devils Bridge, Goschenen and Wassen to the most modern Alpine highway in Europe, the Susten Pass. Tour Stein Glacier, down to Meiringen and return to Interlaken.

Turkey

ISTANBUL SIGHTSEEING

Half-day Ottoman 4 hrs.

Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, covered bazaars and Ottoman Mosque.

Half-day Byzantine 4 hrs.

The Byzantine Basilica of St. Sophia, Obelisk of Theodosius, Hippodrome and the Hippodrome, the center of Byzantine civil activities.

Half-day Golden Horn 4 hrs.

Visit to the Kariya Mosque, the Church of St. Saviour, Eyup Sultan Mosque and Pierre Loti Coffee House overlooking the Golden Horn.

Full-day City 8 hrs.

Half-day Dolmabahçe Palace, Asiatic Coast 4 hrs.

Pier – Half-day – Airport 4 hrs.

Meet at pier, half-day Istanbul sightseeing. Drop at airport.

IZMIR SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Archaeological Museum, the ancient Agora with its three famous statues: Demeter, Poseidon and Artemis, Kadifekale and Velvet Castle.

Full-day Ephesus 8 hrs.

Drive to Ephesus. See St. John's Basilica, the Temple of Artemis, and the Mosque of Isa Bey, the House of Virgin Mary, the Odeon, the Roman Baths, the Fountain of Trajan, the Temple of Hadrian, the Bath of Scholasticha, the Library of Celsus, the Agora, the Temple of Serapis, the Great Theater, the Stadium, and Council Church.

Full-day Pergamon 8 hrs.

Drive to Pergamon to visit Zeus Altar, the library, the Temple of Demeter, the great Theater, the Agora, the house of Attalos, the Archaeological and Ethnographical Museums, Asclepion (Medical Center), the library, the Theatre, and Temples of Telephorus.

KUSADASI SIGHTSEEING

Half-day Ephesus 4 hrs.

House of Virgin Mary, Ancient City of Ephesus and Temple of Artemis.

Full-day Ephesus 8 hrs.

House of Virgin Mary, Ancient City of Ephesus, Temple of Artemis, St. John's Basilica, typical Aegean village and Sirince.

Asia

HONG KONG SIGHTSEEING

Half-day Hong Kong Island 4 hrs.

The funicular tram up to Victoria Peak, drive by Repulse Bay and Deep Water Bay to Stanley Market, Aberdeen fishing village, the Cross Harbour Tunnel to Kowloon through the Refugees Resettlement Estates, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun, Yuen Long Rice Market and then to Lok Ma Chau.

Half-day Kowloon and New Territories 4 hrs.

Refugee resettlement area; Tsuen Wan - an industrial district; Yuen Long, a farming village; Kam Tin, an ancient walled town; Lok Ma Chau Border - with a view across Sham Chun River to China; Tai Po and Shatin fishing villages; Amah Rock, and return to Kowloon.

Full-day 8 hrs.

BANGKOK SIGHTSEEING

Half-day Temples and City 3 hrs.

Take a drive through the city and visit the most interesting temples including Marble Temple, Reclining Buddha and Golden Buddha.

Half-day Grand Palace (Closed Sat. and Sun.) 3 hrs.

Drive to the Grand Palace where you will see the Coronation hall, the famous Emerald Buddha and the Replica of Angkor Wat.

Full-day Ayutthaya 8 hrs.

Drive to Ayutthaya and visit the summer palace at Bang-Pa-In. From here cruise back to Bangkok on board the luxurious oriental Queen.

SINGAPORE SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 3 hrs.

The harbor, City Hall, Courts of Justice and Parliament house, the Hindu Sri Mariamman Temple and the famous Tiger Balm gardens, the Botanical Gardens and the Jurong Bird Park.

Half-day Johore Bahru 3 hrs.

Drive to Johore Bahru where you stop to visit the grounds of Istana Besar, the Bukit Serene and Sultan Abu Bakar Mosque. While here you'll see a sarong-weaving factory and rubber plantation on the way back to Singapore stop at the Kranji War Memorial. Services also available throughout the South Pacific and Asia.

Australia

SYDNEY SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City and Harbor 4 hrs.

Opera House, Manly and Bondi Beaches, The Rocks, Circular Quay, Australia's British Birthplace Kirribilli, Darling Harbour, St Mary's Cathedral and Chinatown.

Full-day Blue Mountains 8 hrs.

Kings Tableland, Evans Lookout, Wentworth Falls, the "Garden Village," Katoomba, the Three Sisters rock formation, and Katoomba Falls.

MELBOURNE SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Art gallery of Victoria, Myer Music Bowl, Shrine of Remembrance, cosmopolitan St. Kilda, Toorak Village and Fitzroy Gardens.

Afternoon/evening "Fairy Penguin Parade" tour 10 hrs.

Drive to Phillip Island, teeming with bird life. At dusk dozens of penguins waddle up the beach, within inches of the spectators, to feed their young burrowed under the tussocks. Stop for dinner en route back to Melbourne.

New Zealand

AUCKLAND SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Westhaven Marina, Harbour Bridge, Mt Eden, Domain Park, Auckland Museum to see the magnificent collection of Maori artifacts.

CHRISTCHURCH SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Cathedral, Town Hall and Arts Centre, Canterbury Museum, the tree-lined Avon River, Botanical Gardens and Hagley Park.

Photo: Bob Bowers, top right.



India

DELHI SIGHTSEEING

Half-day Old Delhi 4 hrs.

The Red Fort built by the Moghul emperor in the 17th century, the Pearl Mosque, the main shopping center of the old city, cremation sites of Mahatma Gandhi and Nehru.

Full-day Agra 10 hrs.

Early morning drive to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal, the crowning glory of Mughal architecture. Also see the Agra fort and Fatehpur Sikri, the perfectly preserved sandstone city where Akbar the Great once held court.

Agra/Fatehpur Sikri 12 hrs.

Extensive tour of Agra and the Taj Mahal. The Taj Mahal by moonlight, the sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri and the Tomb of Itmad-ud-Dauld.

BOMBAY SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

The teeming "Gateway to India." Beautiful Marine Drive, the Hanging Gardens, Nehru Park, Jain Temple and the outdoor Crawford Market.

Half-day Elephanta 4 hrs.

Take a motor launch across Bombay Harbor to visit the famous Elephanta Caves. Situated on an island, the caves were cut out of stone by a Hindu sect known as Shaivites, more than 1,200 years ago.

Japan

TOKYO SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 3-1/2 hrs.

The Imperial Palace, Asikis Kannon, Nakamise Arcade and the Ginza (includes official guide and entrance fees).

KYOTO SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 3-1/2 hrs.

Visiting Nijo Castle, Golden Pavillon, the Heian Shrine and the Geisha District.

Morocco

CASABLANCA SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Place des Nations Unies, the beach at Ain Diab, the Municipal Pool, Lusitania (the Jewish District) Hassan II Mosque, Place Mohammed V, and Notre Dame de Lourdes.

Full-day to Rabat 8 hrs.

Tour Hassan, Archeological Museum, Museum of Traditional Crafts, Royal Palace, Great Mosque of Rabat, and Mausoleum of Hassan.

MARRAKECH SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

The Koutoubia, Djmaa el Fna, the Souks, the Tombs of the Saadiens, Royal Palace, el Badi Palace of Bahia, Ibn Youssef Medersa.

Full-day High Atlas Mountains/Ouarzazate 12 hrs.

Via Ait Ourir, Taddert to Telouet former home of the Pasha of Marrakech. Then via Ait Benhaddou to Ouarzazate—the gateway to the Sahara.

FES SIGHTSEEING

Half-day Grand Tour 4 hrs.

Around the Medina (old city) via the Route de Fes, Bou Inania Medersa, Ech Cherabliyin Mosque.

Full-day Meknes, Volubilis, Moulay Idriss 8 hrs.

Palace al-Hedim, Medersa Bou Inania, Bab Mansour, Mausoleum of Moulay Ismail, the holy city of Moulay Idriss and the ruins of Volubilis.



Photo: Simon Robinson, bottom left.

Argentina

BUENOS AIRES SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Visiting Plaza de Mayo, Colon Opera House, Cathedral, Palermo Gardens and "La Boca."

Full-day Fiesta Gaucha 8 hrs.

A real gaucho festival with songs, dances and Argentinean food.

Chile

SANTIAGO SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Pre-Columbian Art Museum, Santa Lucia Hill, Racetrack, San Cristobal Hill, and the residential districts.

Full-day Valparaiso/Vina del Mar 8 hrs.

Includes Victoria Square, Naval Academy, University of Santa Maria, Casino and beaches of Concon and Los Lilenes.

Full-day from Valparaiso to Santiago and return 8 hrs.

Pickup from cruise ship or hotel and drive via Concon and Los Lilenes to Santiago. Visit the famous Pre-Columbian Art Museum, Santa Lucia Hill, Presidential Palace, San Francisco Church and the residential areas. Return to Valparaiso.

Pier-Santiago-AP 8 hrs.

Peru

LIMA SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Visiting the Monastery of San Francisco, downtown areas, the residential districts of San Isidro and Miraflores, and the Casa Aliaga.

Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO SIGHTSEEING

Half-day City 4 hrs.

Copacabana beach, downtown Rio, the Museum of Arts, and cable car up to Sugar Loaf Mountain

Half-day Corcovado 4 hrs.

Leblon and Ipanema beaches, Dona Marta's Belvedere, Corcovado Hill and the Statue of Christ.

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