



# WORLDWIDE HOLIDAYS

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LATIN AMERICA | ASIA | AFRICA | EUROPE



I set up Llama Travel in 2002, with the aim of offering affordable holidays to Latin America. Since then, we have expanded to offer tours in five continents, all with the same focus on high quality at the lowest possible prices, and we are now recognised as one of the UK's leading specialist tour operators. The feedback we've received on our holidays has been excellent, and I'm pleased to share with you the reviews from customers who travelled in 2022 and 2023:



Covid showed the importance of picking the right tour operator, and has given us plenty of opportunity to do the right thing by our customers. We'd love to show you why you should choose Llama Travel for your next adventure.



**Luca Newbold**  
Founder



# 7 Reasons to Choose Llama Travel

**1** Our holidays really are better

99% of Llama Travel customers would recommend us, and customers who travelled in 2022 and 2023 rated their holidays 92 out of 100.

**2** We look after you, no matter what

We will be there to sort it out if something unexpected happens. Feedback from customers affected by covid was better than ever.

Torres del Paine National Park, Chile



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### **3** Your money is protected

Llama Travel holidays are ATOL protected, and we have strong financial reserves. During covid, we provided no-quibble refunds.

### **4** Our prices really are lower

If you can find a genuinely comparable holiday available at a better price elsewhere, we will reduce our price to beat it.

### **5** Speak to someone who's been there

Our staff have travelled to all our destinations, so wherever you want to go, you can speak to someone who has actually been there.

### **6** Pick exactly the holiday you want

We have over 70 itineraries in this brochure, and you can mix and match extensions to design your own holiday.

### **7** Our holidays give you more time

Llama Travel itineraries include more time at each destination than other operators. The difference is we don't charge you more.



# How Our Holidays Work

## Craft your ideal holiday in 5 steps

Probably the best way to describe our holidays is flexible tours, so you can choose where to visit by combining different extensions and excursions, and which hotels to stay in. In most cases, you will be with other Llama Travellers, but not necessarily the same people throughout. Excursions are usually taken in groups of around 10 - 15 people, with a maximum group size of 18.



Llamas and Alpacas grazing near Arequipa, Peru

### Step 1:

#### Choose your Destination

Choose from 23 countries with a range of departure dates. We also have itineraries that cover multiple countries, such as Best of Argentina and Chile.

e.g. We've chosen Incas and Conquistadors of Peru.



### Step 2:

#### Choose your Extensions

You can extend your holiday to include more destinations. Perhaps you want to finish your trip with a few days relaxing on the beach. Or visit another country entirely before you go home. **You can add as many extensions as you like.**

e.g. We've chosen the Lake Titicaca and Mancora Beach extensions.



### Step 3:

#### Choose your Excursions

We offer a range of excursions that you can add to your holiday. These can be city tours, game drives, nature hikes, and activities such as ziplining. Check the price box for savings on excursion packages!

e.g. We've chosen the Sacred Valley and the Short Inca Trail.







## Example Itinerary



### Incas & Conquistadors of Peru

- ② + Lake Titicaca
- + Mancora Beach

#### Excursions

- ③ Sacred Valley
- Short Inca Trail

#### Hotel Upgrades

- ④ Casa Andina Premium, Cusco

Call us or visit our website to craft your own custom itinerary!

### Step 4:

## Choose your Hotels

Our standard hotels are comfortable tourist class hotels, or you can upgrade to superior hotels, indicated with a 🌸 symbol. Check the price box for upgrade deals on multiple hotels!

e.g. We've chosen to upgrade to the Casa Andina Premium Cusco.



### Step 5:

## Enjoy your Holiday!

From here, you can sit back and look forward to your trip. If, before travel, you'd like to make any adjustments, such as adding extra nights, hotel upgrades, or more excursions, just let us know.

99% of customers who travelled with us said they would recommend us to a friend.



## Don't Take Our Word For It

We ask our customers to fill in a questionnaire at the end of their holiday and use this feedback to improve our holidays. We are happy to share their opinions with you. You can find their ratings for excursions and hotels throughout the brochure; just look for the blue bars:

■■■■■■■■■■ 99%

*"The holiday we booked with Llama Travel was an 11 out of 10. Great company!"*

Mr P, 2023



A woman wearing a vibrant, multi-colored patterned headscarf and a bright orange t-shirt is smiling as she waters a field of young green plants. She is holding a green hose that sprays water onto the plants. The background shows a clear blue sky and some trees in the distance.

# Responsible Tourism

Llama Travel recognises that tourism has a significant impact, both on the lives of local people and on the natural environment. When carried out sensitively, this impact can be positive, providing employment and income as well as encouraging the preservation of local resources and culture. The economic benefit comes more directly than most other forms of export; through restaurants, shops and other services supplied by locals.

Many countries visited by Llama Travel are developing, and to make a living, natural resources have always been exploited by locals, e.g. through logging in the Amazon rainforest. However, as tourism has become more important economically, there is a growing recognition of the need to preserve natural resources. This can be seen through the increasing number of eco-lodges, where many locals who once would have been involved in hunting or destruction of the forest are now involved in preservation.

## Practical ACTION

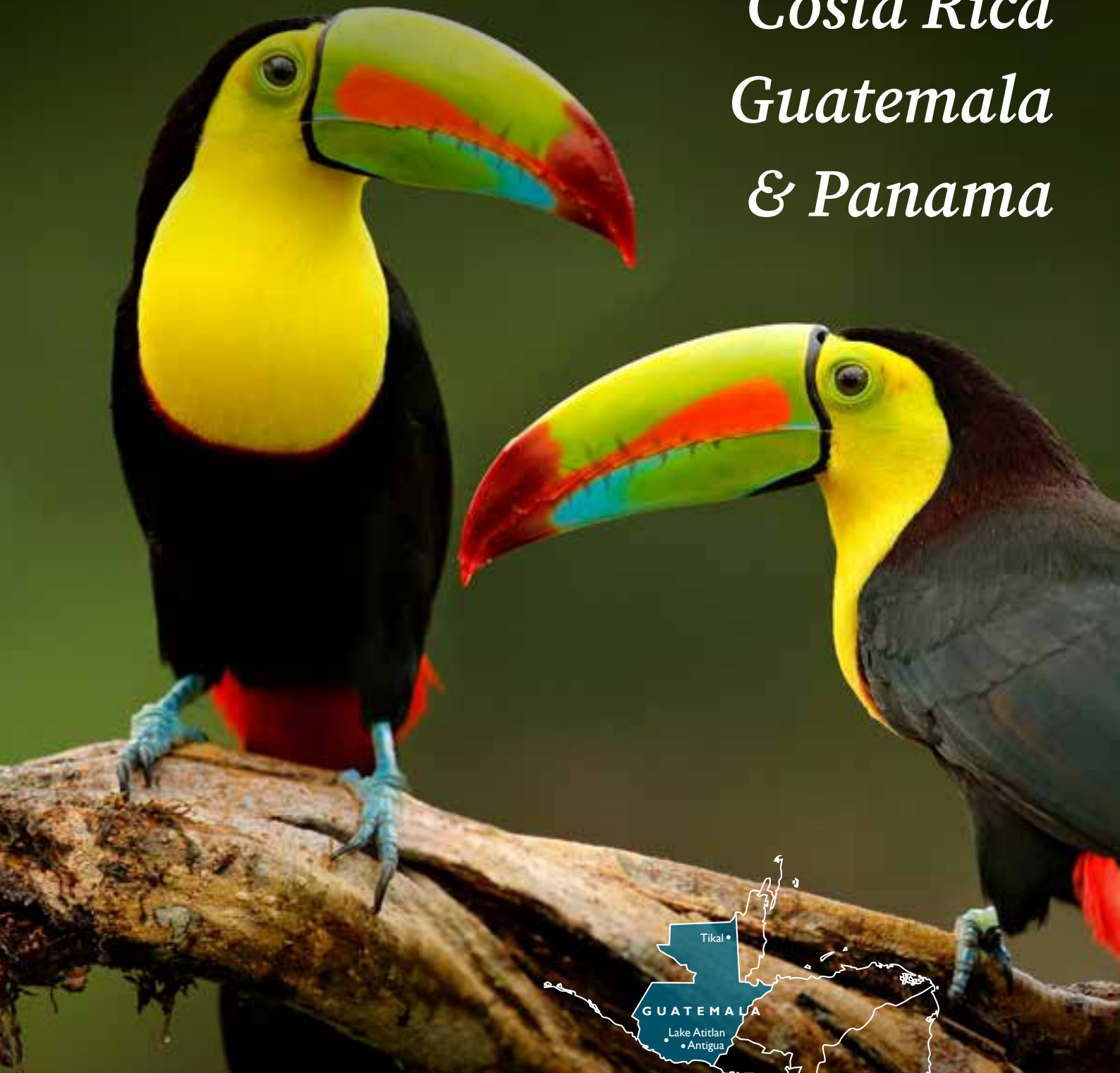
Llama Travel supports the work of Practical Action, a development organisation founded in the UK in 1965 by Fritz Schumacher, who coined the phrase 'small is beautiful' to describe the need to apply small-scale technology to reduce poverty. Practical Action helps people in local communities to develop ingenious, lasting and locally owned solutions for agriculture, water and waste management, climate resilience and clean energy. In this way, people in poverty can improve their lives. Llama Travel is particularly impressed with the way Practical Action operates, working with local people to develop appropriate solutions that have a long-term impact on their lives.

We know that flying creates carbon emissions, and many organisations offer carbon offsetting, with the going rate for a long-haul holiday being around £25. Whilst this is a valid option, we are less comfortable with this approach, as many of these organisations are commercial enterprises, and a lot of the activity undertaken is planting trees, the environmental benefit of which is disputed.

**If you would like to contribute your £25 carbon offset amount to Practical Action, please let us know. We will match your £25, so that Practical Action will receive double your contribution to developing renewable energy projects. Additionally, we will take £25 off the price of your next holiday with Llama Travel.**



# Costa Rica Guatemala & Panama



Costa Rica is one of the world's great ecological wonders, with smoking volcanoes, verdant rainforest, tropical beaches and wonderful cloud forest. The wildlife is abundant, with monkeys, sloths, iguanas, turtles and over 850 species of birds.

Nearby Guatemala is an incredibly diverse country, with fabulous Maya ruins in the rainforest, stunning lakes and volcanoes, traditional markets and cultures as well as beautiful colonial cities.

Panama is renowned for the Panama Canal, a great engineering feat, and its lovely old town.

Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Antigua (Guatemala)	Max/min temp (°C)	23/12	25/12	27/14	28/14	29/16	27/16	26/16	26/16	26/16	24/16	23/14	22/13
	Rainfall (cm)	8	3	13	31	15	27	20	20	23	17	2	8
San Jose (Costa Rica)	Max/min temp (°C)	24/14	24/14	26/15	26/16	27/17	26/17	25/17	25/16	25/16	25/16	25/16	24/14
	Rainfall (cm)	2	1	2	5	23	24	24	24	30	30	15	4
Manuel Antonio (Costa Rica)	Max/min temp (°C)	31/22	32/23	32/23	32/24	31/23	31/23	31/23	30/23	30/23	30/23	30/23	31/22
	Rainfall (cm)	5	3	4	16	39	42	44	47	54	53	35	16



# Best of Costa Rica

11 days/9 nights from £2399

## Hotels:

### PARK INN HOTEL, SAN JOSE

A comfortable hotel close to the centre of San Jose.

69%

### MARRIOTT, SAN JOSE

A spacious hacienda-style hotel set on an old 30-acre coffee plantation.

83%

### ANINGA LODGE, TORTUGUERO

Near the national park, within lush tropical gardens. Has ceiling fans and high ceilings.

81%

### MANATUS HOTEL, TORTUGUERO

A beautiful lodge with air conditioning. Excursions are taken in smaller groups than at the Aninga Lodge.

91%

### ARENAL MANOA, ARENAL

A relaxing hotel with lush gardens and natural hot spring jacuzzis.

91%

### HOTEL NAYARA, ARENAL



Individual casitas, each with a balcony overlooking the jungle.

95%

### VILLA BLANCA CLOUD FOREST

Nestled in a 2,000 acre private cloud forest reserve, with its own chapel and dairy farm.

68%

☼ = Superior Hotel (supplement payable)

## At a glance...

- Navigate the jungle waterways of Tortuguero on the Caribbean coast
- Explore the hanging bridges of Arenal and relax in hot springs
- Discover the diverse and thriving wildlife of the cloud forest
- Visit San Jose, the bustling, lively capital of Costa Rica

**Day 1 (Thu) San Jose** Fly from the UK to San Jose, where you are met and taken to your hotel (2 nights).

**Day 2 (Fri) San Jose** Take the optional Poas Volcano & Coffee Plantation excursion to visit the smoking crater, then explore a plantation to learn how coffee is produced. - B

**Day 3 (Sat) Tortuguero** A beautiful 4-hour coach journey through the Braulio Carrillo National Park, then take a 2-hour boat

ride to your jungle lodge in Tortuguero (2 nights). The boat cruises along jungle waterways inhabited by monkeys and varied birdlife. After lunch, you can visit the community of Tortuguero to learn about efforts to protect the turtles. - B,L,D

**Day 4 (Sun) Tortuguero** Explore the secondary canals of the jungle by canoe. At some periods of the year you can arrange a turtle-watching tour to see sea turtles arriving to lay eggs at night. - B,L,D



See the forest canopy from hanging bridges

## Optional Excursions

### POAS VOLCANO & COFFEE PLANTATION

Start with a visit to Poas Volcano, where you see the sulphur fumaroles of the main crater and the beautiful Botos Lagoon. Transfer to Doka Coffee Plantation for lunch and a tour of the farm where some of the world's finest coffee is produced. - L

### HANGING BRIDGES & HOT SPRINGS

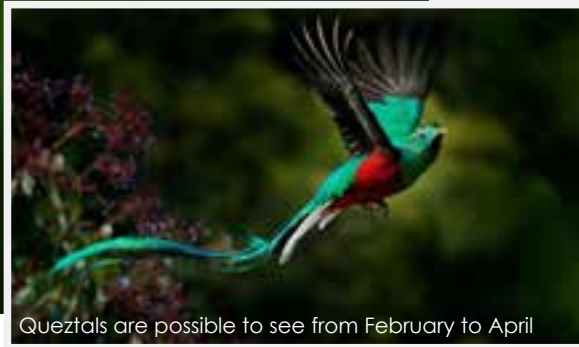
Visit Arenal's hanging bridges, that stretch across the jungle canopy. Look for monkeys, sloths and birds from this unique vantage point. Then head for the hot springs, where you can relax in volcanically heated rivers and pools. Remember to pack your swimwear! - D

80%





Arenal Volcano heats nearby hot springs



Red-eyed tree frog, Arenal

Quetzals are possible to see from February to April



**Day 5 (Mon) Arenal** A morning boat ride to Caño Blanco. After lunch, take a beautiful road journey, arriving in Arenal in the late afternoon, where you can enjoy views of the volcano (3 nights). - B,L

**Day 6 (Tue) Arenal** Take the optional Hanging Bridges & Hot Springs excursion to explore the forest on a canopy walking tour then relax in the hot springs. You can also take the optional Ziplining Adventure for something to get your heart racing. - B

**Day 7 (Wed) Arenal** Take the optional Chocolate & Waterfall excursion, where you explore the beautiful La Fortuna falls then learn how chocolate is grown and made. - B

**Day 8 (Thu) Los Angeles Cloud Forest** A final morning to enjoy the beautiful setting of Arenal. After lunch, take a two-hour transfer to Villa Blanca, a secluded hotel in

its own cloud forest reserve. - B

**Day 9 (Fri) Los Angeles Cloud Forest** In the morning, take the first part of the Villa Blanca Day & Night excursion. Have the rest of the day free to explore the trails on your own, before taking the second part of the optional excursion, spotting nocturnal species and fascinating nocturnal plants as you see how the cloud forest differs from night to day. If you are interested in seeing quetzals, you can take the Quetzal Tour. - B

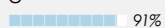
**Day 10 (Sat)** Travel two hours to San Jose airport for your overnight flight to the UK. - B

**Day 11 (Sun)** Arrival in the UK.

Extend your tour with a stay in Manuel Antonio Beach, Corcovado Coast, Pacuare Lodge, Guatemala or Panama. You can mix and match extensions to create your perfect holiday, see pages 10-14.

**ZIPLINING ADVENTURE**

Costa Rica is renowned for its ziplining and other canopy activities, and there's no better place to do this than Arenal's lush rainforest. Equipped with a harness, make your way through the jungle clearings, gliding on a series of cables from 25 to 750 metres long. A good level of fitness is required.



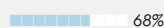
**CHOCOLATE & WATERFALLS**

Start the day by visiting an open-air butterfly garden and orchid trail, finishing at the La Fortuna Waterfall where you can swim in the natural pool. After lunch, enjoy a tour of a family-run organic chocolate farm, where you learn how chocolate is made. - L



**DAY & NIGHT CLOUD FOREST**

In the morning, get up close and personal with birds, monkeys, and amphibians in their natural habitat as you follow the trails in the mountain cloud forest. You then have the day free, before returning to the forest at dusk to watch the nocturnal wildlife emerge and the forest change appearance.



**QUETZAL TOUR & NIGHT WALK**

From February to April, visit a family farm where the elusive quetzal resides, taking a scenic journey through the cloud forest. Walk through the forest and try to spot quetzals and the 200 other bird species they share a home with. Return in the evening for a night walk through the forest. - L

*"A really wonderful holiday."*

Mrs B, 2023

**SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW**  
See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

*Prices Per Person*

2023		2024	
Nov 2	£2449	Mar 7	£2429
Nov 23	£2479	Mar 14	£2429
Nov 30	£2529	Mar 21	£2799
2024		Mar 28	£2799
Jan 4	£2429	Apr 4	£2399
Jan 11	£2429	Apr 11	£2399
Jan 18	£2549	Jul 25	£2749
Jan 25	£2429	Aug 1	£2749
Feb 1	£2459	Aug 8	£2749
Feb 8	£2529	Nov 7	£2499
Feb 15	£2459	Nov 14	£2529
Feb 22	£2459	Nov 21	£2499
Feb 29	£2429	Nov 28	£2449

2023 Single Sup. £600    2024 Single Sup. £650  
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures

**Hotel Upgrades**

<b>San Jose</b>	Marriott	£120	(£240 single)
<b>Tortuguero</b>	Manatus	£330	(£330 single)
<b>Arenal</b>	Nayara	£450	(£900 single)

**Special offer:**  
All three from just **£749** (£1289 single)

Hotel prices vary. Ask us or see our website for details.

**Optional Excursions**

Poas Volcano & Coffee Plantation	£160
Hanging Bridges & Hot Springs	£125
Day & Night Cloud Forest	£75

**Special offer:**  
All three above for just **£319**

Chocolate & Waterfall	£85
Ziplining Adventure	£85
Quetzal Tour & Night Walk	£250

**IMPORTANT:** please read pages 114-115 before booking



# Extensions to Costa Rica



## Manuel Antonio Beach

3 nights from £489

Manuel Antonio



Hummingbird



Spot capuchin monkeys

End your holiday in Costa Rica with 3 days on the Pacific coast, exploring the country's smallest national park and enjoying the fabulous beaches and hotel pool. Manuel Antonio is our most popular Costa Rica extension and for good reason.

Costa Rica's stunning Pacific coast, with wonderful beaches fringed with tropical forest, is a great option for a beach extension to your holiday. In Manuel Antonio, the verdant hills roll into the ocean, with white sandy beaches and warm waters for swimming.

The Manuel Antonio National Park is 10 minutes from the Hotel Parador. The smallest park in Costa Rica, it's only 6 square miles, with jungle wildlife including sloths, coatis, monkeys, toucans and macaws. Trails are well maintained, and guided tours are available locally, or you can wander on your own.

There are many beaches close to the Hotel Parador. The closest is a sandy cove 5 minutes walk down (and back up!) a track. The hotel is located on the densely-forested Punta Quepos peninsula, with stunning views across the Pacific Ocean. It has three swimming pools, tennis courts, a spa, several restaurants and a bar. Rooms have air conditioning, terraces and en-suite bathrooms, and premium rooms look towards the ocean. The nearby town of Quepos has some good restaurants and bars and you can arrange sports fishing tours. Snorkelling excursions, ocean kayaking, mangrove tours and canopy tours are also available.



Manuel Antonio National Park

**Day 1-9** Follow itinerary on page 8.

**Day 10 Manuel Antonio (Sat)** In the morning, transfer from Villa Blanca to Manuel Antonio. The journey takes around four hours. Spend the afternoon relaxing and settling in to your hotel. - B

**Day 11 Manuel Antonio (Sun)** During your stay at Manuel Antonio you are entirely at your leisure. The hotel runs free shuttle buses to the national park where the best beaches are, or you can enjoy the hotel's verdant grounds. - B

**Day 12 Manuel Antonio (Mon)** A further full day to explore Manuel Antonio, perhaps taking one of the well-maintained jungle trails to search for sloths, coatis, toucans and macaws. - B

**Day 13 San Jose (Tue)** Drive from Manuel Antonio to San Jose for your overnight flight to the UK

**Day 14 (Wed)** Arrive in the UK



### Hotel:

#### HOTEL PARADOR

A beautiful Mediterranean-style hotel in 5 hectares of gardens and private rainforest.

92%

Prices Per Person			
Manuel Antonio Beach			
Hotel Parador	3 nights	each extra night	single suppl. per night
Garden Room	£489	£150	£150
Premium Room	£594	£185	£185

*Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details*





# Corcovado Coast

4 nights from £1799

Scarlet Macaw

Enjoy Corcovado's rugged coastline

Green Iguana

Located on the remote Osa Peninsula, the Corcovado National Park is one of the most pristine and spectacular areas in Costa Rica. The lush rainforest descends to the ocean and is one of the most biodiverse areas in the world, and is home to jaguars, tapirs, scarlet macaws, howler monkeys and more. Getting here is part of the adventure, as there are no roads, so the only access is by boat.

**Day 1-9** Follow itinerary on page 8.

**Day 10 Corcovado (Sat)** Fly from San Jose to Drake Bay then take boat journey to your lodge. Arrive in time for lunch, then perhaps go swimming or snorkelling at a nearby beach. -B,L,D

**Day 11 Corcovado (Sun)** Take a guided tour of Corcovado National Park, keeping an eye out for monkeys and exotic birdlife. Cool off in a shaded pool before lunch. -B,L,D

**Day 12 Corcovado (Mon)** Take a boat trip to Caño Island, from where you can snorkel in the coral reefs, perhaps spotting parrot fish, turtles and manta rays. Then return to the lodge and maybe

go birdwatching, relax on the beaches near the hotel, or try kayaking. -B,L,D

**Day 13 San Jose (Tue)** Fly from Drake Bay to San Jose, where you spend your final night. -B

**Days 14 - 15 (Wed - Thu)** Fly overnight to the UK, arriving the following day.

If you take the Corcovado Coast extension after Manuel Antonio, you will drive from Manuel Antonio to Palmar Sur and take a boat transfer to Corcovado.



Hang out with three-toed sloths



## Lodge:

### AGUILA DE OSA

On the edge of the national park with picturesque views of Drake Bay. The rooms have high ceilings and ceiling fans. All meals are included.

## Prices Per Person

### Corcovado Coast

(4 nights)

£1799 (£2149 single)

*This extension includes 3 nights in Corcovado and 1 night in San Jose*

### Manuel Antonio + Corcovado Coast

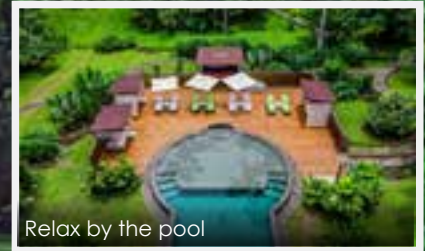
(7 nights)

£2149 (£2849 single)

*Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details*



# Extensions to Costa Rica



Tucked away on the riverbank overlooking the spectacular Pacuare River, within 25,000 acres of pristine rainforest, the multi award-winning eco-lodge is one of the National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. Access only by white-water raft or 4x4 vehicle.

**Day 1 (Mon) San Jose** Fly from the UK to San Jose, where you are met and taken to your hotel.

**Day 2 (Tue) San Jose** Optional Poas Volcano & Coffee excursion. - B

**Day 3 (Wed) Pacuare** An early start for the 2.5 hour drive through the countryside, stopping en route for a traditional Costa Rican breakfast. Climb aboard the white-water raft for an exhilarating 1.5 hour ride down the river, arriving at the lodge in time for lunch. Soak up the peaceful surroundings or take an excursion, then sit down to a candlelit dinner. - B, L, D

**Day 4 (Thu) Pacuare** Choose from birdwatching, rainforest hikes, local community visits or more adventurous activities, such as ziplining, or spend the day at the spa and by the pool. - B, L, D

**Day 5 (Fri) Pacuare** After breakfast, leave the lodge on a white-water raft and ride past waterfalls, canyons and rainforest for 2.5 hours. Have a deli-style lunch on the riverbank then transfer to San Jose, arriving in the evening.

**Day 6 - Day 16** Follow itinerary on page 8 from day 3.

Please ask us if you would like additional nights in Pacuare.



*“Pacuare Lodge is a phenomenal place. The people there are amazing, so kind, helpful, funny and passionate about the place. The location is wonderful. I couldn’t recommend it enough.”*

Mrs J, 2023

## Lodge:



### PACUARE LODGE

Pacuare Lodge's spacious garden suites include a private terrace that opens to a landscape of native bush gardens and a wall of thick rainforest. Each room has a well-appointed king-sized bed with Italian linens and Egyptian cotton. The en-suite bathroom offers panoramic view of the surrounding jungle, and there is a private alfresco heated shower nearby. Excursions are included and can be chosen from a menu of options.

97%

## Prices Per Person

### Pacuare Lodge

(3 nights)

**£1399** (£1799 single)

This extension includes 2 nights in Pacuare and 1 night in San Jose  
If taking the San Jose & Coffee Plantation excursion, add £100 to the excursion price

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details





# Panama City & Canal

3 nights from £599



Panama City skyline



The National Theatre

Panama City, capital of the Republic of Panama, is best known for its historic canal, which connects the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean sea. The Canal affects many aspects of the city, from the architecture of the old town to the continuing financial prosperity of Panama City.

**Days 1 - 9** Follow itinerary on page 8.

**Day 10 Panama City (Sat)** Fly to Panama City, where you are met and taken to your hotel (3 nights). - B

**Day 11 Panama City (Sun)** Today, visit the iconic canal on a half day city tour. First, head to the Miraflores Lock and visitor center and witness the ocean liners and cargo ships travelling through the canal and learn about its construction and current-day significance. Then visit Casco Viejo, Panama City's old town. Stroll the cobbled streets taking in the area's lovely old architecture and iconic buildings. Return to your hotel and enjoy a free afternoon. - B

**Day 12 Panama City (Mon)** Enjoy a free day in Panama City to explore at your leisure, or take a day trip to one of the interesting locations just outside of the city. Perhaps take a boat ride on the canal itself on the Partial Panama Canal Transit excursion. - B

**Days 13 (Tue)** Fly overnight to the UK.

**Days 14 (Wed)** Arrive in the UK.

*This extension can also be taken at the start of your Costa Rica holiday - Additional nights may be required.*



Explore the picturesque streets of the old town

## Optional Excursion

### PARTIAL PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT

Take a boat ride through the locks to experience first-hand how the canal system functions. Set sail from the Flamenco Marina, enjoying great views before finishing in Gamboa, where you are transferred back to Panama City. This excursion departs most Fridays and Saturdays. A full canal transit is available on some dates. - L



## Hotels:

### LE MERIDIEN

A sleek modern hotel overlooking the new and old quarters of the city. There is a rooftop pool terrace with views over the city.



### CENTRAL HOTEL

At 150 years old, the Central is Panama City's oldest hotel, and has plenty of character. There is a rooftop pool and bar.

 = Superior Hotel

## Prices Per Person

### Panama City & Canal

(3 nights)

**£599** (£899 single)

An extra charge may be payable for rearranging flights to / from Panama

### Hotels Upgrade

Central Hotel

**£120** (£240 single)

### Excursion

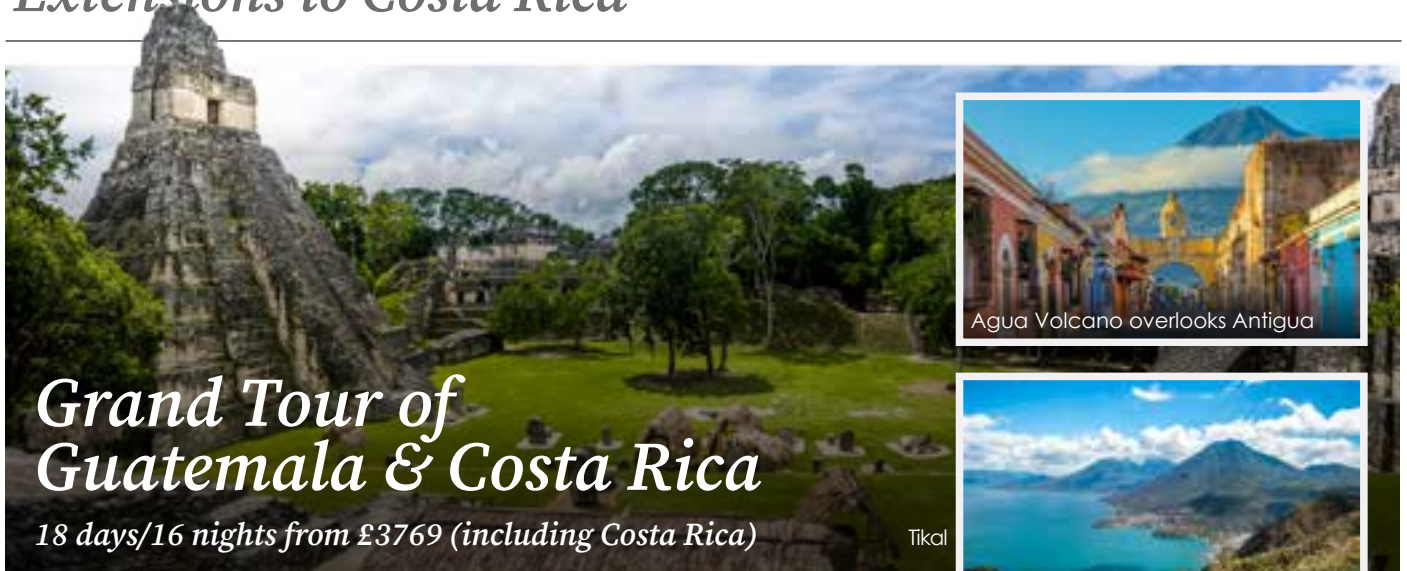
Partial Panama Canal Transit

**£230**

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details



# Extensions to Costa Rica



## Grand Tour of Guatemala & Costa Rica

18 days/16 nights from £3769 (including Costa Rica)

Combine the natural beauty of Costa Rica with a trip to Guatemala, land of ancient Maya temples, colourful colonial cities, and fiery active volcanoes.

**Day 1 (Thu) Antigua** Fly from the UK to Guatemala City, where you are met and taken to your hotel in Antigua (2 nights).

**Day 2 (Fri) Antigua** Take the optional Colonial Antigua excursion to explore the ancient monuments of this beautiful city. - B

**Day 3 (Sat) Lake Atitlan** A beautiful 3-hour road journey takes you to Lake Atitlan. Cross the lake and visit some of the villages on the shore, including San Juan La Laguna and Santiago Atitlan. See the home of the local saint Maximon before continuing to your hotel near Panajachel (2 nights). - B, L

**Day 4 (Sun) Lake Atitlan** Take the optional Chichicastenango Market excursion to the colourful market town, or enjoy another day at the lake. - B

**Day 5 (Mon) Flores** A free morning to enjoy the beautiful views, before a 3-hour drive to Guatemala City, from where you fly to Flores on Lake Peten Itza (2 nights). - B

**Day 6 (Tue) Flores** A full day tour of Tikal, possibly the most impressive of all Maya sites. Drive around the lake before arriving at the ruins to observe this jungle-clad labyrinth temples and palaces. - B, L

**Day 7 (Wed) Guatemala City** Take the optional Maya Yaxha excursion or return to Tikal to explore further. Evening flight to Guatemala City (1 night). - B

**Day 8 - 18** Fly to San Jose in Costa Rica and follow the itinerary on page 8.

### Hotels:

#### HOTEL EL MESON DE MARIA, ANTIGUA

A comfortable colonial-style hotel in the heart of Antigua.

#### CASA SANTO DOMINGO, ANTIGUA

A beautiful converted monastery with its own museum.

#### VILLA SANTA CATARINA, ATITLAN

On the shores of the lake within lush gardens.

#### HOTEL ATITLAN

On the shores of Lake Atitlan with gardens, pool and jacuzzi.

#### HOTEL VILLA MAYA, FLORES

Set in a private reserve on the shores of 2 lagoons.

#### BARCELO, GUATEMALA CITY

Close to the airport with a gym, pool and restaurant.

#### WESTIN CAMINO REAL, GUATEMALA CITY

Grand hotel close to the airport with heated pool.

☼ = Superior Hotel



Agua Volcano overlooks Antigua



Lake Atitlan

## Optional Excursions

### COLONIAL ANTIGUA

An afternoon tour of the colonial centre of Antigua, visiting charming churches, peaceful convents and cobbled market streets.

### CHICHICASTENANGO MARKET

Tour one of the most vibrant markets in Latin America, where villagers sell food, flowers, textiles and handicrafts. Afterwards, visit the Santo Tomas Church where Maya-Quiche rituals are conducted. - L

### MAYA YAXHA

An important Mayan site that's lesser known than Tikal, and has stunning views over lagoons and jungles. Explore the impressive pyramids and temples before lunch in a local restaurant. - L

### SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

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#### Prices Per Person

2023		2024	
Nov 23	<b>£3769</b>	Feb 22	<b>£3819</b>
2024		Mar 14	<b>£3819</b>
Jan 11	<b>£3819</b>	Oct 31	<b>£3819</b>
Feb 1	<b>£3819</b>	Nov 21	<b>£3819</b>
2023 Single Sup.	£900	2024 Single Sup.	£950

Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures

#### Hotel Upgrades

<b>Antigua</b>	Santo Domingo	<b>£100</b>	(£200 single)
<b>Atitlan</b>	Atitlan	<b>£110</b>	(£190 single)
<b>Guatemala City</b>	Westin	<b>£60</b>	(£90 single)

#### Special offer:

Upgrade in Antigua, Atitlan, Guatemala City, San Jose, Tortuguero & Arenal from only **£1039** (£1739 single sup.)  
(see page 8 for Costa Rica superior hotels)

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details.

#### Optional Excursions

Colonial Antigua	<b>£95</b>
Chichicastenango Market	<b>£100</b>
Maya Yaxha	<b>£100</b>

#### Special offer:

All three plus Poas Volcano & Coffee Plantation, Hanging Bridges & Hot Springs, and Day & Night Cloud Forest for just **£599**

IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking



# Mexico



Mexico is perhaps best known to holidaymakers for its Caribbean coastline of soft, white-sand beaches running for miles alongside azure waters, as well as its food, featuring among the most popular cuisines in the world.

You can also get lost in the spellbinding mythology of the resilient stone structures built by the Maya in stunning jungle settings, and even today, customs originating in the pre-Hispanic era are practised in small pockets of Mexico.

Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mexico City	Max/min temp (°C)	21/5	22/6	24/7	25/10	25/11	24/12	22/12	23/12	23/12	23/10	22/7	20/5
	Rainfall (cm)	1	2	1	2	3	4	6	4	9	2	2	1
San Cristobal	Max/min temp (°C)	20/15	21/15	22/16	22/16	23/17	25/19	28/21	29/21	28/22	26/20	24/18	22/16
	Rainfall (cm)	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	4
Cancun	Max/min temp (°C)	28/21	29/21	30/22	32/23	33/24	33/25	33/25	34/25	33/25	31/24	30/23	28/21
	Rainfall (cm)	4	5	4	3	3	11	11	18	27	18	10	9





# A Passage Through Mexico

13 days/11 nights from £2869

## Hotels:

### ZOCALO CENTRAL, MEXICO CITY

On the main square, with a rooftop restaurant looking over the historic centre.

93%

### GRAN HOTEL, MEXICO CITY

An elegant, historical hotel on the main square with three restaurants.

### CASA VIEJA, SAN CRISTOBAL

An historic building in central San Cristobal, furnished in the regional style.

60%

### CASA DEL ALMA, SAN CRISTOBAL

This characterful hotel with spacious rooms, and light airy common areas.

94%

### CHAN-KAH RESORT, PALENQUE

On the road between the town and ruins, this hotel has two outdoor pools.

68%

### QUINTA CHA NAB NAL, PALENQUE

A beautiful hotel situated 3km from Palenque in a jungle setting.

93%

### NH COLLECTION, MERIDA

In downtown Merida, a stone's throw from the tree-lined Paseo Montejo avenue.

69%

### CASA LECANDA, MERIDA

A characterful boutique hotel in the historical centre of town with a lovely patio, a small pool and a tequila bar.

### PRESIDENTE INTERCONTINENTAL, CANCUN

On the beach in a relaxed part of Cancun's hotel zone.

89%

🌟 = Superior Hotel

## At a glance...

- Dance in time with a mariachi band in Mexico City
- Visit traditional communities in San Cristobal de las Casas
- Explore Palenque in the jungle, one of the most impressive Maya sites
- Visit Merida and Chichen Itza in the sultry Yucatan Peninsula

**Day 1 (Thu) Mexico City** Fly from the UK to Mexico City, where you are met and taken to your hotel (3 nights).

**Day 2 (Fri) Mexico City** Take the optional Mexico City Walking Tour and Lucha Libre Wrestling excursions to get a feel for the history and local culture of the capital. - B

**Day 3 (Sat) Mexico City** Travel out of Mexico City and see breathtaking panoramas on the optional Pyramids of Teotihuacan excursion. Enjoy far-reaching views by climbing the

ancient city's enormous pyramid temples. On the return journey, stop at the pilgrimage site of the Basilica of Guadalupe. Alternatively, take the Monarch Butterfly excursion for January & February departures. - B

**Day 4 (Sun) San Cristobal** Fly to Tuxtla Gutierrez and drive to the Sumidero Canyon, where you have lunch before taking a boat ride through the steep-sided gorge. Then continue to San Cristobal de las Casas, where you have a free evening to explore the colonial city (2 nights). - B,L

## Optional Excursions

### MEXICO CITY WALKING TOUR

Begin in the Zocalo, the enormous main square, and admire Diego Rivera's fabulous murals in the National Palace. Pass the cathedral and the Templo Mayor Aztec ruins, then head the San Juan Market, stopping by a pastry shop en route. Try tacos and other snacks from the stalls then perhaps visit a historic artisan sweet shop.

79%

### PYRAMIDS OF TEOTIHUACAN

Travel a short distance out of Mexico City to Teotihuacan, once one of the most influential ceremonial centres in the western hemisphere. Walk the Avenue of the Dead and climb the Pyramid of the Sun, which gazes over the Pyramid of the Moon. After lunch, visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, an important pilgrimage site. - L

97%

### MONARCH BUTTERFLY RESERVE

From December to February, Piedra Herrada plays host to millions of migrating monarch butterflies. Start with an uphill walk through the forest to the butterfly hibernation spot, where you have time to observe and take photos. Descend and enjoy lunch, before visiting the picturesque lakeside town of Valle de Bravo. Return to Mexico City in the evening. - L

99%

### LUCHA LIBRE WRESTLING

Discover Mexico City's most colourful spectacle on this exciting evening at the Arena Mexico. Lucha Libre is a way of life for many locals, second only to football. Watch wrestlers dressed as colourful superheroes fight inside the ring. After the show, visit a local 'pulqueria' to try a traditional pre-Hispanic drink.





Teotihuacan



Basilica de Guadalupe, Mexico City



Sumidero Canyon



**Day 5 (Mon) San Cristobal** Take the optional Maya Villages excursion in the morning, which begins with a walking tour of the highlights of San Cristobal before visiting two Maya communities where ancient rituals are practiced on a daily basis. - B

**Day 6 (Tue) Palenque** An early departure for a full-day journey descending to Palenque in the Chiapas jungle. On the way, stop at the lovely Roberto Barrios waterfalls, where you can swim in the jungle-fringed pools, then continue to your hotel in the town of Palenque (3 nights). - B, L

**Day 7 (Wed) Palenque** A morning visit to the amazing ruins of Palenque, one of the most important Maya sites, where you have a guided tour of the jungle-surrounded temples. Then enjoy a free afternoon. - B

**Day 8 (Thu) Palenque** See rare Maya friezes in their original painted colours on the

optional Jungle Temples of Bonampak and Yaxchilan excursion. These two sites hidden deep in the jungle are reached by road and boat. - B

**Day 9 (Fri) Merida** Take a full day road journey to Merida, with a late lunch in Campeche, arriving in the evening. - B, L

**Day 10 (Sat) Merida** Take the optional Merida Walking Tour for an insight into one of Mexico's most interesting cities, including visits to San Ildefonso Cathedral, Casa de Montejo and Lucas Galvez market. - B

**Day 11 (Sun) Chichen Itza - Cancun** Drive to Chichen Itza, one of the great Maya cities, for a tour of the archaeological site. You have lunch and time for a swim at a beautiful cenote, then transfer for two hours to Cancun on the glittering Caribbean coast (1 night). - B, L

**Day 12 (Mon)** Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time to unwind by the hotel's pool or on the gorgeous beach. Please ask us if you would like to extend your stay here. Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. - B

**Day 13 (Tue)** Arrival in the UK.

Extend your holiday with a trip to the Riviera Maya coast or the city of Oaxaca. See page 18.

*"A fabulous holiday, would recommend."*

Mrs T, 2023

### MAYA VILLAGES

This half-day excursion begins with a walking tour of historical San Cristobal, passing the Santo Domingo church. Then drive to two Tzotzil Maya communities, where the villagers wear unique clothing and remain detached from the outside world. Villagers practice customs based on a blend of catholic and ancient Maya beliefs.



### BONAMPAK & YAXCHILAN

Yaxchilan and Bonampak are two well-preserved complexes in the Chiapas jungle, famed for their ornamentation and murals. Depart early from Palenque, travelling by road, and taking a boat on the River Usumacinta to Yaxchilan. Explore the interior of the Temple of Murals at Bonampak, where friezes tell of life in ancient times. - L



Lucha Libre wrestling

### MERIDA WALKING TOUR

Explore the charming city of Merida, one of Mexico's most interesting cities, that boasts a rich, cultural heritage. This half-day walking tour visits pre-Spanish conquest architecture that still remains today, including Paseo de Montejo Boulevard, San Ildefonso Cathedral & Lucas Galvez Market, filled with culinary treats and beautiful flavours.



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### Prices Per Person

2024			
Jan 11	£2869	Apr 11	£2919
Feb 1	£2919	Jul 25	£3349
Feb 29	£2869	Nov 7	£2899
2024 Single Sup. £625			
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures			

Hotel Upgrades			
<b>Mex. City</b>	Gran Hotel	£120	(£240 single)
<b>S. Cristobal</b>	Casa Alma	£140	(£280 single)
<b>Palenque</b>	Cha Nab Nal	£210	(£420 single)
<b>Merida</b>	Lecanda	£180	(£360 single)

**Special offer:**  
All three from just **£629** (£1259 single)

Optional Excursions	
Mexico City Walking Tour	£50
Pyramids of Teotihuacan	£100
Maya Villages	£65
Bonampak & Yaxchilan	£195
Merida Walking Tour	£35

**Special offer:**  
All five above from just **£399**

Monarch Butterfly Reserve	£250
Lucha Libre Wrestling	£120

IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking



# Extensions to Mexico



## Riviera Maya Beach

3 nights from £499

If you want to extend your holiday in Mexico, the perfect place to unwind is on the stunning Caribbean coast of the Riviera Maya.

The Mahekal Resort Hotel is in Playa del Carmen, midway down the Riviera Maya Coast. This cheerful town has plenty of restaurants, bars and shops but as your hotel is on the edge of town, it is easy to escape to the idyllic beaches nearby. This tropical-style hotel has 2 pools, a jacuzzi, 2 restaurants, 3 bars and a spa. The rooms are in small buildings throughout the grounds with private terraces and hammocks. Agencies in Playa del Carmen can arrange trips to nearby archaeological sites like Tulum and Coba, and outdoor activities like ziplining or snorkelling.

**Days 1 - 11 (Thu - Sun)** Follow the itinerary on page 16.

**Day 12 (Mon)** A free day to recline on the beach or by the hotel pool. Perhaps visit Isla Cozumel, an island just across the bay which is known for its excellent scuba diving and snorkelling. You could also arrange an excursion to the archaeological sites of Coba or Tulum, a picturesque archaeological complex right on the beach. - B, D

**Day 13 (Tue)** Another free to relax on the beach. There are many sights to see in the surrounding region, including water and land-based activity centres where you can snorkel in underground rivers and caves, swim in cenotes, try adventure activities such as abseiling and zip-lines. - B, D

**Day 14 (Wed)** A final morning on the Riviera Maya. Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK. - B

**Day 15 (Thu)** Arrive in the UK.



### Hotel:

#### MAHEKAL RESORT

On the beach, 10-minutes from the centre of town with 2 pools, a jacuzzi, 2 restaurants and a spa. Half Board.

93%

### Prices Per Person

#### Riviera Maya

(3 nights)

£499 (£829 single)

Ask us for additional nights or partial ocean view rooms

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details



## Flavours of Oaxaca

4 nights from £749

Get a feel for Mexico's heartland by visiting Oaxaca, with leafy squares, centuries-old buildings, a prominent arts scene, and some of Mexico's best food.

**Days 1-3 (Mon - Wed)** Follow itinerary on page 16.

**Day 4 (Thu) Oaxaca** Fly from Mexico City to Oaxaca. Spend the afternoon exploring this charming city on your own (3 nights). - B

**Day 5 (Fri) Oaxaca** A food-focused morning tour of Oaxaca, visiting the market, where you see, and perhaps try, fruits, vegetables, coffee, chocolate and even insects! Walk around the historic centre to explore Santo Domingo Church, the cathedral and theatre. - B

**Day 6 (Sat) Oaxaca** Free day, or perhaps take the optional Mountains of Oaxaca excursion to explore the communities and sights in the surrounding mountains. - B

**Days 7 - 16 (Sun - Tue)** Fly to Tuxtla Gutierrez, via Mexico City, then follow itinerary on page 16 from day 4. - B

## Optional Excursion

### MOUNTAINS OF OAXACA

Drive into the mountains to the natural springs of Hierve el Agua, an enormous 'frozen waterfall' rock formation, where you can bathe in the natural pools. Continue to a rural mezcal liquor distillery and explore stepped pyramids at the Zapotec ruins of Mitla. After lunch, visit Teotitlan del Valle, known for its beautiful woven goods. - L

## Hotels:

### PARADOR SAN MIGUEL

A colonial-style hotel in the heart of the city centre, with simple attractive rooms.

83%

### DE LA PARRA

Close to the main square, with colonial-style rooms, a courtyard and pool.

☛ = Superior Hotel

### Prices Per Person

#### Flavours of Oaxaca

(3 nights)

£749 (£999 Single)

#### Hotel Upgrades

De la Parra **£180** (£360 single)

#### Optional Excursions

Mountains of Oaxaca **£180**

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details



# Peru



Peru is best known for its ancient cultures, especially the Incas, who dominated much of South America until the arrival of the Spanish Conquistadors in the 16th century. Today, Peru is a fascinating blend of local tradition and European influence.

The Andes run the full length of the country, rising to almost 7,000 metres, and separate the arid coastal strip from the lush rainforest. Over 80% of the world's different ecosystems are represented in Peru, more than any other country.



Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Lima	Max/min temp (°C)	26/19	27/20	26/19	24/18	22/16	20/15	19/15	18/15	19/15	20/15	22/16	24/18
	Rainfall (cm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cusco	Max/min temp (°C)	19/7	19/7	19/6	20/5	20/3	20/0	19/0	20/2	20/4	21/6	21/6	21/6
	Rainfall (cm)	16	13	11	4	1	1	1	1	1	5	8	12





# Incas & Conquistadors

12 days/10 nights from £2149

## Hotels:

### HOLIDAY INN MIRAFLORES, LIMA

A modern hotel set in Lima's vibrant Miraflores district.

*In 2023, Casa Andina Select Miraflores is used.*

### AC BY MARRIOTT, LIMA

A stylish hotel in Miraflores with comfortable rooms and a rooftop restaurant.

94%

### HOTEL LOS PORTALES, CUSCO

A comfortable hotel located opposite the Inca Temple of the Sun.

70%

### CASA ANDINA PREMIUM, CUSCO



A restored colonial mansion with lovely public areas and 3 interior patios.

80%

### INKATERRA HACIENDA URUBAMBA, SACRED VALLEY



A sleek and spacious hotel set in picturesque corner of the Sacred Valley with stunning views of the surrounding hills.

99%

*This is the hotel used for Two Nights in The Sacred Valley*

🌟 = Superior Hotel (supplement payable)

## At a glance...

- Enjoy the mountain scenery, ancient ruins and traditions of Cusco
- A variety of options to visit Machu Picchu by train or on foot
- Choose to stay overnight in the Sacred Valley of the Incas
- Take in the culture and restaurant scene of the Peruvian capital Lima

**Day 1 (Sun) Lima** Fly from the UK to Lima. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (2 nights).

**Day 2 (Mon) Lima** Take the optional Colonial Lima excursion to discover the city's fascinating past. - B

**Day 3 (Tue) Cusco** Morning flight to Cusco. Afternoon free to help you acclimatise to the altitude (7 nights). - B

**Day 4 (Wed) Cusco** Optional Inca Cusco

excursion to explore the Inca sites in and around this historic city. - B

**Day 5 (Thu) Cusco or Sacred Valley** Take the optional Sacred Valley excursion, visiting Chinchero village and the Inca ruins at Ollantaytambo. You can also extend your stay by taking the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion, spending two nights in a Sacred Valley hotel. - B

**Day 6 (Fri) Cusco or Sacred Valley** Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred



Sacred Valley

## Optional Excursions

### COLONIAL LIMA

This half-day tour begins with a visit to the pre-Inca site of Huaca Pucllana, then drive to the colonial heart of Lima to visit the cathedral, where the conquistador Francisco Pizarro is buried. Enter the macabre catacombs of San Francisco before returning to modern Miraflores.

84%

### INCA CUSCO

A half-day tour of the most important Inca sites in and around Cusco. Start by wandering the stalls of the colourful San Pedro Market, then visit Qoricancha, the most sacred building in the Inca Empire. You also visit Sacsayhuaman, site of a fierce battle between the Incas and the Spanish.

87%





Get to know the locals in Peru



Cusco



Valley excursion, visiting the Maras salt pans, Moray and Misminay before spending a second night in the valley. Alternatively, spend a free day in Cusco. - B

**Day 7 (Sat) Cusco or Machu Picchu** Take the optional Machu Picchu excursion, starting with a magical train ride, followed by a guided visit to the ruins. Evening return to Cusco or spend a night here and return on Sunday. You can also take the Short Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu. - B

**Day 8 (Sun) Cusco** If you spend a night at Machu Picchu or walk the Short Inca Trail, today you can further explore Machu Picchu, returning to Cusco in the evening. Otherwise, have a free day in Cusco. - B

**Day 9 (Mon) Cusco** Free day in Cusco. Get to know the city better; explore some of the Inca sites or try one of the many adventure sports on offer. - B

**Day 10 (Tue) Lima** Flight to Lima, with time to go shopping in fashionable Miraflores or perhaps try one of the city's many excellent seafood restaurants (1 night). - B

**Day 11 (Wed)** Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK. - B

**Day 12 (Thu)** Arrival in the UK.

To extend your trip to Lake Titicaca, The Amazon, Colca Canyon and more, see pages 23-34. You can even combine with the Galapagos, Bolivia or Argentina & Brazil.

*"Peru has been absolutely marvellous, a dream trip. The organisation was outstanding."*

Mrs H, 2023

*"Holiday was fantastic overall. Very smooth, no issues, transfers superb, guides amazing."*

Mr C, 2023

**See overleaf for Machu Picchu Excursions >**

### SACRED VALLEY

A full day excursion in the Sacred Valley. Visit the colonial village and archaeological ruins at Chinchero, with great views of patchwork fields. After lunch in a country restaurant, continue to the superb Inca ruins at Ollantaytambo, and a visit to the fascinating 'living Inca town'. - L

93%

### PERU ON A PLATE

Learn how to cook a traditional Peruvian fare, starting at the food market, where colourful fresh ingredients are sold. Head back to the kitchen for a fruit tasting, then take part in a cookery class where you prepare and eat a sumptuous three-course meal. - L

95%

### TWO NIGHTS IN THE SACRED VALLEY

Spend more time in the Sacred Valley on this 2-night excursion. Instead of returning to Cusco after the Sacred Valley excursion, you are taken to an attractive hotel in the heart of the valley, where you can enjoy the evening relaxing in the gardens. Set out the next morning to explore the terraced salt evaporation ponds of Maras before continuing to Moray, huge circular terraces used by the Incas as an experimental agricultural centre. Then visit the Andean community of Misminay, where locals prepare lunch for you before demonstrating ancient Inca agricultural techniques. You return to your hotel in the Sacred Valley in the late afternoon. The following day, travel to Machu Picchu or return to Cusco. - L

95%

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#### Prices Per Person

2023		2024	
Sep	£2229	Jun	£2279
Oct	£2199	Jul 1 - 15	£2449
Nov	£2149	Jul 16 - Aug 19	£2649
2024		Aug 20 - 31	
Mar	£2199	Sep	£2279
Apr	£2229	Oct	£2249
May	£2279	Nov	£2199
2023 Single Sup.	£480	2024 Single Sup.	£480

Departures on Sundays until 12 Nov 2023 and from 12 Mar - 10 Nov 2024

Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures

#### Hotel Upgrades

<b>Lima</b>	AC by Marriott	£120	(£240 single)
<b>Cusco</b>	Casa Andina Pr.	£210	(£420 single)

#### Special offer:

Upgrade in Lima, Cusco for only **£269** (£539 single)

Hotel prices vary. Ask us or see our website for more details.

#### Optional Excursions

Colonial Lima	£50
Inca Cusco	£90
Sacred Valley	£90
Machu Picchu (see overleaf)	£410

#### Special offer:

All four above for just **£569**

Peru on a Plate **£140**

2 Nights in the Sacred Valley **£200** (£250 single)

Price is on top of Sacred Valley excursion price

#### Machu Picchu and Short Inca Trail

Prices for Machu Picchu, Short Inca Trail and spending a night at Machu Picchu are on page 22

Excursion prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details.

**IMPORTANT:** please read pages 114-15 before booking



# Machu Picchu Excursions

Machu Picchu

## MACHU PICCHU

An early start from Cusco or the Sacred Valley, taking a road transfer and then the Vistadome train, with wonderful views of the Andes as the train descends the Urubamba Valley. The vegetation becomes increasingly tropical as you approach the jungle below Machu Picchu. Take a bus from the valley up the mountain and have an early buffet lunch before entering the site when it is quietest. Then take a fascinating guided tour of the site, which was only rediscovered in 1911. Visit the various temples and complexes which make the site so special, and learn about the fascinating Inca civilisation that built them. Then board the train to Cusco, arriving in the late evening.

95%

## A NIGHT AT MACHU PICCHU

A night at Machu Picchu allows you to re-enter Machu Picchu the next day in the early morning light. After your tour of the Inca ruins on day one, check in to your hotel in the valley below the ruins. The following day is yours to spend as you wish, before returning to Cusco in the late afternoon. Please ask if you are interested in a 2-night stay at Machu Picchu. The bus and Machu Picchu entrance for the second day are not included. There are limited spaces for entry to Machu Picchu, so it is recommended to buy a ticket in advance. You can also include a climb of Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain as part of your ticket.

## SHORT INCA TRAIL

If you like the idea of arriving at Machu Picchu on foot, after trekking through the Andes, but do not want to walk for four days to get there, the Short Inca Trail is the perfect option. The excursion includes a professional guide, train, bus and entrance tickets and hotel accommodation. An overnight bag will be taken to your hotel in Aguas Calientes while you are on the trail. The 9-mile long trail climbs rapidly for the first half of the walk, with a maximum altitude of 2,700 metres, so a good level of fitness is required. It may not be suitable if you suffer from vertigo.

94%

**Day 1 Short Inca Trail** Catch a bus and train to the start of the trail at Chachabamba. The path climbs steeply, arriving at the spectacular Inca site of Wiñay Wayna in about 3 to 4 hours. After a packed lunch you continue, reaching the Sun Gate in the late afternoon for your first, magnificent, view of Machu Picchu. Saving the ruins for the next day, you descend to the valley by bus for a good night's sleep in your hotel.

**Day 2 Cusco** The following morning you return to Machu Picchu for a guided tour of the ruins. Explore the site further before your return train to Cusco.



## Hotels:

### EL MAPI BY INKATERRA

A good hotel located on the main street of Aguas Calientes. There is a restaurant and small gardens. Dinner is included with your stay.

74%



### INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO

A beautiful, rustic-style hotel set in 5 hectares of tropical gardens and orchid trails. Price includes a good dinner and a guided nature tour.

87%



### SANCTUARY LODGE

The closest hotel to Machu Picchu, right next to the ruins. There is a small garden and stunning views of the surrounding mountains. All meals are included.

99%

🌿 = Superior Hotel

## Optional Excursions in Peru

Colonial Lima	£50	
Inca Cusco	£90	
Sacred Valley	£90	
Machu Picchu excursion	£410	
<b>Special offer:</b> All four above for just <b>£569</b>		
<b>A Night at Machu Picchu</b>		
El Mapi	£45	(£85 single)
Machu Picchu Pueblo	£200	(£300 single)
Sanctuary Lodge	£700	(£1250 single)
<b>Next Day Entrance to Machu Picchu</b>		
Machu Picchu & shuttle bus	£95	
Huayna Picchu, Machu Picchu & shuttle bus	£115	
Machu Picchu Mountain, ruins & shuttle bus	£115	
<b>Short Inca Trail</b> 2-day excursion including night at:		
El Mapi	£520	(£560 single)
Machu Picchu Pueblo	£675	(£775 single)
Sanctuary Lodge	£1175	(£1725 single)
<b>Short Inca Trail special offer:</b> Colonial Lima, Inca Cusco & Sacred Valley for just <b>£189</b>		
<small>Excursion prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details.</small>		



# Extensions to Peru



## Inca Trail

3 nights from £749

Machu Picchu approach

Finish the trek at Machu Picchu

Camping on the Inca Trail

The famous Inca Trail is a spectacular four-day hike on paths used by the Incas before the arrival of the Spanish. You start in the Sacred Valley, rising through the Andes, before descending to the cloud forest of Machu Picchu.

**Days 1-6 (Fri - Wed)** Follow itinerary on page 20.

**Day 7 (Thu) Inca Trail** An early morning drive to the start of the trail, which follows the Urubamba River before starting to climb. Pass several Inca sites, including Llactapata, before arriving at Huayllabamba at 3,000m, where you have dinner and camp for the night. - B, L, D

Max altitude: 3,000m; Distance walked: 12km, approx. 5 - 6 hours

**Day 8 (Fri) Inca Trail** A tough, but rewarding, day begins with a steep climb through woodland before arriving at Dead Woman's Pass at 4,200m, with spectacular views. You descend to your camp in the Pacasmayo Valley. - B, L, D

Max altitude: 4,200m; Distance walked: 11km, approx. 6 - 8 hours

**Day 9 (Sat) Inca Trail** Today, you pass the fascinating ruins of Runkuracay, Sayacmarca and Phuyupatamarca and cross the second pass at 4,000m. The trail clings to the side of the mountain, passing through a 500-year old Inca tunnel, before emerging to views of the cloud forest below. The path drops steeply, arriving at the fabulous Inca site of Wiñay Wayna, where you spend the night. - B, L, D

Max altitude: 3,950m; Distance walked: 16km, approx. 8 hours

**Day 10 (Sun) Machu Picchu - Cusco** Set off before dawn, arriving at the Sun Gate in the early morning for your first view of Machu Picchu. Carrying on to the ruins, you have a guided tour before descending to the valley of Aguas Calientes. Catch the afternoon train back to Cusco (2 nights). - B

Max altitude: 2,700m; Distance walked: 6km, approx. 2 hours

**Day 11-14 (Mon - Thu)** Follow itinerary on page 20 from day 9

## Fancy More of a Challenge?

The Salkantay Trail is a longer, more difficult and less-visited four-day trek ending at Machu Picchu, crossing higher mountain passes. Call us or see our website for more details.



## What to expect

The Inca Trail is a strenuous, high-altitude trek which reaches heights of 4,200m, so you should have a good level of fitness. It may not be suitable if you suffer from vertigo. All our holidays include at least 3 days in Cusco or the Sacred Valley to allow you to acclimatise. Our trek includes porters to carry everything, cooks who prepare a varied menu; tents, sleeping bags and sleeping mats; and a guide who will explain the different Inca sites you pass.

Regulations limit the number of people allowed on the Inca Trail and spaces fill up quickly. Therefore we recommend booking well in advance. The Inca Trail is scheduled to use the campsites we've listed here, however the Peruvian government only confirms campsites shortly before the start of the trek, so it is possible that these will differ.

## Prices Per Person

**Inca Trail**  
(4 nights)

**£749** (£749 Single)

Inca Trail prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details.

# Extensions to Peru



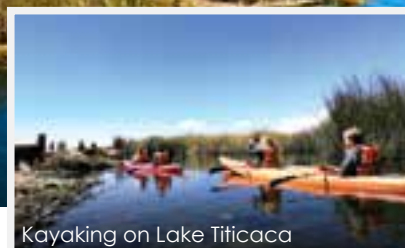
## Lake Titicaca

2 nights from £369

Uros reed islands



Uros women



Kayaking on Lake Titicaca

At 3,820m above sea level, Lake Titicaca is the highest navigable lake in the world. As well as being the largest lake in South America, it is home to the Uros people, who live on reed islands they have woven.

**Days 1-9 (Sun - Mon)** Follow itinerary on page 20.

**Day 10 (Tue) Puno** A fascinating full-day coach journey across the altiplano, including guided visits to the Inca site of Raqchi and the beautiful colonial church in Andahuaylillas. After lunch in Sicuani, visit the pre-Inca site of Pucara, before arriving in Puno, on the edge of Lake Titicaca (2 nights). Alternatively you can take the Belmond Andean Explorer sleeper train to Lake Titicaca, stopping overnight and sleeping on board. - B, L

**Day 11 (Wed) Puno** A full day on the lake, exploring the islands by fast, comfortable boat. First, you visit the floating Uros Islands, made from reeds grown on the lake. The islanders also use the reeds to make boats, which you can ride in. You then continue to Taquile Island, and after an energetic walk up the hill to the main village, enjoy a lunch of freshly-caught fish. Take the optional Kayaking on Lake Titicaca excursion for a peaceful paddle on the lake's tranquil waters. - B, L

**Day 12 (Thu) Lima** Visit the funerary pre-Inca towers of Sillustani, constructed by the Colla people before they were conquered by the Incas. Flight to Lima (1 night). - B

**Day 13 (Fri)** Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK. - B

**Day 14 (Sat)** Arrival in the UK.



## Belmond Andean Explorer Train

The Belmond Andean Explorer is the first luxury sleeper train in South America, offering a lavish way to experience one of the world's highest railway lines. Board in Cusco in the morning and enjoy splendid highland views, arriving in Puno late at night and waking up to sunrise over Lake Titicaca. Lunch, high tea, dinner and breakfast are included, taken in the two dining cars. Drinks are also included, so you can enjoy a cocktail in the piano bar, or whilst looking out from the observation car. Bunk cabins feature a long banquette which in the evening transform into bunk beds. Twin and suite cabins have more space. All cabins are en-suite.

97%

### Prices Per Person

Lake Titicaca (2 nights)		
<b>£369</b> (£489 Single)		
Belmond Andean Explorer Sleeper		
Bunk Cabin	<b>£550</b>	(£970 single)
Twin Cabin	<b>£630</b>	(£1110 single)
Suite	<b>£710</b>	(£1230 single)
Optional Excursions		
Kayaking on Lake Titicaca	<b>£60</b>	

Prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details

## Optional Excursion

### KAYAKING ON LAKE TITICACA

A more adventurous yet peaceful way to explore Lake Titicaca, accompanied only by your qualified guide and the sounds of nature. Paddle from Puno through the reeds to the Uros Islands. After visiting the islands with the rest of your group who have arrived by boat, continue to Taquile Island by fast boat.



### Hotel:

#### HOTEL LAGO TITICACA

Located on Isla Esteves just off the mainland, with lake-view rooms, restaurant, bar and sauna.

80%





# Condors & Convents

3 nights from £759

Andean condor

Arequipa

Terraces in the Colca Canyon

Deeper than the Grand Canyon, the Colca Canyon is home to the world's largest flying bird - the Andean Condor. Nearby Arequipa is one of Peru's most beautiful cities, an impressive colonial centre built with white volcanic rock. Here you will find the impressive Santa Catalina Convent.

**Day 1-8 (Sun - Sun)** Follow itinerary on page 20.

**Day 9 (Mon) Arequipa** Fly to Arequipa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site overlooked by three immense volcanoes. Take a tour of the historical centre, including the Santa Catalina Convent (1 night). - B

**Day 10 (Tue) Colca Canyon** Leave early for the Colca Canyon, an impressive journey over the Andes reaching almost 5,000m at one point, and passing herds of wild vicuña. After the drive, some of which is on unpaved roads, you arrive at your lodge in time for a welcome swim in the hot volcanic springs (1 night). - B

**Day 11 (Wed) Arequipa** Early morning trip to the edge of the canyon, one mile above the river, where condors rise on the thermals. Visit typical highland villages before returning to Arequipa in the evening (1 night). - B

**Day 12 (Thu) Lima** Fly back to Lima. Go shopping in fashionable Miraflores or try one of the city's many excellent seafood restaurants (1 night). - B

**Day 13 (Fri)** Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK. - B

**Day 14 (Sat)** Arrival in the UK.

Ask us if you would like 2 nights at the Colca Lodge. This gives you more time to explore the canyon further or enjoy the thermal baths.

## Lake Titicaca + Colca Canyon

If you would like to take both the Lake Titicaca and Condors & Convents extensions, you will visit Lake Titicaca first, then take a 5-hour road transfer across the Andes to the Colca Canyon for 1 night. The next day you visit the edge of the canyon, and continue to Arequipa for 2 nights. You then fly to Lima for a final night before your return to the UK.



### Hotels:

#### CASA ANDINA SELECT, AREQUIPA

Located on Arequipa's historic Plaza de Armas, overlooking the cathedral. There is a small pool on the roof terrace.

85%

#### CASA ANDINA PREMIUM, AREQUIPA

A boutique hotel in the historical centre, in the Old Mint House, one of Arequipa's finest colonial buildings. There is a restaurant, bar and two colonial courtyards.

#### COLCA LODGE

Beautifully set next to the Colca River at an altitude of 3,500m, with thermal baths, horses, and an alpaca ranch.

88%

☼ = Superior Hotel

### Prices Per Person

<b>Condors &amp; Convents</b>			
(3 nights)			
<b>£759</b> (£919 Single)			
<b>Hotel Upgrades</b> ☼			
<b>Arequipa</b>	Casa Andina Premium	<b>£50</b>	(£100 single)
<b>Lake Titicaca + Condors &amp; Convents</b>			
(5 nights)			
<b>£879</b> (£1180 single)			
Prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details			

# Extensions to Peru



## The Jungle

3 nights from £559

Canopy walkway at Reserva Amazonica

The world's largest macaw clay lick

Ride a canoe across Lake Sandoval

Much of Peru lies in the Amazon Rainforest, the largest expanse of jungle in the world. The area around Puerto Maldonado is one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet and contains more bird species than anywhere else on earth.

### Lodges:



#### HACIENDA CONCEPCION

Set on a small lagoon within 819 hectares of rainforest. Rooms are en-suite with hot water and ceiling fans. Cabañas are available for a supplement.

95%



#### RESERVA AMAZONICA

Comfortable thatched bungalows within 10,000 hectares of private rainforest. Rooms are en-suite with hot showers. Choose from a menu of excursions when you arrive at the lodge, including rainforest trails, boat cruises and canopy walks.

92%



#### TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTER

In the primary forest of the Tambopata Reserve, offering you the best opportunity for spotting wildlife. Here you are deeper in the jungle, and have the chance to visit the world's largest macaw clay lick, where hundreds of parrots gather on clear days. En-suite rooms are open on one side with a waist-high railing.

99%

A lodge is an excellent way to see the jungle in comfort. Each of the three lodges offers a different itinerary of nature-spotting hikes, river journeys, and night walks. Excursions may vary based on local conditions. As some excursions are quite energetic a reasonable level of fitness is required.

Below is the itinerary for the Hacienda Concepcion. To view the itineraries for Reserva Amazonica or Tambopata Research Center, visit our website.

**Days 1 - 2** Follow itinerary on page 20.

**Day 3 Jungle** Morning flight to the jungle town of Puerto Maldonado. Take a canoe ride down the Madre de Dios river to the lodge. Enjoy a buffet lunch and an introduction to the lodge before setting out on your first nature trail through the jungle. Before dinner, take a dusk trip on the river, and learn about nocturnal animals' behaviour (3 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 4 Jungle** A morning hike through terra firma forest to Lake Sandoval in the Tambopata National Reserve. Navigate by dugout canoe across the lake, home to blue and yellow macaws, howler monkeys, and giant river otters. After lunch at the lodge, visit the 300-metre canopy walkway, with the incredible views of primary forests. Then walk through the forest on a 200-metre bridge over flooded marshland. Take a night excursion to explore the night time rainforest and listen to the calls of nocturnal animals. - B, L, D

**Day 5 Jungle** After breakfast, visit a native farm to learn about jungle cultivation, then visit the botanical garden containing medicinal plants. After lunch, enjoy a dugout canoe ride on the hacienda's own lake, to search for hoatzin and maybe try some jungle fishing. Before dinner, visit a blind at a clay lick to look for signs of different animals. - B, L, D

**Day 6** An early boat transfer to Puerto Maldonado for your flight to Cusco. Afternoon free to help you to acclimatise (6 nights).

**Day 7 - 14** Follow itinerary on page 20 from day 4.

### Prices Per Person

The Jungle (3 nights)		
3-night extension staying at:		
Hacienda Concepcion*	<b>£559</b>	(£620 single)
Reserva Amazonica	<b>£759</b>	(£860 single)
Tambopata Research Center	<b>£1159</b>	(£1320 single)
*for cabaña room, add £60 (£70 single)		
Prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details		





# Pacific Coast & Nazca Lines

2 nights from £279

Monkey Geoglyph, Nazca Lines



Humboldt Penguins



Spot sea lions on the Ballestas Islands

Just three hours south of Lima, the small fishing village of Paracas features an attractive coastline and some of the best hotel in Peru. The world famous Nazca Lines are located nearby, which you can experience from the sky on a half-day excursion.

**Days 1-9** Follow the itinerary on page 20.

**Day 10 Paracas** Morning flight to Lima. Transfer to the Cruz del Sur coach terminal for the 3½ -hour 'Cruzero' coach service down the coast to your hotel arriving in Paracas in the late afternoon (2 nights). - B

**Day 11 Paracas** Take the optional Flight Over the Nazca Lines excursion, or enjoy a free day in and around your hotel. - B

**Day 12 Lima** Free morning around your hotel, or take the optional Ballestas Islands Wildlife excursion where sea lions provide the entertainment. Return to Lima in the evening. - B

**Day 13** Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK. - B

**Day 14** Arrival in the UK.

If taking this extension after Lake Titicaca, an extra night in Lima is required.

## Optional Excursions

**BALLESTAS ISLANDS WILDLIFE**  
Take to the water on this thrilling two-hour boat ride excursion to the Ballestas Islands, a magnificent archipelago of jagged rocks, hidden caves and amazing wildlife. Watch as sea lions sunbathe on the rocks and Humboldt penguins waddle along the shore.

**FLIGHT OVER THE NAZCA LINES**  
The best way to appreciate the mysterious Nazca Lines is from above. This 90-minute plane ride allows you to appreciate the size, precision and diversity of these incredible 2,000-year-old etchings. There are etchings of plant and animal life, including insects and birds, whilst others form geometric shapes, some of which are up to 40 miles long.



### Hotels:

#### HOTEL DOUBLETREE

An elegant hotel on the Pacific shore with a pool and private beach access. Rooms are spacious with garden views.



#### HOTEL PARACAS LUXURY COLLECTION

One of the best hotels in Peru, right on the coast, with two pools (one heated), a restaurant, bar and spa.



🌟 = Superior Hotel

*"This whole holiday was fantastic!"*

Mr & Mrs W, 2022

Prices Per Person	
<b>Pacific Coast &amp; Nazca Lines</b>	
(2 nights)	
<b>£279</b> (£430 single)	
<b>Hotel Upgrades</b> 🌟	
Hotel Paracas Luxury Collection	<b>£120</b> (£240 single)
<b>Optional Excursions</b>	
Ballestas Islands Wildlife	<b>£40</b>
Flight over the Nazca Lines	<b>£340</b>
<small>Prices vary. Ask us or see our website for details</small>	





# Grand Tour of Peru

21 days/19 nights from £3699

## Hotels:



El Mapi, Machu Picchu

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Reserva Amazonica, The Jungle



Colca Lodge, Colca Canyon



Hotel Paracas

## At a glance...

- Explore the Inca capital of Cusco, with different options to visit Machu Picchu
- Sail across Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world
- Visit colonial Arequipa and the spectacular Colca Canyon
- Spot unique and incredible wildlife in the Amazon Rainforest

**Day 1 (Fri) Lima** Fly from the UK to Lima. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (2 nights).

**Day 2 (Sat) Lima** Optional Colonial Lima excursion. - B

**Day 3 (Sun) Jungle** Morning flight to the jungle town of Puerto Maldonado. Then take a canoe ride to your lodge (3 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 4 (Mon) Jungle** A dawn hike to Sandoval oxbow lake to search for wildlife. In the afternoon, visit a canopy walkway, with incredible views of primary forests from 30 metres up. - B, L, D

**Day 5 (Tue) Jungle** Morning visit to a native farm to learn about jungle cultivation. In the afternoon, go canoeing in search of hoatzin and other lakeside wildlife. - B, L, D

**Day 6 (Wed) Cusco** Fly to Cusco. Afternoon free to help you acclimatise to the altitude (6 nights). - B

**Day 7 (Thu) Cusco or Sacred Valley** Take the optional Sacred Valley excursion or extend your stay by taking the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion. - B



Howler monkey in the Amazon

## Optional Excursions

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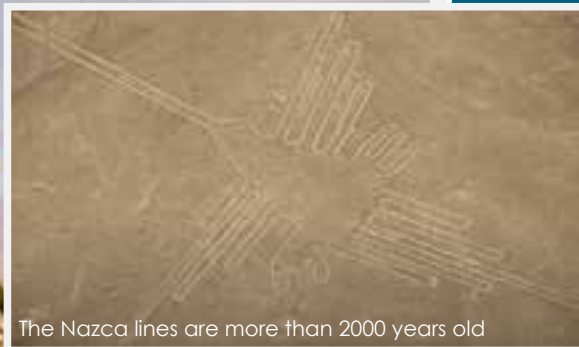
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Arequipa



The Nazca lines are more than 2000 years old



Sail to the floating reed islands on Lake Titicaca



**Day 8 (Fri) Cusco or Sacred Valley** Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion. Alternatively, spend a free day in Cusco. - B

**Day 9 (Sat) Cusco or Machu Picchu** Take the optional Machu Picchu excursion. Evening return to Cusco or spend a night here and return the following day. Alternatively take the Short Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu. - B

**Day 10 (Sun) Cusco** If you spend a night at Machu Picchu or walk the Short Inca Trail, today you can further explore Machu Picchu, returning to Cusco in the evening. Otherwise, have a free day in Cusco. - B

**Day 11 (Mon) Cusco** Optional Inca Cusco excursion to explore the Inca sites in and around this historic city. - B

**Day 12 (Tue) Puno** A fascinating full-day coach journey across the altiplano. Or travel to Lake Titicaca by luxury sleeper train. - B, L

**Day 13 (Wed) Puno** A full day on the lake, visiting the floating Uros Islands and Taquile Island. If you want to try something more adventurous, you can kayak through the reeds to the Uros Islands. - B, L

**Day 14 (Thu) Colca Canyon** Visit the funerary towers of Sillustani before taking a 5-hour road transfer across the Andes to the Colca Canyon, where you can swim in the hot springs (1 night). - B, L

**Day 15 (Fri) Arequipa** Visit the edge of the canyon, one mile above the river, to look for condors. Then pass typical highland villages before travelling to Arequipa (2 nights). - B

**Day 16 (Sat) Arequipa** Take a tour of the historical centre, including the Santa Catalina Convent. - B

**Day 17 (Sun) Paracas** Morning flight to Lima then take the coach to Paracas, arriving in the late afternoon (2 nights). - B

**Day 18 (Mon) Paracas** Free day to relax around the hotel or take the optional Flight over the Nazca Lines excursion. - B

**Day 19 (Tue) Lima** Free morning around Paracas. Optional Ballestas Islands Wildlife excursion. Return to Lima in the evening (1 night). - B

**Day 20 (Wed) Lima** Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK. - B

**Day 21 (Thu)** Arrival in the UK.

*"A fantastic holiday - we had high expectations but it exceeded them."*

Mr & Mrs E, 2022



Machu Picchu



Two Nights in the Sacred Valley



Ballestas Islands wildlife



Sacred Valley excursion

**SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW**  
See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

**Prices Per Person**

2023		2024	
Sep	£3779	Jun	£3829
Oct	£3749	Jul 1 - 15	£3999
Nov	£3699	Jul 16 - Aug 19	£4199
2024		Aug 20 - 31	£3999
Mar	£3749	Sep	£3829
Apr	£3779	Oct	£3799
May	£3829	Nov	£3749
2023 Single Sup. £960		2024 Single Sup. £1000	

Departures on Fridays until 10 Nov 2023 and from 10 Mar - 8 Nov 2024

Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures

**Hotel Upgrades**

<b>Lima</b>	AC by Marriott	£120	(£240 single)
<b>Cusco</b>	Casa Andina Pr.	£210	(£420 single)
<b>Areq.</b>	Casa Andina Pr.	£50	(£100 single)
<b>Parac.</b>	Luxury Collection	£120	(£240 single)

**Special offer:**

Upgrade in Lima, Cusco for only £239 (£479 single)

Hotel prices vary. Ask us or see our website for details.

**Optional Excursions**

See pages 20-22, 24, 27

IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking



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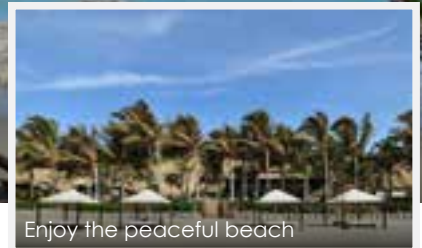
## Mancora Beach

3 nights from £799

Las Pocitas Beach



Relax on the terrace



Enjoy the peaceful beach

End your Peru holiday with three nights in the laid-back beach town of Mancora in northern Peru.

The location of Arennas Mancora on the calm shores of the Pacific Ocean make for a relaxing beach break at the end of an action-packed trip around Peru. The hotel has great facilities including spa treatment, a restaurant that sources local ingredients and a pool area surrounded by luscious gardens. The hotel has day beds on the beach and paddle boards and beach bikes to enjoy the area. The sea is usually warm and safe for swimming, although life guards are usually not on duty.

**Day 1 Mancora** Fly from Cusco to Talara via Lima then take a 90-minute transfer to your hotel in Mancora. Spend the rest of the day settling in or perhaps take a stroll along the beach (3 nights). - B

**Day 2 Mancora** How you spend your time in Mancora is completely up to you. Arennas Mancora has a stylish bar and good-quality restaurant as well as a lovely pool area overlooking Las Pocitas beach. Alternatively, the town of Mancora is just 5 kilometres down the road, accessible by taxi (15 minutes), or perhaps an

energetic fat-wheeled bike ride along the beach. - B

**Day 3 Mancora** Spend today walking along the beach or sipping cocktails by the pool and taking in the serene views. Alternatively, take advantage of the hotel's in-house excursion options, perhaps go whale-watching, or go on a deep-sea fishing expedition. For something a little less demanding, enjoy a spa treatment before a delicious meal of Peruvian-fusion food at the hotel restaurant. - B

**Day 4 Lima** Return to Talara airport after a 90-minute road transfer then catch a flight back to Lima for your final night in Peru. - B

**Day 5** Overnight flight to the UK - B

**Day 6** Arrive in the UK

*“What an amazing holiday. Great pre-holiday updates from Llama Travel. The reps in Peru were all superb.”*

Mr J & Mrs M, 2022



Enjoy the pool at the Arennas Mancora



### Hotel:

#### ARENNAS MANCORA

A stylish boutique hotel with only 22 rooms, right on the sandy beach. Each room has a terrace overlooking the lush gardens.

### Prices Per Person

#### Mancora Beach

(3 nights)

£799 (£1199 single)

Ask us for additional nights or ocean view rooms

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us for details





# Chan Chan & Sipan

3 nights from £849

Treasures of the Lord of Sipan



The Lord of Sipan



Huaca la Luna, Trujillo

The north coast of Peru is probably the richest archaeological area in all of the Americas, containing fascinating ancient cities and temples with some of the finest painted friezes in Peru. The incredible gold treasures found in the tombs would be the star attraction in any museum in the world.

**Day 1 Trujillo** Fly from Cusco to Trujillo via Lima, arriving in the evening (2 nights). This historic city contains a beautiful main square and some fascinating colonial churches.- B

**Day 2 Trujillo** Explore the Moche temple of Huaca de la Luna, where human sacrifices were likely performed, and admire the incredible painted friezes, still bright after almost 2,000 years. In the afternoon, visit the Chimu site of Chan Chan, the largest adobe city in the world, and the coastal town of Huanchaco, where locals use reed boats to fish the rich coastal waters. - B

**Day 3 Chiclayo** Drive along the coast to Chiclayo, stopping at the temple of El Brujo, with beautiful friezes and an excellent site museum containing the treasures found in the tomb of the Lady

of Cao, a female Moche ruler from the fifth century. Arrive in Chiclayo in the afternoon, with free time to explore (1 night). - B

**Day 4 Chiclayo - Lima** Explore the site of Sipan, one of the richest treasure troves in the Americas, where the incredible treasures of the Lord of Sipan were only discovered in 1987 after looted relics alerted archaeologists to the tombs. Then visit the Royal Tombs of Sipan Museum, home to the fabulous riches found in the tombs, including stunning coral breastplates and gold necklaces with delicate designs. Fly to Lima in the evening (1 night). - B

**Days 5 - 6** Fly overnight to the UK, arriving the following day.



Traditional fishing boats, Huanchaco

## Hotels:

### COSTA DEL SOL TRUJILLO CENTRO

Located right on the main square in Trujillo, this comfortable hotel has a small pool and good restaurant.

### CASA ANDINA SELECT CHICLAYO

A modern and comfortable hotel just a few minutes from the main square, with a pool, gym, restaurant and bar.

## Prices Per Person

### Chan Chan & Sipan

(3 nights)

£849 (£1449 single)

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us for details



# Extensions to Peru



## Buenos Aires, Rio & Iguazu Falls

8 nights from £1949

Rio de Janeiro

Combine your adventure in Peru with a visit to the spectacular Iguazu Falls and the excitement of Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. The Iguazu Falls are possibly the most spectacular waterfalls in the world.

**Day 1 Buenos Aires** Fly from Cusco to Buenos Aires via Lima, where you are met and taken to your hotel (3 nights). - B

**Day 2 Buenos Aires** A free day to explore the capital or take the Historic Buenos Aires excursion. In the evening, take our optional Tango Dinner Show Excursion. - B

**Day 3 Buenos Aires** Another free day to explore Buenos Aires, or perhaps take the Colonial Uruguay excursion to visit another country. - B

**Day 4 Puerto Iguazu** Fly to Puerto Iguazu, and take a guided excursion to the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls. - B

**Day 5 Puerto Iguazu** A free day to explore the falls. Explore the Argentinian side of the falls on foot, or if you prefer a guided tour, take the optional Argentinian Iguazu Falls excursion. - B

**Day 6 Rio** Fly to Rio de Janeiro from Foz do Iguazu (3 nights). - B

**Day 7 Rio** A free day in Rio. Take the optional Iconic Rio excursion, visiting the highlights of the capital. Take the cable car to the Sugarloaf and enjoy the stunning views from the Christ the Redeemer statue. - B

**Day 8 Rio** Another free day in Rio. Explore the city further or relax on the beach, or take the optional Santa Teresa excursion for a tour of Rio's most picturesque and bohemian neighbourhood. - B

**Day 9** Fly overnight from Rio to the UK. - B

**Day 10** Arrive in the UK.

You can extend your trip to Brazil with a visit to Paraty, a beautiful

## Optional Excursions

### HISTORIC BUENOS AIRES

A half day tour of Buenos Aires' historic landmarks.

### TANGO DINNER SHOW

Watch a live tango performance whilst enjoying a meal.

### COLONIAL URUGUAY

A full-day trip to a charming Uruguayan colonial town.

### ARGENTINIAN IGUAZU FALLS

A tour of the Argentinian side of the falls.

### ICONIC RIO

Visit the sights of Rio, including Christ the Redeemer.

### SANTA TERESA

Explore Rio's most picturesque neighbourhood.

For full descriptions of the excursions see pages 48-49. Prices may vary depending on the size of your party.

## Hotels:

See page 48 for details of hotels in Buenos Aires, Iguazu Falls and Rio.

### Prices Per Person

#### Buenos Aires, Rio & Iguazu Falls

(8 nights)

**£1949** (£2469 single)

Additional nights in Lima may be required to fit in with flights  
On some dates an extra charge may be payable for arranging flights

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us for details





# Galapagos Islands

6 nights from £2849

Galapagos sea lion

Male frigate bird attracting mates

Sally Lightfoot crabs are very nimble

Combine the incredible sights of Peru with the natural wonders of the remote Galapagos Islands. For those who are lucky enough to visit the islands, this is a truly unforgettable experience. We offer cruises of various lengths, as well as a hotel stay on the islands.

Each boat or hotel has a different itinerary, but all follow a similar structure. Below is a sample itinerary for the Galapagos Island Stay extension. See pages 38 - 42 for full details of cruise and hotel options.

**Day 1 Quito** Fly from Lima to Quito in Ecuador (1 night). - B

**Day 2 Galapagos, Santa Cruz** Morning flight to the Galapagos. Visit the giant tortoise ranch then continue to your hotel in Puerto Ayora (4 nights). - B, L

**Day 3 Bartolome and Sullivan Bay** Embark on a full day boat excursion. First, visit Sullivan Bay to see strange lava formations and lava lizards. Lunch on board, then climb to the summit of Bartolome for great views. Swim from the beach, where there are penguins. Return to the hotel in the afternoon. - B, L

**Day 4 Santa Cruz** Walk to Tortuga Bay, a beautiful beach with marine iguanas, sharks and birdlife. Have lunch in town and then visit the Charles Darwin Research Station before returning to the hotel. - B, L



Marine iguanas are endemic to the Galapagos Islands

**Day 5 North Seymour** Full day boat excursion to North Seymour, home to a large colony of sea birds including frigates, blue-footed boobies and noddy terns. Also see land and marine iguanas. After lunch on board, visit beautiful Bachas Beach to swim, before returning to the hotel. - B, L

**Day 6 Guayaquil** Transfer to the airport for your flight to Guayaquil (1 night) - B

**Day 7** Depart for the UK. - B

**Day 8** Arrive in the UK.

## Cruises & Hotels:

See page 38 - 42 for full details of Galapagos cruises and hotels.

Prices Per Person			
Galapagos Islands Extension			
Cruises or Island Stay option			
Galapagos Island Stay	(6 nights)	<b>£2849</b>	(£500 single sup.)
Solaris 5-day cruise	(6 nights)	<b>£4099</b>	(£200 single sup.)
Solaris 7-day cruise	(8 nights)	<b>£5299</b>	(£200 single sup.)
Treasure 5-day cruise	(6 nights)	<b>£4099</b>	(£900 single sup.)
Treasure 7-day cruise	(8 nights)	<b>£5299</b>	(£1200 single sup.)
Archipel 8-day cruise	(9 nights)	<b>£4799</b>	(£3150 single sup.)

Additional nights in Quito may be required to fit in with cruise start days  
On some dates an extra charge may be payable for arranging flights to / from Ecuador  
Prices vary in 2024. Ask us for details

# Extensions to Peru



## Salt Flats of Bolivia

6 nights from £2149

Uyuni Salt Flats

See flamingos at Laguna Colorada

Take creative perspective photos

The vast Uyuni salt flats are one of the wonders of the world, where the snow-white expanse continues as far as the eye can see. Combined with the ancient cultures of La Paz and the altiplano, Bolivia is the perfect extension to Peru.

### Salt Flats of Bolivia

**Day 1 La Paz** Depart Puno in Peru and travel to Copacabana, a charming town on the Bolivian shores of Lake Titicaca. Take a boat to the Island of the Sun, then continue to La Paz (3 nights). - B, L

**Day 2 La Paz** A morning tour of the colonial La Paz and the gold museum, then visit the Valley of the Moon. Afternoon free. - B

**Day 3 La Paz & Tiwanaku** Visit Tiwanaku, a temple complex built by one of the most ancient pre-Columbian civilisations. - B, L

**Day 4 Uyuni Salt Flats** Fly to Uyuni and visit the train cemetery and an artisanal salt processing plant, then drive across the salt flats to Incahuasi cactus island. Enjoy a picnic lunch before transferring to your salt hotel in Colchani (2 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 5 Uyuni Salt Flats** Cross the salt flats to Tunupa Volcano and Coquesa, an archaeological site of well-preserved mummies. Enjoy an optional hike on the slopes of Tunupa, and a picnic lunch. Then visit Campana Island, followed by sunset on the salt flats. - B, L, D

**Day 6 La Paz & Tiwanaku** Fly to La Paz. Afternoon free (1 night). - B

**Days 7-9** Fly to Lima, Peru, for a final night before flying to the UK.

You can also take this extension starting from Lima, flying directly to La Paz. Ask us for details.

### Hotels:

#### LA CASONA, LA PAZ

A boutique hotel in a 17th century colonial building in the historical centre of La Paz. There is a lovely roof terrace with city views.

#### MALLKU CUEVA, VILLA MAR

On the way to Chile, a basic hotel with a lovely isolated location. The building sits in the shadow of a rocky outcrop with views across the highlands.

#### PALACIO DE SAL, UYUNI



Constructed almost entirely of salt, the Palacio de Sal provides unique accommodation on the fringes of the salt flats. The rooms are simple and comfortable.

### Salt Flats to Atacama Desert in Chile

**Day 1 La Paz** Depart Puno in Peru and travel to Copacabana, a charming town on the Bolivian shores of Lake Titicaca. Take a boat to the Island of the Sun, then continue to La Paz (3 nights). - B, L

**Day 2 La Paz** A morning tour of the colonial La Paz and the gold museum, then visit the Valley of the Moon. Afternoon free. - B

**Day 3 La Paz & Tiwanaku** Visit Tiwanaku, a temple complex built by one of the most ancient pre-Columbian civilisations. - B, L

**Day 4 Uyuni Salt Flats** Fly to Uyuni and visit the train cemetery and an artisanal salt processing plant, then drive across the salt flats to Incahuasi cactus island. Enjoy a picnic lunch before transferring to your salt hotel in Colchani (1 night). - B, L, D

**Day 5 Uyuni - Villa Mar** Spend a day travelling across the altiplano on bumpy roads, passing through rural villages. Visit the stone valley, see cave paintings and the Tomas Lakjas Fort before being taken to your hotel in Villa Mar (1 night). - B, L, D

**Day 6 Villa Mar - Laguna Colorada - San Pedro de Atacama** Morning departure to Laguna Colorada, where plankton and algae turn the water red. See flamingos and other birdlife here. Continue to the Sol de Mañana geysers, the Chalviri thermal spring, and the surreal Dali Valley. Then, visit Laguna Verde, coloured green by algae. After lunch, transfer to Hito Cajon, and onwards to San Pedro de Atacama in Chile (1 night). - B, L

**Day 7 Santiago** Fly to Santiago (1 night).

**Days 8-9** Fly overnight to the UK, arriving the following day.

You can also take this extension starting from Lima, flying directly to La Paz. Ask us for details.

### Prices Per Person

#### Salt Flats of Bolivia

(6 nights)

£2149 (£2599 single)

#### Salt Flats to Atacama Desert

(7 nights)

£2899 (£3449 single)

Additional nights may be required to fit in with flight schedules

Prices vary in 2024. Ask us for details



# Galapagos & Ecuador



Visiting the Galapagos, you can see the same wildlife that led Charles Darwin to the theory of evolution. As the wildlife is not afraid of humans, you can have a real close encounter with nature.

The Andes run the full length of mainland Ecuador, with snow-capped volcanoes, traditional markets and beautiful colonial cities. You can also visit some of the best preserved jungle in the Amazon rainforest.



Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Quito	Max/min temp (°C)	19/10	18/10	18/10	18/10	18/10	19/9	19/9	19/9	20/9	19/9	19/9	18/10
	Rainfall (cm)	11	13	15	18	12	5	2	3	8	13	11	10
Galapagos	Max/min temp (°C)	30/22	30/24	31/24	31/24	28/22	26/21	26/20	26/19	26/19	26/20	26/21	27/22
	Rainfall (cm)	7	9	9	7	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	3

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS





# Plan Your Galapagos Holiday

## Choosing your Boat or Hotel

A cruise is the best way to see the diversity of the Galapagos, as you have the opportunity to visit several different islands. We offer a choice of three 16-berth motor yachts, and six different cruise options, ranging from 4 to 8 days. You can also combine cruises for

a longer itinerary. If you prefer to be based on land, then staying in a hotel allows you to experience the wildlife of the Galapagos during the day, whilst returning to the comforts of a hotel in the evening. The Finch Bay and Galapagos Suites are our land based options.

**Solaris Yacht**  
5 or 7-day cruise



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**Treasure of Galapagos**  
5 or 7-day cruise



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**Archipel Catamaran**  
8-day cruise



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**Island Stay**  
5-day stay



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## Visiting the Galapagos Islands

On all Galapagos itineraries, you have land and sea excursions in small groups of less than 16 people, and the opportunity to go snorkelling. On the boats, there is usually a morning excursion and an afternoon excursion each day, with lunch on board the boat. On some days you will visit two different islands in a day, and on other days, you will visit different visitor sites on the same island. In the Galapagos Island Stay option you typically have one excursion per day, returning to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Although the boats vary in their routines slightly (for instance, some have buffet lunches and some have served meals), all follow a similar pattern. Here's what you might expect on board:



### A Typical Day on Board...



Breakfast is served from 7am, before your first excursion of the day. At around 8.30am, board a dinghy and ride to a nearby island. You will have either a wet or dry landing, then explore the island led by your naturalist guide. Each island is different, and your guide will point out the colourful flora, fauna and geology that makes each of them unique. After you have explored the island, there is usually the opportunity to snorkel from the beach. Return to your boat in the late morning, with time to shower and change before lunch is served.

After lunch, you have some free time to relax whilst the boat sails to the next island. You can look out for dolphins and frigatebirds from the deck. At around 3pm, take another dinghy ride for your second excursion of the day. Return to the boat in the late afternoon with time for a drink whilst your guide outlines the following day's itinerary, then dinner is served. The boat will usually sail at night to make sure you arrive at the next island early in the morning.

## Visiting Mainland Ecuador



To visit the Galapagos Islands you must travel via mainland Ecuador, a great place to visit in its own right. All of our Galapagos holidays include time in Ecuador, starting in the elegant capital city of Quito, high in the Andes. You can explore the city's beautiful colonial centre and bustling traditional markets, or head out of town to some of Ecuador's biodiverse cloud forests (see page 43).

You can extend your time in Ecuador with a visit to Cuenca and the Avenue of the Volcanoes (page 44), Ecuador's most beautiful city and the home of the Panama hat. Or you can take a trip into the Amazon Rainforest (page 45), staying in a jungle lodge and walking the wildlife trails. If you can't choose between the two extensions, you can see it all with our Grand Tour of Ecuador (See our website for more information).



# Some useful information

## WHEN TO GO & ITINERARIES

The islands and the wildlife are experienced both on land and in the water. Although you can get incredibly close to the wildlife in the Galapagos Islands, you are not allowed to touch. The Galapagos Islands can be visited year round, and wildlife can be seen all year. Some birds (such as the Waved albatross) are only present at certain periods of the year; and some animals are only present on certain Islands. If you would like to see a specific animal, please ask us for details.

Itineraries are fixed by the Galapagos authorities and cannot be varied. However, these are subject to change by the park authorities at short notice and can be affected by local conditions, airport closures or other factors. The activities at each site specified in the itineraries may vary and will be determined by the guide. Some longer cruise itineraries are made up of 2 shorter cruises, and so some guests may start or end their cruise on these changeover days.

The map shows the Galapagos Islands with labels for: Pinta, Marchena, Genovesa, Isabela, Santiago, Bartolome, North Seymour, Rabida, Baltra, Santa Cruz, Santa Fe, San Cristobal, Floreana, and Española. A scale bar indicates 0 to 100 kilometres.

- Frigatebird
- Blue-Footed Booby
- Land Iguana
- Giant Tortoise
- Galapagos Penguin
- Eagle Ray
- Waved Albatross
- Flightless Cormorant
- American Flamingo
- Galapagos Sea Lion
- Green Sea Turtle
- Marine Iguana

## MEALS

Drinking water, tea and coffee are provided, but alcoholic and soft drinks are usually extra. All cruise itineraries are full board. Galapagos Island Stay itineraries include breakfast and lunch. Hotel extensions in Galapagos are bed & breakfast.



## GEOGRAPHY

The Galapagos Islands are in the Pacific Ocean 1,000km west of Ecuador. Flights from Quito take 3 hours, with a brief stop in Guayaquil.

The map shows Ecuador with Quito and Guayaquil marked. The Galapagos Islands are shown in the Pacific Ocean, west of Ecuador. The Equator is also indicated. A scale bar indicates 0 to 1000 kilometres.

## GUIDES, TIPPING, & PARK FEES

All Galapagos guides are registered with the national park. All Llama Travel holidays include experienced English-speaking naturalist guides.

Tipping the crew and guides on board is usually well deserved, and expected. Tips are usually around \$20-25 per person per day.

The Galapagos National Park entrance fee of US\$100 and the transit tax of US\$20 are included in the price of all our Galapagos holidays.



## LAND EXCURSIONS

You explore the visitor sites, seeing the wildlife, flora and geology at very close quarters. Most excursions require some walking, often on rocky and uneven surfaces, so a reasonable level of fitness is required. To reach the islands it is necessary to go from your boat in a panga, a small dinghy. On a dry landing, you will step out of the panga onto rock. On a wet landing, you will step out of the panga into about a foot of water, and wade to land.



## SNORKELLING

For many people, the highlight of the visit to the Galapagos is snorkelling among the sea life, including sea lions, turtles, penguins, rays and sharks. Snorkelling equipment is available for rent, or you can take your own. If you need a mask with prescription lenses, it is best to get this before you leave. Wetsuits are also available for hire. Please ask us if you are interested in hiring a wetsuit. If you do not want to snorkel, it is sometimes possible to remain on the beach. However, at some sites this is not possible, and you will stay on board your boat.



## NIGHT SAILING

Sailing between the islands is usually done in the early morning or late evening. However, for some longer distances, the journey is made at night. In this case, there may be more movement and the noise of the motor can be heard.





# Galapagos Island Stay & A Taste of Ecuador

11 days/9 nights from £4099

## Hotels:

### HOTEL REINA ISABEL, QUITO

A modern hotel in the main tourist area of Quito.

66%

### CASONA DE LA RONDA, QUITO



In a colonial house on a pedestrianised street in the historic centre, with great views of the old town.

79%

### SWISSOTEL, QUITO

In one of Quito's most prestigious areas, with 5 restaurants, a spa, and indoor and outdoor heated pools.

### GALAPAGOS SUITES

A friendly, simple hotel in Puerto Ayora, two short blocks from the waterfront. There are 6 rooms, with hammocks!

95%

### FINCH BAY HOTEL

This lovely hotel is located just outside Puerto Ayora, next to a beach. There is a pool, jacuzzi, bar and restaurant.

87%

### HOTEL UNIPARK, GUAYAQUIL

Only 3 blocks from the promenade with views of the cathedral park.

74%

### WYNDHAM HOTEL, GUAYAQUIL

A sleek hotel overlooking the Guayas river, boasting a full spa, pool and 2 restaurants.

94%

🌟 = Superior Hotel

## At a glance...

- Discover the Galapagos Islands, an exceptional wildlife destination
- Explore the islands on day excursions, then return to a hotel
- Snorkel with turtles, rays, sea lions and tropical fish
- Explore Quito, the beautiful Ecuadorian capital high in the Andes

**Day 1 (Fri)** Fly from UK to Quito. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (4 nights).

**Day 2 (Sat) Quito** Spend the day getting to know Quito. See the best of this fascinating city on our optional half-day Colonial Quito excursion, visiting Panecillo Hill, for magnificent views of the city, and the iconic main square and Plaza San Francisco. Also visit the church of La Compañía, with its ornate gold-leaf interior. - B

**Day 3 (Sun) Quito** Further explore Quito or take the optional Otavalo excursion to

explore the famous indigenous market; take an optional one- or two- day excursion to Bellavista Cloud forest or to Mashpi Lodge cloud forest for more luxury; or take the two-day Quilotoa Volcano Hike for more adventure. See page 43 for details. - B

**Day 4 (Mon) Quito** Another day to take in the delights of Quito, or take one of the optional excursions. - B

**Day 5 (Tue) Galapagos, Santa Cruz** Morning flight from Quito to Baltra in the Galapagos,

See Page 43 for Optional Excursions >



## Island Stay or Cruise?

The Galapagos Island Stay itinerary is ideal if you want to explore the islands in a relaxed fashion and return to a comfortable hotel at night, staying in the attractive town of Puerto Ayora. However, a cruise gives you the most immersive wildlife experience, as you have two wildlife excursions per day and you can visit the most remote islands. And as you sail at night, you are already at the visitor sites first thing in the morning, allowing you to make the most of your time in the Galapagos.

See page 40 - 42 for details of our Galapagos cruises.





Sally Lightfoot crabs can climb vertical slopes



Blue-footed boobies

Galapagos Land Iguana



then visit a giant tortoise ranch in the highlands of Santa Cruz to see the iconic creatures in their natural habitat. Continue to your hotel in the welcoming town of Puerto Ayora (4 nights). - B, L

**Day 6 (Wed) Bartolome** Cross the island by road to embark on a full day boat excursion. Visit Sullivan Bay, to see lava lizards on the strange lava formations. Snorkelling is possible here. After lunch on board, enjoy great views from the summit of Bartolome before seeing Galapagos penguins from the beach. Return to your hotel in the afternoon. - B, L

**Day 7 (Thu) Santa Cruz** Walk through deciduous forest to reach Tortuga Bay, a beautiful white-sand beach with marine iguanas, sharks, rays and birdlife. Return to town for lunch and an afternoon visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station, where you see the work done in the conservation of the flora and fauna of the islands. - B, L

**Day 8 (Fri) North Seymour** Cross the island and embark on a full day boat excursion to North Seymour, home to magnificent frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, and land and marine iguanas. After lunch on board, visit Bachas Beach, where you can swim, before returning to your hotel. - B, L

**Day 9 (Sat)** Transfer to Baltra airport for your flight to Guayaquil (1 night). - B

**Days 10 - 11 (Sun - Mon)** Final day in Guayaquil. Overnight flight to UK, arriving the next day. - B

You can extend your stay with more nights in the Galapagos (see the box below for more information) or to visit Cuenca & Avenue of the Volcanoes or the Amazon jungle; see pages 44 - 45.

This itinerary includes four day-excursions in the Galapagos, including two day boat excursions to nearby islands. These will be taken with non-

Llama Travel passengers, and may vary from those listed in the itinerary (Bartolome and Seymour) and will be confirmed at the time of booking, although may change subject to the operations of the day yachts.

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Prices Per Person			
2023		2024	
Sep	£4299	May	£4399
Oct	£4299	Jun	£4399
Nov	£4199	Jul	£4699
Dec	£4099	Aug	£4699
2024		Sep	
Jan	£4149	Oct	£4349
Feb	£4249	Nov	£4249
Mar	£4299	Dec	£4149
Apr	£4249		
2023 Single Sup.	£600	2024 Single Sup.	£600
Departures on Fridays until 8 Dec 2023 and from 5 Jan - 13 Dec 2024			
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures			
Galapagos Entrance Fee of US\$100 and transit tax of US\$20 are included			

Hotel Upgrades			
Quito	Swissotel	£100	(£200 single)
Quito	Cas. Ronda	£200	(£320 single)
Galapagos	Finch Bay	£900	(£1680 single)
Guayaquil	Wyndham	£45	(£90 single)

Optional Excursions (see page 43)	
Colonial Quito	£95
Otavalo	£160
Bellavista Cloud Forest (1 day)	£140*

**Special offer:**  
All three above from just **£359**  
\* Add £20 for single traveller

Multi-day Excursions (see page 43)	
Bellavista (2 day)	£260 (£300 single)
Quilotoa Hike (2 Day)	£329 (£549 single)
Mashpi Lodge (2 Day)	£699 (£1199 single)
Mashpi Lodge (3 Day)	£1199 (£2099 single)
Excursion prices vary in 2024. Ask us for details.	
IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking	

## Extend Your Galapagos Stay

After your Galapagos Islands Stay itinerary, or your Galapagos cruise, why not spend a few extra days in Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz island? This gives you the chance to see more of the wildlife, or perhaps simply relax.



Galapagos Suiites



Finch Bay Hotel

Prices Per Person			
Hotel Extension to Galapagos Cruises or Island Stay			
<b>Galapagos Suites</b>	3 nights	each extra night	single suppl. per night
Garden Room	£379	£95	£75
<b>Finch Bay</b>	3 nights	each extra night	single suppl. per night
Standard Room	£999	£300	£270
Ocean View Suite	£1449	£450	£370
Prices vary. Ask us or see our website for details			



# Galapagos Solaris & A Taste of Ecuador

11 days/9 nights from £5249



Solaris yacht



Galapagos penguin

Frigatebird

## On Board:

The Solaris yacht carries 16 passengers in 11 cabins on the upper and main decks. There is an indoor dining area, a passenger lounge and bar, and sun deck. The comfortable en-suite cabins have lower berths, a desk, air conditioning and sea view windows. There are 6 double cabins with a double bed and a single bed / sofa bed, and 5 single cabins, with a small single supplement.

95%



Lounge

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### Prices Per Person

5-day cruise		7-day cruise	
2023		2023	
Sep	£5449	Sep	£6699
Oct	£5449	Oct	£6699
Nov	£5349	Nov	£6599
Dec	£5249	Dec	£6499
2024		2024	
Jan	£5449	Jan	£6799
Feb	£5559	Feb	£6899
Mar	£5599	Mar	£6949
Apr	£5649	Apr	£6999
May	£5699	May	£7049
Jun	£5699	Jun	£7049
Jul	£5999	Jul	£7349
Aug	£5999	Aug	£7349
Sep	£5649	Sep	£6999
Oct	£5649	Oct	£6949
Nov	£5549	Nov	£6849
Dec	£5449	Dec	£6799
Single Sup.	£400	Single Sup.	£400

Cruises operate every fortnight. See website for exact dates  
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures  
Galapagos entrance fees of US\$120 are included

See pages 38, 43 for hotel upgrades & excursions  
**IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking**

The 16-berth Galapagos Solaris motor yacht makes for a comfortable Galapagos adventure, visiting a range of islands, taking in the vast diversity of habitats and wildlife.

## 5-Day Cruise

**Days 1 - 4 (Mon - Thu)** Follow itinerary on page 38.

**Day 5 (Fri) Quito - Galapagos** Fly to the Galapagos, and board the Solaris. After lunch, visit Cerro Colorado Giant Tortoise Reserve, then set off on a walking trail to spot birdlife (4 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 6 (Sat) Española** Visit Gardner Bay to snorkel with sea lions. After lunch, continue to Punta Suarez to walk among blue-footed boobies. - B, L, D

**Day 7 (Sun) Floreana** Visit a green-sand flamingo lagoon at Punta Cormorant, then head to Champion Islet to snorkel. In the afternoon, visit Post Office Bay, before climbing to Baroness Lookout. - B, L, D

**Day 8 (Mon) Santiago & Bartolome** Visit the lava formations at Sullivan Bay and enjoy the views from the summit of Bartolome before visiting a rookery of Galapagos penguins. You can walk to the other side of the island and see sea turtles nesting (from January to March). - B, L, D

**Day 9 (Tue) Santa Cruz - Guayaquil** Visit Black Turtle Cove to spot sharks, rays and turtles, then fly to Guayaquil. - B

**Day 10 - 11 (Wed - Thu)** Fly overnight to the UK, arriving the following day.

## 7-Day Cruise

**Days 1 - 4 (Fri - Mon)** Follow itinerary on page 38.

**Day 5 (Tue) Quito - Galapagos** Fly to the Galapagos, and board the Solaris. Visit Bachas Beach, where you can swim (6 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 6 (Wed) Isabela** Start with a visit to Tintorerías, with penguins and sea lions. After lunch explore the mangrove wetlands near Puerto Villamil, and the giant tortoise breeding centre. - B, L, D

**Day 7 (Thu) Isabela** Explore the black lava flows of Punta Moreno, where you can snorkel. In the afternoon, take a zodiac boat to the cliffs at Tagus Cove with excellent birdlife. - B, L, D

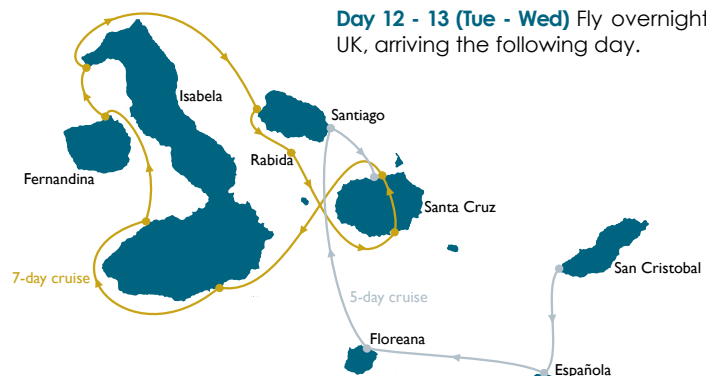
**Day 8 (Fri) Isabela & Fernandina** Visit the marine iguanas and flightless comorants at Espinoza Point. Take a zodiac ride at Punta Vicente Rocca, with blue-footed boobies and turtles. - B, L, D

**Day 9 (Sat) Santiago** Start the day at Espumilla beach, a nesting site for turtles. After lunch, continue to Puerto Egas, a black shoreline with a large variety of wildlife. - B, L, D

**Day 10 (Sun) Rabida and Chinese Hat** Visit a coastal flamingo lagoon on Rabida, and snorkel from the red sands. After lunch, admire the abundant wildlife at Chinese Hat Island. - B, L, D

**Day 11 (Mon) Santa Cruz - Guayaquil** In the morning, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, then transfer to the airport for your flight to Guayaquil (1 night). - B

**Day 12 - 13 (Tue - Wed)** Fly overnight to the UK, arriving the following day.





# Galapagos Treasure & A Taste of Ecuador

11 days/9 nights from £5249

Galapagos Sea Lion



Treasure of Galapagos catamaran



Lava lizard

## On Board:

The Treasure is an elegant catamaran carrying 16 passengers in 9 cabins; 5 twin cabins, 3 matrimonial cabins (some can be converted into triples) and a suite. There is alfresco dining, a sun deck with jacuzzi, a bar and shaded and unshaded areas. There is an open-plan lounge and dining area on the main deck. All cabins have en-suite bathrooms, air conditioning and balconies.

97%



Deck area

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### Prices Per Person

5-day cruise		7-day cruise	
2023		2023	
Sep	£5449	Sep	£6699
Oct	£5449	Oct	£6699
Nov	£5349	Nov	£6599
Dec	£5249	Dec	£6499
2024		2024	
Jan	£5449	Jan	£6799
Feb	£5559	Feb	£6899
Mar	£5599	Mar	£6949
Apr	£5649	Apr	£6999
May	£5699	May	£7049
Jun	£5699	Jun	£7049
Jul	£5999	Jul	£7349
Aug	£5999	Aug	£7349
Sep	£5649	Sep	£6999
Oct	£5649	Oct	£6949
Nov	£5549	Nov	£6849
Dec	£5449	Dec	£6799
Single Sup.	£1100	Single Sup.	£1400

Cruises operate every fortnight. See website for exact dates  
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures  
Galapagos entrance fees of US\$120 are included

See pages 38, 43 for hotel upgrades & excursions

**IMPORTANT:** please read pages 114-15 before booking

The Treasure of Galapagos is a 16-berth catamaran offering an excellent balance between an intimate cruise experience and spacious accommodation.

## 5-Day Cruise

**Days 1 - 4 (Fri - Mon)** Follow itinerary on page 38.

**Day 5 (Tue) Galapagos, Santa Cruz** Fly to the Galapagos and board the Treasure, before exploring the Cerro Colorado giant tortoise breeding site (4 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 6 (Wed) Española** Visit Gardner Bay to snorkel with sea lions. After lunch, continue to Punta Suarez to walk among blue-footed boobies. - B, L, D

**Day 7 (Thu) Floreana** Visit Post Office Bay to see brown pelicans, yellow warblers and finches, and Baroness Lookout. After lunch, see flamingos and turtles at the green-sand Punta Cormorant and snorkel from Champion Islet. - B, L, D

**Day 8 (Fri) Santa Fe** In the morning, see land iguanas in the cactus forest of Santa Fe. Then visit the El Chato reserve in the Santa Cruz highlands, where Galapagos tortoises roam. - B, L, D

**Day 9 (Sat) Santa Cruz - Guayaquil** Visit the Gemelos craters, with carpenter finches and vermilion flycatchers. Then fly to Guayaquil. - B

**Day 10 - 11 (Sun - Mon)** Fly overnight to the UK, arriving the following day.

## 7-Day Cruise

**Days 1 - 4 (Tue - Fri)** Follow itinerary on page 38.

**Day 5 (Sat) Galapagos, Santa Cruz** Fly to the Galapagos and board the Treasure, then visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn about giant tortoises (6 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 6 (Sun) Santa Cruz** Visit Ballena Bay with volcanically formed crystals and Galapagos hawks. Then visit Cerro Dragon to see land iguanas and flamingos, and to snorkel. - B, L, D

**Day 7 (Mon) Isabela** Visit Tintorerías, with sea lions and marine iguanas, where you can snorkel. Then visit a green turtle nesting site at Humedales, where penguins feed. - B, L, D

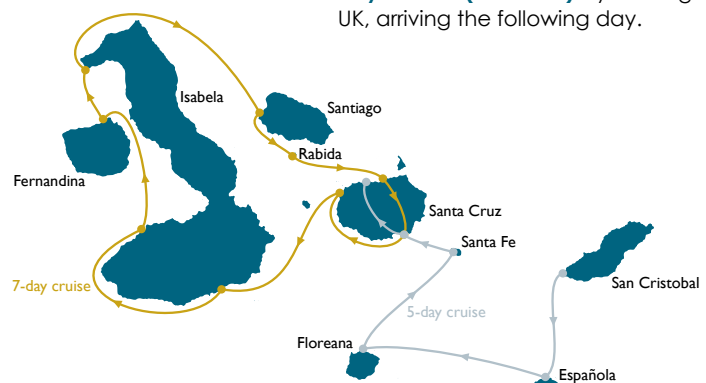
**Day 8 (Tue) Isabela** Walk the black lava trail to snorkel at Punta Moreno, then climb for views of Darwin's Lake at Tagus Cove. - B, L, D

**Day 9 (Wed) Isabela, Fernandina** Snorkel with penguins at Punta Roca, then see iguanas and flightless cormorants at Punta Espinoza. - B, L, D

**Day 10 (Thu) Santiago, Rabida** Visit Puerto Egas, a volcanic black sand beach with lava lizards and hawks. Continue to Rabida, with flamingos and excellent snorkelling. - B, L, D

**Day 11 (Fri) Santa Cruz - Guayaquil** See sea turtles and numerous coastal birds on Bachas Beach, then fly to Guayaquil. - B

**Day 12 - 13 (Sat - Sun)** Fly overnight to the UK, arriving the following day.







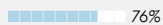


# Optional Excursions in Ecuador

Quilotoa Crater Lake

## COLONIAL QUITO

A half-day guided tour of the colonial heart of Quito, starting with the hill of Panecillo, which looks out over Quito and the surrounding volcanoes. Continue to the church of La Compañía on the main square, with its spectacular gold leaf interior and elaborate façade. Next visit the Plaza San Francisco, which has been a regional market since pre-Columbian times. Finish with the charming artisan workshops of La Ronda Street.



Panecillo Hill, Quito

## QUILOTOA VOLCANO HIKE (2 DAY)

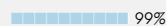
Visit the snow-capped Cotopaxi Volcano, one of the Andes' most prominent peaks. Have lunch in a hacienda on the site of a historic Inca fortress, then continue to the iconic Quilotoa Crater to settle into a basic hotel and watch the sun set over the lake. The next day, begin a 10km hike around the crater lake, against a volcanic backdrop. En route back to Quito, visit the indigenous community of Tigua and discover their handmade masks and paintings. Due to the altitude, a good level of fitness is required for this excursion. -B, L, D



## Lodges:

### MASHPI LODGE

As seen on BBC2's Amazing Hotels. A comfortable, modern lodge with en-suite rooms and fine dining. All meals are included



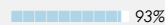
### BELLAVISTA CLOUD FOREST LODGE

In a beautiful location with stunning views of the forest. Rooms are simple but have electricity and hot showers.



## BELLAVISTA CLOUD FOREST

Depart early for the cloud forest, passing spectacular scenery along the way. After breakfast, take a guided walk of the forest, then have the rest of the day free to explore for yourself. You can follow the self-guided trails, or stay by the lodge, where the bird feeders attract up to 16 varieties of hummingbird. Leave Bellavista after lunch, getting back to Quito in the late afternoon. - B, L



Spot hummingbirds in Bellavista

## BELLAVISTA CLOUD FOREST (2 DAY)

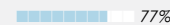
Spend a night at the Bellavista Lodge to explore the cloud forest further. With almost two full days, you have time to explore some of the longer, more adventurous trails, perhaps visiting one of the waterfalls nearby. A guided walk is also included on each day. Taking this excursion means you are in the cloud forest at dusk and dawn, the best times of day for bird watching. Return to Quito in the late afternoon. - B, L, D



Heavy rain is not unusual, so the paths around the lodge can be slippery.

## OTAVALO

Leave Quito in the morning, passing through typical highland towns, to visit a bird sanctuary with condors and other birds of prey. Enjoy lunch in the town of Peguche, then visit a indigenous Otavaleño community. Continue to a local workshop where traditional Andean instruments are made, then explore the famous crafts market of Otavalo where you have time to shop. Return to Quito in the late afternoon. - L



Otavalo craft market

## MASHPI LODGE CLOUD FOREST (2 DAY)

An incredible luxury cloud forest lodge. Experience the forest from all levels starting at the observation tower, then perhaps trying the sky bike. Walk the paths with a guide, or ride the Dragonfly gondola through the canopy (supplement payable locally), before retiring to the lodge for the night. Wake early to spot birds in the nearby forests, then after breakfast, perhaps follow the trail to the Copal waterfall, surrounded by mossy trees, bromeliads and orchids. Return to Quito in the late afternoon.



Ask us if you'd like to stay at Mashpi for 2 nights.

## Prices Per Person

Optional Excursion		
Colonial Quito		£95
Otavalo		£160
Bellavista Cloud Forest (1 Day)		£140*
<b>Special offer:</b>		
All three above from just <b>£359</b>		
<small>* Add £20 for single traveller</small>		
Optional Excursion		
Bellavista Cloud Forest (2 day)	£260	(£300 single)
Quilotoa Volcano Hike (2 Day)	£329	(£329 single)
Mashpi Lodge (2 Day)	£699	(£1199 single)
Mashpi Lodge (3 Day)	£1199	(£2099 single)
<small>Prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details</small>		

# Extensions to Ecuador



## Cuenca & Avenue of the Volcanoes

4 nights from £849

Cuenca Cathedral

Walk through Cajas National Park

Chimborazo is Ecuador's highest mountain

Experience the natural splendour and colonial charm of the heart of the Ecuadorian Andes. Travel down the majestic Avenue of the Volcanoes, passing the snow-capped Cotopaxi and Chimborazo volcanoes. Then spend two nights in Ecuador's most beautiful city, and home of the panama hat, Cuenca.

**Day 1 Quito - Riobamba** Visit Latacunga market, passing Cotopaxi, Ecuador's most active volcano then carry on to the refuge in Chimborazo National Park at 4,800m on the highest mountain in Ecuador. Take an optional walk up to the second refuge at 5,000m. After lunch, continue to Riobamba (1 night). - B, L

**Day 2 Riobamba - Cuenca** Depart in the early morning, heading south, passing through the beautiful countryside of patchwork cultivated fields dotted with traditional villages. Stop to visit a local llama breeding program, taking a llama-accompanied walk in the beautiful scenery. From here, continue on the beautiful road to Cuenca, visiting the Inca site of Ingapirca, the largest known Inca ruins in Ecuador which were once used by the Cañari people as an observatory. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the nearby Coyotor ruins are visited instead (2 nights). - B, L

**Day 3 Cuenca** A short morning tour of Cuenca, visiting the beautiful cathedral plaza and a Panama hat factory, dispelling the myth that this famous head wear comes from Panama. Afternoon free relaxing in the city, perhaps people watching in the plaza in front of the beautiful cathedral, or popping into some of the small galleries and craft shops. - B

**Day 4 Cuenca - Guayaquil** Travel to Guayaquil through the Cajas National Park. A jagged landscape of rocky peaks, grasslands and crystal clear streams, the park is home to over 150 bird species. Take a walk on one of the park's many nature trails, exploring a polylepis forest, one of the oldest tree species in the world. Continue the drive down to Guayaquil on the coastal plain, with lunch upon arrival in a restaurant associated with one of Ecuador's finest vineyards, enjoying excellent food and wine pairings. - B, L



### Hotels:

#### HOSTERIA ABRASPUNGO, RIOBAMBA

A spacious hotel built in the style of a colonial hacienda, just outside of Riobamba.

87%

#### LOS BALCONES, CUENCA

A warm and spacious colonial house in the heart of Cuenca's historic centre. Rooms feature private balconies with city views.

#### SANTA LUCIA, CUENCA

A beautiful historic mansion, full of character and charm and only two blocks away from Cuenca's main square.

☼ = Superior Hotel

### Prices Per Person

Cuenca & Avenue of the Volcanoes			
(4 nights)			
<b>£849</b> (£939 Single)			
This extension includes 1 night in Riobamba, 2 nights in Cuenca and 1 night in Guayaquil			
Hotel Upgrades ☼			
Cuenca	Santa Lucia	<b>£50</b>	(£100 single)
For some holidays, additional nights in Quito or Guayaquil may be required			
Prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details			

*"The guides in Quito & travelling to Cuenca were both excellent."*

Mr M, 2023





Scarlet macaw



Howler monkey

# The Jungle

3 nights from £1549

Canopy walkway, Sacha Lodge

East of the Andes is the low-lying Amazon Basin. The jungle here offers a wonderful opportunity to explore the rivers and oxbow lakes of the world's largest rainforest. Stay in a jungle lodge for 3 nights, where you can follow trails, visit lakes, see the wildlife, and take night walks.

Excursions depend on local conditions and are confirmed on arrival at Sacha Lodge. A suggested itinerary is as follows.

**Day 1 Jungle** Morning flight to Coca, then a two-hour motorised canoe ride down the Napo River to the lodge on Lake Pilchicocha, arriving in time for a swim. Visit the butterfly house and the mini-tower to observe birds and watch the sun set. After dinner, take a walk to explore the forest after dark (3 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 2 Jungle** A morning visit to the 275m-long canopy walkway to observe the jungle canopy and the vibrant colourful birdlife from 36m above the ground. Walk through an igapo forest, where native guides explain the medicinal use of many plants. After lunch, continue through the forest, perhaps seeing dusky titi monkeys. - B, L, D

**Day 3 Jungle** Take a canoe ride on Lake Lagartococha, home to anacondas, caimans and capybaras. After lunch, fish for piranhas, then take a silent canoe ride through the flooded forest, looking for sloths. Climb the wooden tower built around an ancient kapok tree to get splendid sunset views. Return to the lodge by canoe, taking an amazing ride through the night-time flooded forest, accompanied by the chorus of frogs, bats and nocturnal birds. - B, L, D

**Day 4 Quito** A canoe ride back to Coca before flying back to Quito (1 night). - B

## Lodge:



### SACHA LODGE

Set on a black water lake just off the Napo River, Sacha Lodge is nestled in a private 2,000 hectare reserve. The lodge, one of the best in Ecuador, has comfortable rooms with air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms with hot showers.

Rooms have high, thatched ceilings and large windows with private balconies. The jungle inhabitants feel at home with the lodge, and sloths, monkeys and birds can often be seen near the rooms. Free time can be spent admiring the view from the dining deck, taking a dip in the protected swimming area in the lake, or lazing in a hammock on your private balcony.

99%

All meals are included during your stay at Sacha Lodge.

*“Galapagos was just amazing. Thanks for everything to all at Llama Travel.”*

Mr W, 2023

Prices Per Person	
<b>The Jungle</b>	
(3 nights)	
<b>£1549</b> (£1929 single)	
<small>Prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details</small>	

# Extensions from Ecuador



**Peru**

7 nights from £1149

Machu Picchu



Visit local Andean communities



Llamas and alpacas

Combine the natural wonders of the Galapagos Islands with the majesty of Machu Picchu and Peru, on this seven-night extension.

**Day 1 Lima** Flight from Ecuador to Lima (1 night). - B

**Day 2 Cusco** Morning flight to Cusco. Afternoon free to help you acclimatise to the altitude (5 nights). - B

**Day 3 Cusco** Join the optional Inca Cusco excursion to explore the Inca sites in and around this historic city. - B

**Day 4 Cusco** Take the optional Sacred Valley excursion, visit the incredible Inca ruins of Ollantaytambo and the village of Chincheros. - B

**Day 5 Cusco or Machu Picchu** Take the optional excursion to Machu Picchu, which starts with a magical train ride, followed by a guided visit to the ruins. Evening return to Cusco or spend a night here and return the following day. Alternatively, take the Short Inca Trail excursion to Machu Picchu. - B

**Day 6 Cusco** Free day in Cusco. Get to know the town better, revisit the Sacred Valley or perhaps try one of the many adventure sports on offer. - B

**Day 7 Lima** Morning flight to Lima. Afternoon free. (1 night). - B

**Day 8** Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK. - B

**Day 9** Arrival in the UK.

Your itinerary may vary from this suggestion, as some excursions are only available on certain days.

For extensions to other parts of Peru, including Lake Titicaca, the Colca Canyon and the Nazca Lines, see pages 23 - 31.

## Hotels:

See page 20 for full details of hotels in Peru.

## Optional Excursions

### INCA CUSCO

A half-day tour of Cusco, including San Pedro market, Qoricancha and Sacsayhuaman. The Cusco tourist ticket is included.

### SACRED VALLEY

This full-day excursion visits the Sacred Valley of the Incas, including Chincheros and the Inca ruins at Ollantaytambo.

### TWO NIGHTS IN THE SACRED VALLEY

A second night in the Sacred Valley, visiting the terraced salt ponds of Maras and the Andean community of Misminay.

### MACHU PICCHU

A day visit to one of the new seven wonders of the world.

### A NIGHT AT MACHU PICCHU

An overnight stay, giving you the opportunity to revisit the ruins on the following day.

### SHORT INCA TRAIL

A 9-mile hike to Machu Picchu, traversing ancient Inca paths.

### PERU ON A PLATE

Learn how to prepare a three-course Peruvian meal, starting at the market and finishing at the dinner table.

## Prices Per Person

### Peru Extension

(7 nights)

**£1149** (£1499 Single)

On some dates an extra charge may be payable for arranging flights to / from Peru  
This extension is available between mid March and mid November

### Hotel Upgrades and Optional Excursions

See pages 20 - 22 for details.

Prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details



# Argentina Brazil & Chile

Chile is home to some of the world's most dramatic scenery, including the soaring peaks and glacial lakes of Torres del Paine, the surreal red rock valleys and glistening salt flats of Atacama Desert, and the mysterious stone heads of Easter Island.

Argentina's Perito Moreno Glacier is the crown jewel of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field, and the Iguazu Falls are possibly the most spectacular waterfalls in the world. Buenos Aires is known for its excellent dining and sophisticated tango.

Brazil is blessed with a wealth of attractions, including a stunning coastline, a dizzying abundance of wildlife in the Pantanal wetland, and Rio de Janeiro, where the lush, tropical mountains roll into the Atlantic Ocean.

Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rio	Max/min temp (°C)	31/24	31/23	29/23	28/22	25/19	24/18	24/17	24/18	25/19	25/19	26/19	29/22
	Rainfall (cm)	13	12	13	10	7	5	4	4	6	8	9	13
Santiago	Max/min temp (°C)	28/11	28/11	26/9	21/6	17/4	14/3	14/2	16/3	17/4	21/7	24/8	27/10
	Rainfall (cm)	0	0	1	1	6	8	8	6	3	2	1	1
El Calafate	Max/min temp (°C)	18/7	18/7	16/6	12/3	7/0	5/-2	4/-3	6/-2	10/1	13/3	16/5	18/7
	Rainfall (cm)	1	1	1	3	3	2	3	2	2	1	1	2







# Samba, Tango & Iguazu Falls

11 days/8 nights from £2699

## Hotels:

### NH LANCASTER, BUENOS AIRES

A well-located hotel in central Buenos Aires with a modern interior.

75%

### SOFITEL RECOLETA, BUENOS AIRES

A stylish hotel with a heated indoor pool, gym, bar, restaurant and gardens.

90%

### MERCURE HOTEL, PUERTO IGUAZU

A comfortable hotel situated amongst the jungle foliage.

81%

### LOI SUITES, PUERTO IGUAZU

Surrounded by jungle, just a 15-minute drive from the falls, with a sauna, outdoor swimming pools and lounge.

85%

### HOTEL MELIA, IGUAZU FALLS



In the reserve, with views of the falls, this hotel has beautiful grounds. Falls view rooms are available for a supplement.

87%

### NOVOTEL RIO LEME, RIO

At the quieter end of Copacabana, with a rooftop pool overlooking the ocean.

70%

### HOTEL WINDSOR CALIFORNIA, RIO

With a fantastic location on Copacabana Beach, there is a rooftop pool and bar.

86%

☼ = Superior Hotel

## At a glance...

- Discover tango in Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant capital city
- Feel the spray from the thundering torrents of Iguazu Falls
- Explore and soak up the vibrancy of Rio de Janeiro
- Relax on the beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana

**Day 1 (Sat) Overnight flight from the UK to Buenos Aires.**

**Day 2 (Sun) Buenos Aires** Morning arrival in Buenos Aires. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel, then have the rest of the day free (3 nights).

**Day 3 (Mon) Buenos Aires** Free day in Buenos Aires. Take the optional Historic Buenos Aires excursion to explore different areas of the city. In the evening, take the optional Tango Dinner Show excursion. - B

**Day 4 (Tue) Buenos Aires** Free day. Take the optional Colonial Uruguay excursion, visiting this fascinating country across the River Plate. - B

**Day 5 (Wed) Puerto Iguazu** Fly from Buenos Aires to Puerto Iguazu, located on the Argentinian side of the border (2 nights). An afternoon visit to the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls, from where you can appreciate the grandeur of the falls. - B

**Day 6 (Thu) Puerto Iguazu** A free day to



Tango Dinner Show

## Optional Excursions

### HISTORIC BUENOS AIRES

Visit the highlights of Buenos Aires, starting with the famous Pink House from which Evita Peron addressed the masses. Visit the historic areas of San Telmo and La Boca, the old port, and La Recoleta, one of the most elegant neighbourhoods in the city. The beautiful cemetery here is the resting place of many famous Argentinians.

82%

### TANGO DINNER SHOW

Spend an evening at the Cafe de los Angelitos theatre, where professional tango dancers perform intricate routines on stage, accompanied by musicians and singers. A good dinner, with wine or soft drinks, is included at your table. You are collected from your hotel in the evening and taken back after the show. - D

85%





Christ the Redeemer, Rio



Walk through Buenos Aires' colourful La Boca district



Visit the largest waterfall system in the world



explore the Argentinian side of the falls by yourself. Here, you can follow the walkways, seeing the falls from the waters edge below and from above. You can also take an adrenalin-filled (and drenching) boat ride to the base of the falls. If you prefer a guided tour, take the optional Argentinian Iguazu Falls excursion. - B

**Day 7 (Fri) Rio** Fly to Rio de Janeiro (3 nights). - B

**Day 8 (Sat) Rio** Take the optional full-day Iconic Rio excursion which visits the Sugarloaf and Christ the Redeemer, or explore Rio in your own time. - B

**Day 9 (Sun) Rio** Optional Santa Teresa excursion to explore the most beautiful part of the city. Alternatively, soak up the sun on the world famous Copacabana or Ipanema beaches. Near Rio is the Tijuca National Park, covered in lush tropical

forest and abundant with wildlife. - B

**Day 10 (Mon)** Fly overnight to the UK. - B

**Day 11 (Tue)** Arrival in the UK.

Extend your trip with a visit to the Pantanal or Paraty. See overleaf for details.

*"This was our second holiday with Llama and you do not disappoint. You obviously carefully research your agents in South America and it shows. Superb service from them at all times."*

Mr & Mrs L, 2022

*"The guides were particularly good."*

Mr P, 2023

### COLONIAL URUGUAY

This full-day excursion starts with a catamaran ride across the River Plate to the charming Uruguayan town of Colonia del Sacramento. Start at the city gate, before continuing to the old lighthouse and the Church of Matriz, the oldest church in Uruguay. After lunch, return by boat to Buenos Aires. - L

72%

### ARGENTINIAN IGUAZU FALLS

Take the visitors' train to the walkway over the River Iguazu, to see the mighty Devil's Throat Falls from above. Then walk the upper circuit for aerial views of many of the other falls, before descending to the lower circuit to see them from below. The tour lasts around 4 hours, and you have free time to explore the falls on your own.

99%

### ICONIC RIO

Start at the city's striking modern cathedral, then catch a funicular up to the Christ the Redeemer statue and enjoy the stunning views. After lunch at a churrascaria (a Brazilian steakhouse), catch the cable car up to the Sugarloaf. End the day with a drive along the beaches, before returning to your hotel. - L

94%

### SANTA TERESA

Explore Rio's most scenic neighbourhood, characterised by cobbled streets lined with local galleries, cafes and bars. Take the antique tram past the Lapa arches, walk up the colourful tiled steps leading to the Jorge Selaron studio and admire the bay from Parque das Ruinas. End with a caipirinha cocktail in a traditional local bar.

79%

**SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW**  
See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

#### Prices Per Person

2023	2024
Nov 11 <b>£2799</b>	Mar 23 <b>£2799</b>
Nov 18 <b>£2849</b>	Apr 6 <b>£2749</b>
Nov 25 <b>£2699</b>	May 11 <b>£2749</b>
Dec 2 <b>£2799</b>	Jul 27 <b>£2949</b>
	Sep 21 <b>£2699</b>
Jan 20 <b>£2749</b>	Nov 9 <b>£2749</b>
Jan 27 <b>£2749</b>	Nov 16 <b>£2799</b>
Feb 17 <b>£2799</b>	Nov 23 <b>£2799</b>
Mar 2 <b>£2749</b>	Nov 30 <b>£2749</b>
Mar 9 <b>£2749</b>	

2023 Single Sup. £520 2024 Single Sup. £570  
Single prices vary. Ask us for details  
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures

#### Hotel Upgrades

<b>B. Aires</b>	Sofitel	<b>£150</b>	(£300 single)
<b>Iguazu</b>	Loi Suites	<b>£120</b>	(£240 single)
	Melia	<b>£300</b>	(£600 single)
<b>Rio</b>	California	<b>£75</b>	(£150 single)

**Special offer:**  
Upgrade in Rio, Iguazu (Loi Suites), and Buenos Aires for only **£289** (£579 single)  
Hotel prices vary. Ask us or see our website for more details.

#### Optional Excursions

Historic Buenos Aires	<b>£65</b>
Tango Dinner Show	<b>£110</b>
Iconic Rio	<b>£240</b>

**Special offer:**  
All three above from just **£349**

Argentinian Iguazu Falls	<b>£110</b>
Colonial Uruguay	<b>£330</b>
Santa Teresa	<b>£60</b>

IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-115 before booking

# Extensions to Brazil



## Colonial Paraty

3 nights from £499

Paraty harbour



Explore Paraty's colonial architecture



Take a schooner tour of the coast

A four-hour drive from Rio, along the beautiful Emerald Coast, takes you to the colonial gem of Paraty, set between the rainforest-covered mountains and the Atlantic Ocean. The cobblestoned streets are lined by well-preserved, brightly coloured buildings, and there are beautiful white-sand beaches in the bay.

**Day 1 Paraty** A beautiful 4-hour transfer from Rio along the Emerald Coast to Paraty (3 nights). Wander along the cobblestoned streets in the afternoon, taking in the atmosphere of this charming town. - B

**Day 2 Paraty** Make your way to the port in the morning, then take a schooner boat to the archipelago of forested islands, crystalline seas and white sandy beaches around the Emerald Coast. Make three island stops to sunbathe, snorkel and have lunch in the beautiful bays. - B, L

**Day 3 Paraty** Free day. Wander the streets and relax in a cafe, visit the nearby beaches or perhaps explore the waterfalls inland, visiting the Gold Trail by jeep, which cuts through lush rainforest and sugarcane fields. You can even swim in the natural pools underneath the waterfalls. - B

**Day 4** Take a 4-hour transfer to Rio airport for your overnight flight to the UK. - B

**Day 5** Arrival in the UK.



Colonial houses in Paraty

*“Overall the holiday was excellent. Everything was really well organised.”*

Mr & Mrs C, 2023

*“Excellent holiday, would use Llama again.”*

Mrs J, 2023



### Hotel:

#### POUSADA PORTO IMPERIAL

A simple but comfortable hotel in the heart of Paraty's historic centre, with a pool, hot tub and a tropical garden.

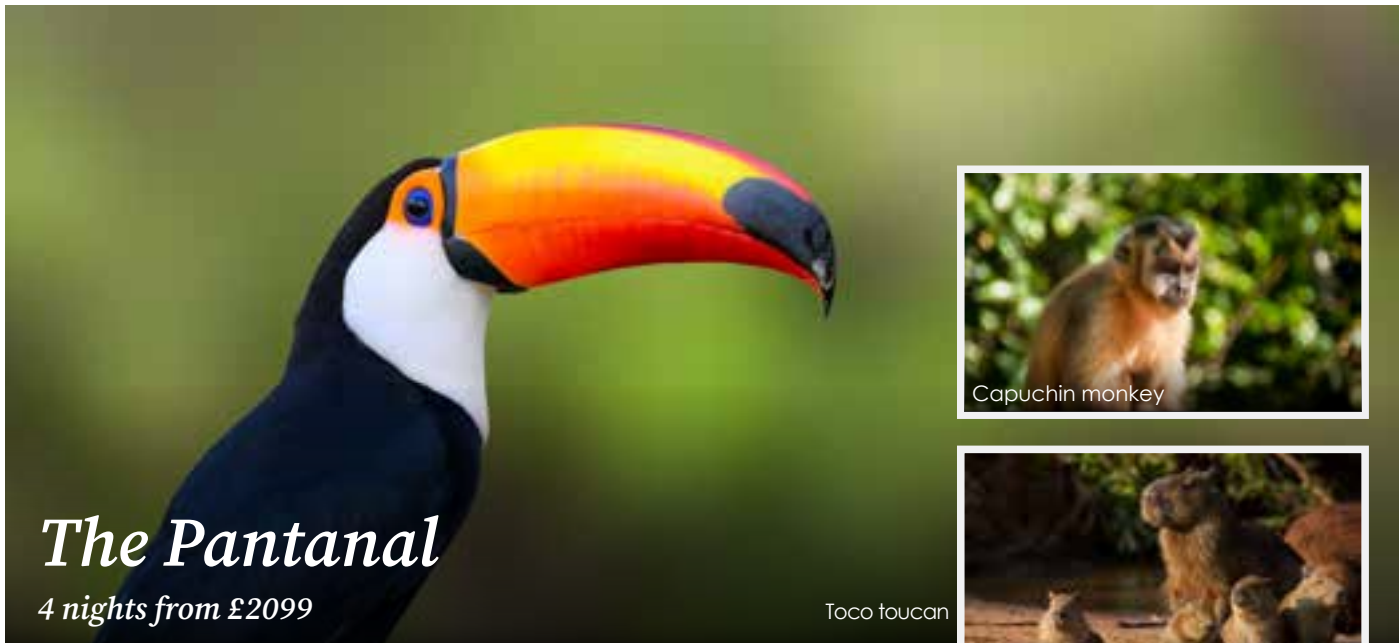
### Prices Per Person

**Colonial Paraty**  
(3 nights)

**£499** (£799 Single)

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details

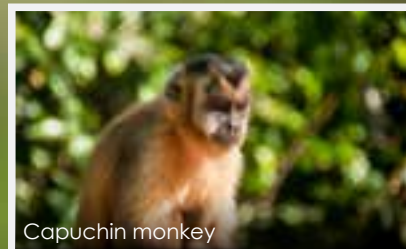




# The Pantanal

4 nights from £2099

Toco toucan



Capuchin monkey



Capybara family

The abundance and diversity of wildlife in the Pantanal, the world's largest wetland, is astonishing. Here you will almost certainly see toucans gliding through the air, hear the bellowing groan of howler monkeys at daybreak, and confront the unflinching eyes of sinister caimans.

**Day 1 Pantanal** Fly from Rio to Cuiaba, and then take a 3-hour road transfer into the Pantanal, spotting eagles and rheas, arriving at the lodge in the evening. After dinner, take a night excursion by jeep, searching for anteaters and armadillos (3 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 2 Pantanal** In the morning, hike on woodland trails and visit a typical village to see what life is like in the region. After lunch at the lodge, take a motorised canoe ride on the Mutum River to look for wildlife and see a beautiful Pantanal sunset. See southern caracaras, black-collared hawks, roseate spoonbills, kingfishers, great kiskadees and trogons. - B, L, D

**Day 3 Pantanal** Rise early for a sunrise trip by canoe, watch macaws soaring overhead whilst the shriek of the southern screamer pierces the air and caimans look on from the water. Later in the morning, ride on horseback to Sia Mariana Bay, through lush woodland and across open plains. Relax at the lodge during the hottest hours

of the day, before taking to the river to fish for piranha, with the chance of seeing giant river otters and capybaras playing in the water. Return to the lodge after sunset. - B, L, D

**Day 4 Rio** After breakfast, drive back to Cuiaba and fly back to Rio (1 night). - B

**Days 5-6** Overnight flight to the UK, arriving the following day.

Excursions in the Pantanal can vary and will depend on conditions at the time. The above excursions are typical, but the exact itinerary will be provided upon arrival at the lodge to maximise the opportunity to spot wildlife. The best time to visit is May to October. November to April are the rainier months and not all excursions may be possible.



Spot wild spoonbills

## Lodge



### POUSADA RIO MUTUM

A peaceful lodge set in seven acres of leafy grounds on the banks of the Mutum River, with an attractive pool area, reading room and map room. The comfortable chalet-style rooms are spread across the grounds. All meals are included.

83%

### Prices Per Person

**The Pantanal**  
(4 nights)

**£2099** (£2449 Single)

This extension includes 3 nights in Pantanal and 1 night in Rio de Janeiro

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details



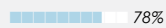
# Natural Wonders of Chile

12 days/9 nights from £3699

## Hotels:

### PLAZA SAN FRANCISCO, SANTIAGO

A centrally-located hotel within walking distance of the city's sights.



### CUMBRES LASTARRIA, SANTIAGO

In a lovely part of Santiago, with great views from the restaurant.



### HOTEL SOLACE, PUERTO VARAS

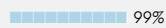
A comfortable hotel, close to the town centre, with great lake and volcano views.



### HOTEL CUMBRES, PUERTO VARAS

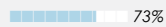


A spacious hotel on the lake shore. All rooms have lake and volcano views.



### HOTEL REMOTA, PUERTO NATALES

A modern hotel on the Last Hope Sound.



### RIO SERRANO, TORRES DEL PAINE



A comfortable hotel with stunning views. Superior rooms have views of the peaks.



= Superior Hotel

## At a glance...

- Explore the epic Torres Del Paine National Park
- Unwind in the Chilean Lake District, land of volcanoes and lakes
- Stay in Puerto Natales, on the shores of the Last Hope Sound
- Visit Santiago, the vibrant capital, framed by the snow-capped Andes

**Day 1 (Tue) Santiago** Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.

**Day 2 (Wed) Santiago** Morning arrival. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nights). - B

**Day 3 (Thu) Santiago** Free day in Santiago. Take the optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion. - B

**Day 4 (Fri) Puerto Varas** Fly to the heart

of the Chilean Lake District, and transfer to Puerto Varas on the shores of Lago Llanquihue, with views of the beautiful snow-capped Osorno volcano. The town has a German feel due to European immigration (2 nights). - B

**Day 5 (Sat) Puerto Varas** Free day in Puerto Varas. Take the optional full-day Osorno Volcano & Hike excursion, or explore the surrounding area by yourself. - B

**Day 6 (Sun) Puerto Natales** Fly over the

## Optional Excursions

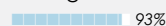
### SANTIAGO WALKING TOUR

Get the perfect introduction to the city as you explore some of its main sights on foot. Visit La Moneda, one of Chile's most important buildings, then stroll through the lively main square. Wander the colourful Lastarria neighbourhood and finish at Santa Lucia hill for panoramic views across Santiago.



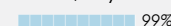
### VINEYARD & VALPARAISO

From Santiago, descend through the countryside to Valparaiso on the Pacific coast. Colourful houses tumble down the hills to the sea, and funiculars take you up and down for spectacular views. After lunch, visit a vineyard in the Casablanca Valley, and try some of their excellent Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. - L



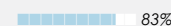
### OSORNO VOLCANO & HIKE

A full-day excursion to the snow-capped Osorno Volcano. Ascend the lower slopes by road and enjoy views of Lake Llanquihue. Then descend and hike through ancient forest. After a packed lunch, visit the Petrohue waterfalls and Lake Todos los Santos, before returning to Puerto Varas in the late afternoon. The walk is two hours over uneven terrain, so you need a reasonable level of fitness.



### BOAT TO GREY GLACIER

Sail past icebergs up to the 40-metre face of the Grey Glacier on Lago Grey. At this proximity, you can hear the ice breathe and maybe watch chunks of the glacier crash into the icy waters of the lake. Please note, the trip requires a minimum number of people to operate, and may be cancelled at short notice due to poor weather.







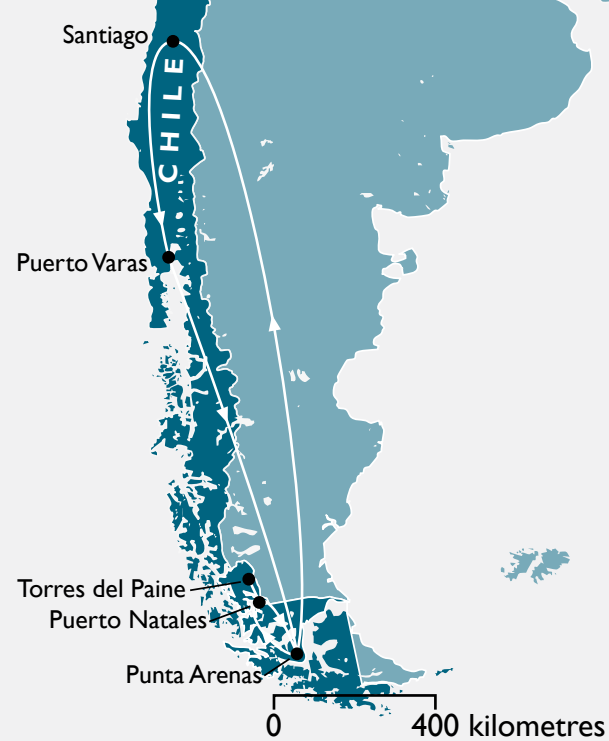
Torres del Paine



Wander the colourful streets of Valparaiso



Osorno Volcano in the Lake District



Southern Patagonian Ice Field to Puerto Natales a small town wonderfully set on the shores of Last Hope Sound, with especially beautiful sunrises (1 night). - B

**Day 7 (Mon) Torres del Paine** Take a full-day tour of Torres del Paine, exploring one of the world's great national parks. You visit the lagoons, waterfalls, glaciers and mountains by road. The park is dominated by the granite Paine massif, with wonderful views of the towers and horns throughout the park. A packed lunch is included. You visit Lago Grey, where you can walk on the lake shore or take the optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion. You reach your hotel in the late afternoon, where you can enjoy the amazing views (2 nights). - B, L

**Day 8 (Tue) Torres del Paine** Free day in Torres del Paine. Take the optional Las Torres Trek or half day hike to Lake Sarmiento or explore on your own. You

can also book activities directly in the hotel. - B

**Day 9 (Wed) Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales** Optional Horse Riding excursion. In the afternoon, return to Puerto Natales by road (1 night). - B

**Day 10 (Thu) Santiago** Fly to Santiago for a final night (1 night). - B

**Day 11 (Fri)** Fly overnight to the UK. - B

**Day 12 (Sat)** Arrival in the UK.

Extend your holiday with a trip to the Atacama Desert or Easter Island. See overleaf for more details.

*"I had a wonderful holiday to Chile - the best country I have ever visited. I would have no hesitation in recommending Llama Travel."*

Mr & Mrs L, 2022

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See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

**Prices Per Person**

2023		2024	
Oct 31	£3999	Feb 20	£3899
Nov 7	£3949	Feb 27	£3699
Nov 14	£3949	Mar 12	£3699
Nov 21	£3949	Mar 26	£3699
2024		Oct 29	£3899
Jan 9	£3849	Nov 5	£3949
Jan 16	£3749	Nov 12	£3949
Jan 30	£3749	Nov 19	£3899
Feb 6	£3899		

2023 Single Sup. £950 2024 Single Sup. £950  
Single prices vary. Ask us for details  
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures

**Hotel Upgrades**

<b>Santiago</b>	C. Lastarria	£75	(£150 single)
<b>Puerto Varas</b>	Cumbres	£60	(£120 single)

**Special offer:**  
Both from just **£109** (£219 single)

For upgrade to superior room in Hotel Rio Serrano, add £120 (£240 single)  
Hotel prices vary. Ask us or see our website for details

**Optional Excursions**

Vineyard & Valparaiso	£180
Osorno Volcano & Hike	£220
Boat to Grey Glacier	£130

**Special offer:**  
All three above from just **£479**

Santiago Walking Tour	£35
Las Torres Trek	£185
Hike to Lake Sarmiento	£120
Torres del Paine Horse Riding	£120

Excursion prices vary. Ask us or see our website for details  
**IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking**

**HIKE TO LAKE SARMIENTO**

This is our most accessible hike in Torres del Paine. You walk for around 3 hours on a flatter trail than most in the park, to Lake Sarmiento, offering the chance to see the fauna and flora of the park, and the snowy peaks of the Paine Massif. The route may vary due to local conditions, and the trek may be cancelled at short notice due to poor weather.

90%

**TORRES DEL PAINE HORSE RIDING**

Take an incredible two-hour guided horse ride through the Magellanic forest and across a lagoon towards the Serrano River. The grasslands are ideal for horses and the Torres del Paine massif offers an incredible backdrop. If you're lucky, spot condors soaring over the snow-capped peaks, or hear guanacos bleating in the distance.



Las Torres Trek endpoint

**LAS TORRES TREK**

Drive for 90 minutes through the park to the start point, then ascend the River Ascencio valley. The trail continues through beech forest to a glacial moraine, where there are stunning views of the jagged peaks. Then descend the valley and return to your hotel. The excursion takes around 11 hours, including driving, and is challenging. A packed lunch is provided. The trek may be cancelled at short notice due to poor weather.

98%

# Extensions to Chile



## Atacama Desert

4 nights from £1349

The highlands of Atacama

The Atacama Desert, the driest desert in the world, offers an incredible contrast to the glaciers of Patagonia. The town of San Pedro de Atacama has been inhabited since the 15th century, and there are numerous archaeological sites in the area.

**Day 1 Atacama** Fly to Calama and then transfer to San Pedro de Atacama, high in the desert at 2,400 metres above sea level. In the afternoon, visit the Valley of the Moon, a dramatic lunar landscape of barren hills and plains. Climb a sand dune to watch the colours of the surrounding mountains change from gold to red as the sun sets (3 nights). - B

**Day 2 Atacama** After breakfast, drive to the Atacama Salt Lake, where the salt crystals stretch out for miles and flamingos gather to nest. Drive through the Andes to the beautiful Altiplanic Lagoons of Miscanti and Miñique, stopping on the way to appreciate the panoramic views. At 4,500 metres above sea level, the lagoons are located in a stunning landscape of mountains and volcanoes, with unique flora and fauna. Walk along the lagoon shores before continuing to the town of Socaire for lunch, where a traditional farming lifestyle still thrives. - B, L

**Day 3 Atacama** A 4am start for a 90-minute bumpy drive to the El Tatio geysers. At 4,300 metres above sea level, these are some of the highest geysers in the world, and the water and steam jets create an incredible sight in the early morning light. You have breakfast here



The El Tatio Geysers are some of the highest in the world

before visiting the village of Machuca, where ancient llama caravans used to rest. You return to San Pedro in time for lunch. - B

**Day 4 Santiago** Transfer to Calama for your flight to Santiago (1 night). - B

Excursions in the Atacama Desert are taken in English and Spanish-speaking groups and may be with tourists of other nationalities. The order of the excursions may change as not all excursions are available every day. If you stay at the Hotel Tierra Atacama, you can choose from a menu of excursions, though not all of them operate every day.



### Hotels:


#### EL REFUGIO ATACAMA

A comfortable hotel in a peaceful area less than 10 minutes walk away from the centre of San Pedro de Atacama.



#### HOTEL TIERRA ATACAMA

Located two kilometres out of San Pedro, this modern hotel has stunning views across the desert to the volcanoes. All meals, drinks and excursions are included.

 = Superior Hotel

### Prices Per Person

#### Atacama Desert

(4 nights)

**£1349** (£1799 single)

This extension includes 3 nights in Atacama and 1 night in Santiago

#### Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Tierra Atacama

**£1250**

(£3000 single)

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details





# Easter Island

4 nights from £1699

Moai heads



Anakena Beach



Rano Kau Volcano

Easter Island is the most remote inhabited island in the world, almost 2,200 miles from the coast of Chile. This volcanic island in the South Seas is only 15 miles across at its widest point, but was home to a culture which created over 800 giant stone statues.

**Day 1 Easter Island** Take a 5-hour flight to Easter Island. Experience a traditional reception with flower necklaces before transferring to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore (3 nights). - B

**Day 2 Easter Island** Drive along the coastal road, to Rano Raraku, a volcanic crater which served as a quarry and supplied the stone for the island's moai. Almost 400 moai are still found in this area. Climb the volcano to the restored Ahu Tongariki, with 15 moai, including the largest on the island. After a packed lunch, continue to Anakena Beach, a white coral sandy beach where you can swim in the Pacific. - B, L

**Day 3 Easter Island** Drive to the Rano Kau volcano, the ceremonial centre of Orongo and the birdman cult, where an annual race was held to bring back the first sooty tern egg from a nearby islet. There are also many petroglyphs here. In the afternoon, visit Ahu Akivi, an unusual site where 7 moai face the ocean, not inland. - B

**Day 4 Santiago** Fly to Santiago (1 night). - B

You can take the Easter Island Extension at the start or end of your holiday.

Excursions on Easter Island are taken in English and Spanish-speaking groups and may be with tourists of other nationalities.

Flights to Easter Island do not operate every day, and availability is limited, so additional days in Santiago may be needed.



Ahu Tongariki has the largest moai on the island



## Hotels:

### HOTEL PUKU VAI

In the town of Hanga Roa, set amidst large gardens, rooms are simple but comfortable, with air conditioning.

## Prices Per Person

### Easter Island

(4 nights)

**£1699** (£2099 single)

This extension includes 3 nights on Easter Island and 1 night in Santiago  
On some dates an extra charge may be payable for arranging flights to / from Easter Island  
Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details





# Best of Argentina & Chile

14 days/11 nights from £3899

## Hotels:

### PLAZA SAN FRANCISCO, SANTIAGO

Within walking distance of the city's sights.

78%

### CUMBRES LASTARRIA, SANTIAGO

In a lovely part of Santiago, with great views from the restaurant.

93%

### HOTEL REMOTA, PUERTO NATALES

A comfortable modern hotel on the Last Hope Sound.

73%

### RIO SERRANO, TORRES DEL PAINE

A comfortable hotel looking out across the river to the peaks of the national park.

85%

### CALAFATE PARQUE, EL CALAFATE

A warm and welcoming hotel in the centre of El Calafate.

81%

### HOTEL XELENA, EL CALAFATE



Just outside of town on the lake shore, with a spa, sauna, restaurant, bar and great views.

89%

### NH LANCASTER, BUENOS AIRES

In central Buenos Aires, with a modern interior.

69%

### SOFITEL LA RECOLETA, BUENOS AIRES

A stylish hotel with a heated indoor pool, gym, bar, restaurant and gardens.

90%

☼ = Superior Hotel

## At a glance...

- Marvel at the Perito Moreno glacier in Los Glaciares National Park
- Explore the majestic peaks and lakes of Torres Del Paine
- Discover tango in Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant capital city
- Visit Santiago, Chile's capital, framed by the snow-capped Andes

**Day 1 (Thu)** Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.

**Day 2 (Fri) Santiago** Morning arrival in Santiago, the capital of Chile. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel (2 nights). In the afternoon, take the optional Santiago Walking Tour. - B

**Day 3 (Sat) Santiago** Free day in Santiago. Take the optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion to explore the historic port city and sample some of Chile's famous wine. - B

**Day 4 (Sun) Puerto Natales** Fly over the Southern Patagonian Ice Field to Puerto Natales, on the shores of Last Hope Sound (1 night). - B

**Day 5 (Mon) Torres del Paine** Take a full-day tour of Torres del Paine, visiting lagoons, waterfalls, glaciers and mountains. Packed lunch is included. Visit Lago Grey, where you can walk on the lake shore or take the optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion. Reach your hotel in the late afternoon, where you can enjoy the views (2 nights). - B, L

**Day 6 (Tue) Torres del Paine** Free day in Torres



Patagonian Estancia

## Optional Excursions

### PATAGONIAN ESTANCIA

Get a feel for gaucho life on a traditional Patagonian Estancia and enjoy a walk through the stunning scenery of Los Glaciares National Park. The day starts with a scenic drive to the estancia, followed by a light breakfast and a walk through the great Patagonian outdoors. Your guide will take you along Lake Argentino and through forests of lengas trees, home to eagles, woodpeckers and a variety of other wildlife. Return for a tour of the farm where you learn about ranch life and have the opportunity to try your hand at some typical farmyard activities such as herding the sheep or milking the cattle. Finish your visit with a lamb roast lunch, cooked on a spit over open coals, whilst you listen to tales of the first settlers and enjoy views of the Cordillera. - L





Santiago, Chile's capital in the foothills of the Andes



Torres del Paine National Park



del Paine. Take the optional Las Torres Trek or the half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento. You can also book activities directly in the hotel. - B

**Day 7 (Wed) Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales** Optional Horse Riding excursion in the morning. In the afternoon, return to Puerto Natales (1 night). - B

**Day 8 (Thu) El Calafate** Take a 5-hour transfer on the public coach to El Calafate in Argentina, crossing the Patagonian plain (3 nights). - B

**Day 9 (Fri) El Calafate** A 90-minute drive along Lake Argentino takes you to the Perito Moreno Glacier, part of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field. Visit the walkways, where you can see the face of the 60-metre high glacier up close and listen to the creaks as the glacier breathes. Then take a boat ride to see the glacier from a different perspective. After a packed lunch, explore the walkways on your own, returning to El Calafate in the late afternoon. The order of

the visits may vary. - B, L

**Day 10 (Sat) El Calafate** Free day in El Calafate. Take the optional Patagonian Estancia excursion to visit a traditional Argentinian ranch in the Los Glaciares National Park. - B

**Day 11 (Sun) Buenos Aires** Fly to Buenos Aires (2 nights). - B

**Day 12 (Mon) Buenos Aires** Free day. Take the optional Historic Buenos Aires excursion, and in the evening, take the optional Tango Dinner Show excursion. - B

**Day 13 (Tue)** Fly overnight to the UK. - B

**Day 14 (Wed)** Arrival in the UK.

To extend your holiday with a trip to the Chilean Lake District, Tierra del Fuego, a Cape Horn Cruise, or a trip to Brazil, see pages 58-60.

It is possible to add extra nights in Buenos Aires, allowing you to take the Colonial Uruguay excursion. Please ask us for details.

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See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

### Prices Per Person

2023		2024	
Nov 2	<b>£4049</b>	Feb 22	<b>£4099</b>
Nov 9	<b>£4099</b>	Feb 29	<b>£3899</b>
Nov 16	<b>£4099</b>	Mar 14	<b>£3949</b>
Nov 23	<b>£4099</b>	Mar 28	<b>£3899</b>
2024		Oct 31	<b>£4099</b>
Jan 11	<b>£4049</b>	Nov 7	<b>£4149</b>
Jan 18	<b>£3949</b>	Nov 14	<b>£4149</b>
Feb 1	<b>£3999</b>	Nov 21	<b>£4149</b>
Feb 8	<b>£4099</b>		

2023 Single Sup. £1100 2024 Single Sup. £1100  
Single prices vary. Ask us for details  
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures

### Hotel Upgrades

<b>Santiago</b>	C. Lastarria	<b>£50</b>	(£100 single)
<b>Calafate</b>	Xelena	<b>£150</b>	(£300 single)
<b>B. Aires</b>	Sofitel	<b>£100</b>	(£200 single)

**Special offer:**  
All three from just **£249** (£499 single)

For upgrade to superior room in Hotel Rio Serrano, add £120 (£240 single)

Hotel prices vary. Ask us or see our website for details

### Optional Excursions

Vineyard & Valparaiso	<b>£180</b>
Patagonian Estancia	<b>£170</b>
Historic Buenos Aires	<b>£65</b>
Tango Dinner Show	<b>£110</b>

**Special offer:**  
All four above from just **£449**

Santiago Walking Tour	<b>£35</b>
Boat to Grey Glacier	<b>£130</b>
Las Torres Trek	<b>£185</b>
Hike to Lake Sarmiento	<b>£120</b>
Torres Del Paine Horse Riding	<b>£120</b>
Colonial Uruguay	<b>£330</b>

Excursion prices vary. Ask us or see our website for details

**IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking**

### SANTIAGO WALKING TOUR

A walking tour of Chile's vibrant capital.  
See page 52

### VINEYARD & VALPARAISO

Visit the winelands and colourful Valparaiso.  
See page 52

### BOAT TO GREY GLACIER

Sail up to the face of the Grey Glacier.  
See page 52

### LAS TORRES TREK

A challenging trek to Torres del Paine.  
See page 53

### HIKE TO LAKE SARMIENTO

A half-day trek in the national park.  
See page 53

### TORRES DEL PAINE HORSE RIDING

A guided horse trek through the stunning national park.  
See page 53

### HISTORIC BUENOS AIRES

Visit the historic sights of Buenos Aires, and the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca.  
See page 48

### TANGO DINNER SHOW

Enjoy an elegant tango performance over a good dinner.  
See page 48

### COLONIAL URUGUAY

A trip to the charming town of Colonia del Sacramento in Uruguay.  
See page 49

# Extensions to Argentina & Chile



## Chilean Lake District

2 nights from £429

One spectacular panorama follows another in this impossibly beautiful region of snow-capped volcanoes, wild forests and glacial lakes.

**Days 1 - 3 (Tue - Thu)** Follow itinerary on page 56.

**Day 4 (Fri) Puerto Varas** Fly to the heart of the Chilean Lake District, and transfer to Puerto Varas on the shores of Lago Llanquihue, with views of the beautiful snow-capped Osorno Volcano (2 nights). - B

**Day 5 (Sat) Puerto Varas** Free day in Puerto Varas. Take the optional Osorno Volcano & Hike excursion, or explore the surrounding area by yourself. - B

**Day 6 (Sun) Puerto Natales** Fly to Puerto Natales in Patagonia (1 night). - B

**Day 7 - 16 (Mon - Wed)** Follow itinerary on page 56 from day 4.

## Optional Excursion

### OSORNO VOLCANO HIKE

See page 52 for full details.

## Hotels:

### HOTEL SOLACE

A comfortable hotel, close to the town centre, with great lake and volcano views.

71%

### HOTEL CUMBRES

A spacious hotel on the lake shore. All rooms have lake and volcano views.

99%

☼ = Superior Hotel



## Tierra del Fuego

3 nights from £849

To visit Tierra Del Fuego is to travel to the end of the world. Sail on the Beagle Channel and get the chance to see this wonderful landscape and some of the wildlife, including sea lions and penguins.

**Day 1 - 10 (Thu - Sat)** Follow itinerary on page 56.

**Day 11 (Sun) Ushuaia** Fly from El Calafate to Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego (3 nights). - B

**Day 12 (Mon) Ushuaia** Take a catamaran trip on the Beagle Channel, with views of the coastal mountains and islands. Sail to a sea lion colony and a penguin colony. You may also see several species of sea birds, including albatrosses. This trip can take place in either the morning or afternoon. In April, the penguin colony is not visited. - B

**Day 13 (Tue) Ushuaia** Free day in Ushuaia. Perhaps visit the national park, take a ride on the southernmost train in the world or visit the historic Estancia Haberton. - B

**Day 14 (Wed) Buenos Aires** Fly from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires (2 nights). - B

**Day 15 - 17 (Thu - Sat)** Follow itinerary on page 56 from day 12. - B

## Hotels:

### HOTEL CILENE DEL FARO

Located in the centre of Ushuaia, with wonderful views of the Beagle Channel and the Andes.

75%

### HOTEL LOS CAUQUENES

A beautiful hotel on the Beagle Channel, 20 minutes from Ushuaia, with wonderful mountain views.

☼ = Superior Hotel

## Prices Per Person

### Chilean Lake District

(2 nights)

£429 (£639 single)

### Hotel Upgrade

Hotel Cumbres Puerto Varas **£60** (£120 single)

### Optional Excursion

Osorno Volcano & Hike **£220**

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details

## Prices Per Person

### Tierra del Fuego

(3 nights)

£849 (£1199 single)

### Hotel Upgrade

Hotel Los Cauquenes **£120** (£240 single)

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details





# Cape Horn Cruise

6 nights from £2699

Peale's Dolphins



South American sea lions



Explore the landscape by zodiac

Southern Patagonia offers some of the most spectacular views of anywhere in the world, and this expedition cruise allows you to visit the inaccessible fjords and glaciers, as well as Cape Horn, the most southerly landmass outside of Antarctica.

**Days 1 - 10 (Thu - Sat)** Follow itinerary on page 56.

**Day 11 (Sun)** Fly to Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego (2 nights). - B

**Day 12 (Mon) Ushuaia** Enjoy a free day to further explore Ushuaia and the Tierra del Fuego archipelago (4 nights). - B

**Day 13 (Tue) Cape Horn Cruise** Check in for your cruise, departing in the evening and enjoying dinner on board. - B, D

**Day 14 (Wed) Cape Horn & Wulaia Bay** Cruise across Nassau Bay to a remote archipelago and land on the legendary Cape Horn (weather permitting). Later, anchor at the dramatic Wulaia Bay and learn about the indigenous Yamana people, followed by a choice of hikes around the bay. During the night, re-enter the Beagle Channel, sailing through Glacier Alley. - B, L, D

**Day 15 (Thu) Pia & Garibaldi Glaciers** In the morning, set off in zodiacs to the Pia Glacier. After a zodiac landing, take a walk to admire the glacier. Later, anchor is dropped near the Garibaldi Glacier. The zodiac excursion to Garibaldi involves a stunning but demanding hike through virgin Magellanic forest to a glacial waterfall, with fabulous views along the way. Alternatively, you can simply enjoy the views from the ship's upper decks. - B, L, D

**Day 16 (Fri) De Agostini Sound** Arrive in the scenic De Agostini Sound, flanked by glaciers and saw-toothed peaks. After a zodiac landing, walk around a glacial lagoon close to the frozen base of the great Aguila Glacier. Here, above the sub-Antarctic rainforest you can sometimes spot condors and other birdlife. - B, L, D

**Day 17 (Sat) Magdalena Island & Buenos Aires** In the early morning, weather permitting, disembark on Magdalena Island, home to a colony of Magellanic penguins. In April, when there are no penguins, visit Marta Island instead, to observe the South American sea lions. You arrive in Punta Arenas in the late morning. Fly to Buenos Aires, via Santiago, arriving in the evening. Transfer to your hotel (2 nights). - B

**Days 18 - 20 (Sun - Tue)** Follow the itinerary on page 56 from day 12.

As boats sail on different days of each week, additional or fewer nights may be required in Ushuaia. Please ask us for details of the dates you are interested in.



## Cruceros Australis Ships

The Stella Australis and Ventus Australis are expedition ships built specifically for Patagonia. Each has a capacity for 210 passengers, and there is a restaurant, bar, gym, open deck and first aid centre. Guides give lectures throughout the day and in the evenings. All cabins are outward facing with heating and have large windows and en-suite shower rooms. 'A' cabins are on the lowest deck, 'AA' cabins are on the higher decks, offering better views, 'AAA' cabins are in the centre of their respective decks, and feature a full-height window. All meals, soft drinks and alcoholic drinks are included.

Prices Per Person		
<b>Cape Horn Cruise</b>		
(6 nights)		
<b>£2699</b> (£4899 single)		
<b>Cabin Upgrades</b> 🌟		
A cabin	<b>Included</b>	
AA cabin	<b>£250</b>	(£400 single)
AAA cabin	<b>£450</b>	(£700 single)
<small>Prices vary significantly throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details</small>		

# Extensions to Argentina & Chile



## Iguazu Falls

3 nights from £549

Straddling the border of Argentina and Brazil, the Iguazu Falls are possibly the most spectacular waterfalls in the world.

**Days 1 - 12 (Thu - Mon)** Follow itinerary on page 56.

**Day 13 (Tue) Buenos Aires** Free day in Buenos Aires, optional Colonial Uruguay excursion. - B

**Day 14 (Wed) Puerto Iguazu** Fly to Puerto Iguazu, located on the Argentinian side of the border. An afternoon visit to the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls, from where you can appreciate the grandeur of the falls (2 nights). - B

**Day 15 (Thu) Puerto Iguazu** A free day to explore the Argentinian side of the falls by yourself. Follow the walkways, seeing the falls from above and below, or take a boat trip to the base of the falls. For a guided tour, take the optional Argentinian Iguazu Falls excursion. - B

**Days 16 - 17 (Fri - Sat)** Fly to the UK via Sao Paulo, arriving the next day.

### Optional Excursion

#### ARGENTINIAN IGUAZU FALLS

See page 49 for full details.

### Hotels:

See page 48 for details of hotels in Puerto Iguazu.



## Rio & Iguazu Falls

6 nights from £949

End your holiday to Chile and Argentina with a flourish with a trip to the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

**Days 1 - 12 (Thu - Mon)** Follow itinerary on page 56.

**Day 13 (Tue) Buenos Aires** Free day in Buenos Aires. Optional Colonial Uruguay excursion. - B

**Day 14 (Wed) Puerto Iguazu** Fly to Puerto Iguazu, then visit the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls (2 nights). - B

**Day 15 (Thu) Puerto Iguazu** A day to explore the Argentinian side of the falls by yourself, or take the optional Argentinian Iguazu Falls excursion. - B

**Day 16 (Fri) Rio** Fly to Rio de Janeiro (3 nights). - B

**Day 17 (Sat) Rio** Take the optional full-day Iconic Rio excursion to visit the Sugarloaf and Christ the Redeemer, or explore Rio in your own time. - B

**Day 18 (Sun) Rio** Optional Santa Teresa excursion to explore the most beautiful part of the city. Alternatively, relax on the Copacabana or Ipanema beaches or visit Tijuca National Park. - B

**Days 19 - 20 (Mon - Tue)** Fly overnight to the UK arriving the next day.

To include a trip to Paraty or the Pantanal see pages 50 - 51.

### Optional Excursions

See page 48 for details of excursions in Rio and Iguazu Falls.

### Hotels:

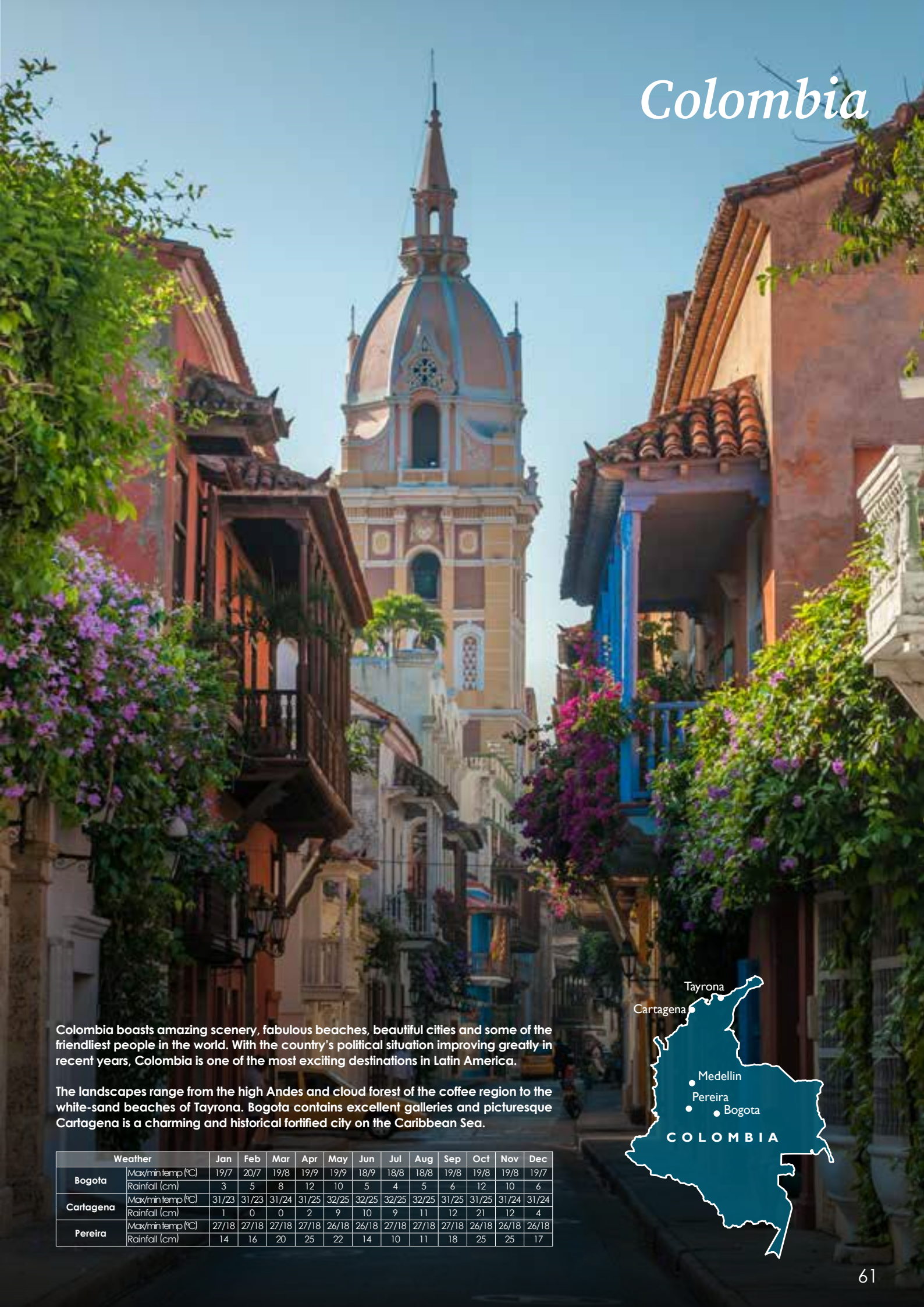
See page 48 for details of hotels in Rio and Iguazu Falls.

Prices Per Person	
<b>Iguazu Falls</b>	
(3 nights)	
<b>£549</b> (£779 single)	
<small>This extension includes 2 nights in Iguazu and 1 night in Buenos Aires</small>	
<b>Hotel Upgrades</b> 🌟	
Hotel Loi Suites	<b>£120</b> (£240 single)
Hotel Melia	<b>£300</b> (£600 single)
<b>Optional Excursion</b>	
Argentinian Iguazu Falls	<b>£110</b>
<small>Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details</small>	

Prices Per Person	
<b>Rio &amp; Iguazu Falls</b>	
(6 nights)	
<b>£949</b> (£1399 single)	
<small>This extension includes 3 nights in Rio, 2 nights in Iguazu and 1 night in Buenos Aires</small>	
<b>Rio Hotel Upgrade</b> 🌟	
Hotel Windsor California	<b>£75</b> (£150 single)
<b>Rio Optional Excursions</b>	
Iconic Rio	<b>£240</b>
Santa Teresa Walking Tour	<b>£60</b>
<small>Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details</small>	



# Colombia



Colombia boasts amazing scenery, fabulous beaches, beautiful cities and some of the friendliest people in the world. With the country's political situation improving greatly in recent years, Colombia is one of the most exciting destinations in Latin America.

The landscapes range from the high Andes and cloud forest of the coffee region to the white-sand beaches of Tayrona. Bogota contains excellent galleries and picturesque Cartagena is a charming and historical fortified city on the Caribbean Sea.



Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bogota	Max/min temp (°C)	19/7	20/7	19/8	19/9	19/9	18/9	18/8	18/8	19/8	19/8	19/8	19/7
	Rainfall (cm)	3	5	8	12	10	5	4	5	6	12	10	6
Cartagena	Max/min temp (°C)	31/23	31/23	31/24	31/25	32/25	32/25	32/25	32/25	31/25	31/25	31/24	31/24
	Rainfall (cm)	1	0	0	2	9	10	9	11	12	21	12	4
Pereira	Max/min temp (°C)	27/18	27/18	27/18	27/18	26/18	26/18	27/18	27/18	27/18	26/18	26/18	26/18
	Rainfall (cm)	14	16	20	25	22	14	10	11	18	25	25	17





# Treasures of El Dorado

14 days/11 nights from £2749

## Hotels:

### NOVOTEL PARQUE 93, BOGOTA

A modern hotel well-located near Parque 93.

73%

### EK HOTEL, BOGOTA

This modern hotel on Parque 93, near the Zona Rosa, with 70 well-appointed rooms.

### HOTEL SAZAGUA, PEREIRA



A traditional hacienda-style hotel, located in beautiful countryside close to Pereira.

93%

### PLAZA POBLADO, MEDELLIN

In the Poblado district of Medellin with elegant, comfortable rooms.

### SANTA CATALINA, CARTAGENA

A historic building in the old town, with a beautiful roof terrace and restaurant.

67%

### ANANDA BOUTIQUE, CARTAGENA



A beautifully renovated colonial house in the old town, with a roof terrace.

☼ = Superior Hotel

## At a glance...

- Discover the cloud forest in the heart of the Coffee Region
- Explore Cartagena on the Caribbean coast, jewel of the Spanish Empire
- Visit Bogota, the cosmopolitan capital nestled high in the Andes
- Soak up the vibrant energy of Medellin and colourful Guatapé

**Day 1 (Thu) Bogota** Fly from the UK to Bogota, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Perhaps enjoy the city's energy and explore the trendy Zona T area where your hotel is located (2 nights).

**Day 2 (Fri) Bogota** Enjoy a free day in Colombia's capital, or take the optional Historic Bogota excursion, visiting the local market to try exotic fruit, Plaza Bolivar to appreciate its colonial influences, and take the funicular up Monserrate Hill for fabulous views across the city. - B

**Day 3 (Sat) Coffee Region** Set off for Lake Guatavita outside Bogota, to discover the origins of the El Dorado myth and have lunch in a picturesque setting. Fly to Pereira in the coffee region, where you are transferred to your hacienda-style hotel in the early evening (3 nights). - B, L

**Day 4 (Sun) Coffee Region** Take the optional Coffee Plantation excursion, visiting a working farm to learn how some of the world's best coffee is grown and processed. - B



Visit El Peñol as part of Colourful Guatapé

## Optional Excursions

### HISTORIC BOGOTA

Visit Paloquemao, one of Bogota's most interesting markets, then ride the funicular up Monserrate Hill for panoramic views of the city and Andes. Explore the historic quarter of La Candelaria, visiting the Bolivar Plaza, and San Agustin colonial church, before finishing at the Botero museum to admire works by Botero, Picasso, Dalí and Monet.

94%

### COFFEE PLANTATION

No trip to Colombia is complete without a visit to a coffee plantation. Learn about each stage of coffee production; from the importance of soil composition, to bean selection, roasting and tasting. The guided tour will allow you to discover the elements which contribute to making Colombian coffee so distinctive. - L

83%





Cocora Valley



Colourful Cartagena



Explore Colombia's vibrant markets



**Day 5 (Mon) Coffee Region** Take the optional Cocora Valley excursion to see the majestic cloud forest wax palms that dominate the landscape. Continue to the charming colonial town of Salento and play the traditional bar game of tejo. - B

**Day 6 (Tue) Medellin** Transfer to Pereira airport for a flight to Medellin, where you are greeted by the sight of high-rise buildings sitting against a backdrop of the Andes (3 nights). - B

**Day 7 (Wed) Medellin** Take the optional Inspirational Medellin excursion to discover how this city has been transformed over the past 20 years. Considered one of Latin America's most vibrant cities, see Botero Plaza, dotted with the artist's sculptures, followed by a ride on the Metrocable cable car and some sites associated with the late Pablo Escobar. - B

**COCORA VALLEY**

Cocora Valley is one of the most spectacular landscapes in Colombia, populated with tall slender wax palms. Begin with a tour of the cloud forest, before having lunch in a local restaurant, then continue to the cobbled streets of Salento, to explore the craft shops and taverns and try your hand at an explosive game of Tejo, played with gunpowder. - L



**INSPIRATIONAL MEDELLIN**

Medellin has utterly transformed in the years since Pablo Escobar's death, to become one of the most innovative and creative places in Latin America. Start with a visit to Escobar's tomb, followed by a trip to the sculpture park to admire some of Fernando Botero's works. End with a ride on the Metro Cable for stunning views of the city.



**Day 8 (Thu) Medellin** Take the optional Colourful Guatapé excursion to discover one of Colombia's prettiest towns. If you feel up to it, climb 654 stairs to reach the top of El Peñol rock for a spectacular view of the surrounding lake and nearby towns. - B

**Day 9 (Fri) Cartagena** Visit a flower farm near Santa Elena en-route to Medellin Airport, before your flight to Cartagena (3 nights). - B, L

**Day 10 (Sat) Cartagena** Take the optional Colonial Cartagena excursion and explore the cobbled streets and interesting history of the colonial city, with a chance to try local snacks. Visit the fort of San Felipe, the historical old town and get a fabulous view from La Popa Hill. - B

**Day 11 (Sun) Cartagena** A free day to further explore the city, or perhaps visit one of the beautiful beaches in the nearby Islas Rosario. - B

**COLOURFUL GUATAPE**

Guatapé is a small town known for its colourful buildings and most of all, the 'Piedra del Peñol'. If you feel up to the climb, this 200-metre-high rock offers stunning views of the landscape. Wander the town's pretty streets and plazas, then after lunch, enjoy a boat trip around the reservoir before returning to Medellin. - L



**COLONIAL CARTAGENA**

Start with a fabulous view of the city's old town and port from the 400-year-old Monasterio de La Popa, then continue to the San Felipe Fortress, built to defend against British pirates. Learn about its ingenious tunnels, and underground galleries and passageways. Then enjoy a tour of the old town, where local vendors fill you with sweet and savoury treats.



**Days 12 - 13 (Mon - Tue)** Fly overnight flight to the UK, arriving the following day. - B

To extend your trip with a few days on Tayrona Beach see overleaf.

*"We had fantastic holiday in Colombia. It exceeded our expectations. It was pleasing to see a once turbulent country has moved on to become a safe fantastic place to visit. We would highly recommend this as a must see country."*

Mrs R, 2023

<b>SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW</b>			
See our website for savings on the date you are interested in			
<b>Prices Per Person</b>			
2023		2024	
Nov 16	<b>£2749</b>	Feb 22	<b>£2849</b>
2024		Mar 21	
Jan 11	<b>£2849</b>	Nov 14	<b>£2849</b>
2023 Single Sup. £650		2024 Single Sup. £775	
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures			
<b>Hotel Upgrades</b>			
<b>Bogota</b>	Hotel EK	<b>£50</b>	(£100 single)
<b>Cartagena</b>	Ananda	<b>£180</b>	(£360 single)
Hotel prices vary. Ask us or see our website for more details. Twin rooms cost more than double rooms. Ask us for details			
<b>Optional Excursions</b>			
Historic Bogota		<b>£60</b>	
Coffee Plantation		<b>£130</b>	
Cocora Valley		<b>£130</b>	
Inspirational Medellin		<b>£70</b>	
Colourful Guatapé		<b>£130</b>	
Colonial Cartagena		<b>£75</b>	
<b>Special offer:</b>			
All six from just <b>£529</b>			
Excursion prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details.			
IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking			

# Extension to Colombia



## Tayrona Beach

3 nights from £649

Tayrona National Park

You can extend your holiday in Colombia and soak up the sun by spending a few days on the stunning Caribbean coast near Tayrona National Park. The park is one of the most beautiful and idyllic areas of Colombia.

The attractive, but simple, Hotel Villa Maria is located three kilometres from the entrance gate to the Tayrona National Park. The secluded and intimate hotel has a privileged position surrounded by jungle and overlooking the ocean. There are lovely outdoor seating areas, a swimming pool, and the nearest beach is a five-minute walk away. Please note, due to the remote location, hot water and WiFi can be unreliable.

**Days 1 - 11 (Thu - Sun)** Follow the itinerary on page 63.

**Day 12 (Mon)** Take a five-hour transfer from Cartagena along the Caribbean Coast, arriving at the hotel by lunchtime. The Villa Maria has a swimming pool and is just a five-minute walk from a pretty sandy beach. - B

**Day 13 (Tue)** A free day to relax. Perhaps visit Tayrona National Park, a lush tropical rainforest just three kilometres from the hotel. Here you'll find dusky titi monkeys, red woodpeckers, iguanas, lizards and a variety of tropical marine life. The park is also home to over 400 species of birds. There are walks in and around the park that go to waterfalls and hidden beauty spots. The park entrance is a ten

minute local bus ride away, and the entry fee is around \$20 USD. - B

**Day 14 (Wed)** Another day at leisure. Maybe take a walk across the serene coastline of sandy beaches, following the shaded trail that winds through coastal jungle. Or lounge by the hotel pool with a drink in hand. - B

**Day 15 (Thu)** Transfer to Cartagena for your overnight flight to the UK. - B

**Day 16 (Fri)** Arrive in the UK. - B

On some occasions, flights back to the UK may depart from Santa Marta airport, close to Tayrona, travelling via Bogota.

*"Your representatives and tour guides were very kind and efficient, looked after us well and made the journey very smooth. The itinerary was superb and covered beautiful places!"*

Mrs J, 2023



Spot wildlife in Tayrona National Park



### Hotels:

#### VILLA MARIA

A secluded, intimate hotel only a 5-minute walk from a beach and 3km from Tayrona National Park.

### Prices Per Person

Tayrona Beach			
Hotel Villa Maria	3 nights	each extra night	single suppl. per night
2023	<b>£649</b>	<b>£95</b>	£95
Ocean view rooms are available for a supplement. Ask us for details.			
Prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details			



# Vietnam & Cambodia



Within Vietnam's borders there is a wealth of natural beauty and cultural diversity. Glide along the waterways of the Mekong Delta, sail among the limestone islets of Lan Ha Bay or cycle through the undulating terraced hills of Pu Luong.

Nearby Cambodia is home to one of the world's greatest man-made structures. The temple complex of Angkor Wat is the largest in the world and its ornate spires and intricate reliefs tell stories of ancient kings and mythical deities.



Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ho Chi Minh	Max/min temp (°C)	32/22	33/23	34/24	34/26	32/26	32/25	32/24	32/25	31/25	31/24	31/23	31/22
	Rainfall (cm)	1	1	1	4	14	18	19	17	19	16	12	4
Hanoi	Max/min temp (°C)	19/15	19/15	23/18	26/21	31/24	32/25	32/26	32/26	31/25	28/22	24/19	21/15
	Rainfall (cm)	1	3	5	10	15	19	21	20	16	10	6	3
Siem Reap	Max/min temp (°C)	30/22	32/23	34/26	35/27	34/27	32/26	31/26	31/26	30/26	30/25	30/24	29/22
	Rainfall (cm)	1	1	3	5	12	17	18	20	22	12	3	1



# Vietnam South to North

12 days/9 nights from £2229

## Hotels:

### NORTHERN CHARM, HO CHI MINH

A comfortable hotel with a rooftop bar, and a restaurant with panoramic views.

### PILGRIMAGE VILLAGE, HUE



Situated in the countryside, away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

### BEL MARINA, HOI AN



A comfortable and stylish hotel on the banks of the Thu Bon River, just a few minutes' walk from the ancient town.

### LE JARDIN, HANOI

A sleek, well-located hotel near Hanoi's old quarter and West Lake.

### PEONY CRUISE, LAN HA BAY



A modern cruise ship with stylish and comfortable cabins. The upper deck features a small pool with a jacuzzi.

## At a glance...

- Take a cruise through the limestone islets of Lan Ha Bay
- Try the incredible street food in the bustling streets of Hue
- Explore the Vietnam war tunnels north of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)
- Wander the ancient streets of Hoi An and discover Hanoi's old quarter

**Day 1 (Fri)** Overnight flight from the UK to Vietnam.

enjoy an afternoon at leisure, perhaps visiting the War Museum. - B

**Day 2 (Sat) Ho Chi Minh** Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City, where you are met and taken to your hotel (2 nights).

**Day 4 (Mon) Ho Chi Minh - Hue** Fly to Hue, once the imperial capital which features stunning palaces, royal tombs, pagodas and temples. In the evening take our optional Hue Street Eats excursion, and sample some of Vietnam's fine culinary delights (2 nights). - B

**Day 3 (Sun) Ho Chi Minh** A free day to explore the city. Alternatively take the optional Vietnam War Tunnels excursion, and explore the immense hidden tunnel network that the Viet Cong used during the Vietnam War. Return to your hotel and

**Day 5 (Tue) Hue** A free day to explore Hue for yourself. Alternatively, take the optional

## Optional Excursions

### VIETNAM WAR TUNNELS

Visit the expansive tunnel network dug by Viet Cong guerrillas during the Vietnam War. Drive 1.5 hours through lush countryside to reach the tunnels, then take a guided tour, including the chance to clamber through the tunnels for yourself. Going underground is entirely optional, as there is also above ground access to the rooms. - L

### HUE STREET EATS

Spend an evening sampling the best of Vietnam's famous street food. After a quick introduction to Hue's cuisine, your guide will take you to some of the local eateries, perhaps to try soft rice cakes, delicious grilled pork and local speciality Banh Khoai: crispy Hue-style pancakes. For dessert try Che, a sweet colourful soup that's a favourite among locals.



My Son Jungle Temples





Lan Ha Bay



Explore the lamp-lit streets of Hoi An



Produce seller in Hanoi's Old Quarter



Imperial City excursion and learn about the luxurious and secretive world of the royal court. You start by visiting the Imperial Citadel, as your guide explains the history of the last royal dynasty of Vietnam. Then head to a Buddhist monastery for a tour of the historic pagoda followed by lunch with the monks. - B

**Day 6 (Wed) Hoi An** Depart Hue in the morning and drive over the breathtaking Hai Van Pass to Hoi An. This remarkable stretch of mountain road passes through dramatic peaks and looks out over the East Vietnam Sea. In the afternoon, enjoy a walking tour through this cosy and atmospheric town (2 nights). - B

**Day 7 (Thu) Hoi An** Enjoy a free day at leisure to discover the city of Hoi An. Perhaps take a walk through the charming UNESCO World Heritage Site of the old town, or take a boat on the river.

Alternatively, take the optional My Son Jungle Temples excursion and visit one of Vietnam's greatest archaeological sites. The elaborate jungle temple complex was built by the Champa civilisation, and features strong Hindu influences. - B

**Day 8 (Fri) Hoi An - Hanoi** Take a morning flight to Hanoi, then have the afternoon to explore the capital for yourself, or take the Old Quarter optional excursion to learn more about the fabulous architecture and colourful history of Hanoi's ancient streets (1 night). - B

**Day 9 (Sat) Hanoi - Lan Ha Bay** Drive to Lan Ha Bay, where stunning limestone islets rise from the clear emerald water of the gulf of Tonkin. Board your ship and enjoy lunch as you start your cruise through the mysterious rocky pillars. Visit a floating fishing village, go kayaking, and enjoy the stunning views. Stay overnight on board the ship (1 night). - B, L, D

**Day 10 (Sun) Lan Ha Bay - Hanoi** There is a Tai Chi class available on board for early risers, then breakfast is served whilst the boat continues cruising through islets and sea caves. Once you disembark, drive back to Hanoi, arriving in the afternoon with some more time to explore the capital (1 night). - B

**Day 11 (Mon) Hanoi** Fly overnight to the UK. - B

**Day 12 (Tue)** Arrival in the UK.

Extend your holiday with a trip to Angkor Wat, the Mekong Delta, or rural Vietnam. See pages 68 - 70 for further details.

Ask us if you are interested in extra nights in Hanoi.

### IMPERIAL CITY

Discover Hue's royal roots with a trip to the Imperial Citadel, where Vietnam's last imperial dynasty ruled until 1945. Admire the stunning architecture whilst your guide explains the fascinating history of the royal court. Then travel to a historic pagoda, before heading to a monastery to enjoy a vegetarian lunch with the monks. - L



Hue Street Eats

### MY SON JUNGLE TEMPLES

The My Son temples were once part of the prosperous Champa civilisation, which ruled in central Vietnam from the 4th to the 13th century. The dramatic temples are set in a jungle clearing in a misty mountain valley. On this tour you will learn all about Champa culture, and the history of what is perhaps Vietnam's greatest archaeological site.

### HANOI OLD QUARTER

Delve into tiny bustling alleys of the area known as the "36 streets of 36 wares", this area was once home to all kinds of traditional trades, and the streets still bear their names from the 15th century, like "Silk Street" or "Jewellery Street". Also visit the old quarter's residential areas, and learn about how the city changed during the socialist period.

### SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

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#### Prices Per Person

2023		2024	
Nov 17	<b>£2229</b>	Apr 5	<b>£2379</b>
2024		Apr 26	<b>£2279</b>
Jan 12	<b>£2279</b>	May 17	<b>£2229</b>
Feb 2	<b>£2409</b>	Nov 1	<b>£2299</b>
Feb 23	<b>£2309</b>	Nov 8	<b>£2299</b>
Mar 15	<b>£2279</b>	Nov 22	<b>£2299</b>
2023 Single Sup. £400		2024 Single Sup. £450	
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures			

#### Optional Excursions

Vietnam War Tunnels	<b>£65</b>
Hue Street Eats	<b>£55</b>
Imperial City	<b>£60</b>
My Son Jungle Temples	<b>£35</b>
Hanoi Old Quarter	<b>£30</b>

#### Special offer:

All five above from just **£199**

IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking



# Extensions to Vietnam



Temple guardians



Angkor Thom

Explore one of the most jaw-dropping archaeological sites in the world on this Cambodia extension. Start your trip with three days in Cambodia, taking the time to discover the temple complexes of Angkor.

The Angkor temples are a testament to Khmer ingenuity, splendour and devotion. There are over 1,000 temples within this colossal site, the most famous of which is Angkor Wat, which, at 162 hectares, is said to be the largest religious monument in the world. Today the site is an important part of national consciousness, and the temples have become a pilgrimage for all Cambodians.

**Day 1 (Tue)** Overnight flight from the UK.

**Day 2 (Wed) Siem Reap** Arrive in Siem Reap, gateway to Cambodia's famous Angkor Temples. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel in town. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure (3 nights).

**Day 3 (Thu) Siem Reap** Explore some of Angkor's most beautiful temples. Start with a visit to the West Gate of Angkor Thom, a less-visited site. Here you see the Bayon Temple, where you are met

by over 200 giant smiling stone faces on 54 towers. Explore the Baphuon Temple, Royal Enclosure, Elephant Terrace and more before moving on to the fairytale ruins of Ta Prohm, where huge tubular tree roots envelop the stone roofs and pillars. The highlight of the tour is Angkor Wat, a world heritage site since 1992, famous for its incredible beauty. Finish the day in Pre Rup watching the sun set over the rice fields. - B, L

**Day 4 (Fri) Siem Reap** A free day to relax at your hotel, or perhaps return the temple complex to further explore this incredible site. - B

**Day 5 - 15 (Sat - Tue)** Fly from Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam and follow the itinerary on page 66 from day 2.



Ta Prohm



## Hotel:

### LOTUS BLANC RESORT

Situated close to the archaeological park, making it an ideal base from which to explore the sights of Angkor Wat and Siem Reap.

## Prices Per Person

**Angkor Wat**  
(3 nights)

**£679** (£799 Single)

An extra charge may be payable for rearranging flights to / from Siem Reap  
Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for more details





# Rural Vietnam

4 nights from £569

Pu Luong



Cycle through scenic rice paddies



Pu Luong's ingenious water wheels

Finish your Vietnamese adventure in the peaceful hillside landscape of Mai Chau, one of the most idyllic regions of the country. Nestled in a mountainous valley of patchwork rice paddies south of Hanoi, this rural paradise provides the perfect setting to relax after your tour of Vietnam.

**Day 1 - 10 (Fri - Sun)** Follow the itinerary on page 66.

**Day 11 (Mon) Hanoi - Mai Chau** Escape from the bustling streets of Hanoi into the peaceful mountains of Mai Chau. Your guide picks you up from Hanoi in the morning, and drive you to the Mai Hich village, where you enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon, visit some of the villages of the local Tai Don people, to learn about their culture and lifestyle. Walk along the stream through corn fields and rice paddies before taking a ride on a bamboo raft downriver. Check in to your hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy the evening at leisure (2 nights). - B, L

**Day 12 (Tue) Mai Chau** Start the day with a leisurely cycle around the village, taking in the picturesque landscape and rhythms of local life. Visit a local hill tribe to learn about their way of life planting rice, herding buffalo and building their traditional houses. After lunch, the rest of the day is yours to explore at your own pace, or relax at the hotel. - B, L

**Day 13 (Wed) Pu Luong** A morning to yourself to spend however you wish. After checking out of your hotel, enjoy a scenic drive to the Pu Luong Nature Reserve, via a breathtaking mountain pass. After lunch in Pu Luong, visit the rice terraces and have a chat with the local farmers, before heading to your hotel (1 night). - B, L

**Day 14 (Thu) Pu Luong - Hanoi** Start the day with a walk through scenic rice paddies and winding paths shrouded in vegetation. Pick up bicycles in Uoi village for a gentle loop around the stunning countryside, stopping off at the Hieu Waterfall en route. The cycle ride is around 12km long. Alternatively, explore the area on foot or relax around the beautiful hotel pool. After lunch, transfer back to Hanoi for a final night before your flight the next day (1 night). - B, L

**Day 15 (Fri) Hanoi** Depending on your flight time, perhaps explore Hanoi further before your overnight flight to the UK. - B

**Day 16 (Sat)** Arrive in the UK.



## Hotels:

### MAI CHAU ECOLOGDE

The 43 rooms of the Mai Chau Ecolodge are set on a flower-lined hill in the scenic valley town of Na Phon. There is a restaurant, spa and outdoor swimming pool.

### PU LUONG RETREAT

Tucked away on a hillside in the mountains of Pu Luong, this comfortable retreat has a cosy restaurant and a hillside infinity pool with breathtaking views of the valley below.

## Prices Per Person

**Rural Vietnam**  
(4 nights)

**£569** (£749 Single)

This extension includes 2 nights in Mai Chau, 1 night in Pu Luong and 1 night in Hanoi

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for more details

# Extensions to Vietnam



## Mekong Delta

2 nights from £329

Back channels of the Mekong



Experience the culture of the Delta



Learn how to cook Vietnamese food

Get a taste of the Vietnamese countryside with a trip to the Mekong Delta. Experience the culture of the local people, and discover the timeless crafts and industries of the region. The landscape of the Mekong Delta is one of the most iconic in all of Vietnam.

**Day 1 (Wed) Ho Chi Minh** Fly overnight to Vietnam from the UK.

**Day 2 (Thu) Ho Chi Minh** Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City. You are met by your driver and escorted to your hotel. You have the rest of the day free to relax or explore the city (1 night).

**Day 3 (Fri) Mekong Delta** After breakfast, drive two hours to Ben Tre in the Mekong Delta. Board a boat and float next to rice paddies and fields of tropical fruit. Stop to take a tour of a family-run coconut farm, and learn how the farmers utilise every part of the coconut for candies and crafts. From here, take a bicycle (or tuk-tuk) tour of the village, followed by a ride in a traditional rowing boat through the narrow canals of the delta. After lunch at a riverside restaurant, you have some time to relax at your hotel, before an introduction to the local fishing trade. Return to the hotel in the afternoon for a Vietnamese cooking demonstration, and learn to make Banh Xeo, a local favourite. After a hearty

dinner, enjoy a lemongrass and ginger footbath, a local remedy said to relieve fatigue and soreness in the legs (1 night). - B, L, D

**Day 4 (Sat) Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh** Enjoy breakfast in the fresh air, then set off on a cycling trip to the island of Oc. The route is on a well-paved track lined with tropical fruit trees, and takes around 2.5 hours. For those who do not wish to cycle, other options are available. On the way you visit local markets and a weaving workshop, where the owner will teach you about different braiding techniques. Stop at a local catfish farm before heading to the pier for your boat back to the hotel. Check out of your hotel around noon and drive back to Ho Chi Minh City (2 nights). - B

**Day 5 - 14 (Sun - Tue)** Follow the itinerary on page 66 from day 3.



Sail through the back waters of Ben Tre



### Hotels:

#### MEKONG HOME, BENTRE

Located in a sleepy village on the Ham Luong riverside, this rustic country escape is set in a lush tropical garden, with spacious and comfortable rooms.

### Prices Per Person

**Mekong Delta**  
(2 nights)

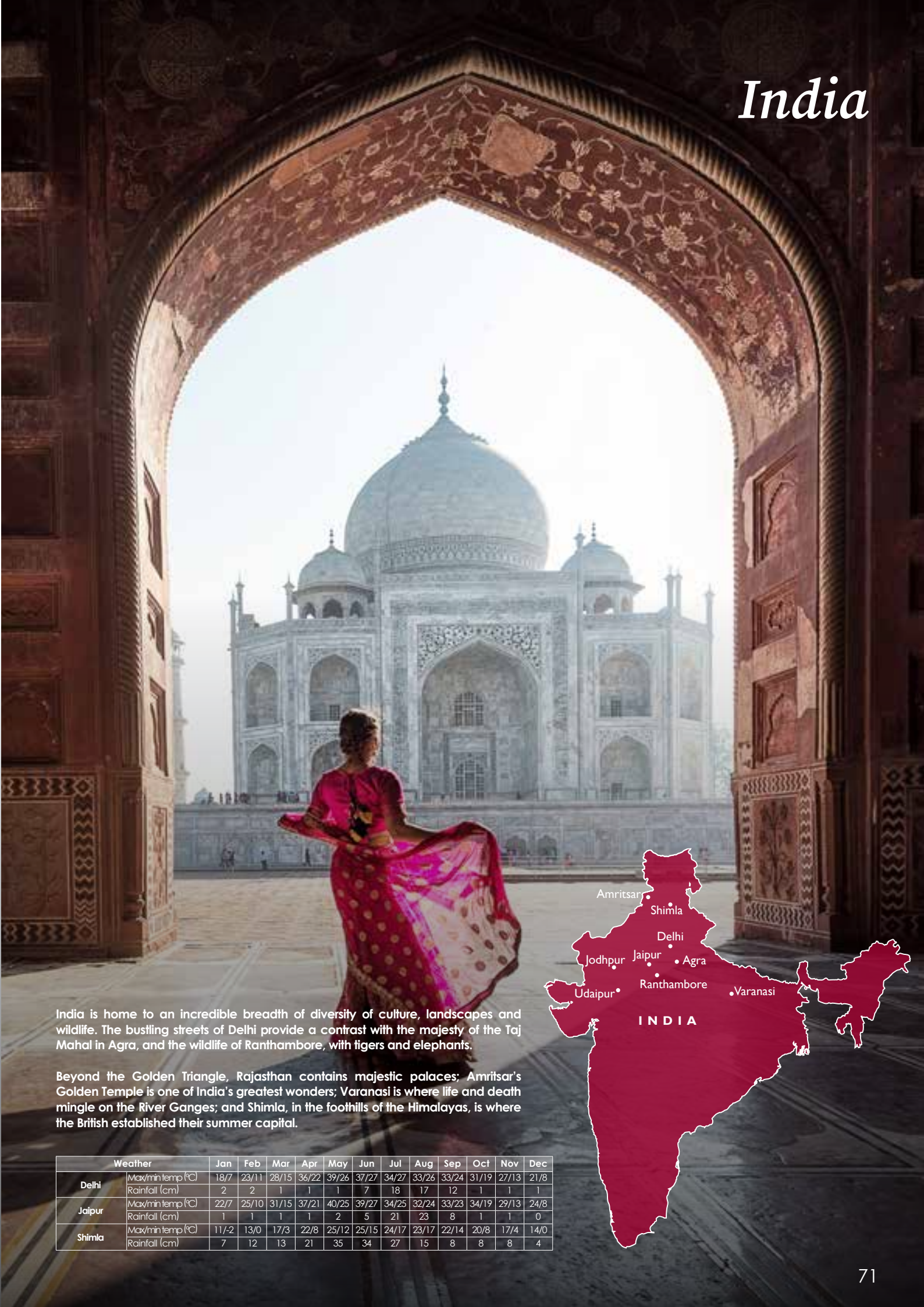
**£329** (£409 Single)

This extension includes 1 night in the Mekong Delta and 1 night in Ho Chi Minh City

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for more details

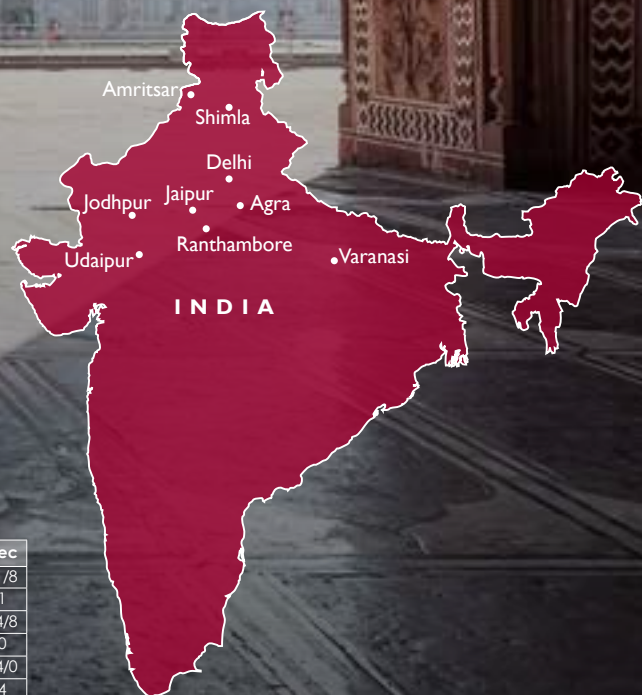


# India



India is home to an incredible breadth of diversity of culture, landscapes and wildlife. The bustling streets of Delhi provide a contrast with the majesty of the Taj Mahal in Agra, and the wildlife of Ranthambore, with tigers and elephants.

Beyond the Golden Triangle, Rajasthan contains majestic palaces; Amritsar's Golden Temple is one of India's greatest wonders; Varanasi is where life and death mingle on the River Ganges; and Shimla, in the foothills of the Himalayas, is where the British established their summer capital.



Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Delhi	Max/min temp (°C)	18/7	23/11	28/15	36/22	39/26	37/27	34/27	33/26	33/24	31/19	27/13	21/8
	Rainfall (cm)	2	2	1	1	1	7	18	17	12	1	1	1
Jaipur	Max/min temp (°C)	22/7	25/10	31/15	37/21	40/25	39/27	34/25	32/24	33/23	34/19	29/13	24/8
	Rainfall (cm)	1	1	1	1	2	5	21	23	8	1	1	0
Shimla	Max/min temp (°C)	11/-2	13/0	17/3	22/8	25/12	25/15	24/17	23/17	22/14	20/8	17/4	14/0
	Rainfall (cm)	7	12	13	21	35	34	27	15	8	8	8	4





# Taj, Tigers & Temples of India

11 days/9 nights from £1949

## Hotels:

### THE SURYAA, DELHI

A comfortable, modern hotel with a pool, gym and spa.

### THE CLARIDGES, DELHI ✿

A historic hotel with spacious rooms, four restaurants and a large pool.

### THE TRIDENT, AGRA

Just a mile from the Taj Mahal, built with red stone in the Mughal style, with a pool.

### ITC MUGHAL, AGRA ✿

A classy hotel in a peaceful landscape of manicured Mughal gardens.

### RANTHAMBORE REGENCY

A family-run hotel with a relaxed and personal touch, and a pool. Full board.

### THE TIGRESS, RANTHAMBORE ✿

A superior hotel with a pool, whose design pays homage to Rajasthan's royal palaces.

### SHAHPURA HOUSE, JAIPUR

Once the palace of the Shahpura Royal Family, now a beautiful hotel.

### SAMODE HAVELI, JAIPUR ✿



An opulent Indian mansion, intricately decorated and extravagantly furnished.

### VIVANTA DWARKA, DELHI

A comfortable modern hotel situated near the airport.

✿ = Superior Hotel

## At a glance...

- Admire the stunning Taj Mahal in the early morning light
- Look for Royal Bengali tigers in Ranthambore National Park
- Wander round the incredible Amber Fort in the pink city of Jaipur
- Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow backstreets of Delhi

**Day 1 (Sat)** Overnight flight from the UK to Delhi.

**Day 2 (Sun) Delhi** Arrive in Delhi. You are met and transferred to your hotel (2 nights).

**Day 3 (Mon) Delhi** A free day to explore Delhi, or take the optional full day Old Delhi City Tour excursion, which takes you through the city's major sites. - B

**Day 4 (Tue) Delhi - Agra** A 3-hour drive to Agra, where you visit the impressive Red

Fort of Agra and learn about the great Mughal monarchs who once ruled over the region. Visit the Mehtab Bagh gardens in the late afternoon light, and enjoy splendid views of the Taj Mahal from across the Yamuna River (1 night). - B

**Day 5 (Wed) Taj Mahal - Ranthambore** Start the day early to explore the Taj Mahal in the morning light. This stunning monument to eternal love was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in remembrance of his beloved wife Mumtaz, completed in 1648. Early morning



Peacock Gate, Jaipur City Palace

## Optional Excursions

### DELHI CITY TOUR

The day begins at Humayun's Tomb, the architectural inspiration for the Taj Mahal, followed by a visit to the impressive Jama Masjid mosque. Take a rickshaw ride through narrow lanes of the Chandni Chowk Market, famous for clothes, spices and street food. As you leave the market, stop at the Red Fort for a photo, then have lunch at a restaurant. Continue to Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated and spend some time in the Gandhi Smriti Museum learning about his incredible story. Drive past the Presidential Palace, former residence of the British Viceroy, and the India Gate war memorial. Finish your tour with a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site Qutub Minar, a 62-meter decorated tower in the midst of Delhi's oldest fortified city. Return to your hotel in the early evening. - L





Taj Mahal



Royal Bengal tiger



The Amber Fort in Jaipur



is the best time to visit the site, when it is cooler and there are fewer visitors. You then drive to Bharatpur for lunch, and take the 2.5 hour train journey to Ranthambore, the fastest way of making the journey, arriving in the late afternoon (2 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 6 (Thu) Ranthambore** Wake early for a morning game drive in Ranthambore National Park, taken in a six-person safari vehicle with a private naturalist guide. This former royal hunting ground is home to tigers, leopards, marsh crocodiles and more. The wildlife is best spotted in the morning, although the size of the park means that it can be difficult to see tigers. Return to the hotel for lunch and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. - B, L, D

**Day 7 (Fri) Ranthambore - Jaipur** Take the optional Ranthambore Game Drive for another chance to look for tigers, then return to the hotel. After lunch, take a 4-hour

transfer to Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, arriving in the evening (3 nights). - B, L

**Day 8 (Sat) Jaipur** A free day to explore the pink city of Jaipur, or take the optional Amber Fort excursion to visit the opulent hilltop palace, and spend the morning exploring the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. - B

**Day 9 (Sun) Jaipur** Another free day to explore Jaipur or take the optional Jaipur City Tour to see the Hawa Mahal Palace of the Winds, and explore the City Palace, where the Jaipur royal family still resides, then wander through the bazaar before returning to your hotel. - B

**Day 10 (Mon) Jaipur - Delhi** After breakfast, take a five-hour road transfer to Delhi. Lunch is included. Stay near the airport, convenient for your flight back to the UK the next day (1 night). - B, L

**Day 11 (Tue) Delhi** Fly to the UK, arriving in the evening. - B

Extend your holiday with a visit to Shimla, the British summer capital in the Himalayan foothills; to Jodhpur and Udaipur in Rajasthan; to the River Ganges in Varanasi; or to Amritsar and the Golden Temple. See pages 74 - 76 for further details.

### RANTHAMBORE GAME DRIVE

Another opportunity to try to spot some of the phenomenal wildlife in Ranthambore National Park in the morning. Tour the park in a six-seater safari vehicle with an experienced naturalist guide. The wildlife, and tigers in particular, can be difficult to spot, so by returning for a second visit you maximise your chance of seeing these incredible felines.

### JAIPUR AMBER FORT

A morning visit to the hilltop palace on the outskirts of Jaipur. Explore the ornately decorated halls and corridors of this extensive palace complex, with fabulous courtyards and gardens at every turn. There are four sections to the place, the oldest one dating back to 1599, built by Man Singh I. Return to your hotel in time for lunch.

### JAIPUR CITY TOUR

The morning tour starts with a stop at Hawa Mahal to admire its intricate pink sandstone facade. The five-story frontage has 952 windows, decorated with intricate latticework so that the royal ladies could observe the street life without being seen. These windows also have the effect of drawing cool air into the building, which is why the palace is named "palace of winds". Continue to the City Palace, where the Jaipur royal family still resides. The palace is an elaborate complex of exquisite gardens, grand courtyards and decorated halls. After visiting the palace, take a walk through the Jaipur Bazaar, to experience the local markets. Then return to your hotel in time for lunch.

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Feb 10	£2049		
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Optional Excursions			
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IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking			

# Extensions to India



## Royal Rajasthan

4 nights from £849

Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur



Ranakpur Jain Temple



Udaipur is India's most romantic city

The state of Rajasthan is the largest in all India, and is home to a vast range of landscapes and cultures. Visit Jodhpur, India's beautiful 'Blue City', explore the temples of Ranakpur, and finish in Udaipur, India's most romantic city, where ornate palaces look out over placid lakes.

**Days 1 - 9 (Sat - Sun)** Follow the itinerary on page 72.

**Day 10 (Mon) Jaipur - Jodhpur** Depart Jaipur in the morning and drive six hours to Jodhpur, known as the "Blue City" for its painted houses. Arrive in the afternoon and spend the rest of the day at leisure (2 nights). - B

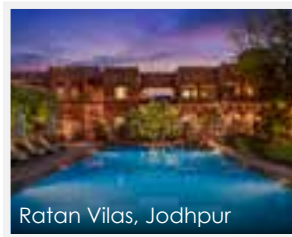
**Day 11 (Tue) Jodhpur** Visit the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort which overlooks the city from a high hilltop. Stop by the marble monument known as Jaswant Thada, before a stroll through the colourful Sadar Bazaar. After lunch, visit the sleepy village of Bishnoi to get a feel for rural Rajasthan. - B

**Day 12 (Wed) Jodhpur - Udaipur** After breakfast drive five hours to Udaipur, the "City of Lakes", considered one of the most romantic cities in India. On the way, visit the elaborately-carved marble temples of Ranakpur. The site is the largest Jain temple complex in India, and is full of devotional art. Arrive in Udaipur in the afternoon and have the rest of the afternoon to relax (2 nights). - B, L

**Day 13 (Thu) Udaipur** Explore Rajasthan's most scenic city. Your tour begins with the City Palace and Museum, the largest palace complex in India. Then visit the Jagdish temple before driving around the Fatehsagar Lake. The tour ends with a trip to the ornamental pleasure gardens known as Sahelion Ki Bari. - B

**Day 14 (Fri) Udaipur - Delhi** Fly back to Delhi, where you stay near the airport (1 night). - B

**Day 15 (Sat)** Fly to the UK, arriving in the evening. - B



Ratan Vilas, Jodhpur



Ajit Bhawan, Jodhpur



The Trident, Udaipur

## Hotels:

**RATAN VILAS HOTEL, JODHPUR**  
A peaceful hotel with a courtyard, garden, and pool

**AJIT BHAWAN, JODHPUR** ✿  
The residence of a former Prime Minister, this period hotel oozes opulence, with a pool and open-air restaurant.

**FATEH NIWAS, UDAIPUR**  
A well-positioned hotel with panoramic views of the lakes and a rooftop pool.

**THE TRIDENT, UDAIPUR** ✿  
A picturesque hotel on the shores of Lake Pichola.

✿ = Superior Hotel

## Prices Per Person

Royal Rajasthan (4 nights)			
£849 (£1069 Single)			
Hotel Upgrades ✿			
Jodhpur	Ajit Bhawan	£100	(£200 single)
Udaipur	The Trident	£40	(£60 single)

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details





# Shimla & Himalayan Foothills

4 nights from £599

Shimla toy train



The Vice-regal Lodge



Shimla mountainside houses

Shimla, at over 2,200 metres altitude, was declared the summer capital of British India in 1864, and the British influence is still visible. The train line to Shimla, completed in 1903, is a marvel of engineering, covering 60 miles as it crosses over 800 bridges and 100 tunnels.

**Day 1 (Tue)** Overnight flight from the UK to Delhi.

**Day 2 (Wed) Delhi** Arrive in Delhi. You are met and transferred to your hotel (2 nights).

**Day 3 (Thu) Delhi** A free day to explore Delhi, or take the optional full day Old Delhi City Tour excursion. - B

**Day 4 (Fri) Delhi - Shimla** Take the 4-hour express train to Kalka, then change to the narrow-gauge Toy Train, offering fabulous views as the line climbs over 1,500 metres to Shimla. The journey is beautiful, although the train is cramped with basic facilities. The whole journey takes around 5 hours, arriving in the late afternoon, but it is possible to disembark after around 2.5 hours, continuing to Shimla by road, offering a more comfortable and quicker route for the last part of the journey. A packed lunch is provided (3 nights). - B, L

**Day 4 (Sat) Shimla** A morning tour of Shimla, including the striking Vice-Regal Lodge, where the partition of India and Pakistan was planned. Then stroll along the Mall to Scandal Point, visiting the Gaiety Theatre - the colonial centre for entertainment - and Christ Church, built in 1857. The afternoon is free to explore the city or perhaps take one of the surrounding forest trails. - B

**Day 5 (Sun) Shimla** A free day to get to know Shimla further, or take the optional Wildflower Hall & High Tea excursion to explore the surrounding area. - B

**Day 6 (Mon) Shimla - Delhi** Set off in the late morning for the 3-hour road transfer to Chandigarh, from where you board the express train for the 3-hour journey to Delhi, arriving in the early evening. A packed lunch is provided (1 night). - B, L

**Days 7 - 14 (Tue - Tue)** Transfer to Agra and follow the Taj, Tigers & Temples itinerary on page 72 from Day 4.

## Optional Excursion

### WILDFLOWER HALL & HIGH TEA

This excursion allows you to enjoy the forest surroundings of Shimla. Start with a drive to Kufri, around one hour from the city, from where you get views of the surrounding hills and valleys and, on a clear day, of the snow-capped Dhauladhar range of mountains. Continue to Wildflower Hall, formerly Lord Kitchener's residence and now a beautiful hotel. Have an early afternoon tea for a light lunch, then perhaps follow the lovely Strawberry Trail surrounding Wildflower Hall. Return to Shimla in the early afternoon.



### Hotel:

#### HOTEL OBEROI CECIL

A charming colonial hotel with wooden floors, glowing fireplaces and a grand atrium; set in the cedar forests of Shimla.

### Prices Per Person

#### Shimla & Himalayan Foothills

(4 nights)

£599 (£849 single)

This extension includes 3 nights in Shimla and 1 night in Delhi

#### Excursion

Wildflower Hall & High Tea

£60

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details

# Extensions to India



## Amritsar & The Golden Temple

2 nights from £449

The jaw-dropping Golden Temple of Amritsar is the holiest site in Sikhism, and the nearby border ceremony is one of India's strangest and most entertaining ceremonies.

**Day 1 Amritsar** Fly to Amritsar, arriving in the afternoon. In the evening, visit the Golden Temple to see one of India's most incredible wonders after dark. Its dome is covered in gold leaf, which appears to shine in the illumination. The temple itself is astounding, but it is the worshippers and ceremonies which make this one of the most interesting places in India. Witness the Palki Ceremony, where the Granth Sahib holy book is taken to its sanctum for the night (2 nights). - B

**Day 2 Amritsar** Visit to the Golden temple in daylight, then explore the incredible community kitchen, where volunteers prepare over 75,000 free meals a day. Enter the Jallianwala Bagh, commemorating the notorious massacre of 1919, then visit the Partition Museum. In the afternoon, travel to the Wagah border to watch the entertaining retreat ceremony, where Indian and Pakistani border guards put on a theatrical performance, with an enthusiastic audience of thousands on both sides. This is generally good natured, and feels like a mix of Bollywood performance, Freddie Mercury concert and the Ministry of Silly Walks. - B

**Day 3 Amritsar** Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK via Delhi. - B

On some dates, a night in Delhi may be required before or after this extension.



### Hotels:

#### COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

In the city of Amritsar, the hotel is well placed to explore the sights. The rooms are comfortable and air conditioned.

### Prices Per Person

#### Amritsar & The Golden Temple

(3 nights)

£449 (£549 Single)

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details



## The Sacred Ganges

3 nights from £749

Varanasi, India's most sacred city, has a unique culture that's deeply associated with the River Ganges, where life and death intermingle.

**Day 1 Varanasi** Fly to Varanasi, arriving in the evening. The River Ganges is central to Hindu faith, and bathing in the waters is said to cleanse sin, and the ashes of the dead are scattered in the river to break the cycle of reincarnation and let the soul rise to enlightenment (2 nights). - B

**Day 2 Varanasi** In the morning, visit the Banaras Hindu University, the largest university in all of Asia, followed by a visit to the Vishwanath Temple, dedicated to Shiva. After lunch, take a tour of the Sarnath ruins and the Dhamekh Stupa, supposedly where Buddha gave his first sermon. In the late afternoon, take a walking tour to Bengali Toga and the riverside, where the symbiotic relationship between the different religions of the people of Varanasi is seen. As evening falls, witness an illuminated ritual performed at Dashashwamedh Ghat on the shores of the river, where priests stand on wooden platforms, whilst the river is worshipped with flowers, incense, drums and chanting. Flaming lamps are set on the water as an offering. - B

**Day 3 Varanasi** Start the day very early with a sunrise boat ride on the Ganges. Watch the purification rituals take place on the banks, as locals bathe themselves in the sacred waters. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight to Delhi (1 night). - B

**Day 4** Fly to the UK, arriving in the evening. - B

### Hotels:

#### RADISSON, VARANASI

A modern hotel in a good location to explore the city. There is a pool and restaurant.

#### TAJ GANGES, VARANASI ✿

A superior hotel with attractive gardens. The plush rooms are bright and spacious.

✿ = Superior Hotel

### Prices Per Person

#### Sacred Ganges

(3 nights)

£749 (£849 Single)

This extension includes 2 nights in Varanasi and 1 night in Delhi

#### Hotel Upgrades ✿

Taj Ganges

£60

(£120 single)

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details



# Sri Lanka

The name Sri Lanka means “Resplendent Island”, and nothing could be more appropriate for this lush tropical paradise. Sri Lanka’s vast forests are home to elephants, leopards, monkeys and crocodiles, as well as a diversity of birdlife.

The rich cultural heritage includes ancient royal complexes, holy caves, colonial cities and sacred temples. After visiting the temperate highlands, you can relax on the tropical beaches of the Indian Ocean.

Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dambulla	Max/min temp (°C)	27/21	28/21	31/22	32/23	31/24	31/24	31/24	31/24	31/24	30/23	28/22	27/21
	Rainfall (cm)	14	9	8	16	11	4	6	7	9	26	28	23
Nuwara Eliya	Max/min temp (°C)	20/9	21/9	23/10	23/11	21/13	19/13	19/13	19/13	19/12	20/12	20/12	19/11
	Rainfall (cm)	10	8	7	16	18	17	16	16	18	23	22	20
Yala National Park	Max/min temp (°C)	30/23	30/23	31/24	31/25	31/26	31/25	31/25	30/25	30/25	30/24	30/24	30/23
	Rainfall (cm)	7	7	6	6	7	6	5	6	7	9	13	12





# Splendours of Sri Lanka

13 days/10 nights from £2299

## Hotels:

### **GOLDI SANDS, NEGOMBO**

A comfortable beach-front hotel with sea-facing rooms.

### **JETWING BLUE, NEGOMBO** ✿

A stylish, modern hotel with sea-facing rooms, and an eye-catching palm-lined swimming pool with a beach bar.

### **AMAYA LAKE, CULTURAL TRIANGLE**

In the heart of the Cultural Triangle, on the shores of Lake Kandalama. There is a pool, and dinner is included.

### **RADISSON KANDY**

A short walk from the city's centre, with a rooftop pool looking over Kandy Lake.

### **GALWAY HEIGHTS, NUWARA ELIYA**

A cosy hotel on the edge of Galway's Land National Park.

### **THE GRAND HOTEL, NUWARA ELIYA** ✿

Set in an Edwardian estate, with four restaurants, a billiards room, an indoor heated pool, outdoor pool and several bars.

### **JETWING YALA**



Close to Yala National Park with an excellent restaurant, bar and pool.

### **CINNAMON BEY, BENTOTA**

See page 80 for hotel description.

### **BENTOTA BEACH BY CINNAMON** ✿

See page 80 for hotel description.

✿ = Superior Hotel

## At a glance...

- Spot leopards and elephants in Yala National Park
- Discover the ancient kingdoms and traditions of the Cultural Triangle
- Travel on one of the world's most scenic rail routes to Nuwara Eliya
- Relax on tropical beaches at Negombo and Bentota

**Day 1 (Thu)** Fly overnight from the UK to Colombo.

**Day 2 (Fri) Negombo** Morning arrival in Colombo. Transfer to your hotel in Negombo and enjoy a day on the beach (1 night). - B

**Day 3 (Sat) Cultural Triangle** Drive to the Cultural Triangle, home to ancient ruins, wildlife and traditional villages. Take the optional Dambulla Caves excursion and visit Buddhist cave temples that have been

in continuous use for over 2,000 years (3 nights). - B, D

**Day 4 (Sun) Cultural Triangle** Take the optional Buddhas and Elephants excursion and visit the ancient palaces of Polonnaruwa, followed by elephant spotting in Minneriya National Park. - B, D

**Day 5 (Mon) Cultural Triangle** Another day to explore the Cultural Triangle. Take the optional Lion Rock excursion to see one of Sri Lanka's most iconic landmarks. In the

## Optional Excursions

### **DAMBULLA CAVES**

Discover the Dambulla Cave Temples, dating back 22 centuries. Depart in the late afternoon and climb the 364 steps to the caves. Explore the five temples and witness more than two thousand years of Buddhist art. There are over 150 statues within the cave's elaborately patterned walls, the largest measuring 15 metres long.

### **BUDDHAS & ELEPHANTS**

Spend the morning visiting the ancient royal palaces of Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka's former capital, and UNESCO World Heritage Site. After a Sri Lankan lunch, climb into a jeep and search for herds of wild elephants in Minneriya National Park, where you can also find buffalo, crocodiles, and if you're lucky, leopards. - L

### **LION ROCK**

The ancient palaces of Sigiriya sit atop a giant column of rock, jutting out from the miles of flat jungle that surround it. Take a very early morning tour to climb up to the ancient palaces, passing through the giant lion's paws that give the site its name. Visit the gardens and fountains, and marvel at the mysterious frescoes hidden on the rock's western face.

### **WASGAMUWA NATIONAL PARK**

Take an afternoon jeep safari in one of Sri Lanka's lesser-known wildlife reserves. Wasgamuwa stands out for its population of sloth bears, but is also home to elephant herds and a rich variety of birdlife. On the way to the park, visit the Buduruwayaya archaeological site to see artefacts dating back over 2,000 years.





Sigiriya, or "Lion Rock"



Ride the train past tea fields and waterfalls



Elephants in Minneriya National Park



afternoon, take the optional Wasgamuwa National Park excursion for a chance to see more Sri Lankan wildlife, including sloth bears, elephants, and a vast array of tropical bird species. - B, D

**Day 6 (Tue) Kandy** Drive to Kandy in the central highlands and visit the Royal Botanical Gardens. In the late afternoon, take the optional Kandy City Tour, starting with a visit to the Temple of the Tooth, said to contain Buddha's left canine. The tour finishes with a visit to Kandy market (1 night). - B

**Day 7 (Wed) Nuwara Eliya** Travel on one of the world's most picturesque rail routes. On the four and a half hour journey you pass forests, waterfalls and tea estates before arriving in Nuwara Eliya. Train tickets cannot be confirmed until 30 days prior to departure, please ask us for details (2 nights). - B

### KANDY CITY TOUR

Visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth, home to Sri Lanka's most sacred relic - the left canine of Buddha. Witness a traditional religious ceremony in the elaborately decorated temple, with traditional music and drumming. Finish the day with a stroll through Kandy's local market and visit the colourful spice stalls.

### END OF THE WORLD HIKE

An early morning walk through Sri Lanka's scenic central highlands visiting the World's End viewpoint, a mountainside lookout 880 metres from the valley floor with incredible views of the Sri Lankan countryside. On a clear day you can see the Indian Ocean in the distance. The route is nine kilometres long, but leisurely, and takes around four hours.

**Day 8 (Thu) Nuwara Eliya** Enjoy a day at leisure in the peaceful town of Nuwara Eliya, or take the optional End of the World Hike. The hike takes you through Horton Plains National Park, and culminates at the World's End viewpoint, where on a clear day you can see the Indian Ocean. - B

**Day 9 (Fri) Yala** Take a tour of a tea factory in Nuwara Eliya, then begin your journey to Yala. En route, visit carved Buddha rock reliefs at the Buduruwagala Temple, then continue to Yala National Park, arriving in the late afternoon (2 nights). - B, L

**Day 10 (Sat) Yala** Enjoy an early morning game drive through Yala National Park in a six-seater safari vehicle. Your naturalist guide will help you try to spot leopards, elephants, bears and crocodiles. Enjoy the rest of the day to relax then take the optional Afternoon Game Drive for a second chance to explore the park. - B



Look for leopards in Yala National Park

### YALA AFTERNOON SAFARI

A second chance to explore this wonderful national park later in the day. Late afternoon is an excellent time for wildlife spotting as the animals become more active as nightfall approaches. You are accompanied by a naturalist guide who will help you spot some of Yala's famous wildlife.

**Day 11 (Sun) Bentota** Drive from Yala to Bentota Beach, stopping at the colonial town of Galle en route. Your guide will take you on a short walking tour of the fort, explaining some of the history of the town. Arrive at the laid-back beach town of Bentota in the late afternoon (1 night). - B

**Day 12 (Mon)** Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. - B

**Day 13 (Tue)** Arrive in the UK.

To extend your holiday with more days on Bentota Beach, see page 80.

**SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW**  
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### Prices Per Person

2023		2024	
Nov 9	£2299	Mar 21	£2349
Nov 30	£2349	May 2	£2249
2024		Jul 25	£2649
Jan 18	£2399	Nov 7	£2399
Feb 8	£2399	Nov 28	£2399
Feb 29	£2449		

2023 Single Sup. £600 2024 Single Sup. £700

Single prices vary. Ask us or see our website for details.

Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures

### Hotel Upgrades

<b>Negombo</b>	Jetwing Blue	£45	(£90 single)
<b>Nuwara E.</b>	Grand Hotel	£80	(£160 single)
<b>Bentota</b>	Cinn. Beach	£50	(£100 single)

Hotel prices vary. Ask us or see our website for details.

### Optional Excursions

Dambulla Caves	£20
Buddhas & Elephants	£110
Lion Rock	£40
Kandy City Tour	£20
Yala Afternoon Safari	£70

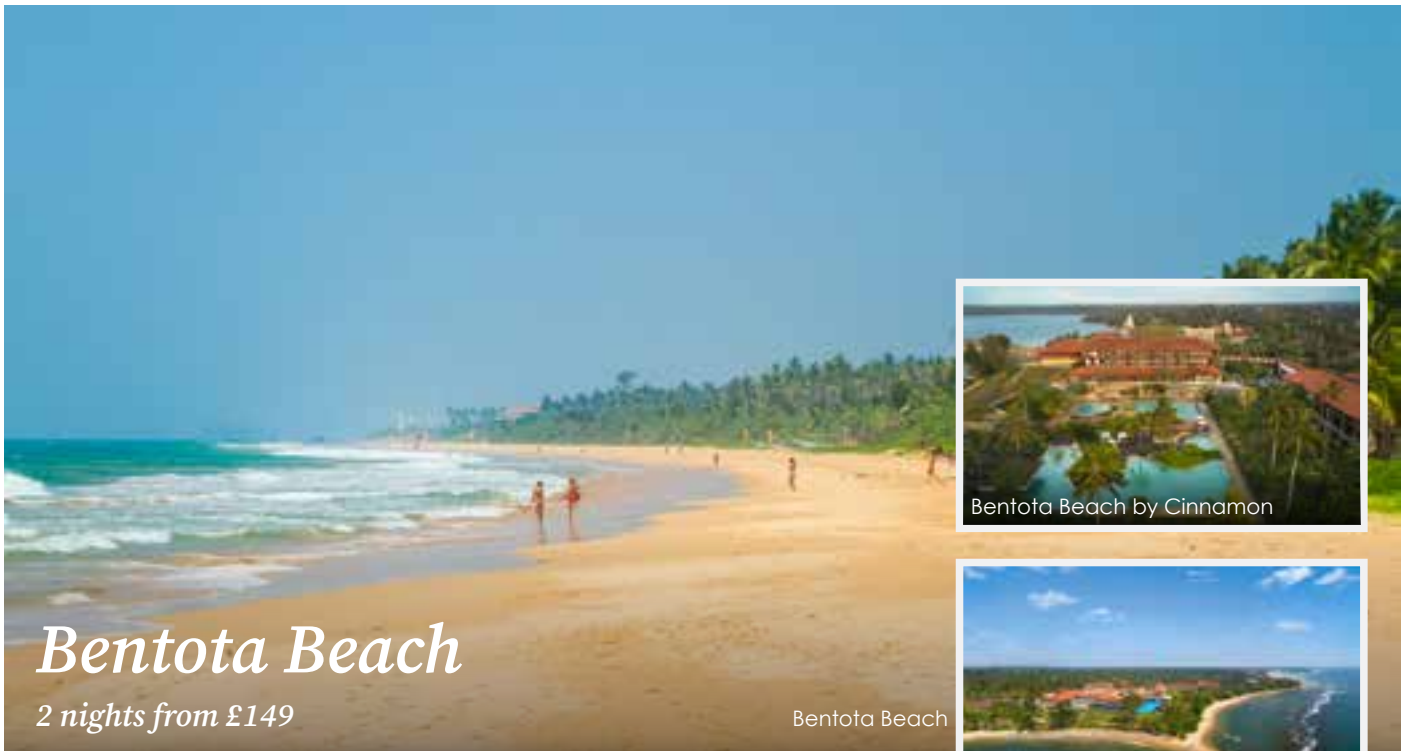
### Special offer:

All five above from just £199

Wasgamuwa National Park	£60
End of the World Hike	£60

IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking

# Extensions to Sri Lanka



End your holiday in Sri Lanka relaxing on the beach, absorbing the sun's rays by the Indian Ocean. The sleepy town of Bentota is an excellent place to unwind after your trip.

After Splendours of Sri Lanka, extend your stay in Bentota to three or more nights, before returning to Colombo for your flight back to the UK. This laid back beach town is the perfect place to conclude your trip. What started out as a small Portuguese fort at the mouth of the Bentota River, later became the location of a colonial rest house for Dutch officers. Today the town is still very much a place of rest. Walking along the vast open beach, you won't find any bars or restaurants, only well-spaced hotels and villas. Bentota provides an ideal setting to sit back and relax, swim in the pool or take a long walk across the vast sandy shores of the Indian Ocean.

**Days 1 - 11 (Thu - Sun)** Follow the itinerary on page 78.

**Day 12 (Mon) Bentota** A free day to relax on the palm-fringed beaches of Bentota. Take some time to explore the secluded coastline, or stay at your hotel and enjoy a drink by the pool. - B

**Day 13 (Tue) Bentota** A further day to relax in the sleepy beach town of Bentota. Enjoy your final day at leisure in this peaceful tropical idyll. - B

**Day 14 (Wed)** A two-hour journey from Bentota beach to Colombo airport to catch your flight to the UK. - B

**Day 15 (Thu)** Arrive in the UK.



## Hotels:

### CINNAMON BEY

On a palm-fringed beach north of Bentota, with garden- and ocean-view rooms available, all with private terraces.

### BENTOTA BEACH BY CINNAMON

A heritage hotel surrounded by lush gardens. There are four restaurants, several bars and two swimming pools.

✿ = Superior Hotel

## Prices Per Person

Bentota Beach (additional 2 nights)			
Hotel	2 nights	each extra night	single suppl. per night
Cinnamon Bey	£149	£75	£75
Ben. Beach by Cinnamon	£249	£125	£125

*Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details*



# Jordan



Jordan has acted as a crossroads throughout history, with ancient Romans, Ottomans and European crusaders leaving their mark. The elegant rose façades of Petra, carved into the face of the Siq slot canyon, were part of a bustling city on the incense trade route.

From the frenetic buzz of urban Amman, the enchanting starkness of Wadi Rum and the peacefulness of the Dead Sea, Jordan is a place that has captivated ancient explorers and continues to entice a new generation of travellers.



Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Amman	Max/min temp (°C)	12/3	14/4	17/6	23/10	27/14	30/17	32/19	32/19	30/17	26/14	19/9	14/5
	Rainfall (cm)	6	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4
Petra	Max/min temp (°C)	15/3	17/4	21/7	26/11	30/15	34/17	35/19	36/19	34/17	29/13	22/8	17/4
	Rainfall (cm)	5	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4



# Jewels of Jordan

8 days/7 nights from £2099

## Hotels:

### AMMAN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

A comfortable hotel with locally crafted furnishings and a pool. Dinner is included.

78%

### PETRA MOON HOTEL

A family run hotel, just steps away from the entrance to Petra. There is a rooftop terrace with a restaurant and pool. Dinner is included. The hotel is alcohol-free, however there is a bar nearby.

86%

### MAZAYEN DESERT CAMP, WADI RUM



A fixed campsite in the desert offering a simple yet authentic experience. Cabins are air-conditioned and dinner is included. The camp is alcohol-free.

79%

### HOLIDAY INN RESORT, DEAD SEA



On the shores of the Dead Sea with direct access to a private beach. There is an outdoor pool, a spa and a sauna. There are five restaurants including a rooftop and poolside dining. Dinner is included.

88%

## At a glance...

- Marvel at the ancient city of Petra, and see the iconic Treasury
- Journey through the spectacular desert landscape of Wadi Rum
- Float in the salt-rich Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth
- Explore Jordan's exciting capital, Amman, and the Roman city of Jerash

**Day 1 (Mon) Amman** Fly to Amman, arriving late at night. You are met and transferred to your hotel in the north of the city (2 nights).

**Day 2 (Tue) Amman** A morning tour of the Roman ruins of Jerash, said to be the best preserved outside of Italy. Explore key sites such as the pillar-lined causeway of 'Cardo', the Oval Plaza and the impressive Arch of Hadrian. After lunch, explore Amman's centre, including the iconic Umayyad-era Citadel that sits atop Jebel

al-Qala, the highest hill in Amman. Enjoy the panoramic views of the city from this vantage point, then descend to the downtown area of Amman with its ancient Roman amphitheater. Return to your hotel in the early evening. - B, L, D

**Day 3 (Wed) Amman - Petra** Journey along the 5,000-year-old King's Highway, stopping at the historic town of Madaba and the revered site of Mount Nebo, where you walk to the summit for amazing views, lunch included. Continue to the crusader

## Optional Excursion

### PETRA NIGHT ENTRANCE

A ticket to enter Petra after dark, offering an introduction to the ancient Nabatean city and a walk through the meandering Siq Slot Canyon to the treasury, illuminated by candlelight. The main appeal of this is that it gives you a chance to see this phenomenal monument after dark and makes for some good photo opportunities.

The site is very busy and there is a touristy show of Bedouin entertainment at the treasury, which we feel this is somewhat underwhelming, but we recommend you enjoy the walk and the views.

The site opens at 8:30pm and closes at 10:30pm.



Petra by night





Float effortlessly in the Dead Sea



Amman has some of the best Roman ruins outside of Italy



0 100 kilometres

castle of Kerak, one of the largest and most impressive in the Levant, before you arrive at your hotel in Wadi Musa in the early evening, located at the entrance to Petra. Take the optional Petra night entrance (2 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 4 (Thu) Petra** After an early breakfast, enter Petra and walk through the fabled Siq canyon to the famous façade of the Treasury. Enjoy a guided tour of this fascinating site that has been crowned one of the 'New Wonders of the World'. Your guide will escort you through the through the giant Royal Tombs that gaze across the hidden valley, the Roman amphitheatre and the Great Temple. You then have the afternoon free to further explore the site. Perhaps walk to the The High Place of Sacrifice or the legendary Monastery. - B, D

**Day 5 (Fri) Petra - Wadi Rum** Embark on the journey to Wadi Rum in the heart of

the Jordanian desert. After a two-hour drive, arrive at you desert camp, with time for lunch, then board a pickup truck for an exciting drive through the lunar-like landscape of the desert made famous by the tales of Lawrence of Arabia. Before you return to your camp, your driver will stop at a vantage point overlooking the desert. Here, you can witness the changing colours of the desert as the dusk falls. You arrive back at the camp in the early evening where you enjoy a typical Bedouin meal with entertainment and great stargazing opportunities (1 night). - B, D

**Day 6 (Sat) Wadi Rum - Dead Sea** Perhaps rise early to view the sunrise over Wadi Rum, then depart the desert camp and take a two-and-a-half hour drive to the Dana biosphere, where you take a short walk with opportunities of spotting unique flora and fauna. Have lunch in the historic stone village of Dana with views out over the

canyon before continuing to the Dead Sea, arriving in the evening (2 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 7 (Sun) Dead Sea** Enjoy a relaxed day at the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Take a dip in the super-salty water and feel the sense of weightlessness as you bob on the surface of the sea. Perhaps relax at your hotel or take a spa treatment. - B, D

**Day 8 (Mon)** An early morning transfer from your hotel to Amman airport for your return flight to the UK.

Ask us about extra nights in Amman or the Dead Sea.

*“This was one of the best holidays I have had. Superbly well-organised and made spectacular because of our excellent guide, Mo.”*

Mrs K, 2023



The Siq Slot Canyon is the gateway to Petra

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Mar 4	£2199	Sep 30	£2249
Mar 18	£2199	Oct 7	£2249
Apr 1	£2349	Oct 21	£2249
Apr 15	£2249	Nov 4	£2199
Apr 29	£2249	Nov 18	£2199
2023 Single Sup. £450		2024 Single Sup. £475	
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures			
Optional Excursions			
Petra Night Entrance			£35
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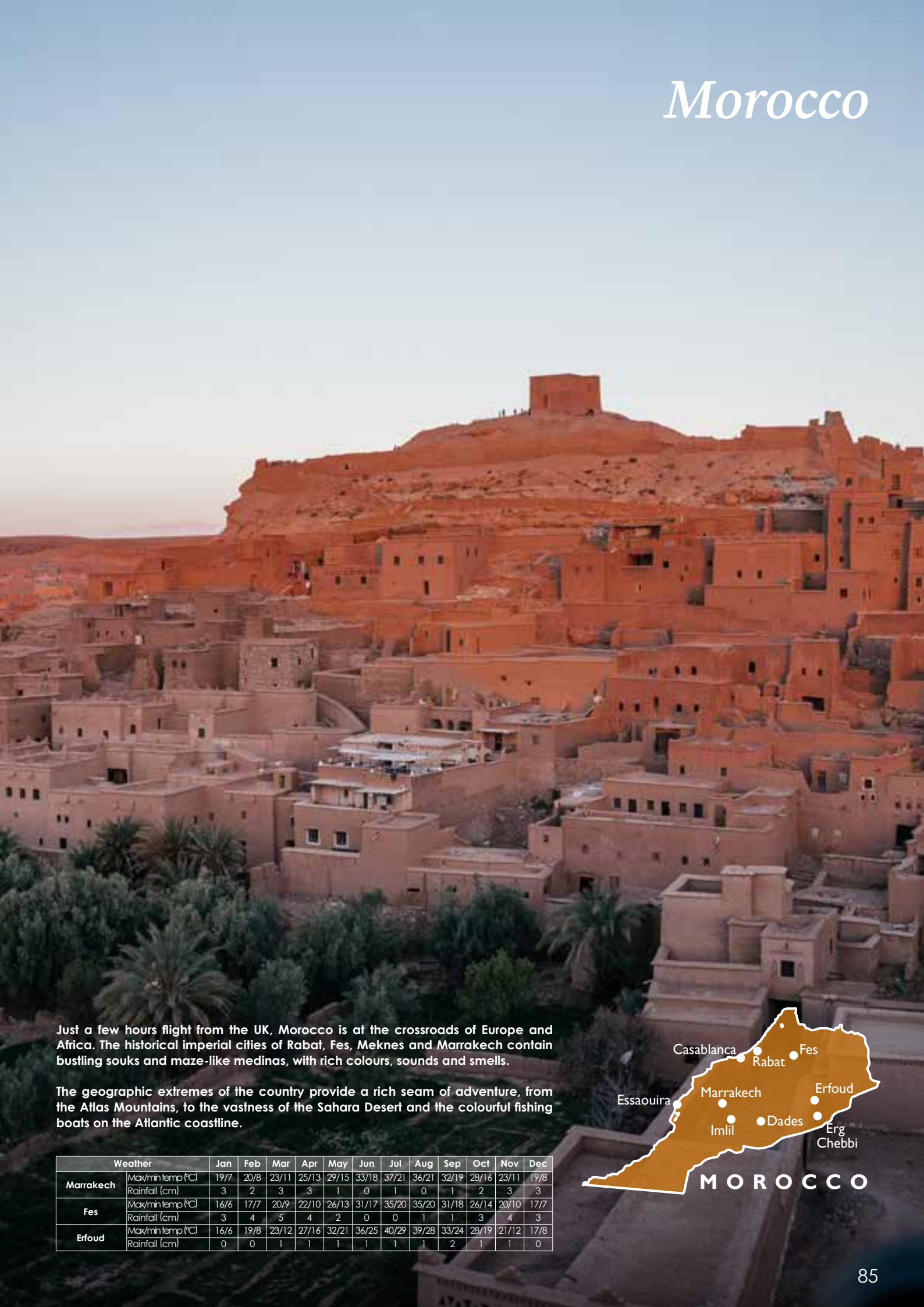
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# Morocco



Just a few hours flight from the UK, Morocco is at the crossroads of Europe and Africa. The historical imperial cities of Rabat, Fes, Meknes and Marrakech contain bustling souks and maze-like medinas, with rich colours, sounds and smells.

The geographic extremes of the country provide a rich seam of adventure, from the Atlas Mountains, to the vastness of the Sahara Desert and the colourful fishing boats on the Atlantic coastline.



Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marrakech	Max/min temp (°C)	19/7	20/8	23/11	25/13	29/15	33/18	37/21	36/21	32/19	28/16	23/11	19/8
	Rainfall (cm)	3	2	3	3	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	3
Fes	Max/min temp (°C)	16/6	17/7	20/9	22/10	26/13	31/17	35/20	35/20	31/18	26/14	20/10	17/7
	Rainfall (cm)	3	4	5	4	2	0	0	1	1	3	4	3
Erfoud	Max/min temp (°C)	16/6	19/8	23/12	27/16	32/21	36/25	40/29	39/28	33/24	28/19	21/12	17/8
	Rainfall (cm)	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0

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# Grand Tour of Morocco

11 days/10 nights from £1499 (not including flights)

## Hotels:

### KENZI MENARA PALACE, MARRAKECH

A spacious traditionally-styled hotel with tranquil gardens and pool just a short drive from Djemaa El-Fna.

79%

### IDOU ANFA, CASABLANCA

A modern hotel with excellent views of the ocean and the Hassan II Mosque.

60%

### SOUNDOUSS HOTEL, RABAT

A comfortable and airy hotel well-located within the capital.

### HOTEL BARCELO MEDINA, FES

A modern hotel close to the old medina, with a pool, a good restaurant and a lively bar.

72%

### KASBAH HOTEL XALUCA, ERFOUD

A characterful hotel at the door to the desert, with traditionally-styled rooms. Breakfast and dinner are included.

80%

### AZAWAD DESERT CAMP, ERG CHEBBI

A desert camp of private nomadic-style tents, with en-suite facilities and hot water.

70%

### HOTEL XALUCA, DADES



With stunning views of the Dades Valley, the hotel is styled in traditional adobe.

71%

## At a glance...

- Explore the labyrinthine souks of Marrakech and Fes
- Experience the vastness of the Sahara Desert
- Discover the UNESCO-listed adobe city of Ait Ben Haddou
- Journey over the Atlas Mountains, passing through dramatic gorges

**Day 1 (Tue) Marrakech** Make your own way to Marrakech airport where you are escorted to your hotel (2 nights).

**Day 2 (Wed) Marrakech** A morning tour of Marrakech visiting the famous Koutoubia Mosque, the Saadian Tombs, the Bahia Palace and the medina. Afternoon free to explore independently. - B

**Day 3 (Thu) Marrakech - Casablanca** After breakfast, take a three-hour journey to the coastal city of Casablanca, where

you have a guided tour including visits to the impressive Hassan II Mosque, the vast Mohammed V Square, the open-air market area of Habous and the residential area of Anfa, the oldest part of Casablanca. Lunch is included (1 night). - B, L

**Day 4 (Fri) Casablanca - Rabat** Take the scenic coastal road from Casablanca to Rabat, Morocco's capital. On arrival, your guide will take you on a fascinating tour showcasing the city's Islamic and French-colonial past. Visit the Kasbah of

## Visiting the Sahara

Erg Chebbi are the first colossal dunes and most accessible of the pre-Sahara Desert in Morocco. Erg refers to 'a large sea of dunes formed by wind-blown sand'. The dunes are a truly impressive site and rise from the grey hamada (hard-packed rocky desert) to a height of 150m in some places.

The Azawad Desert Camp offers a series of nomadic-style tents appointed with the finest Berber fabrics and decorations. All tents have private en-suite bathrooms with hot running water. Breakfast is included in your stay, as well as a traditional evening meal accompanied by Berber music and dance. Sunsets paint the dunes in pinks, oranges and red and when night falls, and the Saharan sky is filled with a multitude of stars.



The Sahara Desert





Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca



Fes tannery



Udayas with formal gardens, the iconic 12th century minaret of Hassan Tower, the Royal Palace and the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Afternoon free (1 night). - B

**Day 5 (Sat) Rabat - Fes** Depart the capital and drive to the laid-back city of Meknes, famous for its Jewish Quarter, Royal Stables, Lahdim Square and Bab el-Mansour Gate. After lunch, continue to the ancient Roman city of Volubilis, one of the most remote bases of the empire. Admire the fine mosaics and well-preserved ruins, then continue to Fes, arriving in the early evening. Lunch included (2 nights). - B, L

**Day 6 (Sun) Fes** This morning, take a tour of the Medina, navigating the maze-like alleys of the old town. You have time to visit the iconic Chouara Tannery and the beautiful 18th century inn of Fondouk Nejjarine. The afternoon is free to explore the city on your own or relax at your hotel. - B

**Day 7 (Mon) Fes - Erfoud** After an early breakfast, start your full-day journey to the edge of the desert. Stop at the unexpected alpine town of Ifrane with chalets more commonly associated with Switzerland. Continue through the forests of the middle Atlas, where Barbary macaques live, before visiting the village of Azrou, an important handicraft centre. After lunch in Midelt, journey through the palms of the Ziz valley before arriving at your hotel in Erfoud, on the edge of the desert, in the early evening (1 night). - B, L, D

**Day 8 (Tue) Erg Chebbi** After a relaxed morning, take a 4x4 vehicle into the desert to the colossal dunes of Erg Chebbi, visiting Lake Merzouga, often with flamingos feeding in the shallows, and Rissani, the cradle of the Alaouite dynasty, en route. Witness the mesmerizing sunset of the desert, then head to your camp for an evening

under the stars with Berber entertainment. Dinner included (1 night). - B, D

**Day 9 (Wed) Erg Chebbi - Dades** Rise early to witness the desert sunrise then drive to the town of Dades via the impressive Todra Gorge and the road of a thousand kasbahs (1 night). - B, L, D

**Day 10 (Thu) Dades - Marrakech** Explore the grandeur of the centuries old Kasbah Telouet with exquisitely-tiled walls and fine carved ceilings, before discovering the ancient UNESCO adobe city of Ait Ben Haddou featured in Ridley Scott's Gladiator. Return to Marrakech in the evening (1 night). - B, L

**Day 11 (Fri)** You are escorted to the airport in time for your return flight, arranged by yourself. - B

Extend your holiday with a trip to the Atlas Mountains or the Moroccan Coast. See page 88.

Ask us if you are interested in additional nights in Marrakech.



## Flights to Morocco

Unlike for other Llama Travel holidays, we do not include international flights in our Morocco holidays. This is because there are many flight options from different UK airports with airlines that Llama Travel does not work with.

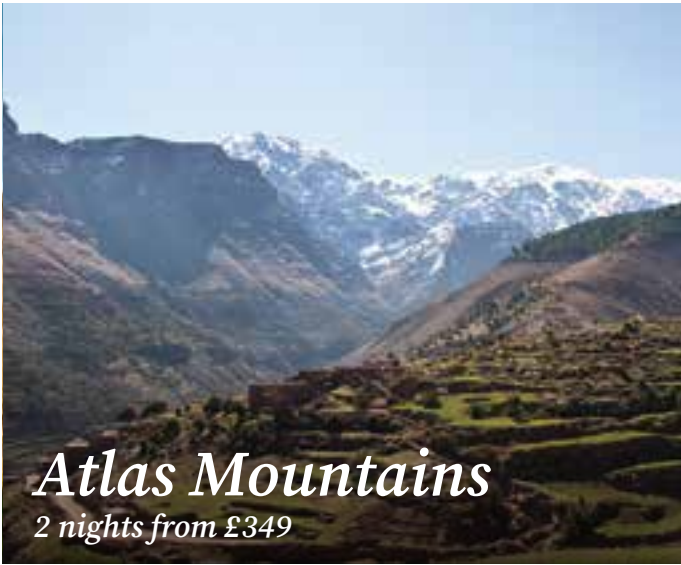
On some dates, we are able to arrange flights with British Airways, amongst other airlines, so please let us know if you would like us to look into flight options for you and we will let you know what is possible.



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2024		Oct 15	£1899
Mar 12	£1899	Nov 5	£1899
2023 Single Sup.	£400	2024 Single Sup.	£600
Prices do not include flights			
Hotels vary on some dates. Ask us for details			
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# Extensions to Morocco



## Atlas Mountains

2 nights from £349

With unique landscapes and traditional villages dotted along the range, a visit to the Atlas Mountains offers a great contrast to the bustling cities, arid deserts and ancient kasbahs visited on our Grand Tour of Morocco.

**Days 1 - 10 (Tue - Thu)** Follow itinerary on page 86.

**Day 11 (Fri) Marrakech - Imlil** Take a 90-minute transfer along scenic roads to the mountain village of Imlil, where you have free time for lunch. Then meet your guide for a three-hour hike, enjoying panoramic views over the Atlas Mountains dotted with Berber villages. Walk up to Tiz N' Tamatert Pass with an altitude of 2,300m. Then continue to the summit where your guide will explain all about Berber life in this region. Descend along the same path, returning to your hotel (1 night). - B

**Day 12 (Sat) Imlil - Marrakech** A morning tour of Berber villages, passing through the hamlets of Ait Souka, Targa and Imoula. Enjoy the views over the ancient terraced fields where barley and corn are grown, then have a typical Berber meal with a local family in Achan. After lunch, return to Marrakech (1 night). - B, L

**Day 13 (Sun)** Depending on the time of your return flight, enjoy a final morning in Marrakech. Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arranged by yourself. - B



### Hotel:

#### RIAD JNANE

A family-run guest house in the heart of Imlil, with a restaurant and terrace overlooking the Atlas Mountains.

87%



## Moroccan Coast

2 nights from £279

Morocco's long coastline stretches from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic. Essaouira, Morocco's most relaxed city, offers a tranquil end to your tour in the country.

**Days 1 - 10 (Tue - Thu)** Follow itinerary on page 86.

**Day 11 (Fri) Marrakech - Essaouira** Take a three-hour transfer to your beach-front hotel in the coastal city of Essaouira. Free afternoon to relax around the pool or explore the laid-back walled medina. Peruse the boutiques of the town with beautiful handicrafts on offer, or walk to the port, where the iconic blue wooden boats are moored. Watch as the fisherman haul their daily catch on to the promenade (2 nights). - B

**Day 12 (Sat) Essaouira** Spend time strolling along the vast, sweeping beach of Essaouira. Perhaps take a horse-ride along the shore or try your hand at surfing. The facilities at your hotel are perfect to while away an afternoon in the sun, lounging by the pool. - B

**Day 13 (Sun)** Take a three-hour transfer to Marrakech airport for your flight to the UK, arranged by yourself. - B

If you would like to take both the Atlas Mountains and the Moroccan Coast extensions, you will visit Imlil first, and transfer directly to Essaouira for two nights before returning to Marrakech for your flight.



### Hotel:

#### HOTEL MGALLERY

On the edge of Essaouira's vast beach, a short walk from the medina. With a private beach, spa, bar, and a pool.

75%

Prices Per Person
<b>Atlas Mountains</b> (2 nights)
<b>£349</b> (£429 Single)
<small>This extension includes 1 night in Imlil and 1 night in Marrakech</small>
<small>Prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details</small>

Prices Per Person
<b>Moroccan Coast</b> (2 nights)
<b>£279</b> (£369 Single)
<b>Atlas Mountains + Moroccan Coast</b> (3 nights)
<b>£549</b> (£679 single)
<small>This extension includes 1 night in Imlil and 2 nights in Essaouira</small>
<small>Prices vary in 2024. Ask us or see our website for details</small>



# Kenya



Nestled on the coast of East Africa, straddling the equator, much of Kenya is made up of vast wildlife reserves home to the Big Five and hundreds of other species. Kenya also boasts white sand beaches, flamingo-filled lakes and snow-capped mountains.

The greatest density of game resides in the Masai Mara National Reserve, renowned for the great migration which happens between June and September.

Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nairobi	Max/min temp (°C)	26/11	27/11	27/12	25/13	24/12	23/10	22/9	23/9	25/10	26/11	24/13	25/12
	Rainfall (cm)	6	5	9	24	19	4	2	1	3	6	15	11
Mombasa	Max/min temp (°C)	33/23	32/24	33/24	31/24	29/23	28/21	28/20	28/20	29/21	30/22	31/23	32/23
	Rainfall (cm)	3	2	6	16	24	8	7	7	7	10	9	8





# A Safari Through Kenya

9 days/7 nights from £3149

## Hotels:

### MOVENPICK HOTEL, NAIROBI

In the upmarket Westlands district, with a pool and a 360° revolving restaurant.

67%

### SERENA SWEETWATERS CAMP, OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY



A tented camp with the feel of a colonial safari. The camp has a waterhole for game viewing.

99%

### LAKE NAKURU LODGE

The en-suite rooms have unobstructed views of the lake, and there is a pool.

60%

### MARA SIMBA LODGE, MASAI MARA

On the edge of the Talek River, with tented en-suite rooms, a pool, and great dining options.

99%

### SAROVA MARA, MASAI MARA



In the heart of the reserve, in beautiful rolling gardens and a bird sanctuary. Comfortable permanent en-suite tented rooms.

99%

Depending on your departure date, you may be in either of the Masai Mara Lodges.

## At a glance...

- Witness dramatic wildlife interactions on safari in the Masai Mara
- Tour Kenya in a four-wheel-drive safari vehicle
- Meet the last two Northern White Rhinos in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy
- Admire flamingo-filled lakes around the Rift Valley

**Day 1 (Tue)** Fly from the UK to Nairobi where you are met and taken to your hotel (1 night).

**Day 2 (Wed) Ol Pejeta Conservancy** Drive for four hours to the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, visiting a weaving cooperative in Nanyuki on the way. Upon arrival, go for an afternoon game drive, then enjoy dinner at your camp with views over the watering hole. (2 nights) - B, L, D

**Day 3 (Thu) Ol Pejeta Conservancy** Take an early morning game drive within the

conservancy, which has one of the highest concentrations of predators in Kenya. Look for lions, cheetahs, leopards, and hyena, and if you are incredibly lucky, one of the two packs of African wild dogs. You can take the optional night game drive for a different view of the wildlife. - B, L, D

**Day 4 (Fri) Lake Nakuru** Drive five hours to Lake Nakuru National Park. Explore Lake Nakuru on an afternoon game drive, looking out for rhinos, warthogs, zebras, gazelles and buffaloes grazing on



## What to expect on a Kenya safari

One of the many beauties of a safari trip is that all your meals are included, so you can sit back, relax and fill up on hearty meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Each day on safari will follow a similar pattern, with early morning and late afternoon game drives to ensure optimum wildlife-spotting opportunities, and time to relax around the lodge during the warmest part of the day. The vehicle is designed to ensure maximum wildlife spotting opportunities, with a pop-up roof and all passengers enjoying a window seat for unobstructed views of the game.

For the majority of your trip you will be in a comfortable four wheel drive vehicle with a maximum of six passengers, plus your driver who will be your guide and accompany you for the duration of the tour, looking after your every need and filling you with interesting facts and anecdotes about the animals, scenery and culture.





The great migration, Mara River



Masai Mara is the quintessential safari destination



Spot the Big 5 in Kenya



the shoreline plus over 400 bird species including flamingos, spoonbills and eagles (1 night). - B, L, D

**Day 5 (Sat) Masai Mara** After breakfast, embark on a 6-hour journey through traditional villages, rocky highlands and lakes, to reach the iconic Masai Mara National Park. Arrive for lunch, with some time to freshen up and relax before an afternoon game drive. Look out for abundant wildlife including the Big Five and over 450 bird species from ostriches to secretary birds (3 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 6 (Sun) Masai Mara** Today is a full day exploring the Masai Mara Game Reserve. Head out early for the best chances of seeing some of the Mara's most iconic wildlife - elephants, black-maned lions, leopards, buffaloes, cheetahs, zebras and more. Stop for lunch in a scenic spot before continuing your drive. From

June to September you can witness the Great Migration, in which over a million wildebeest, zebra and antelopes make their way across the crocodile-infested waters of the Mara River, in search of green pasture. - B, L, D

**Day 7 (Mon) Masai Mara** After an early breakfast, drive for 20 minutes to a nearby town to visit a school built by local Masai guides, and learn about rural life. If you wish, you can bring gifts for the children including basic school supplies such as pencils and notebooks. In the afternoon, set off on your last game drive for a final chance to spot elephants, big cats and giraffes. - B, L, D

**Day 8 (Tue) Nairobi** Drive for five hours back to Nairobi, stopping at the Karen Blixen museum, where you take a tour and have lunch, then transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK. - B, L

**Day 9 (Wed)** Arrival in the UK.

2023 itineraries are two nights longer and include a visit to the Samburu National Reserve. See our website for details.

You can extend your holiday with a stay on Diani Beach. See page 92 for more details.

*“This was our 4th trip with Llama. Once again we were delighted with the trip and will be looking forward to our next adventure with you. As with other trips your local agents were great. Keep up the good work.”*

Mr & Mrs A, 2022

Africa  
Kenya

## Optional Excursion

### NIGHT GAME DRIVE

An evening excursion to discover the Ol Pejeta Conservancy 'after hours'. After dinner, wrap up warm and head out in a safari vehicle with a maximum of six passengers. Your guide will traverse the conservancy, using a filtered spotlight to seek out the animals that are rarely spotted during the day, including the aardvark, white-tailed mongoose, caracal and the bat-eared fox. Lions, usually seen sleeping during the day, are often sighted alert and active at night, and even on occasion, the more elusive leopard. The game drives last two hours. Return to the camp for drinks and tales by the campfire.

99%



Night game drive

### SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

#### Prices Per Person

2023 (11-day itinerary)		2024 (9-day itinerary)	
Oct 8	£3949	Aug 13	£4099
Nov 5	£3699	Sep 10	£3649
Nov 19	£3699	Sep 17	£3649
2024 (9-day itinerary)		Sep 24	£3649
Jan 23	£3349	Oct 1	£3649
Feb 20	£3349	Oct 8	£3649
Mar 12	£3349	Oct 22	£3649
Jun 18	£3149	Nov 5	£3449
Jul 30	£4099	Nov 19	£3449

2023 Single Sup. £800    2024 Single Sup. £750

Single prices vary. Ask us for details

Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures

#### Optional Excursion

Night Game Drive    £95

IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking



# Extension to Kenya



As well as being one of the best safari destinations in the world, Kenya has a beautiful stretch of coastline, lapped by the Indian Ocean. It's the perfect place to unwind after an action-packed adventure of early starts and wildlife-filled days.

Situated 30 kilometres south of Mombasa, Diani is regarded as Kenya's best beach, renowned for its turquoise waters and palm-fringed white sands. Activities on offer at Diani Beach include snorkelling, windsurfing, fishing, cycling and scuba diving.

The coastline has a selection of colourful coral reefs where you can snorkel close to marine life including turtles and manta rays. The coast and nearby islands also hold historical interest, scattered with the ruins of forts, mosques and tombs, plus underwater shipwrecks. You can also take out a traditional wooden sailing dhow.

**Days 1 - 7 (Sun - Sat)** Follow itinerary on page 90.

**Day 8 (Sun) Nairobi** Drive from the Masai Mara to Nairobi via Karen Blixen museum and stay at a hotel near the airport (1 night). - B, D

**Day 9 (Mon) Diani Beach** Fly to Ukunda Airport and transfer to your hotel on Diani Beach. Dinner is included in the restaurant overlooking the ocean (3 nights). - B, D

**Day 10 (Tue) Diani Beach** Spend the day at leisure. Relax on the beach, go diving or snorkelling with sea turtles or take out a traditional wooden sailing dhow. - B, D

**Day 11 (Wed) Diani Beach** Free day to enjoy the resort's facilities including the spa, pool and variety of restaurants, or perhaps try something more active such as fishing, cycling or windsurfing. - B, D

**Day 12 (Thu)** Transfer to Mombasa then fly to Nairobi for your connecting flight to the UK. - B

**Day 13 (Fri)** Arrival in the UK.



## Hotels:

### TAMARIND TREE, NAIROBI

A sleek and modern hotel, only a short distance from Wilson Airport, from which you will fly to Diani Beach.

### PINEWOOD BEACH RESORT

Rooms are built around well-kept gardens, set on the secluded Galu Beach, with a swimming pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts, and more. The nearby watersports centre offers kite surfing, windsurfing and snorkelling. Dinner is included.

89%

*"Staff in all places were so polite and helpful. Kenya is such a friendly place to visit. We thoroughly enjoyed it and commend Llama Travel."*

Mr & Mrs F, 2022

Prices Per Person	
<b>Diani Beach</b>	
(4 nights)	
<b>£849</b> (£1099 Single)	
<small>This extension includes 3 nights in Diani and 1 night in Nairobi</small>	
<small>Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details</small>	



# South Africa



Dubbed the Rainbow Nation, South Africa is diverse in so many ways, with a breadth of culture and people. The landscapes are equally diverse, from mountain-hugged Cape Town, to the luscious coastal Garden Route.

Wildlife is everywhere, from the Big Five on the Kruger savannah and the game reserves on the Garden Route, to the whales in the ocean. Combined with great food and wine, South Africa really is the perfect introduction to the African continent.



Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cape Town	Max/min temp (°C)	28/17	29/17	27/16	25/15	22/13	20/12	20/11	20/12	21/13	24/14	25/15	27/17
	Rainfall (cm)	2	2	3	5	7	9	10	7	5	4	2	2
Knysna	Max/min temp (°C)	28/18	29/18	28/17	26/14	25/12	23/10	22/9	22/10	22/11	24/14	25/15	27/17
	Rainfall (cm)	6	5	6	7	7	6	6	8	7	8	6	5
Kruger National Park	Max/min temp (°C)	31/21	31/21	30/20	29/17	27/14	25/12	27/12	29/13	30/16	30/17	30/19	31/20
	Rainfall (cm)	12	12	8	5	2	1	1	1	2	5	10	12





# Cape Town & The Garden Route

13 days/10 nights from £2699

## Hotels:

### SUN SQUARE CITY BOWL, CAPE TOWN

A modern hotel in the city centre with great views and a rooftop pool.

72%

### VICTORIA & ALFRED HOTEL, CAPE TOWN

An iconic waterfront hotel with a pool and a range of dining options.

99%

### ARABELLA HOTEL & SPA, HERMANUS

A scenic hotel near Hermanus with two pools and a golf course.

75%

### PREMIER KNYSNA, KNYSNA

On the banks of the Knysna lagoon in 4.5 acres of natural woodland.

### KNYSNA HOLLOW COUNTRY ESTATE

A secluded three-hectare country estate with two outdoor pools.

### SURVAL BOUTIQUE, OUDTSHOORN

An 18th-century homestead with mountain views and a pool.

76%

### ROSENHOF COUNTRY HOUSE, OUDTSHOORN

Set in a beautifully manicured gardens with antique furniture and a pool.

### OUDE WERF HOTEL, STELLENBOSCH

In the heart of Stellenbosch with a period-inspired feel and a pool.

90%

### LANZERAC HOTEL & SPA, STELLENBOSCH

A fabulous hotel on a working vineyard. Wine tasting is included!

🌟 = Superior Hotel

## At a glance...

- Enjoy panoramic views from the top of Table Mountain
- Drive along the scenic Garden Route
- Spot whales breaching from Hermanus
- Explore mountains, vineyards and historic farms in the Winelands

**Day 1 (Thu) Cape Town** Fly overnight from the UK to Cape Town.

**Day 2 (Fri) Cape Town** Arrive in Cape Town where you are met and taken to your hotel (4 nights).

**Day 3 (Sat) Cape Town** Take the optional Iconic Cape Town excursion which takes you up Table Mountain by cable car, and visits various sites in the city. - B

**Day 4 (Sun) Cape Town** Take the optional

full-day Peninsula & Penguins excursion, including a boat ride to Seal Island, a visit to Cape Point, and spot the endangered African penguins at Boulders Beach. - B

**Day 5 (Mon) Cape Town** Take the optional morning Robben Island excursion, visiting the infamous prison where Nelson Mandela was held for much of his incarceration. - B

**Day 6 (Tue) Hermanus** Drive to Hermanus, two hours from Cape Town, where you enjoy a boat ride to spot whales from June

## Optional Excursions

### ICONIC CAPE TOWN

Discover Cape Town, starting with a cable car ride up Table Mountain. Then explore the market of Greenmarket Square before walking through the peaceful Company Gardens. Visit the Castle of Good Hope, Grand Parade and the District Six Museum. Then wander through the colourful houses and cobbled streets of the Cape Malay Quarter.

83%

### PENINSULA & PENGUINS

Start with an early boat ride from Houts Bay to Seal Island, then take a scenic drive to the Cape Point National Park at the tip of the peninsula. The park has dramatic scenery and a fascinating history. After a seafood lunch, drive back along the False Bay to Cape Town, stopping to visit the penguins at Boulders Beach. - L

92%

### ROBBEN ISLAND

Made infamous by Nelson Mandela's incarceration during the apartheid years, Robben Island is now a museum and is recognised as a World Heritage Site. On this half-day tour, you will learn about the prison's 450-year history, and visit the cell that Mandela stayed in during his 27-year incarceration.

94%

### TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK

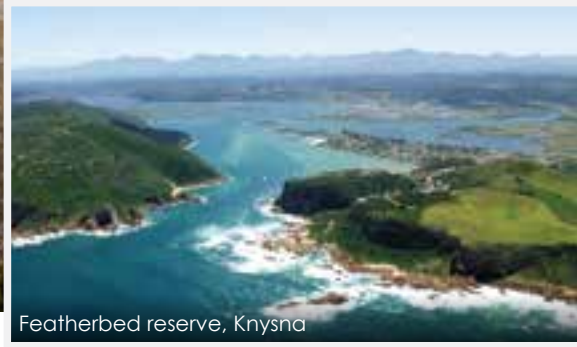
Spend a day exploring Tsitsikamma National Park. Walk a boardwalk through indigenous forest to the suspension bridge that crosses the Storm's River. Here you have stunning views over the deep river gorge and the striking seas. Look out for the vibrant birdlife in this area. Enjoy lunch in a restaurant with ocean views, before returning to Knysna. - L

76%





Southern-right whale in Hermanus



Featherbed reserve, Knysna



Table Mountain, Cape Town

to December, and other marine animals year-round (1 night). - B

**Day 7 (Wed) Knysna** Take a six-hour drive from Hermanus to Knysna, noticing the scenery change as you enter the verdant coastal Garden Route. Upon arrival, you have the rest of the afternoon to relax and explore the town (2 nights). - B

**Day 8 (Thu) Knysna** Take the optional full-day excursion to the Tsitsikamma National Park, where striking forest and beautiful coastline awaits. Alternatively relax in town and enjoy Knysna's setting, nestled between lush forests and the peaceful lagoon. - B

**Day 9 (Fri) Oudtshoorn** Take the morning optional Featherbed Eco Experience excursion before taking a two-hour drive to Oudtshoorn in the Little Karoo. Enjoy the setting amidst the majestic Swartberg

Mountain range (2 nights). - B

**Day 10 (Sat) Oudtshoorn** Take the optional Meerkat Magic excursion in the early morning, then enjoy a free day or take the optional Cango Caves & Ostrich Safari excursion. Learn about this exotic bird species and the town's history of ostrich farming, and discover some of the biggest stalagmite formations in the world in the Cango Caves. - B

**Day 11 (Sun) Stellenbosch** Take a six-hour drive through the arid Karoo to Stellenbosch in the Cape Winelands, where vineyards creep their way up mountainsides, making for fantastic scenery. The rest of the day is free to relax (1 night). - B

**Day 12 (Mon)** Morning free to enjoy the winelands, depending on your flight time, then transfer to the airport in Cape Town for an overnight flight to the UK. - B



Meerkats in Oudtshoorn

### FEATHERBED ECO EXPERIENCE

Take a boat ride across the Knysna Lagoon to the Western Head, then take a 4x4 to the Featherbed Nature Reserve, stopping at spectacular viewpoints. The park is home to Cape Mountain tortoises, African black oystercatchers and blue cranes. There is an optional walk to visit ancient sea caves, before finishing with a buffet lunch. - L

78%

### CANGO CAVES & OSTRICH SAFARI

Go for an extensive subterranean walk through the Cango Caves, witnessing some of the largest stalagmite formations in the world. Afterwards, visit an ostrich farm, where you can visit ostriches at every stage of development from eggs to full-grown birds. You will even get to stand on an ostrich egg to test its strength. - L

82%

### MEERKAT MAGIC

This early morning excursion lets you witness meerkats emerging from their burrows just in time to soak up the sun before they head about their daily activities. The group has been habituated by a research biologist for the benefits of conservations. Return to your hotel in time for breakfast.

85%

**Day 13 (Tue)** Arrival in the UK.

For a safari extension to Gondwana or the Kruger area, or an extension on the luxury Rovos Rail or to Victoria Falls, see pages 96 - 100.

You can also add more time in Cape Town or Stellenbosch. Please ask us if you are interested.

**SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW**  
See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

### Prices Per Person

2023		2024	
Sep 14	<b>£2699</b>	Jul 25	<b>£2949</b>
Oct 12	<b>£2749</b>	Sep 12	<b>£2799</b>
Nov 9	<b>£2749</b>	Sep 26	<b>£2849</b>
2024		Oct 10	<b>£2849</b>
Jan 25	<b>£2749</b>	Oct 24	<b>£2899</b>
Feb 22	<b>£2749</b>	Nov 7	<b>£2899</b>
Mar 21	<b>£2849</b>	Nov 21	<b>£2899</b>
Apr 4	<b>£2799</b>		

2023 Single Sup. £500    2024 Single Sup. £550

Single prices vary. Ask us for details

Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures

### Hotel Upgrades

<b>Cape Town</b>	V&A	<b>£320</b>	(£640 single)
<b>Knysna</b>	Hollow	<b>£100</b>	(£120 single)
<b>Oudtshoorn</b>	Rosenhof	<b>£140</b>	(£280 single)
<b>Stellenbosch</b>	Lanzerac	<b>£120</b>	(£180 single)

### Special offer:

All four for only **£599** (£1099 single)

Hotel prices vary. Ask us or see our website for more details.

### Optional Excursions

Iconic Cape Town	<b>£90</b>
Peninsula & Penguins	<b>£170</b>
Robben Island	<b>£110</b>
Tsitsikamma National Park	<b>£55</b>
Featherbed Eco Experience	<b>£70</b>
Meerkat Magic	<b>£45</b>
Cango Caves & Ostrich Safari	<b>£45</b>

### Special offer:

All seven for only **£499**

**IMPORTANT:** please read pages 114-15 before booking



# Choosing your Safari

All of our safari options have a similar format, with game drives at the start and end of each day. However each location is different so there are some things to consider when making your choice. The Kruger National Park is the largest in South Africa, and consequently has excellent game viewing opportunities. Travelling to the Kruger requires taking a flight from Cape Town and spending a night in Johannesburg on the way back. Gondwana is a smaller reserve just a 90 minute drive from Oudtshoorn, so it's easy to combine with your journey along the Garden Route.

## The Kruger Region

Llama Travel works with two private reserves in the Kruger region, both adjacent to the Kruger National Park. Game drives in these private reserves are available to guests only, making for a more exclusive experience than in the national park where the public can access the roads. There is also more freedom in the activities carried out, such as bush walks, as the private reserves are not subject to the restrictions of the larger parks. The wildlife is the much same as can be found in the national park, as animals are often free to roam between the reserves.



### SHIDULI LODGE

Shiduli Lodge is situated in the private 9,000-hectare Karongwe Game Reserve close to the Kruger. Even though it is separated from the park, it offers the same landscape and habitats. It boasts the Big Five and plenty of wildlife, albeit on a smaller scale. The lodge is comfortable and welcoming.



### ABELANA GAME RESERVE

Abelana Game Reserve is spread across 15,000 hectares with just two lodges in the whole reserve. You could easily be the only vehicle on a game drive at any one time. The Selati River passes through the reserve, which attracts hippos and crocodiles. The reserve is also home to the Big Five as well as cheetahs, wild dogs and endemic bird species.



## Gondwana

Gondwana is an 11,000-hectare private reserve in the Western Cape, just off the Garden Route. It offers the Big Five (though leopards are rarely seen), and plenty of other wildlife, however it does not support the same density or diversity of wildlife as the Kruger region. The landscape of Gondwana is totally different to that of the Kruger, with the Langeberg and Outeniqua mountains providing a dramatic backdrop for game viewing. Unlike the Kruger, Gondwana is malaria-free, so you don't have to take anti-malarials. This, combined with its easy access and good value, make Gondwana an excellent choice for a first-time safari.



## What to Expect on Safari

The pattern of a typical day on safari is the same no matter which game-viewing area you choose, but details will vary depending on the weather, time of year and herd behaviour. There are usually two game drives per day, each lasting around three hours, with meals enjoyed at the lodge.

Game drives are in open vehicles carrying up to 10 passengers. It can be chilly in the early mornings and evenings. Blankets are usually provided but layered clothing, sun and rain wear is advised. On each game drive you will be accompanied by a guide who knows their reserve well. They will observe the tracks, sounds and sights to find out where the animals are congregating. Additionally, many lodge vehicles are in constant radio contact with one another about locations of sightings, ensuring you see as much as possible.

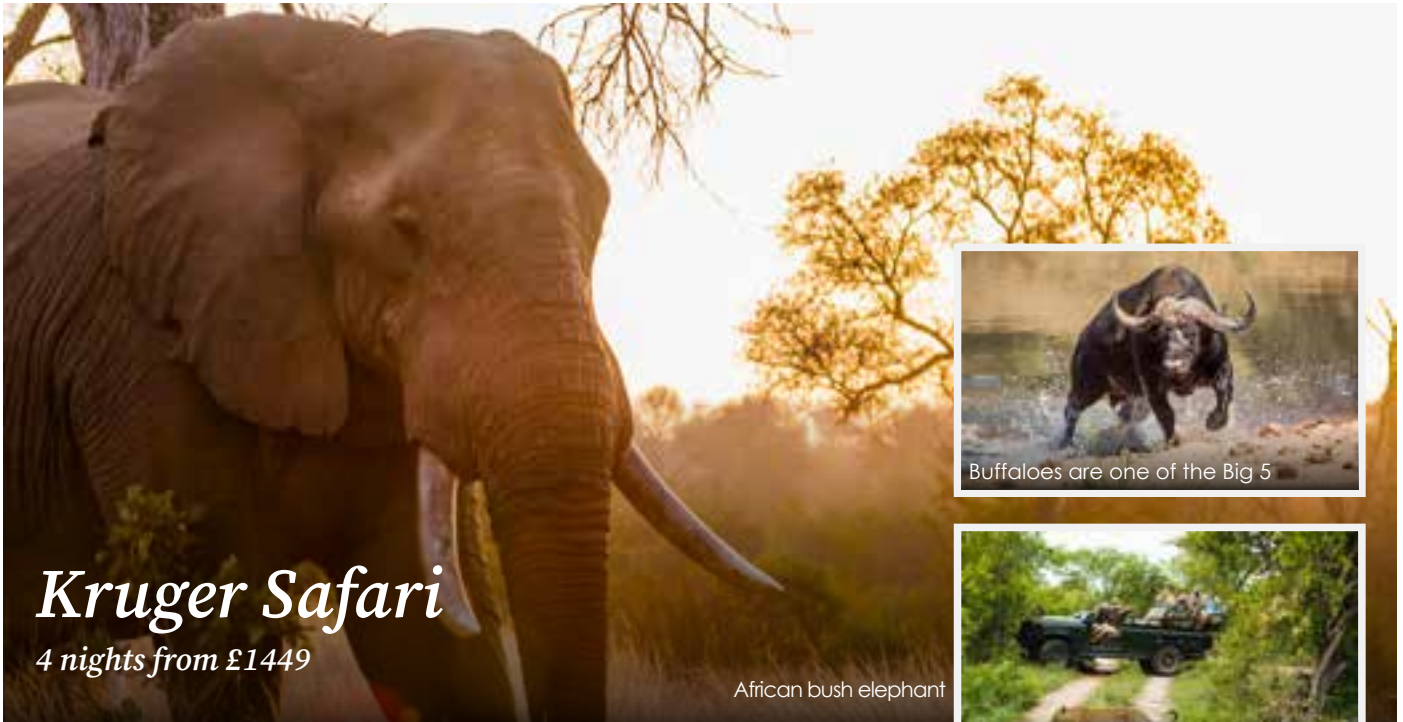
## A Typical Day on Safari...

*The mornings start early, often before sunrise, with a light snack, before setting off on a morning game drive to spot numerous species of animals and birds. When possible, there is a tea and coffee break in a scenic location during the drive. You return to the lodge in time for a hearty breakfast.*

*During the warmest part of the day, relax and unwind at your lodge and have lunch. You then have an afternoon game drive which can stretch into the evening. Often you will enjoy a scenic sundowner drink whilst out as the sun sets, before the bush comes alive with hunting animals such as leopards and lions. After sun down, you return to the lodge for drinks and dinner, and a relaxing evening.*



# Extensions to South Africa



## Kruger Safari

4 nights from £1449

African bush elephant

Buffaloes are one of the Big 5

Go on game drives in open-topped jeeps

The Kruger's enormous size, varied vegetation and resultant variety of African game makes it one of South Africa's greatest treasures. Here you will find classic safari scenery with a mixture of thorn trees, savannah and more.

### Lodges:



#### SHIDULI PRIVATE GAME LODGE

In the private Karongwe Reserve, with a beautiful tropical garden. There are 24 simple but tasteful air-conditioned en-suite rooms, and a spa, pool, thatched dining area, dining deck and lounge. All meals are included.



#### ABELANA RIVER LODGE CAMP

A 20-room lodge spread across a 15,000-hectare reserve on the Selati River. There is a pool, indoor and outdoor dining areas and fire pit. Thatched rooms have air conditioning and en-suite with indoor and outdoor shower. All meals are included.

### Hotels in Johannesburg:

#### THE MASLOW

A comfortable hotel with a pool and gardens, just 10 minutes from Nelson Mandela Square.

#### THE PEECH

Spread across lush gardens, the Peech has a pool, bistro, restaurant gardens and champagne bar.

 = Superior Hotel

**Days 1 - 11 (Thu - Sun)** Follow itinerary on page 94.

**Day 12 (Mon) Kruger lodge** Fly from Cape Town to Hoedspruit near Kruger and transfer to your lodge. In the late afternoon, take your first game drive (3 nights). - B, L, D

**Days 13 - 14 (Tue - Wed) Kruger lodge** Two full days in your reserve. Each day, set off before sunrise for an early morning game drive in the hopes of spotting lion, rhinoceros and antelope. Return to the lodge for breakfast, then have free time and lunch. In the late afternoon enjoy another game drive, then have dinner at the lodge. - B, L, D

**Day 15 (Thu) Johannesburg** Enjoy another early morning game drive before a transfer to the Hoedspruit airport for a flight to Johannesburg. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel (1 night). - B

**Day 16 (Fri)** Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK. - B

**Day 17 (Sat)** Arrive in the UK.

*"We had a fantastic holiday full of wonderful memories."*

Mr W, 2023

### Prices Per Person

Kruger Safari (4 nights)		
Lodges		
Shiduli Private Game Lodge	<b>£1449</b>	(£1979 single)
Abelana River Lodge Camp	<b>£1999</b>	(£2799 single)
<i>This extension includes 3 nights in Kruger and 1 night in Johannesburg</i>		
Hotel Upgrades 		
Johannesburg	<b>The Peech</b>	<b>£60</b> (£140 single)
<i>Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details</i>		

# Extensions to South Africa



**Gondwana Safari**  
2 nights from £899

Lions of Gondwana



Look out for antelope and other wildlife



In Gondwana you can spot the Big 5

Gondwana is a private 11,000-hectare reserve located in the Western Cape, near the Garden Route. Gondwana is easy to access and malaria free, making it an excellent option for a first time safari.

**Days 1 - 10 (Thu - Sat)** Follow itinerary on page 94.

**Day 11 (Sun) Gondwana** After breakfast, drive from Oudtshoorn to Gondwana. Enjoy a free afternoon before your first game drive in the late afternoon (2 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 12 (Mon) Gondwana** Set off on an early morning game drive before sunrise. Most wildlife activity happens in the early mornings and late evenings, when it is cooler. Return to the lodge for breakfast, then have free time and lunch. Enjoy a late afternoon game drive before returning for dinner at the lodge. - B, L, D

**Day 13 (Tue) Stellenbosch** Enjoy another early morning game drive before a beautiful 5-hour transfer to Stellenbosch, an elegant historical town in the scenic Winelands. The oak-lined streets of Stellenbosch are populated with stately Victorian houses (1 night). - B

**Day 14 (Wed)** Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK. - B

**Day 15 (Thu)** Arrive in the UK.



*“We can’t praise too highly our guide and driver - they felt like friends!”*

Mr & Mrs F, 2022

## Lodge:



### GONDWANA KWENA LODGE

Gondwana Kwena Lodge is a collection of chalets inspired by traditional San dwellings. The very spacious suites are en-suite with private decks overlooking the reserve. There is a beautiful lounge and dining room and a pool and spa. All meals are included.

93%

## Prices Per Person

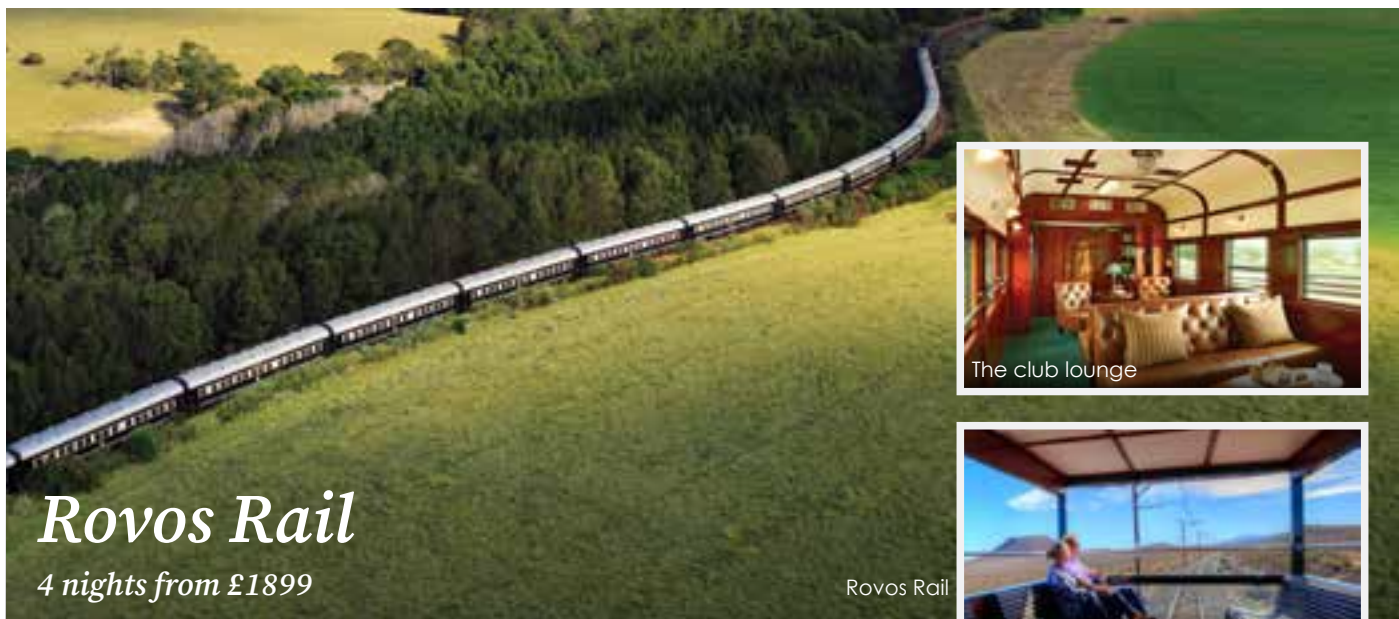
### Gondwana Safari

(2 nights)

£899 (£1299 single)

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details





# Rovos Rail

4 nights from £1899

Rovos Rail

The club lounge

Observation car

Travelling 1,600 kilometres from Cape Town to Pretoria over three days, the Rovos Rail showcases the diversity of South Africa, from scenic winelands and spectacular mountain ranges to the haunting barrenness of the Great Karoo and the grasslands of the gold-rich Highveld.



**Days 1 - 11 (Thu - Sun)** Follow itinerary on page 94.

**Day 12 (Mon) Rovos Rail** Transfer to Cape Town, then enjoy a glass of bubbly as you board the Rovos Rail around 4pm. Admire the views as you pass through the winelands, and get to know the other guests on board over dinner, with everyone dressed in their finery, followed by drinks at the bar. You retire to your suite, and the train stops travelling overnight, so you can have a motionless rest (3 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 13 (Tue) Rovos Rail** A morning visit to Matijesfontein to stroll through the preserved Victorian village, then return to the views as you pass through the Karoo, enjoying lunch, high tea and dinner, with the excellent wine. - B, L, D

**Day 14 (Wed) Rovos Rail** Enjoy breakfast, then visit Kimberley and the Diamond Mine museum and the Big Hole, the world's largest man-made excavation. Return on board in time for lunch as you pass through the gold fields, before freshening up for your final dinner. - B, L, D

**Day 15 (Thu) Rovos Rail** Awake for a final breakfast on board before the train arrives in Pretoria in the morning. Transfer to your hotel in Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city (1 night). - B

**Day 16 (Fri)** Transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to the UK. - B

**Day 17 (Sat)** Arrival in the UK.

For Johannesburg hotel, see page 97.

## Rovos Rail

The Rovos Rail is one of the world's great trains. The journey includes breakfast, lunch, high tea and dinner which are enjoyed in the splendour of the Edwardian dining cars. To complete the atmosphere, the dress code in the evening is formal. Between excursions there is time to admire the scenery from the observation car or have a drink at the bar. The lounge car features large windows, deep sofas and wingback chairs. All meals, drinks and excursions are included. The train accommodates up to 72 passengers in a variety of air conditioned cabins with en-suite shower rooms. Tips of £15-30 per person are recommended.

**Pullman suites** are seven square metres and have a couch which converts into a double bed or twin bunks at night.

**Deluxe suites** are ten square metres with twin or double beds and separate seating.

**Royal suites** are 16 square metres, with twin or double beds and a lounge area, with a bath tub and separate shower.

### Prices Per Person

Rovos Rail			
(4 nights)			
£1899 (£2849 single)			
<i>This extension includes 3 nights on the Rovos Rail and 1 night in Johannesburg</i>			
Cabins			
Pullman Suite	Included		
Deluxe Suite	£850	(£1250 single)	
Royal Suite	£1700	(£2500 single)	
Hotel Upgrades 🌟			
Johannesburg	The Peech	£60	(£140 single)
<i>Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for more details</i>			

# Extensions to South Africa



Victoria Falls is one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. Nicknamed “the smoke that thunders” by the locals, the volume of water hitting the river below makes quite a sound, and the resultant spray creates a smoke-like haze which envelops the falls, and anyone in the immediate vicinity.

**Days 1 - 11 (Thu - Sun)** Follow itinerary on page 94.

**Day 12 (Mon) Victoria Falls** Transfer to the airport in Cape Town for a flight to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe (3 nights). - B

**Day 13 (Tue) Victoria Falls** Take the optional Victoria Falls excursion to observe the flora and fauna, or have a free day to explore the falls independently, perhaps crossing into Zambia. In the evening take the optional Zambezi Sunset Cruise excursion. - B

**Day 14 (Wed) Victoria Falls** Take the optional full-day Botswana Wildlife excursion to Chobe National Park, famed for the vast herds of elephant. Alternatively, further explore the falls and surrounding area independently, or perhaps take one of the adventure activities available locally. - B

**Day 15 (Thu)** Transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to the UK via Johannesburg. - B

**Day 16 (Fri)** Arrival in the UK.

## Optional Excursions

### VICTORIA FALLS

Enjoy a morning guided tour of the Zimbabwean side of the falls, where you learn about the history and observe the flora and fauna of the area. Visit the viewpoints for spectacular views.

88%

### ZAMBEZI SUNSET CRUISE

Enjoy a two-hour cruise on the Zambezi River, with drinks and snacks included. There is the opportunity to see a variety of game such as hippos, elephants, and crocodiles, which a guide will help you look for.

99%

### BOTSWANA WILDLIFE

A two-part excursion to Chobe National Park in nearby Botswana. Start with a morning boat ride cruising along the Chobe River, with excellent game viewing opportunities. After lunch, take a game drive to look for elephants, lions, hippos, leopards, buffalo, crocodiles and more. - L

89%



## Hotels:

### BAYETE GUEST LODGE

A family-run lodge with 30 rooms, set in lush tropical gardens. There is a boma, a bar, and a large teardrop swimming pool.

### BATONKA GUEST LODGE ✿

Set in wonderful gardens, this beautiful hotel has a pool, restaurant and tasteful, comfortable rooms with colonial touches.

### VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL ✿

With a fabulous location with views towards the falls, this iconic, colonial-style hotel has several restaurants, spa, pool and gardens.

✿ = Superior Hotel

## Prices Per Person

### Victoria Falls

(3 nights)

**£1049** (£1249 single)

*This price is based on starting in Cape Town. Ask us for price if starting in Johannesburg.*

### Hotel Upgrades ✿

Batonka Guest Lodge	<b>£195</b>	(£285 single)
Victoria Falls Hotel	<b>£600</b>	(£1200 single)

### Optional Excursions

Zambezi Sunset Cruise	<b>£85</b>
Victoria Falls	<b>£80</b>
Botswana Wildlife	<b>£210</b>

*Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details*



# Namibia



Namibia is one of the least densely populated countries on earth, filled with wide open spaces and diverse landscapes. Wildlife is endless, with lions, elephants, cheetahs, giraffes, rhinos and around 700 species of birds, as well as marine life on the coast.

Long journeys are as much part of the adventure as the destinations are - you cover over 2,000 kilometres on this trip. Sitting and absorbing the vast landscapes is as memorable as spotting game or climbing one of the tallest dunes in the world.



Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Windhoek	Max/min temp (°C)	32/17	30/17	30/16	28/13	25/11	23/7	23/7	25/9	29/13	31/16	32/16	33/17
	Rainfall (cm)	11	10	9	5	10	1	0	0	5	1	2	3
Swakopmund	Max/min temp (°C)	22/15	22/15	22/15	22/13	21/12	21/11	20/10	18/9	18/10	18/11	19/12	20/14
	Rainfall (cm)	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0



# Wildlife & Wilderness of Namibia

15 days/12 nights from £3499

## Hotels:

### WINDHOEK LUXURY SUITES

Well-located in the Namibian capital, with gardens and a wood-decked pool.

### INTU AFRIKA ZEBRA KALAHARI

Overlooking the dunes of the southern Kalahari, with a restaurant, swimming pool and watering hole.

*On some dates, the Bagatelle Game Ranch is used.*

### ELEGANT DESERT LODGE, SOSSUSVLEI

45 minutes from the national park gate, surrounded by scenic mountains.

75%

### SWAKOPMUND HOTEL

Formerly the German station building, this charming colonial hotel boasts three restaurants, a pool and bar.

76%

### PALMWAG LODGE, DAMARALAND



In a beautiful oasis location, with a swimming pool and bar serving meals and drinks.

78%

### ETOSHA SAFARI LODGE, ETOSHA SOUTH

A characterful lodge just 10km from the entrance to the Etosha National Park.

82%

### MOKUTI ETOSHA LODGE

Charming thatched buildings and two pools on a 4,000-hectare private reserve.

## At a glance...

- Discover abundant wildlife in Etosha National Park and the Kalahari
- See mind-blowing sand dunes and dead tree trunks in Sossusvlei
- Go rhino tracking in the ruggedly beautiful Damaraland
- Spot flamingos, seals and dolphins from Swakopmund on the Skeleton Coast

**Day 1 (Wed)** Fly overnight from the UK to Windhoek.

**Day 2 (Thu) Windhoek** Arrive in Windhoek. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel. You have time to explore the city, which has a German feel (1 night).

**Day 3 (Fri) Kalahari** A fascinating 300km journey through mountainous scenery to the Kalahari Desert, characterised by red sand dunes and endless grass plains. Arrive at the lodge in time for a late lunch

and take the optional Sundowner Game Drive in the evening (1 night). - B, D

**Day 4 (Sat) Sossusvlei area** Leave early for a beautiful 300km drive to the Sossusvlei area, gateway to the famous 320-metre high sand dunes which create an unforgettable wilderness in the world's oldest desert. Afternoon free (2 nights). - B

**Day 5 (Sun) Sossusvlei area** A very early drive to the sand dunes for an iconic sunrise photo and the chance to climb some of



Rhino tracking in Damaraland

## Optional Excursions

### KALAHARI SUNDOWNER GAME DRIVE

This late afternoon excursion takes you into the Kalahari where you can look for giraffe, oryx, wildebeest, eland and kudu. As the day draws to a close, enjoy a sundowner drink and snacks whilst watching the breathtaking sunset over the Kalahari. Return to the lodge in time for dinner.

90%

### CATAMARAN CRUISE

Set off in the morning for a catamaran cruise in Walvis Bay, accompanied by wild seabirds, and depending on the season, whales, dolphins and turtles. Look out for the 60,000 cape fur seals who hang out around the Pelican Point lighthouse. Pass oyster farms and try some for yourself on board with a glass of sparkling wine.

92%





Etosha offers excellent game-viewing opportunities



Oryxes in Etosha

Deadvlei is frozen in time



the dunes. Also visit Deadvlei, the surreal site where dead camelthorn trees reach out of the dried marsh, and the thirty metre- deep Sesriem Canyon, before returning for an afternoon's rest in your hotel. - B

**Day 6 (Mon) Swakopmund** A long drive to Swakopmund, on the Skeleton Coast, stopping en-route at an unexpected German bakery in the desert and perhaps spotting flamingos as you near the town. Arrive mid-afternoon and have the rest of the day to explore the coastal town (2 nights). - B

**Day 7 (Tue) Swakopmund** Take the optional Catamaran Cruise Excursion at Walvis Bay where you may spot dolphins, whales, turtles, seals and pelicans. Afternoon free. - B

**Day 8 (Wed) Damaraland** A full-day drive to Palmwag, covering 500km. You stop at the Twyfelfontein rock engravings which

date back over 2,000 years (2 nights). - B

**Day 9 (Thu) Damaraland** In the morning, take the optional Rhino Tracking excursion to observe one of the world's most endangered species. Alternatively take the optional Palmwag Scenic Drive with multiple game viewing opportunities. - B

**Day 10 (Fri) Etosha South** A 300km drive to Etosha in time for lunch at the lodge. Take a late-afternoon game drive to spot a variety of wildlife, hopefully including lion, giraffe, elephant and rhino (1 night). - B

**Day 11 (Sat) Etosha East** Drive across Etosha National Park giving wonderful wildlife spotting opportunities as you stop at the waterholes to get as close as possible to the animals (2 nights). - B

**Day 12 (Sun) Etosha East** Enter the park in the morning for a game drive, returning in time

for lunch. Alternatively, take the optional Open Vehicle Game Drive excursion for a more classic safari experience.

**Day 13 (Mon) Windhoek** A full day drive south to Windhoek, stopping at the Okahandja craft market en route (1 night). - B

**Day 14 (Tue)** Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK. - B

**Day 15 (Wed)** Arrival in the UK.

To extend your holiday to Cape Town or Victoria Falls, see page 104.

2023 itineraries feature two nights in Etosha South and one night in Etosha East, instead of one night in Etosha South, as is shown here. See our website for details.

### RHINO TRACKING

This morning excursion takes you in search of rhinos, with the guidance of a qualified guide and tracker. Set off at dawn, and once the rhinos have been located, you follow this rare species on foot as it moves across the landscape. The black rhino is one of the world's most endangered animals, and almost half of them are found in Namibia. Whilst seeing rhinos is not guaranteed, there is a fairly good chance as Palmwag supports a sizeable population of them. This excursion involves walking on rocky, uneven ground in the heat, so a good level of fitness is required. As you are a tracking wild animals on foot, be aware that a level of risk is involved, which you accept when taking this excursion.

### PALMWAG SCENIC DRIVE

As an alternative to Rhino Tracking, embark on a four-hour safari in the Palmwag Concession, accompanied by an experienced guide. Look out for hyenas, elephants, zebras, oryxes, and if you are lucky, lions, cheetahs and leopards. Also keep an eye on the skies for eagles, falcons and kestrels.

71%

### ETOSHA OPEN VEHICLE GAME DRIVE

This half-day excursion is an alternative to the morning game drive in the standard four vehicle, taken with an experienced guide in an open-sided vehicle, allowing for a better view of the wildlife, and better photo opportunities. You are also more exposed to the sounds and smells of the safari.

89%

**SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW**  
See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

### Prices Per Person

2023		2024	
Sep 23	<b>£3749</b>	Jul 24	<b>£4049</b>
Oct 4	<b>£3749</b>	Sep 4	<b>£3699</b>
Nov 8	<b>£3749</b>	Sep 18	<b>£3699</b>
2024		Oct 2	<b>£3699</b>
Apr 17	<b>£3499</b>	Oct 16	<b>£3699</b>
May 15	<b>£3499</b>	Nov 6	<b>£3699</b>
Jun 12	<b>£3499</b>		
2023 Single Sup. £580		2024 Single Sup. £450	
Single prices vary. Ask us for details			
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures			

### Optional Excursions

Kalahari Sundowner Game Drive	<b>£55</b>
Catamaran Cruise	<b>£60</b>
Palmwag Scenic Drive	<b>£75</b>

**Special offer:**  
All three from just **£159**

Rhino Tracking	<b>£175</b>
Etosha Open Vehicle Game Drive	<b>£85</b>

**IMPORTANT:** please read pages 114-15 before booking

# Extensions to Namibia



## Cape Town

3 nights from £649

Cape Town provides a real contrast to Namibia, offering fantastic food, wine, scenery and culture after your trip into the wilderness. Explore the city, visit the penguins at Boulders Beach, and take the cable car up Table Mountain.

**Days 1-13 (Wed - Mon)** Follow Wildlife & Wilderness of Namibia itinerary on page 102.

**Day 14 (Tue) Cape Town** Fly from Windhoek to Cape Town (3 nights). - B

**Day 15 (Wed) Cape Town** Take the optional Iconic Cape Town excursion which includes the cable car up Table Mountain and a visit to sites in the city. - B

**Day 16 (Thu) Cape Town** Take the optional full day Peninsula & Penguins excursion, including a boat ride to Seal Island, a journey along scenic Chapman's Peak, a visit to Cape Point, and a chance to spot the endangered African penguin at Boulders Beach. An excursion to Robben Island is also possible. - B

**Day 17 (Fri)** Fly overnight to the UK. - B

**Day 18 (Sat)** Arrival in the UK.

Please ask us for additional nights in Cape Town.

## Optional Excursions

See page 94 for details of excursions in Cape Town. Prices may vary depending on the size of your party.

## Hotels:

See page 94 for details of hotels in Cape Town.

Prices Per Person
<b>Cape Town</b> (3 nights)
<b>£649</b> (£859 single)
<b>Hotel Upgrades</b> 🌟
See page 94 for hotel upgrade prices
<small>Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details</small>



## Victoria Falls

4 nights from £1099

Combine the desert of Namibia with one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. Victoria Falls is called "Mosi-oa-Tunya" by the locals, meaning "smoke that thunders".

**Days 1-13 (Wed - Mon)** Follow Wildlife & Wilderness of Namibia itinerary on page 102.

**Days 14 (Tue) Windhoek** Have an additional night to explore Namibia's capital, to tie in with flights (1 nights). - B

**Day 15 (Wed) Victoria Falls** Fly to Victoria Falls. You are met and taken to your hotel (3 nights). - B

**Day 16 (Thu) Victoria Falls** Take the optional Victoria Falls excursion to explore the falls. In the evening take the optional Zambezi Sunset Cruise excursion, where you can watch wildlife and enjoy the scenery. - B

**Day 17 (Fri) Victoria Falls** Take the optional full day Botswana Wildlife excursion to Chobe National Park. You cruise on the Chobe River in the morning, then take an afternoon game drive after lunch. - B

**Days 18 - 19 (Sat - Sun)** Take an overnight flight to the UK via Johannesburg, arriving the next day.

## Optional Excursions

See page 100 for details of excursions in Victoria Falls.

## Hotels:

See page 100 for details of hotels in Victoria Falls.

Prices Per Person
<b>Victoria Falls</b> (4 nights)
<b>£1099</b> (£1299 single)
<small>This extension includes 3 nights in Victoria Falls and 1 night in Windhoek</small>
<b>Hotel Upgrades</b> 🌟
See page 100 for hotel upgrade prices
<b>Optional Excursions</b>
See page 100 for optional excursions prices
<small>Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details</small>



# Botswana & Victoria Falls



Botswana's vast nature reserves offer some of the greatest wildlife viewing in the world. The Okavango Delta is teeming with animals that gather around the waterways, and Chobe is known for large herds of elephants, with up to 85,000 gathering in the dry season.

The nearby Victoria Falls are the world's largest single sheet of water. High water is from February to July, with the flow at its fullest in March and April, creating an incredible spectacle, although the amount of spray can obscure the view. August to January are low water, with November and December having the lowest flow, when parts of the gorge are water free, although the lower spray means the views are much clearer.



Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Kasane	Max/min temp (°C)	31/20	21/19	31/19	30/16	29/13	27/10	26/10	30/12	34/16	35/20	34/20	32/20
	Rainfall (cm)	16	13	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	15
Moremi	Max/min temp (°C)	30/20	29/20	29/18	28/15	26/11	23/8	23/7	27/11	30/14	31/17	32/19	31/20
	Rainfall (cm)	11	14	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	4	8	12
Victoria Falls	Max/min temp (°C)	28/21	29/21	30/22	32/23	33/24	33/25	33/25	34/25	33/25	31/24	30/23	28/21
	Rainfall (cm)	17	14	8	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	7	17





# Delta Mobile Safari & Victoria Falls

14 days/11 nights from £5349

## Hotels & Camp:

### LETAKA TENTED CAMP



Tents are pitched at designated sites in the Okavango Delta. There is a campfire area, dining area and sleeping tents. See the "What to Expect..." box for details.

99%

### THAMALAKANE RIVER LODGE, MAUN

On the banks of the Thamalakane River, with a pool and tranquil gardens. Dinner is included.

93%

### RIVER VIEW LODGE, KASANE

On the banks of the Chobe River with a restaurant, pool and bar.

88%

### BAYETE GUEST LODGE, VICTORIA FALLS

A family-run lodge set in lush tropical gardens with 30 rooms and a pool.

### BATONKA LODGE, VICTORIA FALLS

Set in lush gardens with a pool, restaurant and tasteful colonial-style rooms.

### VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL

A historic, hotel with views towards the falls, with several restaurants, spa, pool and gardens.

☼ = Superior Hotel (supplement payable)

## At a glance...

- Enjoy game drives in the Okavango Delta
- Visit Chobe National Park, with the world's densest population of elephants
- Camp in the remote wilderness for an authentic safari experience
- Admire the natural wonder of the mighty Victoria Falls

**Day 1 (Sat)** Fly from the UK to Maun via Johannesburg.

**Day 2 (Sun) Maun** Arrive in Maun, the safari capital of Botswana and gateway to the Okavango Delta. You are met at the airport and taken to your lodge (1 night). - D

**Day 3 (Mon) Moremi National Park** Take a light aircraft flight to Xakanaxa, possibly spotting herds of elephants and hippos as you fly over the Okavango Delta. Your guide and game-viewing vehicle will be at

the airstrip to transfer you to your campsite in the Moremi National Park. Enjoy a late-afternoon game drive (3 nights). - B, D

**Day 4 (Tue) Moremi National Park** Wake before sunrise for breakfast and your first full day of game viewing. Wildlife is most active in the early morning, increasing your chances of spotting some of Botswana's iconic species. Look out for lions, buffaloes and numerous antelope species. Return to camp in the late morning for lunch and relaxation. In the late afternoon head out

## What to expect on a Mobile Tented Safari

A Letaka mobile tented safari is an adventurous way of experiencing one of the world's great wildlife areas. With a maximum of seven guests, you will be well looked-after by a guide, chef and up to two general staff. After being met by your guide at the airstrip, you are driven through the park in an open game vehicle to your first camp, when you will be assigned a tent.

The camp consists of a campfire area, an open-sided covered dining area with table and chairs, and individual sleeping tents. Safari tents are thick canvas with mesh windows and doors which can be left open to let in a breeze, or zipped closed to keep out the cold. There are no fans so tents can get hot during the day. There are single camp beds and a small shaded porch with camp chairs. There is a private bathroom with a bucket shower and pit toilet. Single, twin and family tents are available. There is no phone signal or WiFi. The camps are not fenced, so wild animals can wander through. You should not leave your tent after lights out.

Mornings in the bush start early. You rise before sunrise for a simple breakfast of toast, cereal and fruit, followed by a game drive. After the sun is up you stop in a picturesque spot for a tea break, then return to camp for an early lunch. The rest of the afternoon is free to relax. In the late afternoon head out for a second game drive, returning to camp for a simple but tasty three-course meal, enjoyed under the stars with the fire crackling in the background. Alcoholic drinks are included. Vegetarian meals can be catered for, but not vegan or other dietary requirements. Tipping of approximately US\$25 per person per day is recommended.





Elephants in Chobe



Take a mokoro canoe down the Khwai channels



Spot lions and other predators from your vehicle



on another game drive, keeping your eyes peeled for leopards, hyenas, hippos and varied bird species. - B, L, D

**Day 5 (Wed) Moremi National Park** Take an early morning game drive in the hopes of spotting more game. If you are lucky you may see endangered African wild dogs and unique birds like the lilac-breasted roller and African spoonbill. After lunch and a siesta at camp, enjoy an afternoon game drive to look for more game, such as the unusual red lechwe antelope. - B, L, D

**Day 6 (Thu) Mababe** Take a short game drive to the waterway and board a mokoro dugout canoe, where you are guided through the channels by an experienced mokoro guide, spotting spectacular birdlife, crocodiles and hippos. Then go on a game drive through the Khwai concession to the Mababe private reserve, stopping by the Dombo hippo pools (3 nights) - B, L, D

**Day 7 (Fri) Mababe** Mababe permits fewer vehicles than other concessions, giving a more exclusive experience. There is the opportunity to explore the wilderness on foot, depending on grass height. Take morning and afternoon game drives, spending time in woodlands, savannahs and on the banks of the Khwai river. - B, L, D

**Day 8 (Sat) Mababe** Another day to explore the Mababe region, with morning and afternoon game drives. Perhaps look for the Kori bustard, Botswana's national bird. - B, L, D

**Day 9 (Sun) Kasane** Take a final game drive to the airstrip for a light aircraft flight to Kasane. Transfer to your hotel near Chobe National Park. Free afternoon (2 nights). - B

**Day 10 (Mon) Kasane** Take the optional Chobe Wildlife excursion, comprising a morning game drive and afternoon game boat ride on the Chobe River. - B

**Day 11 (Tue) Victoria Falls** After breakfast, cross the border, driving 90 minutes to Victoria Falls, located in Zimbabwe. Enjoy a free afternoon, perhaps taking the optional Zambezi Sunset Cruise excursion (2 nights). - B

**Day 12 (Wed) Victoria Falls** Take the optional Victoria Falls excursion to learn about the history and observe the flora and fauna, or have a free day to explore the falls independently. - B

**Day 13 (Thu)** Transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to the UK via Johannesburg. - B

**Day 14 (Fri)** Arrival in the UK.

2023 holidays depart on Thursdays.

For an extended safari including a visit to Savuti, see overleaf.

## Optional Excursions

### CHobe WILDLIFE

A two-part excursion. In the morning, take a game drive to spot Chobe's famous elephants as well as lions, leopards, buffaloes and antelopes. Return to your lodge before lunch (not included). In the afternoon, enjoy a boat ride on the Chobe River and look out for more game.

### SUNSET ZAMBEZI CRUISE

Board the boat in the late afternoon for a two-hour cruise along the upper Zambezi, spotting wildlife on the river banks with the help of an experienced guide. Look for hippos, crocodiles, elephants and a variety of birdlife. Meanwhile, enjoy drinks and snacks aboard as the sun sets over Africa.

83%



Victoria Falls

### VICTORIA FALLS

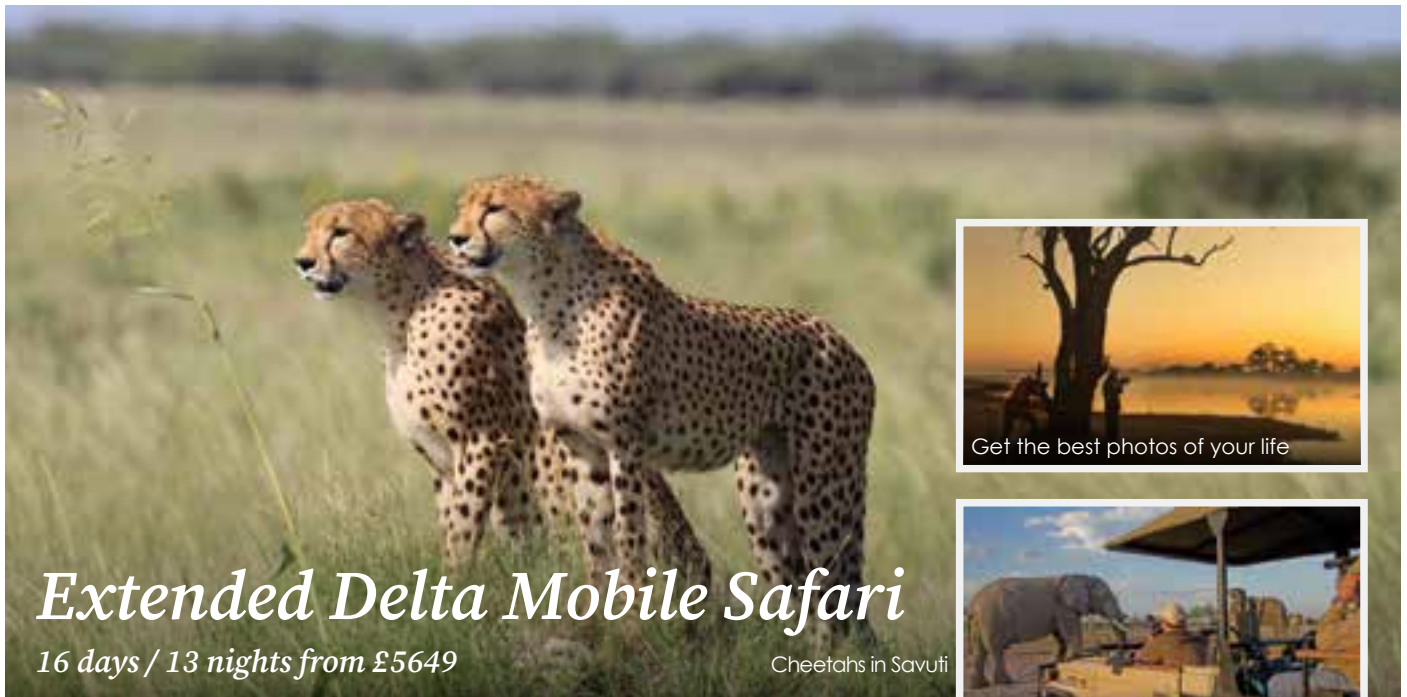
Enjoy a two-hour guided tour of the Zimbabwe side of the falls, where you learn about the history and observe the flora and fauna of the area. Walk along the spectacular pathway with viewpoints of the mighty falls. You are collected from and dropped off at your hotel.

67%

**SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW**  
See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

Prices Per Person			
2023	2024		
Sep	£6549	Jun 1 - 22	£6199
Oct 1 - 25	£6549	Jun 23 - Jul 31	£7049
Oct 26 - Nov 30	£6149	Aug	£7049
		Sep	£6649
2024		Oct 1 - 25	£6649
Mar 1 - 19	£5349	Oct 26 - Nov 30	£6199
Mar 20 - Apr 30	£6099		
May	£6199		
2023 Single Sup. £360		2024 Single Sup. £400	
Departures on Thursdays until 9 Nov 2023 and Saturdays from 2 Mar - 23 Nov 2024			
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures			
Hotel Upgrades			
<b>Vic Falls</b>	Batonka	£150	(£210 single sup)
<b>Vic Falls</b>	VF Hotel	£400	(£800 single sup)
Hotel prices vary. Ask us or see our website for more details.			
Optional Excursions			
Chobe Wildlife			£130
Victoria Falls			£80
Zambezi Sunset Cruise			£85
IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking			

# Extension to Botswana



Get the best photos of your life



Get close to the wildlife on game drives

If you would like more time to take in the Botswanan wildlife, our extended safari option offers you three extra nights in the wilderness. The extended safari visits Savuti, which has been the stage for many wildlife documentaries due to its unique geography, and is the best place to spot cheetahs.

**Days 1 - 8 (Sun - Sun)** Follow itinerary on page 106.

**Day 9 (Mon) Mababe - Savuti** Head further north to Savuti in central Chobe. Cross stunning landscapes including the Magwikwe ridge, which skirts around the Mababe depression. The depression is a birder's paradise, home to a variety of species including eagles, falcons, sparrow hawks and secretary birds (3 nights). - B, L, D

**Day 10 (Tue) Savuti** Head into the bush for a morning game drive, with chances of spotting lions, cheetahs, hyenas, elephants and wild dogs. Return for lunch and a relaxed afternoon before heading out again in the late afternoon. The central Chobe area is much hillier than the rest of Botswana, providing habitat to a completely different array of flora and fauna. - B, L, D

**Day 11 (Wed) Savuti** Another day to appreciate the wildlife of central Chobe. Once more, head out on game drives in the morning and evening, with time to relax in the afternoon. If you are lucky, you may witness some dramatic interactions between elephants and lions. - B, L, D

**Day 12 (Thu) Kasane** Depart Savuti early to drive to Kasane, arriving

in time for lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, take a boat cruise down the Chobe River. The river is host to large pods of hippo as well as some of the biggest crocodiles in Africa (1 night). - B, L

**Day 13 (Fri) Kasane - Victoria Falls** Travel onwards to Victoria Falls, arriving around lunch time. Enjoy a free afternoon or take the optional Sunset Zambezi Cruise in the evening. The cruise is a fantastic way to relax and admire the beauty of the river, enjoying drinks and snacks as you watch the sun set (2 nights). - B

**Day 14 (Sat) Victoria Falls** An iconic African sight, and one of the largest waterfalls in the world. You can explore them for yourself from the numerous lookouts on the Zimbabwean side, or take the optional Victoria Falls Excursion to visit the falls from the Zimbabwean side. - B

**Day 15 (Sun)** Take an overnight flight to the UK, via Johannesburg. - B

**Day 16 (Mon)** Arrival in the UK.

2023 holidays depart on Fridays.



Letaka Tented Camp on a clear night

SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW			
See our website for savings on the date you are interested in			
Prices Per Person			
2023		2024	
Sep	£7299	Jun 1 - 23	£6849
Oct 1 - 25	£7299	Jun 24 - Jul 31	£7849
Oct 27 - Nov 30	£6799	Aug	£8049
2024		Sep	
Mar 1 - 24	£5649	Oct 1 - 26	£7399
Mar 25 - Apr 30	£6749	Oct 27 - Nov 30	£6849
May	£6849		
2023 Single Sup.	£270	2024 Single Sup.	£320
Departures on Fridays until 17 Nov 2023 and Sundays from 10 Mar - 24 Nov 2024			
Prices from London. Ask us for regional departures			
Hotel Upgrades & Optional Excursions			
See page 107 for hotel and excursion prices			
IMPORTANT: please read pages 114-15 before booking			



# Slovenia



Slovenia offers an incredible array of unforgettable experiences. The stunning Lake Bled is surrounded by pristine forests, and you can take river canyon walks, where vibrant turquoise waters flow from the melt-water of the snow-capped Julian Alps.

Discover castles with dramatic views, explore impressive cave systems and wander the charming streets of the ancient Venetian port city of Piran on the Adriatic Coast. The capital, Ljubljana has a laid-back cafe-culture vibe.



Weather		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ljubljana	Max/min temp (°C)	4/-3	6/-3	11/1	16/5	21/9	24/13	26/15	26/14	21/11	15/6	9/2	4/-2
	Rainfall (cm)	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	10	10	8	5





# Natural Wonders of Slovenia

7 days/6 nights from £1549

## Hotels:

### HOTEL PARK, LAKE BLEĐ



Sitting on the shores of Lake Bled, this renovated hotel has a rooftop pool, spa and gym with panoramic lake views. There is a restaurant and a bar.

97%

### BOUTIQUE HOTEL PORTOROSE, PORTOROZ



Located on Slovenia's Adriatic coast, in the resort town of Portoroz. There is an outdoor pool overlooking the sea, and an international restaurant and bar. All of the rooms feature private balconies.

73%

### HOTEL LEV, LJUBLJANA



A sleek and comfortable hotel just a short walk from Ljubljana's pedestrianised city centre. There is a bar, bistro-style restaurant and gym.

76%

## At a glance...

- Marvel at the Lake Bled with its fairytale island and clifftop castle
- Discover Predjama Castle carved into a cliff, and explore Postojna Cave
- Walk around the medieval town of Piran on the Adriatic Sea
- Visit Ljubljana, Slovenia's bohemian capital

**Day 1 (Sun) Lake Bled** Fly from the UK to Slovenia, where you are met and transferred to your hotel on the shores of Lake Bled (3 nights).

**Day 2 (Mon) Lake Bled** Begin by taking a short transfer to the start of an easy 90-minute walk along the beautiful Vintgar Gorge, passing waterfalls and alpine villages on your way. Return to Lake Bled to visit the iconic Bled Castle built on the massif overlooking the lake, before descending to the shores of the

lake itself to take a traditional Slovenian boat to the island in the centre of the lake to visit the famous church where you can ring the bell. Afternoon free. Perhaps walk a loop of the lake, taking in the panoramic view from Mala Osojnica. - B

**Day 3 (Tue) Lake Bled** A free day around Lake Bled. Perhaps take a refreshing dip in the cool waters, hire a bike to explore the beautiful surroundings or enjoy a traditional Slovenian pastry at a lakeside

## Lake Bled

Arguably the most iconic image of Slovenia is that of Lake Bled island, with its spired church standing proud in the centre of the glacial lake surrounded by dramatic mountainous scenery and thick wooded forests. The church, dedicated to the Assumption of Mary, was constructed in the late 15th century and is decorated with intricate frescoes. Wedding ceremonies are frequently held here and it is said to be good luck for the groom to carry his bride up the 99 steps leading to the entrance, before ringing the bell inside the church and making a wish.

The traditional method of accessing Bled Island is via a wooden boat known as a pletna, decorated with colourful awnings and similar in style to a Venetian gondola.

It is possible to walk a complete circuit of the lake along accessible paths and there are several places to take a dip into the cool water. Alternatively, scaling the Osojnica viewpoint gives amazing views over the lake and landscape. Cycling around the lake is a popular activity and hiring a bike is possible. Or take a more relaxed pace, enjoying a Slovenian pastry at a lakeside cafe.

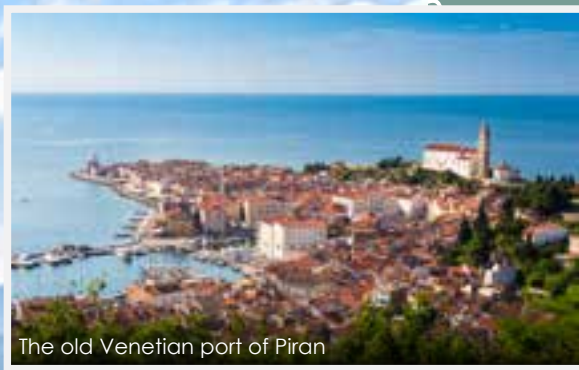


Lake Bled





Lake Bled



The old Venetian port of Piran



Follow the trails through the stunning Vintgar Gorge



cafe. Or explore further afield, visiting nearby lake Bohinj. - B

**Day 4 (Wed) Lake Bled - Portoroz** Take a 90-minute journey to the impressively constructed Predjama Castle, built into a cliff cave. Continue to the Postojna Cave system and take an underground train then explore the vast network on foot and marvel at the unique subterranean formations. Enjoy lunch before continuing to the coastal town of Portoroz on the Adriatic coast, arriving in the late afternoon (2 nights). - B, L

**Day 5 (Thu) Portoroz** Free day in Portoroz. Perhaps spend the day relaxing in the seaside town, or take a pleasant one-hour walk along the coast to the Venetian port of Piran. A 10-minute bus is also available. Wander the narrow, winding streets of the old town or walk the cobbled street to the hilltop

Cathedral of St George with good views over the peninsula. Enjoy fresh seafood at one of the restaurants located along the promenade overlooking the Adriatic Sea. - B

**Day 6 (Fri) Ljubljana** Take a 90-minute transfer to the charming capital city of Ljubljana. In the afternoon, take a tour strolling through the medieval old town and marvel at the architectural feats before ascending to Ljubljana Castle by funicular to take in the beautiful panoramic views of the city. Your tour ends with a visit to the bustling central market. You then have free time to further explore the city and perhaps enjoy an evening dining alongside the Ljubljanica River (1 night).

**Day 7 (Sat)** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. - B

*“A wonderful trip with excellent hotels and balance of time between organised trips and free time. A great trip of cultural discovery with good variety between Ljubljana, lakes, castles, caves and coast. As a first time traveller with Llama Travel, the trip was fantastic and I would recommend you to others.”*

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*“One of the most enjoyable trips of just a week that we have ever done. Thank you Llama Travel.”*

Mr & Mrs G, 2022



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# Your Flights



## Choosing your flights

There are usually several flight options to get to your destination. Our holidays are scheduled to use the most advantageous air fare, but you can also choose the airline you prefer, and we will let you know if a supplement is payable. Flights are sometimes operated by another airline in an airline alliance.

## Fly from an airport near you

Most airlines offer the option of flying from regional hubs in the UK, so you can fly from your local airport. We can arrange this for your holiday, making for a more comfortable and convenient journey. A supplement is usually payable for regional departures, as prices vary for each airport.

## Booking your own flights

If you would like to book your own flights, perhaps through an airline loyalty programme, this is not a problem. We will still arrange airport transfers in your destination. Just ask us for the discount we can offer on our holiday prices. Please do not book flights until we have all services confirmed in destination.







### Premium Economy

Many airlines such as British Airways, Iberia, KLM, Virgin and Emirates offer a premium economy service on long haul routes. These include comfortable seats which recline further and have more legroom. There are better meals and a bar service.



### Business Class

Most airlines offer a business class service on long haul flights, with seats that convert into fully flat beds and have a privacy screen, as well as better meals, preferential check in and access to business lounges in the airport.

# Booking Conditions

## 1. Your contract

Your contract is with Llama Travel Limited, registered in England and Wales, number 4370517. The following conditions will apply to your booking and form part of your contract. They cannot be varied and should be read carefully. A contract will exist when we accept your booking and issue our confirmation invoice. The contract and all matters arising from it shall be governed by English law and be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts. All correspondence will be sent to the lead passenger of the booking unless otherwise advised. You must be over 18 to book a Llama Travel holiday. Llama Travel holidays are not for resale. The lead passenger accepts these booking conditions on behalf of all persons named in the booking.

## 2. Deposits and final payments

A deposit of 10% of the holiday cost is required. On some occasions a higher deposit is required, we will advise you if this is necessary. When this is received, we will issue a confirmation invoice. The balance of the payment must be paid 90 days before departure. If the booking is made less than 90 days before departure, full payment must be made when booking. On some occasions, earlier balance payment may be required to secure flight seats or other services. In order to secure your holiday arrangements in some cases, we may ask for a payment in advance before we can reserve the appropriate services. This payment is not refundable if you subsequently decide not to proceed with the booking.

## 3. Our prices

Brochure prices are based on the latest known information at the time of preparation – 13 June 2023 (£1 = US\$1.25, £1 = ZAR23, £1 = Euro1.16, Brent Crude oil \$73 per barrel) but can go up or down. Before making a booking, please call us to check the correct up to date price of your chosen holiday.

Once you have made a booking and we have issued our confirmation invoice, your holiday price can only be varied due to a significant increase in charges, fees, taxes, or similar items as a result of governmental action. The VAT rate for holidays outside the UK is zero.

Except for increases in entrance fees or tax increases, such as Air Passenger Duty or VAT, we will not surcharge you.

## 4. Alterations or cancellations by you

If you wish to alter your holiday arrangements before departure, we will do our best to help. An administration fee of £25 per passenger will be charged, together with any additional costs incurred as a result of the change. If you make any alterations within 60 days of departure, we may treat this as a cancellation, and apply cancellation fees. Scheduled airlines treat name changes as a cancellation and rebooking; any alteration is likely to incur a 100% cancellation charge. Please make sure that all names you give us are spelled exactly as they appear in passports.

It is not normally possible to make alterations after commencement of travel. If you do wish to make alterations during your holiday, cancellation fees for services booked may apply. Refunds cannot be made for any unused accommodation, services or transport. We recommend that you take out full travel insurance with cover against cancellation penalties, including in the event of force majeure; see section 6 below.

We commit to and confirm services in advance. If you wish to cancel your holiday, you must let us know in writing. The following cancellation charges apply:

Days before departure when you notify us	Penalty
90 days or more	Loss of deposit
61 to 89 days	25% of holiday cost, or deposit if higher
31 to 60 days	60% of holiday cost (75% for Galapagos or safari holidays), or deposit if higher
30 days or less	100% of holiday cost

In some cases, the balance payment may be due earlier than 90 days before departure. We will advise you if this is the

case. If any part of the balance payment is required earlier than 90 days before departure, this will normally be non-refundable in the event of cancellation.

Where one person in a party cancels and others still wish to travel, single room supplements will be payable if this results in single rooms being used.

## 5. Alterations or cancellations by us

We make careful arrangements with airlines, hotels and service operators to ensure that we are able to provide you with the holiday as described. However, in exceptional cases, it may be necessary to make changes to your holiday arrangements (including airlines, flights, accommodation, transport or services) due to circumstances beyond our control. Flight times are given only as indications, and finalised times will be shown on your tickets.

When changes are necessary, we will do our best to ensure that they do not affect your holiday. If, before you depart, a major change is necessary (defined as a change of itinerary so that you are no longer able to visit a destination where you are scheduled to spend one or more nights or an appropriate alternative destination, or a change of accommodation to a lower standard or category affecting a significant part of your holiday) or if we have to cancel your holiday, we will contact you and offer you the choice of:

1. Accepting the changes to your holiday;
2. Purchasing another available Llama Travel holiday;
3. Cancelling your holiday with a full refund.

If we have to cancel your holiday less than 60 days before departure, other than in the event of force majeure (see section 6 below), you will be entitled to compensation at the following levels:

When notified	Compensation per person
43 – 60 days before departure	£50
29 - 42 days before departure	£100
15 - 28 days before departure	£150
0 - 14 days before departure	£200

## 6. Alterations or cancellations by you or us in the event of force majeure

If, prior to departure, we have to make major changes to, or cancel, your holiday in the event of force majeure, we will contact you and offer you the above choices. However, compensation will not be paid.

If, in the event of force majeure, it is not possible for your holiday to proceed, we will endeavour to recover from suppliers, and refund to you, monies paid for your holiday, but where we are unable to do so, you may be able to claim for irrecoverable costs from your travel insurance. We do not accept liability where the performance of our contractual obligations is prevented by force majeure.

Force majeure events include war, threat of war, civil unrest or strife, decisions by governments or governing authorities, epidemic, natural disasters, fire, bad weather, terrorist activity, nuclear disaster, industrial disputes, technical or maintenance problems with transport, changes of timetables of airlines, or other causes beyond our control.

## 7. Minimum group size

Most holidays can operate with a minimum of 2 passengers, but some holidays have a higher minimum group size. If we have fewer than the minimum number of passengers, we will let you know two months before departure. In this case, we will refund you any monies paid or offer you an alternative option. No compensation will be paid.

## 8. Our responsibilities to you

Llama Travel is dedicated to ensuring that your holiday is as described. If a part of your holiday is not provided as promised, please inform us at the time. If this affects the reasonable enjoyment of your holiday, we will pay compensation appropriate to the circumstances. If you do not inform us at the time, Llama Travel accepts no responsibility for the situation as we will not have been given the opportunity to rectify the problem.

Llama Travel accepts responsibility for illness, personal injury or death caused as a direct result of the negligence of our employees or suppliers while acting in the course of

their employment to provide services or arrangements for your holiday that you have booked with us in the UK. We do not accept responsibility for illness, personal injury or death where there has been no fault of our employees, agents, suppliers or sub-contractors, or as a result of taking part in any activity which does not form part of the holiday booked through us in the UK. Where illness, personal injury or death arises in the course of air travel, rail travel, sea travel or hotel accommodation, the amount of compensation you may receive is limited in accordance with the provisions of any International Convention.

## 9. Your responsibilities

Clients are responsible for ensuring that all immigration and health requirements are fulfilled, for obtaining travel documents, including passports, visas and vaccination certificates, and for ensuring that these are all in order, including for any intermediate stops on international flights.

Covid-19 requirements are updated frequently in all countries and you must ensure that you comply with these in the UK, in destinations visited and in any intermediary stops. You must comply with local regulations regarding prevention measures which may be stricter than in the UK. Non-compliance may result in you being excluded from the holiday with no refund. You must not travel if you are required to isolate by health authorities and standard cancellation terms will apply. If you are required to isolate when on holiday, you will not be entitled to a refund for unused services, including flights. You accept the risks of catching covid-19, being required to isolate or be tested and we recommend you have suitable travel insurance to cover such circumstances.

We require your passport details to issue some tickets. If these change after you have given them to us, you must inform us. If the name on your airline ticket does not match that on your passport, you must inform us as soon as you receive the ticket.

It is your responsibility to behave in a responsible, restrained and sober manner when dealing with local authorities, fellow travellers and our representatives.

By taking a Llama Travel holiday, you agree to accept the authority and decisions of our employees and representatives. If, in the opinion of such people, your behaviour or health is likely to threaten the safety, comfort or progress of a tour, then you may be excluded from the tour without refund or compensation. It is your responsibility to obey local laws, otherwise you may be excluded from the holiday and we will cease to have any responsibility for you.

Please bear in mind that travel to Llama Travel destinations is not the same as travel in the UK, and inconveniences and delays may arise due to weather conditions, strikes, demonstrations, the poor state of roads or for other reasons. By travelling with Llama Travel, you are implicitly accepting this part of the way of life in these countries.

## 10. Flights

We have no control over international or national air carriers, and therefore schedules or airlines used may change or flights be delayed due to no fault of our own. A change of flight time or airline due to schedule changes or flight cancellations is not treated as a major change. We will try to ensure the smooth flow of all your transport connections, but it is your responsibility to check exact times of flights. This is particularly important for internal flights, which can be rescheduled at short notice. Llama Travel accepts no responsibility for the consequences of flights missed due to the client's failure to confirm exact details.

When you travel with an airline, the Conditions of Carriage of that airline apply, some of which will limit or exclude liability. These conditions are the subject of International Agreements between countries.

It is your responsibility to arrive at the departure airport at the appropriate time and to check in for your international flight, and to change aeroplanes if necessary at intermediate airports. If you wish to sit in a specific seat, or wish to sit with other people on the flight, it is recommended that you check in early or check in online where possible. It is sometimes possible to reserve seats directly with the airline online prior





# Holiday Information



to travel.

Airlines do not allow more than one booking per passenger on a flight and may cancel seats if they are held by more than one operator. Clients are responsible for ensuring they are not holding flights with another operator.

## 11. Baggage allowance

Most airlines have a baggage allowance of 20kg per passenger, or sometimes less. Carrying excess baggage will normally incur an expensive additional cost payable at check in. Additionally, certain excursions have a limited baggage allowance. Where this is the case, you will usually be able to leave the rest of your luggage in storage. Llama Travel accepts no responsibility for the delay, loss or damage of luggage.

## 12. Insurance

You must have adequate insurance provision to cover the cost of assistance, including emergency repatriation, in the event of illness or other problems occurring during your holiday.

## 13. Complaints

If you have any complaints about your holiday arrangements when you are abroad, please bring these to the attention of our local representatives who will do all they can to ensure a swift and satisfactory resolution. Problems can usually be sorted out by talking to the supplier concerned (e.g. hotel) and our local representatives or by informing us directly. If this is not done, Llama Travel accepts no responsibility for the situation, as we will not have been given the opportunity to rectify the problem. If you do not inform us, your consumer rights to compensation may be affected. If you have tried and failed to rectify the situation whilst abroad, please send us your complaint in writing within 28 days of returning to the UK. We will then follow up your complaint. Communication with destinations is often slow, so we may not be able to resolve the situation as quickly as you would like.

## 14. Financial protection for bookings made in UK for UK residents

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## 15. Brochure and website information

The information in our brochures and on our website is, to the best of our knowledge, correct at the time of going to press. However, details of flights or hotels may vary during the lifetime of a brochure. These changes will be reflected on our website where possible.

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## 16. Data Protection

The information we ask you to provide, including personal information about you and members of your party, is necessary for us to arrange and operate your holiday. By booking a holiday with us, you agree to our processing this information, including, where appropriate, its transfer outside of the UK.

## How to Book

To book a holiday or discuss your requirements, please call us on 020 7263 3000. We can usually confirm availability immediately, but may need to check with a supplier first.

## Payment

There is no charge for bank transfers or cheques or for deposits on UK debit cards or standard UK Visa and MasterCard credit cards. Balance payments can be made by cheque or bank transfer only. We are unable to accept cash. Our bank details are: Llama Travel Ltd, Account No: 40738998, Sort Code 09-06-66.

## What's included in the price

Prices are based on two persons sharing a room and include all flights, transfers and accommodation.

Where applicable, entrance fees, taxes and charges are included in our prices at the rates advised to us at the time of preparation. An adjustment will be made to your price if any of these change before your holiday.

## Passports and Visas

British nationals require a visa to visit certain countries. E-Visas are available online for Sri Lanka, Vietnam (for stays over 15 days), India and Kenya, but must be requested in advance. The Jordan visa is included in the price of your holiday. A visa is required to enter Zimbabwe (for Victoria Falls), which can be purchased upon entry. The Kaza Univisa (current cost US\$50) allows you to cross the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe and also allows for day trips to Botswana. For British passports endorsed in any way and all other passports, please ask the appropriate consulate or high commission. You need a full 10 year passport valid for 6 months after your return to the UK. To enter some countries, you require two blank pages in your passport. If combining countries, you may need more blank pages. If you are flying via the US or Canada, you need to comply with US or Canadian immigration requirements. If you are flying via Europe, you will need to comply with local transit requirements. Ask us for details.

If children under 18 are travelling, especially if not travelling with both parents, some countries require extensive documentation, including unabridged birth certificates and other official documents. South Africa has recently loosened these requirements, although we have been advised that in some cases birth certificates are still being requested upon entry, so we recommend taking these in all cases. Please consult the appropriate consulate for more information.

To issue some tickets, we require passport details and ages when you book. If you subsequently change your passport, please let us know as soon as possible.

## Hotel grading

Official hotel ratings vary from country to country. Our standard hotels are tourist class hotels. Superior hotels usually offer better facilities and more comfort. More details on each hotel can be found on our website.

## Hotel rooms

If you have a preference for a twin or a double room, please let us know. However, we cannot guarantee this as hotels do not allocate rooms until the day of arrival. Despite costing more per person, single rooms do not always offer the same level of comfort as doubles. Some hotel bathrooms have showers instead of baths. If you prefer a bath, please ask. If you arrive at a hotel before check-in time, your room may not be ready. You will be able to use the hotel facilities until your room is ready. Check out time is usually in the late morning. A charge is normally made for late check out.

## Tickets and vouchers

You will receive tickets approximately 10 days before departure, along with information on accommodation, transfers and excursions. Please check airline tickets carefully in case timings have changed after we issued your confirmation.

## Excursions and Extensions

Excursions are operated together with other holidaymakers. These will usually be in English, although groups are sometimes a mix of English and other languages. A

minimum of 2 people is required for some excursions. On some occasions, the order of excursions may vary.

## Insurance

Adequate travel insurance is essential. We do not sell or recommend any specific policy. A list of insurance companies that our customers have found suitable is available from us. Please advise your insurer of any pre-existing medical conditions and, if you are booking a holiday involving high-altitude trekking, such as the Inca Trail, make sure that you are covered for this. If you are planning on carrying out any other activities, please ensure your insurance policy will cover you for these. Note that cancellation cover is often only available if insurance is purchased at the time of booking your holiday.

## Age and fitness limitations

For most of our holidays, age is not a concern. However, a reasonable level of fitness is required, as most holidays require some walking, sometimes on uneven ground. Even relatively mild activities can be strenuous at altitude. High altitude trekking is more strenuous than an equivalent length walk in the UK.

## Health and vaccinations

Please consult your GP or a travel clinic about health and vaccination requirements. Advice for travellers is available at [www.fittotravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fittotravel.nhs.uk). Yellow fever and / or malaria precautions are recommended for visiting some countries. Yellow Fever certificates are sometimes required if you have recently visited a country with an infected area. Some GPs do not recommend yellow fever vaccinations for travellers over 60 years old. If you are pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant, please speak to your GP about Zika. Children under 6 require proof of vaccination against polio to enter Brazil. Please seek medical advice before you travel.

Covid-19 entry requirements are updated frequently. Please check government travel advice for the latest information.

Some Llama Travel destinations are at high altitude. Most visitors do not suffer major problems. However, shortness of breath is common and we advise you to take things calmly during your first day at altitude. If you suffer from a heart or lung condition, or think that you may suffer due to the altitude, please consult your GP.

When travelling, stomach illnesses are not uncommon due to changes in diet. We suggest you only drink bottled water and avoid ice in drinks. If you are unsure if salads and fruit have been washed in purified water, it is best to avoid them.

If you suffer from a disability or condition and are worried whether this will affect the enjoyment of a holiday, please call us. We will do our best to help. We recommend that you bring any medicines you require from the UK.

Outside of major cities, medical facilities can be basic, meaning a lengthy transfer if hospital attention is required.

## Your safety and security

Most people who travel to the countries where Llama Travel operates experience no problems on holiday. However, as is the case anywhere in the world, crime can be a problem, especially in large cities. Tourists can appear attractive targets to criminals. To minimise the risk, use common sense. Do not display signs of wealth, such as expensive looking jewellery or cameras. Avoid empty streets, especially on your own. Take a taxi after dark. By taking sensible precautions, you should have a trouble-free holiday.

Each country has its own standards for health and safety, but these are often not as good as in the UK. We take this into account when selecting hotels and request that they comply with local regulations, but cannot guarantee that these are equivalent to British standards. Please take reasonable precautions to protect yourselves whilst on holiday, e.g. by locating fire exit routes.

Please also check government travel advice for the countries you are visiting at [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice).

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