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 **Central Holidays™**  
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# WHY CENTRAL HOLIDAYS?

Central Holidays is your trusted partner for custom group travel, a hallmark of our business since 1972. Whether you're planning a corporate retreat, a school trip, or a family reunion, our destination specialists are ready to curate a travel program that perfectly fits your group's unique needs and preferences.

Our specialists are experienced in designing bespoke group travel experiences, but if you'd prefer a ready-made option, we also offer a wide selection of scheduled departures. These pre-planned trips cover a diverse range of destinations and activities, providing you with a stress-free travel solution.

With Central Holidays, the world is at your fingertips. We offer an ever-growing range of destinations, from bustling cities to serene landscapes, and everything in between. Our travel programs are designed to be both immersive and flexible, allowing your group to explore new cultures, taste international cuisines, and experience local traditions—all while enjoying the convenience and reliability that Central Holidays is known for.



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Tours



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# GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

At Central Holidays, we understand that a great travel offer needs to be communicated. Our marketing department is pleased to provide multi-channelled support that can be easily integrated into your program to create a comprehensive advertising campaign at no additional cost:

- Professionally designed 4-page full-color customized brochures
- Web page PDF
- Personalized HTML video-embedded email templates
- Full color and/or black-and-white ads for Newsletter placements
- Personalized full-color posters
- Travel presentations conducted by our professional staff.
- Custom PowerPoint presentations
- Presentations and webinars
- Expert informational handouts on how to get the message out.

Central Holidays is dedicated to providing the best travel programs and unparalleled client service. We have designed a system to enable you to offer seamless service without any additional work. Our Partnership includes:

- **ACCOUNTING** - Reduce your costs on payment processing! We take care of handling traveler payments efficiently, helping you save on transaction fees while ensuring a seamless experience.
- **PROGRAM OPERATIONS** - Our expert travel planners manage all details pre-, during, and post-trip.
- **CUSTOMER CARE** - Our customer service staff is with you every step of the way.
- **PROFESSIONAL** - Well-traveled business development team. Our experienced business development team goes the extra mile.
- **BOOKING ENGINE** - A seamless, branded booking experience! Our internet booking engine is customized with your agency's logo and contact information, making it easy for your travelers to reserve their program while reducing your workload.

It's no secret that travelers love to experience new places, people, cultures, international cuisines, and traditions ... and we love to provide superior service, flexibility, and reliability - always going the extra mile to deliver meticulously planned travel programs that promote excellence at prices to suit all budgets. Let our professional, experienced staff handle the details of your next group travel program to destinations across the globe with Central Holidays.



# COTE D'AZUR – THE FRENCH RIVIERA

## 8 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

(6) Nice



### DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Bustling and elegant city of Nice • Cannes • Antibes • Charming hilltop towns of Eze & St Paul-De-Vence • Monaco • Monte Carlo • Gourdon • San Remo • Menton • Fragonard Perfume Factory visit • The Eagle's Nest • St. Tropez & wine tasting • Plenty of free time to shop and explore European markets • Ride on a portion of Formula 1 circuit roadway • Discover southern France's beautiful villages, gardens, arts & craft markets, wineries, medieval grand palaces full of history and rich in elegance and charm with dramatic colors, sights and sounds.

### TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 6 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 8 included meals consisting of 6 buffet breakfasts, and 2 dinners at local restaurants
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Guided city tours of Eze, Monaco & Monte Carlo, St Paul, Gourdon, Menton, San Remo Italian market and Provence countryside villages. Optional tours are available: Half day Cannes & Antibes; Full day St Tropez & Wine Tasting
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as viewing impressive, stunning panoramic views of the French Riviera, discovering new provincial gastronomic adventures while marveling at the artisan workshops and galleries and learning about the intricate and elegant process of perfume creation
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Nice
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

**Day 1: Depart the USA** Depart the USA for Nice, France. Meals and refreshments served on board your flight.

**Day 2: Arrival in Nice, France** Upon arrival in Nice, proceed to immigration, baggage claim, and after clearing customs you will be met by the tour director and transferred to the hotel. Spend the rest of your day enjoying the festive spirit of this lovely city from its idyllic beaches to the medieval Old Town filled with art, music and culinary delights waiting to be discovered. Check-in to your hotel, relax or go out and explore. Your tour director can answer your questions regarding nearby attractions but be back in time for the Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant! (D)

**Day 3: Nice – Half Day Walking Tour** After breakfast take a guided morning walking tour through the most famous attraction in Old Nice—the lively open market "Cours Saleya." France's National Council for the Culinary Arts has awarded special status to this market. Explore Nice's Old Town, a characterful district in the south of the city pastel colorful street. Discover the "socca" truly authentic "cuisine niçoise." Enjoy a light lunch on your own and the reminder of the day at your leisure to stroll, shop or relax or perhaps join the optional afternoon tours to Cannes and Antibes. (B)

**Day 4: Nice – Eze-Monaco & Monte Carlo** Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a full day tour to Eze, Monaco & Monte Carlo. On the way to Monaco, enjoy the panoramic drive along the coast, over Nice, Villefranche bay, and Monaco. Stop in Eze, an amazing medieval village perched on a rocky hill above the sea. With narrow cobblestone, pedestrian-only streets, beautiful views of the surrounding hills and the azure water below, it is just as it was centuries ago. Stroll in the tiny streets, see the changing of guards precisely at 11:55A, or perhaps visit the Oceanographic Museum, the Prince's Palace, and the Cathedral. Along the way, there is free time for lunch and then our Cultural Discovery Series with a visit to the Fragonard perfumery to discover the trade secrets of fragrances and the history of perfume-making from its beginnings to the present day. We continue to the Principality of Monaco. Discover the Casino of Monte Carlo on the Golden square with luxury shops and cars. Take a ride on the Formula 1 circuit and reach the old town. Tour of the old town on the rock (B)

**Day 5: Nice - St Paul de Vence-Gourdon – Nice – Full day Tour** After your hotel breakfast we board our private coach for Visit Saint Paul-De-Vence to admire the jewel of Provence, where many painters and artists of ancient times have passed. You can feel the history and artistic creativity of this enchanting place. Its cobbled stone streets, many galleries and nice view overlooking the sea make it a unique place. Continue to Medieval village Medieval village Tourette Sur Loup, installed on a rocky buttress, overhanging precipices. Also known as the City of Violets, this village became a meeting place for musicians, painters, writers, and poets in the mid-1920s. Today, more than thirty



workshops and galleries make the village a Mecca of art and crafts on the Riviera. Then Discover Gourdon one of the most beautiful perch villages in France and admire a breathtaking panoramic view of the Riviera. You will visit the castle, built in the 9th century, and its sumptuous garden, designed by Lenôtre. After a full day of touring, return to the hotel where the evening is free at your leisure. (B)

**Day 6: Nice -Menton – San Remo Italian Markets** Enjoy your breakfast early because today we embark on a is a full day tour to Menton and the San Remo Italian markets by private coach. San Remo is one of the most famous cities of the Ligurian Riviera, often called the capital of flowers and Italian music. Every February, the city hosts the Italian Song Festival, which once opened with vocal stars as Toto Cutugno and Adriano Celentano. Midday we have time for shopping at the market where there are vendors selling clothes, accessories, household goods and food. Enjoy an Italian lunch. As we make our way back we make a stop in Menton. Menton, the last French Riviera town before you reach Italy, is one of the Côte d'Azur's most blissful stops, Menton is a city rich in history where tradition, culture and relaxation come together. Menton will charm you with its aromas and colors. Many interesting international events take place here, as well as the famous Lemon Festival. We drive back to in the late afternoon as your evening is free to discover or rest (B)

**Day 7: Nice – Free Day or Optional Tour** Today after breakfast this morning use the day to relish in the beauty of the town on your own or join the optional full day tour to St. Tropez with sightseeing of this international tourist capital of the world and a thousand-year-old vineyard and winery of the region. In the evening, raise a toast to the end of your adventure as the group gathers for a "bon voyage" dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 8: Nice to USA** This morning after breakfast, say farewell to Nice as you transfer to the airport for your return flight home to the USA.

(B) – Breakfast, (D) – Dinner

Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.

Not Included:

- Meals and activities not included in the itinerary
- Gratuities to guide and driver

#### HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

Nice: Hotel Apollinaire



# THE SPLENDORS OF PORTUGAL LISBON & PORTO

8 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

(3) Lisbon • (3) Porto



## TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 6 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 10 meals included – 6 breakfast and 3 dinners at local restaurants and 1 dinner with Fado show
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day touring of Church and Cloisters of the Jeronimo's Monastery, Lisbon, Library and University of Coimbra, wine tasting and tour of Douro Valley. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as learning about the art of making traditional wines in Lisbon and specialty wine such as Port in Porto and an opportunity to enjoy the urban folk music of Portugal at the Fado show
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Lisbon
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

## DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Capital city of Lisbon • Old quarter of Alfama • Belem quarter • Belem Tower • Church & Cloisters of the Jeronimos Monastery • Fátima • UNESCO world heritage site medieval village of Sintra • Royal Sintra National Palace • Cabo Da Roca – most western point of continental Europe • Palace of Dukes of Braganca • Fado Show • Douro River • Biblioteca Geral Da Universidade De Coimbra • UNESCO World Heritage Site - Ribeira district • An a Minho Province of Porto • Palace of Stock Exchange • Port Wine tasting • Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima • Chapel of the Shepards • Portugal's history, medieval & baroque style architecture, churches, stately building and worldwide religious pilgrimage sites plus much more



**Day 1: Depart of the USA** Depart the USA for Lisbon, Portugal. Meals and refreshments served on board your flight.

**Day 2: Arrival in Lisbon** Upon arrival in Lisbon, proceed to baggage claim and after clearing customs you will be met by our tour director and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the city on your own. Spread across picturesque hillsides that overlook the River Tejo, Lisbon offers a myriad of delights as Portugal's star attraction, yet with a fraction of the fuss of other European capitals. Cathedrals, regal monasteries, and charming museums are all part of the colorful cityscape, but the real delights of discovery lie in its people, touring its sites, and Lisbon's lovely and old-world backstreets. Your local tour director can answer your questions regarding the nearby attractions. Your welcome dinner is at a local restaurant tonight, offering you the opportunity to embrace the gastronomy of Portugal. (D)

**Day 3: Lisbon - City Tour** After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a guided tour of Lisbon, including the opportunity to explore the city center, the old quarter of Alfama, as well as the Belem quarter and its monuments including Jeronimos Monastery (church and cloisters), the Belem Tower (exterior), and the Monument to the Discoveries (exterior). This city, the capital of Portugal, is a legendary city with more than 20 centuries of history. Take the opportunity to grab lunch on your own. Voyages of discovery turned Lisbon into one of the world's greatest ports and the base of an empire that stretched from Brazil in the West to India in the East. This monumental city features typical tile covered building facades and narrow winding streets. Tonight enjoy an optional unforgettable Fado show with dinner, as part of our Cultural Discovery Series. Meaning "destiny or "fate," fado is the urban folk music of Portugal. It thrives today in the country's bars, taverns, and fado houses for everyone to relish as a global melodic symbol of Portuguese culture and tradition. (B, D)

**Day 4: Lisbon – Free Day** After breakfast, enjoy your day at leisure to explore the vibrant city of Lisbon or take an optional full day tour. Our first stop is Sintra, the UNESCO world heritage site, and visit the charming Royal Palace. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before heading to Cabo Da Roca cliff, the most westerly point of continental Europe. Then visit the beautiful beaches of Estoril and Cascais on the Portuguese Riviera. (B)

**Day 5: Lisbon – Fatima—Coimbra – Porto - City Tour** After breakfast and hotel check-out this morning we depart to Porto! Today our first stop will be Fátima, the religious center of Portugal. Time to visit the Shrine of our Lady and Chapel of the Shepards. In the afternoon you continue to the university town of Coimbra and its outstanding library. The city is a colorful mix of medieval architecture, bell towers, extravagant baroque churches, and stately buildings. Enjoy lunch on your own before continuing on to Porto. In the late afternoon we arrive



in Porto, the world's port wine capital beckons with her winding streets, old town, and is the country's second- largest city. Porto's old town is the Ribeira district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where locals mingle on the River Douro village-style plazas and in the old houses of commerce where Roman ruins lurk beneath the foundations. In the late afternoon, check-in to the hotel and prepare for dinner this evening which will be served at a local restaurant! (B, D)

**Day 6: Porto - Mhno - Porto - Full day Tour** This morning start your day with breakfast at your hotel. Next, your day's activities include a full day tour of Porto and the Minho Province. In Porto, visit of the Stock Exchange, see the exterior of St. Francis Church, and Port Wine Cellars with the delicious opportunity to sample port during a wine tasting experience. This afternoon enjoy some free time in Porto or you may be interested in an optional tour to Guimarães, the first capital of Portugal. Return to Porto where you will have an evening on your own to delve into the magic of Portugal's Porto. Consider a night out in the medieval quarter facing the river that boasts the city's liveliest restaurants and bars. Dinner on your own this evening. (B)

**Day 7: Porto – Douro Valley – Porto - City Tour** After a breakfast this morning, we travel to the Douro Valley, for a full day of sightseeing including spectacular viewing points, wine estates and home to the vineyards where Port Wine and Portugal's most outstanding red table wines are produced. Enjoy a local wine tasting session while taking in the spectacular scenery where verdant terraced hills and colorful fields dotted by almond trees meet the vast Douro River. You will be given time to grab some lunch before returning to Porto. After returning to Porto take time to pack, reflect and prepare for a sumptuous farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 8: Porto to USA or extend your stay with an optional extension** This morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (D) – Dinner  
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**Not Included:**

- Meals and activities not included in the itinerary
- Gratuities to guide and driver.

#### HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

**Lisbon:** Hotel VIP Grand Lisboa

**Porto:** Hotel Fenix Porto



# EGYPT - LAND OF THE PHARAOHS

THE PYRAMIDS - LUXOR - ASWAN - VALLEY OF THE KINGS - CAIRO - NILE CRUISE

10 DAYS/8 NIGHTS

(2) Cairo • (4) Nile River Cruise • (2) Cairo



## DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

See one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramids of Giza • Visit the iconic Sphinx • Cruise the Nile • Explore the impressive Valley of the Kings • Visit the stunning temples of Karnak & Luxor • Marvel at the beautiful Temple of Horus in Edfu • Gaze upon Ptolemaic Temple of Sobek and Haroeris in Kom Ombo • Visit Temple of Philae • Marvel at the monumental Aswan High Dam • Sail in a felucca, a typical Nile sailboat • View Kitcheners Island Botanical Garden & the Agha Khan Mausoleum • Tour Cairo • See Tutankhamun's priceless treasures • Explore Alexandria including the Catacombs

## TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York and all intra-Egypt flights
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - 4 nights in Cairo
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - 4 nights Nile River cruise
- **INTERNATIONAL CUISINE** - 18 included meals consisting of 8 buffet breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day Cairo tour including Pyramids, Sphinx, Museum of Antiquities, Alabaster Mosque and Citadel of Saladin, and Nile Cruise sightseeing including Aswan, Kom Ombo, Esna, Edfu, and Luxor. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as a tour of Papyrus Institute, a visit to an essential oils and perfume factory, and an Alabaster and carpet workshop
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Cairo
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

## OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 3 nights
- **INTERNATIONAL CUISINE** - 7 included meals consisting of 3 buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: scenic drive to Alexandria and a full day tour of Alexandria
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage

**Day 1 Depart USA** Depart New York JFK for Cairo. Meals and refreshments served on board.

**Day 2 Cairo** Arrive in the Land of the Pharaohs. At Cairo International Airport you will be welcomed and assisted through immigration, visa purchase and customs by your tour director, then escorted to your hotel. Evening on your own to settle-in and start getting acquainted with the destination.

**Day 3 Cairo** After breakfast you will start your day with exploring the Citadel of Saladin, a medieval fortification, including the marvelous Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque. Drive to Old Cairo to visit Al Moallaka Church (Hanging Church) and Ben Ezra Synagogue. After lunch in a local restaurant, you will visit the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Your visit to the museum will include a collection of Pharaonic artifacts and the treasures of King Tutankhamen's tomb. Overnight in Cairo. (B,L)

**Day 4 Cairo/Luxor-Cruise** Grab your breakfast box and early morning transfer to Cairo Airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival you will be escorted to your Nile cruise ship. Savor lunch on board before heading out with your guide to visit the impressive Karnak Temple and the Luxor Temple. The Temple of Karnak, located on the East bank of the Nile, was built by several great kings of Egypt including King Ramses II, King Tutmosis III, and Queen Hatshepsut. It was dedicated to the triad of Thebes: God Amun Ra, goddess Mut, and God Khonsu. Luxor Temple was dedicated to the god Amun and contains structures from many periods, the earliest dating back to the 12th Dynasty. Back on board, enjoy dinner. Overnight in Luxor. (B,L,D)

**Day 5 Cruise** After breakfast you will visit the West Bank, including the Valley of the Kings. The ancient Egyptians built massive public monuments for their pharaohs. They also spent time creating concealed underground tombs full of treasures. The most famed collection of such intricate tombs, the Valley of the Kings, became a royal burial ground for pharaohs such as Tutankhamun, Seti I, and Ramses II, as well as queens, high priests, and other elites of the 18th, 19th, and 20th dynasties. Then see the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. Prior to leaving the Valley of the Kings, you visit an Alabaster workshop (Cultural Discovery Series) to see how vases and statues are made in the traditional ancient styles. Lunch on board, in the evening welcome cocktail party followed by dinner on board. Sailing to Edfu passing through the Esna Lock. Overnight in Edfu. (B,L,D)

**Day 6 Cruise** Breakfast on board. Today you will visit Edfu Temple dedicated to Horus, the Falcon God. Totally submerged under the desert except for the very top of the pylon entrance, it is ancient Egypt's most complete and best-preserved temple. A small amount of stone had been removed from the exposed part, but when excavated it was found to be in near perfect condition. Enjoy lunch on board and in the afternoon, you will visit Kom Ombo with its magnificent temple overlooking the river Nile. This Ptolemaic Temple is the only double temple in Egypt shared by two gods, the crocodile-headed God Sobek, and the falcon-headed God Horus. The temple has two entrances, two courts, two colonnades, two Hypostyle halls and two sanctuaries, one side for each god. This evening, enjoy a Galabeya Party after dinner. You are encouraged to shop and wear "The Galabeya", traditional Egyptian garments native to the Nile Valley. Overnight in Aswan. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 Cruise** After breakfast on board, you will visit Aswan's High Dam, an engineering miracle when it was built in the 1960's. The dam was completed in 1971 and the huge reservoir behind it, named for President Nasser, was finished filling in 1979. The High Dam provided about half of the electricity production in Egypt, bringing power to most of Egypt's villages for the first time. By regulating the flow of the river, the dam also increased the cultivatable land in Egypt by around 30 percent and allowed development in new areas that were previously inundated annually when the river flooded. Then, you will visit workers at an oils and perfume factory to learn about this ancient industry. Your day will continue with visiting the Temple of Philae. Philae in Greek or Pilak in ancient Egyptian, means 'the end,' and defined the southernmost limit of Egypt. Back to your Nile cruise for lunch. After lunch, you sail onboard a "Felucca", a typical Nile sailboat, and view Kitchener's Island Botanical Garden and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. In the evening, enjoy a Nubian Folkloric Show on board. Overnight in Aswan. (B,L,D)

**Day 8 Cruise/Cairo** Morning check-out and breakfast on board. According to your flight time back to Cairo, have an "Optional Tours" to visit a Nubian village on Sohail Island. Here you will visit a traditional Nubian house to learn about the history and culture of the Nubian people over a glass of welcome tea. After your time at the house, take a walk to explore the island on your own, stroll through the village, and chat with the locals. Transfer to the airport. Upon arrival in Cairo, transfer to your



hotel and check-in. Evening on your own for last minute shopping or to relax by the pool. (B)

**Day 9 Cairo** After breakfast, visit the Great Pyramid of Giza, the defining symbol of Egypt and the last of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World, and the mysterious Sphinx a mythological creature with a lion's body and a human head, an important image in Egyptian and Greek art and legend. Next, visit the Papyrus Institute and learn about papyrus making as an important part of Egypt's history (Cultural Discovery Series). Enjoy lunch along the way in a local restaurant and continue your visit to Sakkara where you will see the famous Step Pyramid. Visit a Carpet manufacturing school, a handmade tradition that began during the reign of King Farouk. The craft of weaving preserves its old form which classifies it as an Egyptian antiquity. This evening is on your own to relax by the pool. (B,L)

**Day 10 – Sunday Cairo to USA or extend your stay with an optional Alexandria extension** Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

#### OPTIONAL ALEXANDRIA EXTENSION

**Day 10 Cairo/Alexandria** Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Cairo and then depart for a scenic drive to Alexandria. Upon arrival, your guide will take you on amazing adventures including one of the best-known ancient monuments still standing in Pompey's Pillar, which is located on the city's ancient acropolis and was originally part of a temple colonnade. Explore the Catacombs which are made up of 3 levels cut into the rock, a large spiral staircase, a rotunda, the triclinium or banquet hall, a vestibule, an antechamber, and the burial chamber with three recesses in it. After visits, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and sample the flavors and cuisine of the region. The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish – this seaport city was founded around a small ancient Egyptian town and holds some of the most famous and historic wonders of Egypt. Overnight at your hotel. (B,L,D)

**Day 11 Alexandria - City Tour** Today you tour Alexandria where you see the Royal Library of Alexandria which was once the largest library in the world and the Qaitbay Citadel in Alexandria which is considered one of the most important defensive strongholds, not only in Egypt, but also along the Mediterranean Sea coast. After visits, enjoy lunch at another local restaurant with flavors and cuisine of the region. Overnight at your hotel. (B, L, D)

**Day 12 Alexandria/Cairo** After breakfast, transfer to Cairo and check in at your hotel. The afternoon is yours to explore Cairo at your own pace. (B)

**Day 13 Cairo to USA** After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. We thank you for joining us for this extension to Alexandria! (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner

Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.

#### HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

**Cairo:** Conrad Cairo

**Cruise:** MS Mojito

**Cairo:** Conrad Cairo



# SPAIN AND THE COSTA DEL SOL

## 9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

### (7) Torremolinos



### DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Extended stay in one location • Soak up the sun on the sandy beaches of the Mediterranean • Marvel at the architecture of the Cathedral of Seville, third largest in the world • Enjoy the Giralda, built originally in the 12th century • See the Alcazar Royal Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site • The Santa Cruz Jewish quarter • Visit Ronda, one of the loveliest and most historic towns in Andalucía • Learn about Bullfighting history while exploring Plaza de Toros, the oldest bullring in Spain • Scenic ferry trip to Tangier in Morocco • Visit the continent of Africa • The views of the Mediterranean, Spain and Morocco from the Rock of Gibraltar • Visit famous citadel and Alhambra Palace in Granada, a UNESCO World Heritage site • The Generalife gardens, a green paradise constructed for Nazarite kings and queens • Discover Mijas, a beautifully preserved Andalusian village • Experience majestic Madrid • Magnificent monuments such as the Neptune and Cibeles fountains • The Alcalá Gate • The Plaza de España • The Royal Palace

### TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 14 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts and 7 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day tour to Seville, a tour of Granada, a tour of Ronda, and a tour to the Rock of Gibraltar. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as learning about the art and evolution of Flamenco at the interactive Flamenco Dance Museum in Seville, and learning about organic wine production at the Wine Museum in Ronda
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Malaga
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

### OPTIONAL MADRID EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION** - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 3 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts and 1 dinner
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Half day tour of Madrid, including the Royal Palace
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Madrid
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

**Day 1 Depart USA** Depart New York for Spain. Meals and refreshments served on board.

**Day 2 Arrive Malaga, Spain/Torremolinos** Welcome to the famous Costa del Sol, Spain's Mediterranean coastline! Upon arrival in Malaga, proceed to baggage claim. After clearing customs, you will be met by your tour director. You'll be transferred to your first class hotel located in the renowned resort town of Torremolinos, situated along one of the most cosmopolitan stretches of coastline in Spain. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (D)

**Day 3 Torremolinos - Seville Tour** After breakfast at the hotel, take a full-day tour to Seville. Seville is Spain's fourth largest city and the capital of the Andalucía region. Built on the banks of the Guadalquivir River, the city has a rich history with vast Moorish influences and was once a prosperous trading port with the Americas. It was in Seville that Columbus docked upon returning from America. Enjoy a panoramic tour of this vibrant city; see the meticulous gardens at Maria Luisa Park, stroll through the district of Santa Cruz and revel in the city's 15th century Cathedral. Enjoy the striking minaret, the slenderest tower in Muslim architecture, and The Giralda, to which an exquisite bell tower was added in the 16th century. Not far away is another amazing monumental complex, the Alcazar palace, completed by Peter the First and recognized for its Mudéjar style. Next, Cultural Discovery Series - visit the interactive Flamenco Dance Museum and learn about the art and evolution of Flamenco. You will have free time for lunch or to stroll around this charming town before heading back to Torremolinos. (B,D)

**Day 4 Torremolinos - Gibraltar Tour** After breakfast, take a full-day tour to Gibraltar and discover the Rock of Gibraltar, located at the entrance of the Mediterranean. Its strategic location and history have made it an international symbol of solidity and strength and is frequently featured in the world press and media. Gibraltar is connected to Spain by a sandy strip. The subject of repeated conquest and siege, Gibraltar has been a British territory since 1704 when it was ceded forever under the Treaty of Utrecht. Since 1973, it has been a part of the EU under the British accession. When you first see the Rock of Gibraltar, whether it is from the air, from the sea, or from either the Costa del Sol or the western end of the Bay, its impressive stature, towering isolated above the surrounding countryside causes the greatest impact. It has had this effect on people for many thousands of years. You will have free time for lunch and shopping before heading back to Torremolinos. (B,D)

**Day 5 Torremolinos** After breakfast enjoy a day at leisure and relax at the hotel or take an optional tour to Tangier. This excursion offers an unforgettable opportunity to visit this fascinating destination. The fun begins with a ferry ride across the straits of Gibraltar to exotic Morocco and the ancient city of Tangier. Upon arrival, you will tour the modern half of the city along with Cape Spartel, the northwesternmost point of the African continent. Next, you'll explore the old town or Casbah on a walking tour. Here, shopping treasures abound in the myriad of colorful markets and meandering streets. (B,D)

**Day 6 Torremolinos - Ronda Tour** After breakfast enjoy a full-day tour to Ronda. Explore the mountainous region of Ronda on this relaxing day trip from the Costa del Sol. You'll see all the highlights of the lovely town of Ronda, including the Plaza de Toros Maestranza, the Church of the Holy Spirit, the town square, and a bull-fighting museum. The picturesque town of Ronda spans the plunging river gorge known as El Tajo, crossed by the impressive 18th century Puente Nuevo Bridge. You'll visit the town square, known as Plaza de Espana, the Church of the Holy Spirit built in 1485, and the Cathedral Church of Our Lady of the Incarnation, known today as the Church of Saint Mary the Elder. See Plaza de Toros, the oldest bullring in Spain that has staged some of the



most important events in bullfighting history. The museum's collection of memorabilia includes photos of famous bullfighting fans, including Ernest Hemingway and Orson Wells. Next, Cultural Discovery Series - learn about the process of producing organic wines at the Wine Museum and enjoy wine tasting afterward. You'll have free time to explore Ronda and perhaps enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel along the Costa del Sol. (B,D)

**Day 7 Torremolinos** After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour of Granada, featuring a guided tour of the Alhambra, a fortified palatine city of the 13th to 15th century. Muslim architecture in Spain reached its apogee at this palace once occupied by Nasrid princes, their families, and their political and personal functionaries. Our local guide will show us the Alcazaba with its magnificent Torres de la Velas fortress, the Carlos V Palace, and the Generalife Palace, a summer residence set in beautiful gardens. The Palace of Charles V, designed in 1526 by Pedro Machuca in the heart of the Alhambra as a symbol of new power, is the most outstanding Renaissance work in Granada. You will have free time for lunch or to visit the different monuments in central Granada. Make sure you have your camera for some amazing photo ops! (B,D)

**Day 8 Torremolinos** After breakfast enjoy today at leisure or take an optional tour to Mijas. Here you'll find postcard-perfect white-washed houses and spectacular views of the coast and countryside. Mijas is one of the most picturesque villages in Andalucía, situated 1300 feet above sea level. Perhaps you'll even want to experience a true local treat... a ride in a donkey-drawn taxi! You can also bask in the glittering sun or simply relax at the hotel. This evening enjoy your farewell dinner with a Flamenco show in Malaga. (B,D)

**Day 9 Torremolinos to USA or extend your stay with an optional Madrid extension** After breakfast transfer to the Malaga airport for your return flight home. (B)

#### OPTIONAL MADRID EXTENSION

**Day 9 Malaga/Madrid** After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Madrid. Upon arrival, you will be met by our tour director and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore on your own. (B)

**Day 10 Madrid - City Tour** After breakfast the highlights of your morning city tour include the magnificent fountains of Neptune and Cibeles, the Alcala Gate, the Plaza de España, and a visit to the Royal Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure for some shopping, a visit to the Prado Museum or for a stroll through the gardens of Retiro Park. Dinner this evening is with a local guide discovering hidden spots in the very heart of Madrid to experience "ir de tapas" as madrileños do, enjoying tapas and wine while listening to fun anecdotes and history of the area. (B,D)

**Day 11 Madrid to USA** After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) - Breakfast, (D) - Dinner

Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.

#### HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

Torremolinos: SOL Torremolinos Resort



# TREASURES OF TURKEY

## Where the East Meets the West

### 9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

(4) Istanbul • (3) Kuşadası



#### DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Experience Istanbul • Where Europe and Asia meet • Learn of the Ottoman Empire • Majestic Blue Mosque • Fascinating Hagia Sophia • Roman Hippodrome • Golden Horn • Bosphorus Strait • Topkapi Palace Museum • See the seventh-largest diamond in the world • Galata Bridge • Basilica Cistern • Famous Grand Bazaar • Seaside town of Kuşadası • Ephesus, the world's best preserved ancient city • Temple of Hadrian • Library of Celsius • Turkish Rugs • Basilica of St John • House of Virgin Mary • Aphrodisias • Spectacular rock formations of Pamukkale • Konya, home of the Whirling Dervishes • The Path of St. Paul • Enchanting Cappadocia • Fairy Chimneys • Göreme Open-Air Museum • Whirling Dervish performance

#### TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York and all intra-Turkey flights
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 12 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day Istanbul tour including the Old City, the Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia & Basilica Cistern, a half day tour including the Galata Bridge and Grand Bazaar, and a tour of Ephesus and Selçuk. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as a Turkish crafts workshop, visit to an elementary school, and Turkish carpet factory
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Istanbul
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

#### OPTIONAL CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 3 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 5 included meals consisting of 3 buffet breakfasts and 2 lunches
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAMS** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Tours of Pamukkale, Konya, and Cappadocia
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

**Day 1 Depart USA** Depart from US on your overnight flight to Istanbul, Turkey. Meals and refreshments served on board.

**Day 2 Arrive Istanbul, Turkey** Welcome to Turkey! Upon your arrival in Istanbul, clear customs and immigration. Proceed into the arrival area and meet your Tour Director. Along the way to your hotel, enjoy an orientation to the city. See the remnants of empires that rose and fell, from the Greeks and Romans to the Venetians before the Ottomans that still remain. The city was the end of the legendary Silk Road linking Asia with Europe, and many merchants who came here liked it so much that they, too, decided to stay. We know you will love this destination as much as they did. There is a welcome dinner at the hotel tonight. (D)

**Day 3 Istanbul - Old City Tour** Following breakfast, head out for a full day exploration of Istanbul's Old City. Begin at the Roman Hippodrome that served as the center of Byzantine life for a thousand years. Next, visit the Blue Mosque, the single most recognizable monument along the Istanbul skyline. The immense interior is basked in sunlight that streams through 260 windows and is decorated with more than 20,000 precious Iznik tiles detailing traditional flowers of Ottoman design. Afterwards, visit the Church of Divine Wisdom – Hagia Sophia – one of the best examples of Byzantine Architecture in the world. Enjoy free time for lunch before heading to Topkapi Palace, the center of the Ottoman Empire between the 15th and 19th centuries. In the Treasury section, see breathtaking displays, including the seventh-largest diamond in the world. The day's tour concludes with a visit to the Basilica Cistern that brought water into the city via numerous aqueducts. (B)

**Day 4 Istanbul – Galata Bridge/Grand Bazaar Tour** Rise and shine with breakfast at your hotel and get ready to embark on a tour to explore unforgettable Istanbul. First is a stroll on the Galata Bridge with its restaurants and coffee houses where local people enjoy their meal while watching the rush of the ferry boats and fishermen. Time for a selfie stop to view the Galeta Tower or Topkapi Palace in the distance. Then onwards, make your way across the Golden Horn by coach to reach the Grand Bazaar, one of the oldest and largest covered markets in the world. The Grand Bazaar dates from the 15th century and is visited by locals and visitors alike. This shoppers delight contains 4,400 authentic shops, 25,000 full time staff, 61 covered streets, 18 entrances, and looks as much to the present as it does to the past. Shop for handmade carpets and kilims, Turkish silver art, souvenirs and decorations made of copper and bronze and high-quality ceramics, onyx, and leather goods. Finally, as part of our Cultural Discovery Series, head over to Caferağa Medresesi, a lovely little building and charming tea garden. Built in 1560, it now houses a cultural organization that teaches and promotes traditional Turkish handicrafts. Spend some time participating in your choice of a variety of workshops: ceramic tile art, calligraphy, water marbling (ebru), jewelry, felt, carpet weaving, and more. The rest of the day is free to explore. (B)

**Day 5 Istanbul** Today you can enjoy a day at leisure to explore independently or take an optional tour to the Spice Bazaar, Ortaköy fishing village and a cruise on the Bosphorus. Start the day in the Spice Bazaar, brimming with stalls full of Turkish delight, teas and spices. Then onwards to the Golden Horn to cruise along the Bosphorus Strait. The Bosphorus is a narrow, navigable strait that divides the continents of Europe and Asia. Your cruise will take you past late Ottoman Palaces, Dolmabahçe and Beylerbeyi, as well as beautiful wooden mansions and modern villas of the 19th and 20th centuries. Your last stop will be the Ortaköy fishing village on the Bosphorus strait where Turks, Armenians, Greeks, and Jews historically lived peacefully side by side for centuries. (B)

**Day 6 Istanbul/Kuşadası** Have breakfast at your hotel and then head to Istanbul Airport for a short flight to Izmir, the country's 3rd largest city. Upon arrival, you will enjoy a scenic ride to the seaside town of Kuşadası. This resort town, located on the Aegean coast, boasts restaurants, bars and is an ideal location to explore the coast and the world-famous Ephesus archaeological site. The remainder of the day is yours to relax and enjoy at your own pace! Dinner tonight will be served at your hotel (B,D)

**Day 7 Kuşadası - Ephesus Tour** After breakfast at your hotel, drive to nearby Ephesus, perhaps the world's best-preserved ancient city. In Roman times, Ephesus was the provincial capital of Asia, with a population of some 250,000 at the height of its glory. The most significant relic of the site is the immense amphitheater that holds 24,000 people and is still used today. You will walk along the Sacred Way and see the ingenious water and sewer system that was constructed beneath paving stones of marble. You will also see the Temple of Hadrian, a Corinthian-style building with the head of Medusa to keep away evil spirits, and the Library of Celsius. Next, continue to Sultanköy, where you will participate in one of our Cultural Discovery Series and learn about the entire rug-making process. After this cultural experience, you will break for a fresh and organic al fresco lunch showcasing ingredients from Sultanköy's own farm and orchards. Continue on to the town of Selçuk where you will see the artifacts in the Museum of Archaeology. Return to the hotel, relax, and enjoy dinner. (B,L,D)

**Day 8 Kuşadası** Enjoy a full breakfast at your hotel, then enjoy the day at

leisure or take an optional tour to the Basilica of St John, Isa Bey Mosque, Şirince village and the House of Virgin Mary. Our first stop will be the town of Selçuk to visit the Basilica of Saint John, said to be built over the Apostle John's burial site. Situated just down the hill from the basilica is Isa Bey Mosque, one of the most delicate examples of Seljukian architecture. Then head to the town of Şirince, an old Greek Orthodox village that will give an authentic taste of Turkish/Greek culture and rural village life. After lunch in a family-run Turkish restaurant, you visit an elementary school located in Şirince (Cultural Discovery Series). This give you a great opportunity to learn about the Turkish educational system, meet teaches and their students. To end this exciting day, visit the House of Virgin Mary, who is believed to have come to Ephesus near the end of her life in 37 AD. This place was officially declared a shrine of the Roman Catholic Church in 1896. Dinner is served at your hotel tonight. (B,D)

**Day 9 Kuşadası to USA or extend your stay with an optional Pamukkale & Cappadocia extension** This morning you will say goodbye to Kuşadası and the Aegean and drive to the airport for your flight back to the U.S. (B)

## OPTIONAL CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION

**Day 9 Kuşadası - Aphrodisias Tour - Pamukkale Tour/Isparta** After breakfast at your hotel, you will drive to Aphrodisias. Dedicated to the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite, Aphrodisias flourished during the Hellenistic period, then later under Roman and Byzantine rule. See the unearthed stadium with more than 30,000 seats, the Temple of Aphrodite and Baths of Hadrian. Later, continue on to Pamukkale. For countless millennia, a spring here has been pouring out streams of hot mineral water. These have plunged down the mountain-side creating enormous circular basins fringed by stalactites and surrounded by a huge area of smooth, dazzling, white calcareous rock. Explore the travertine formations as well as the extensive ancient site of Hierapolis where you can soak in the soothing waters of Cleopatra Pool and wade in the shallow hot spring pools. After lunch continue eastbound to reach your hotel located in Isparta, known as the "rose garden of Turkey." During his missionary journeys, St. Paul happened to pass by Isparta, and the road he used is now a popular trek known as the "The Path of St. Paul". Dinner is at the hotel. (B,L,D)

**Day 10 Isparta - Konya Tour/Cappadocia** Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and then join in a 3-hour scenic journey to reach the city of Konya in the plains of Anatolia. Konya is the home of the whirling dervishes' founder, Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi. Enjoy a city tour, including visits to the Mevlana Museum and the Alaeddin Mosque. Rumi is one of the world's most read poets, and his tomb is Turkey's second most-visited tourist attraction after Topkapi Palace in Istanbul. Later, depart Konya for Cappadocia, and what is perhaps the most magical landscape in Turkey. Upon arrival, check-in and relax in your typical cave house hotel. This evening experience a whirling dervish performance. Dinner is at the hotel. (B,D)

**Day 11 Cappadocia - Cappadocia Tour** Today, based on weather conditions, there is a possibility of an optional hot air balloon ride. After breakfast, embark on a full day tour of Cappadocia. The biblical realm of Cappadocia is a wonderland of unusual geographic formations sprinkled with green vineyards, fruit orchards and frescoed churches. Wind and rain have eroded the brittle volcanic rock and formed rock cones, capped pinnacles, and fretted ravines. Visit Monk's Valley with its unique Fairy Chimneys that can reach up to 130 feet from the ground. Next, discover the Göreme Open-Air Museum, consisting of steep cliffs with many hidden churches dating from the 9th century. Then enjoy a home-cooked lunch in the village of Ayvalı. Beginning in the 2nd century, as successive armies swept across Asia Minor, the residents of Cappadocia created uniquely defensible communities by digging approximately eight stories down into the volcanic tufa stone. Tour one of these underground cities that features a complex community replete with houses, churches, storage areas, a communal kitchen, and burial chambers. Finally, make a stop at the Avanos Hand-craft Center built along the banks of Kizilirmak (Halys) River. Dinner is at the hotel. (B,L,D)

**Day 12 Cappadocia to USA** This morning you will be transferred to Nevşehir airport for a flight to Istanbul, connecting with your flight back to the U.S. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner  
Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.

## HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

**Istanbul:** Radisson Blu Hotel, Sislio

**Kusadası:** Elite World Kusadası



# CHRISTMAS MARKETS MUNICH AND PRAGUE

7 DAYS/5 NIGHTS – 4 DAYS/ 3 NIGHTS EXTENSION

(3) Munich • (2) Prague • (3) Berlin



## DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Extended stay in one location • Marienplatz • Nymphenburg Palace • Lake Chiemsee • Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace • Getreidegasse • Hohensalzburg fortress • Christkindlesmarkt • Hofburg - famous residence of Empress Elizabeth • Prague Castle • St. Vitus Cathedral • Brewing town of Pilsen – founded by Czech King Wenceslas II in 1295 • Plenty of free time to shop Christmas markets independently • Berlin • Checkpoint Charlie • Brandenburg Gate • Berlin Wall Memorial • Berlin's history during periods of Prussians, Imperialists, Cold War, and present unification and much, much more

## TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 5 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 7 included meals consisting of 5 buffet breakfasts, and 2 dinners at local restaurants
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Guided city tours of Munich, Salzburg, & Prague. Visit Nuremberg, Nymphenburg Palace & Museum of Carriages; Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral. Plenty of time to shop in Europe's most exquisite Christmas markets! Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as viewing impressive, beautiful and breathtaking squares; discovering new gastronomic adventures while marveling at the variety of art and crafts and dancing to the festive music and the sound of choral songs
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Munich & Prague
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

## OPTIONAL BERLIN EXTENSION

### TOUR FEATURES

3 nights stay in 4★ accommodations • 3 breakfasts • Private motor coach from Prague to Berlin • English speaking tour escort & local guide for city tour • Porterage at hotels • Transportation to the hotel and airport • Porterage at hotels • All taxes and charges

### DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

City of Dresden • Frauenkirche - Church of Our Lady • Berlin • Checkpoint Charlie • Brandenburg Gate • Berlin Wall Memorial • Optional tour to Potsdam • Berlin's history during periods of Prussians, Imperialists, Nazis and Cold War and much, much more

**Day 1: Depart the USA – November 29, 2025** Depart the USA for Germany. Meals and refreshments served on board.

**Day 2: Arrival in Munich – November 30, 2025** Upon arrival in Munich, proceed to immigration, baggage claim and after clearing customs you will be met by our tour director and transfer to the hotel. This city is known for its annual Oktoberfest celebration and its beer halls, including the famed Hofbräuhaus, founded in 1589. In the Altstadt (Old Town), central Marienplatz square contains landmarks such as Neo-Gothic Neues Rathaus (town hall), with a popular glockenspiel show that chimes and reenacts stories from the 16th century. Spend the rest of your day enjoying the festive spirit at Munich's Christmas Market. Your tour director can answer your questions regarding nearby attractions but be back in time for the Welcome Dinner at the hotel! (D)

**Day 3: Munich- City Tour – December 1, 2025** After breakfast take a guided morning city tour with a local guide where you'll be introduced to the main attractions of Munich. Observe the major sights of the city including the Marienplatz with its impressive town hall and the ornate Glockenspiel. Continue via the Olympic stadium to visit the fabulous "Nymphenburg Palace". Enjoy a guided tour of the Palace and the Museum of carriages and sleighs, formerly part of the royal stables. Spend the afternoon at leisure, wandering the charming streets in town. Tonight's dinner is at the famous Hofbräuhaus Tavern! (B, D)

**Day 4: Munich – Salzburg – Munich – December 2, 2025** Have an early breakfast before boarding the coach to drive alongside Lake Chiemsee—a beautiful lake surrounded by mountains—on the way to Salzburg—birthplace of Mozart and the famous cultural setting for the "Sound of Music." See the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace in the old town, the Getreidegasse and views of the mighty Hohensalzburg fortress. Free time to enjoy a quick lunch or explore the Christmas market on your own. We drive back to in the late afternoon as your evening is free to discover or rest. (B)

**Day 5: Munich – Nuremberg – Prague – December 3, 2025** After breakfast and check-out, once again, we are on the coach headed for Prague with a stop at Germany's most famous Christmas market! The "Christkindlesmarkt" located in Nuremberg is unrivalled in its beauty, traditions, and atmosphere. Nuremberg is home to the famous cookie of Christmas, lebkuchen, and there are many stalls selling it to eat right then or wrap and give as gifts. The aroma of mulled wine and gingerbread as well as brass ensembles and children's choirs warm the heart. After touring, shopping, Dinner at hotel and overnight in Prague, we press forward to the Czech capital of Prague. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel where the remainder of your evening is free. (B, D)

**Day 6: Prague – City Tour Prague – December 4, 2025** After breakfast, explore Prague's rich cultural history during a morning guided tour of the city. We visit Prague Castle, Old Palace and St. Vitus Cathedral, the largest of the Prague churches constructed over a period of six centuries. The Cathedral reflects the evolving architecture styles from high Gothic to Art Nouveau. Admire the Astronomical Clock in the old town square, where the main Christmas market is located. There is another one at Wenceslas Square. Use the afternoon to explore these markets on your own. After touring, check into the hotel and relax for a moment before dinner at a local Folkloric restaurant. (B, D)



**Day 7 Prague to USA – December 5, 2025 or extend your stay with an optional Berlin extension** This morning after breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home to the USA. (B)

#### OPTIONAL BERLIN EXTENSION

**Day 7 Prague-Dresden to Berlin- December 5, 2025** After breakfast this morning we board the bus and head to Berlin. Midway, we will make a stop with leisure time in Dresden - the city rightly nicknamed the "Florence of the Elbe." The Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) is one of the places of interest in Dresden. It was built between 1726 and 1743 and unfortunately completely destroyed by World War bombing in 1945. Reconstruction began in 1994 and was completed in 2005. After arrival in Berlin, check into the hotel and relax or find the perfect spot for dinner on your own. (B)

**Day 8 Berlin – Berlin –Guided Half Day Tour - December 6, 2025** Enjoy breakfast at your hotel then prepare for a half day guided city tour of Berlin. The German capital is reliving a golden age more than 30 years after the fall of the Wall. Creative capital, eldorado for artists from all over the world, trendy city, city of fashion and design... the list goes on. Discover the eastern part of the city, with the television tower, the new government district, Potsdamerplatz, East Side Gallery and the Brandenburg Gate—long a symbol of the division between East and West and now representing a reunited Germany. (B)

**Day 9 Berlin – Free Day or Optional Tour – December 7, 2025** Today enjoy the great city of Berlin at your own pace. Perhaps visit the Berlin State Library (once the workplace of Albert Einstein), explore Pariser Platz, the location of Hitler's bunker, or take a stroll along Friedrichstrasse, a high-end shopping area. Or join the optional excursion to Potsdam. Potsdam is the capital of the Brandenburg region to the south-west of Berlin and former summer residence of the Prussian kings. Your guide will explain the rich in history of Potsdam, known for its many palaces and churches (exterior views), its charming squares and its picturesque Dutch quarter known as "Little Amsterdam". Enjoy admission to the Sanssouci Palace. Lunch in Potsdam. (B, L)

**Day 10 Berlin to USA** This enjoy an early breakfast and morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home to the USA. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner  
Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.

#### Not Included:

- Meals and activities not included in the itinerary
- Gratuities to guide and driver.

#### HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

Munich: Hotel NH Collection

Kusadasi: Hotel Ametyst Prague



# TUSCANY, ITALY

## 9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

### (7) Montecatini Terme



### DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Extended stay in one location • Explore medieval town of Montecatini Terme • Enjoy scenic drives through gentle rolling hills of Tuscany • Admire Renaissance art and architecture of Florence • Marvel at legendary Leaning Tower of Pisa • Visit Piazza dei Miracoli, a World Heritage Site, including Pisa Baptistery of St. John & Duomo • Visit medieval towns of Lucca, Siena & San Gimignano • Experience magic and spectacular scenery of Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Discover Chianti Classico wine region • Enjoy wine tasting • Tour eternal city of Rome • Discover amazing Vatican City, including Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel

### TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York, NY
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 10 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts and 3 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day guided tour of Florence, Full day excursion to Pisa and Lucca, including the Leaning Tower, Duomo and the Baptistery, Full day tour of Siena, Full day excursion to San Gimignano and the Chianti region including wine tasting. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning of the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals, such as a wine tasting in the Chianti region and an authentic local dinner at a countryside
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Italy
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

### OPTIONAL ROME EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 2 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: City tour of Ancient Rome. Optional tours available
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR MANAGER** - Assistance of a professional Tour Manager for the entire length of the tour
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

**Day 1 Depart USA** Depart from New York on an overnight flight to Tuscany, Italy. Meals and refreshments are served on board.

**Day 2 Arrive Italy - Montecatini** Upon arrival, proceed to baggage claim. After clearing customs, you will be met by our professional tour director and transferred to your hotel in Montecatini. You can spend the rest of the day at leisure. Have a welcome cocktail and briefing at 7:00 PM in the hotel. Tonight, dinner is at the hotel. (D)

**Day 3 Montecatini - Florence Tour** Today's tour will take you to Florence, a magical and magnificent city known for its art, history, and culture. Your walking tour will take you through streets and piazzas lined up with elegant Renaissance-style buildings, gorgeous marble sculptures, fine leather and jewelry stores, and restaurants serving delicacies that have made Tuscan cuisine famous worldwide. See the Cathedral, whose gigantic "cupola" is the symbol of Florence's artistic achievements, the Baptistery (from outside) with its fine bronze doors adorned with the famous gates of Paradise and the Piazza della Signoria. Next, take part in our Cultural Discovery Series - Visit the artisans' workshop in the vibrant Oltrarno district and see how local artists use centuries-old techniques when creating art, jewelry, and leather. Enjoy free time for shopping or visiting some of the numerous museums and art galleries. (B)

**Day 4 Montecatini - Lucca and Pisa Tour** Today, enjoy a tour of Lucca and Pisa. Lucca is a peaceful place with narrow lanes that wind among the medieval buildings, opening suddenly to reveal churches, tiny piazzas, and many other reminders of the city's long history, including a Roman amphitheater. This town is well known for its magnificent 16th and 17th-century ramparts, which have remained intact, encircle its narrow streets, lined with many medieval buildings. In the afternoon, we continue to Pisa to see its incredible Leaning Tower. It is 14 feet off center at the top because of settling after construction was started in 1173. Your visit to Pisa will also include a sightseeing tour of Pisa's Campo dei Miracoli, or Field of Miracles, to see the Baptistery and Duomo (entrance included); all are fine examples of the Pisan-Romanesque architectural style. Later, visit a Tuscan farmhouse, meet the family members, and learn about their organic farming on the guided tour of the estate. Later on, enjoy music and a delicious dinner in this lovely countryside estate - Cultural Discovery Series. (B, D).

**Day 5 Montecatini - Siena Tour** After breakfast, transfer to Siena for your full-day tour. Set in the most beautiful Tuscan countryside of rolling hills, lush vines, and gray-green olive trees. Siena offers much to see, from the fine palaces that line the narrow cobbled streets and the superb Duomo to the celebrated Piazza del Campo, where the famed Palio horserace is run yearly. Enjoy the Piazza del Campo, the ancient Tuscan capitol, a fascinating art town. Take time to explore the museums and churches of Siena and the glamorous shops of the Via dei Banchi de Sopra. (B)

**Day 6 Montecatini** Enjoy a day of leisure or join the optional full-day excursion to Cinque Terre. After breakfast, depart from your hotel and transfer by coach to the train station of La Spezia. By train, you will discover the renowned region called Cinque Terre (Five lands in Italian), taking its name from the five villages on the cliffs that overlook a blue sea and a coastline of astounding beauty. Our first stop will be the village of Manarola, the smallest "Borgo" after Corniglia, but with a nice tiny square and a lovely view of the coast. After some time for a coffee,



we take the train to reach our second stop Vernazza. The last destination is Monterosso, the biggest village, where you will have time for lunch in one of the typical restaurants or cafes facing the sea. This afternoon you will take the train back to La Spezia and drive back to Montecatini by coach. (B)

**Day 7 Montecatini - San Gimignano & Chianti Region Tour** Today, enjoy a tour of San Gimignano, a town of Etruscan origin. Built by noble families, the fourteen remaining towers that line the ramparts look like medieval skyscrapers. As we drive south through the Italian wine country of Chianti this afternoon, your stop will include a winery to taste the superb local wine. Together we will learn what makes a Chianti Classico - Cultural Discovery Series. This day is sure to be a highlight! (B)

**Day 8 Montecatini** Spend the day at leisure to explore Montecatini on your own, enjoy a spa treatment or just relax. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

**Day 9 Montecatini to USA or extend your stay with an optional Rome extension** This morning, transfer to the airport for your return flight home, taking with you many beautiful memories of Italy. (B)

### OPTIONAL ROME EXTENSION

**Day 9 Montecatini/Rome - City Tour** Following breakfast, we will say farewell to Montecatini as we board our deluxe motor coach and head to Rome, as in Italy, all roads lead to Rome. This afternoon is dedicated to a guided tour of Ancient Rome by bus and on foot, with a stop at the Coliseum (entrance not included), Roman Forum, Piazza Venezia, Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon. This evening enjoy some free time as the city comes to life. (B)

**Day 10 Rome** Enjoy breakfast this morning. Today is yours to explore. You might want to consider experiencing Rome from an "open-air motorcoach" on a Hop On & Hop Off bus. Or perhaps enjoy an optional guided tour of the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. Our group will have reservations to avoid the long lines, making our tour more enjoyable. This afternoon is yours to explore and enjoy. Perhaps you will take a walk where you can see the: Piazza Popolo, Spanish Steps, or the Piazza Navona. (B)

**Day 11 Rome to USA** After breakfast, we will bid farewell to this amazing city as we transfer to the Rome airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (D) – Dinner

Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.

### HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

Montecatini Terme: Hotel Tamerici e Principe





# THE VERY BEST OF CROATIA AND THE DALMATIAN COAST

## 9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

(5) Opatija - (2) Split



### DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Croatia's culture, arts, music, architecture, history, and gastronomy • Austro-Hungarian Opatija • Extended stay in Opatija • Austro-Hungarian, and Art Nouveau architecture • Rovinj • Pula • The Roman Amphitheater • The Istrian Peninsula • Venice The romantic "City of Canals" or "City of Bridges" • St. Mark's Basilica • Italian-inspired food and wine • mild Mediterranean climate • Split • The Diocletian's Palace (a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments) • Trogir • Plitvice Lakes National Park • Ancient Ottoman city of Mostar • UNESCO protected Old Bridge • Spectacular natural landscapes • UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik, one of the best-preserved medieval walled cities in the world • Dominican Monastery • Beautiful historical towns of Montenegro • Breathtaking Bay of Kotor • Game of Thrones movie backdrop and more...

### TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 10 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts and 3 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees city tour of Opatija and Moscenice, a Plitvice National Park tour, a Split city tour, a Trogir city tour. Optional tours are available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as visitation to a 300-year-old working olive oil press, and homemade prosciutto, cheese, and wine in a local tavern
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Zagreb
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

### OPTIONAL DUBROVNIK EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - First-class hotel for 4 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 4 included meals consisting of 4 buffet breakfasts
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide, and all entrance fees, are as follows: a tour of Mostar and the Turkish house, and a walking tour of Dubrovnik with entrance to the Dominican Monastery and Pharmacy
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

**Day 1 Depart USA** Embark on your overnight international flight to Zagreb, Croatia. Meals and refreshments are served on board.

**Day 2 Arrive Zagreb – Opatija** Welcome to Croatia. If your Mediterranean fantasies feature great food, terrific wines, and crystal-clear sapphire waters in the shade of ancient walled towns, Croatia is the place to turn them into reality. Upon arrival in Zagreb, you will be met at the airport by your Aventura World representative and transferred to your hotel in Opatija to relish in a 5-night extended stay. Nestled on the slopes of Mount Ucka along the coast of Kvarner Bay, Opatija has been a playground of the rich and famous for more than 160 years, even serving as a well-known 19th-century health resort for Austro-Hungarian aristocracy and nobility. You will feel as though you stepped back in time as you explore Opatija's city streets and pass by the grand 19th-century hotels with their eclectic mix of Mediterranean, Austro-Hungarian, and Art Nouveau architecture. Opatija is a true hidden gem! Tonight, we invite you to join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a local restaurant in Opatija. (D)

**Day 3 Opatija/Moscenice Tour** Today after breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a tour of Opatija and the medieval hilltop town of Moscenice. Experience the enveloping charm of Opatija, with its rich history and culture, impressive monuments, and magnificent Austro-Hungarian villas. Visit the Croatian Walk of Fame, see the enchanting Lungomare coastal promenade, and discover the undisputed, most famous statue in Opatija, the Girl with the Seagull. Next, continue along the coast to Moscenice, a fortified hilltop town included in the list of Croatian cultural heritage sites. Stroll the town's cobblestone streets, soak up the old-world culture, and visit the town's 300-year-old working olive oil press as part of our Cultural Discovery Series before returning to Opatija. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

**Day 4 Opatija- Optional Venice** After breakfast this morning, enjoy the day at leisure or consider the optional tour, crossing the border into Italy for the day in Venice. The romantic "City of Canals" or "City of Bridges" beckons to share her magic with you! Take a guided tour through classically elegant Venice with its more than 400 bridges. Your exploration will visit the must-see sights, including St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, Doge's Palace, and the Bridge of Sighs. Delight in free time to shop for handcrafted keepsakes, like famed Murano glass or intricate Venetian masks. Rejoin your guide to cruise back to your motorcoach, seeing postcard-perfect vistas, bustling waterfront, and historical landmarks. Glide along and gaze upon Venetian palaces that line the waterfront spanned by beautiful, storied bridges that are sure to captivate your imagination. Tonight, dinner is on your own. (B)

**Day 5 Truffle Hunting, Motovun Tour** Enjoy breakfast then head out to explore the Istria inland. Travel to Karlic Family estate, meet the family and enjoy the adventure of truffle hunting. Also, visit the town of Motovun, the charming hilltop town in Istria known for its stunning views of the surrounding countryside and its rich history. Motovun – Montona to the Romans – is one of the most beautiful and best preserved of Istrian medieval hilltop settlements. These days it's best known for its film festival, which transforms this otherwise sleepy town into a cultural and party hub for one week every summer. It's on the summit of a 277-meter (910-foot) hill in the middle of the Mirna Valley, surrounded by truffle-rich forest. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own. (B)

**Day 6 Opatija – Optional: Pula and Rovinj** Start your day with breakfast at your hotel to plan for your free day. Revel in the day at leisure to shop for local goods or choose to head out on a full-day optional tour to Pula and Rovinj. This exciting optional excursion will first take you to explore Plomin village. This area offers an incredible panoramic view of the Kvarner Bay, and it's a perfect spot for taking jaw-dropping photos. After enjoying the view, continue on to Pula, where remnants of the Roman era greet you at its Roman Amphitheater. Built towards the end of the first century BC, it's the sixth largest surviving Roman arena, and it is remarkably well-preserved. You will also have an opportunity to see the Hercules' Gate and Twin Gates, the Roman Theatre, and many other monuments built by the Roman Empire. Continue to Rovinj, the quintessential Istrian village that features especially strong Venetian influences due to its proximity to Italy's "Serenissima." From the air, its location on a promontory makes it look like a fairytale village suspended on a pillow of bright blue sea. Your walking tour takes you to explore this jewel on the Istrian Coast that was declared a cultural monument in 1963. Return to your Opatija hotel. Enjoy dinner on your own this evening. (B)

**Day 7 Opatija - Plitvice National Park Tour – Split** Power up with breakfast at your hotel then bid a fond farewell to Opatija and head south for the ancient Roman City of Split. Along the way, have your camera ready to capture the treasures of the UNESCO World Heritage site and the untouched nature of Plitvice Lakes - the first, oldest, and largest National Park in Croatia. In 1979, the Lakes were included in the UNESCO's World Heritage List as a "natural phenomenon of rare and unique beauty." It consists of 16 lakes that keep changing their color because of the natural process of travertine barriers deposition. Because of the geological substrate and characteristic hydrogeological conditions, the lake system has been divided into the Upper and Lower lakes. After this visit, continue to Split and check in to your hotel. Croatia's second-largest city, Split (Spalato in Italian), is a great place to see Dalmatian life as it's really lived. Always buzzing, this exuberant city has just the right balance between tradition and modernity. Step inside Diocletian's Palace (a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments), to experience dozens of bars, restaurants, and shops thriving amid the old atmospheric walls where Split has been humming along for thousands of years. Tonight, dinner is on your own. (B)

**Day 8 Split - City Tour/Trogir Tour** After breakfast, get ready to discover Split on a tour of the historic city center that takes you to delve into the city's Roman

heritage. Discover the Roman emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then explore remnants of the Split's past, including its Renaissance and Gothic structures: the Peristyle, Cathedral, and Jupiter's Temple. Early this afternoon, head on to Trogir, a harmonious stone town on a small island connected to the mainland and the island of Ciovo by bridges. On a walking tour, visit the old town, a UNESCO world heritage site, a treasure trove for lovers of art and architecture with its renaissance and Baroque buildings and Romanesque churches. The area's narrow streets and small village squares, numerous restaurants, cafes, souvenir shops, and galleries all give this town a superb Mediterranean ambiance. Upon returning to Split with time to refresh, you will have your farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Split. (B,D)

**Day 9 Split to the USA or extend your stay with an optional Dubrovnik extension.** After breakfast, you will be transferred to Split airport for your flight home or extend your stay in Dubrovnik. (B)

## Optional Extension

**Day 9 Split – Mostar/City Tour - Dubrovnik** The day's exciting activities commence with a morning breakfast and drive inland through the lush Dalmatian countryside, arriving in Mostar. The cultural capital of Herzegovina, Mostar, is named after the bridge keepers that would guard the old bridge over the Neretva in medieval times. On your walking tour of the city, you will visit the 16th-century stone bridge, explore the remnants of its Turkish quarter, and discover the old city center and the Turkish House. This beautifully preserved House is one of the best examples of Ottoman architecture in Mostar. Here explore its drawing-room, bedroom, kitchen, and see household items. During your visit, you will get acquainted with the typical family life of the 17th century while enjoying Turkish coffee. After your tour, there is free time to explore and shop for distinctive gifts. Next, head south through the Gorge of Neretva River, arriving at the Medieval City of Dubrovnik. Here you will check into your hotel and relax. No matter whether you are visiting Dubrovnik for the first time or the hundredth, the sense of awe never fails to descend when you set eyes on the beauty of Dubrovnik. Indeed, it's hard to imagine anyone becoming weary by the city's limestone streets, baroque buildings, and the endless shimmer of the Adriatic or failing to be inspired by a walk along the ancient city walls that protected the capital of a sophisticated republic for centuries. Tonight, dinner is on your own. (B)

**Day 10 Dubrovnik/City Tour** Rise and shine with breakfast at your hotel before you discover the treasures of Dubrovnik with a spectacular walking tour of old Dubrovnik, considered one of the best-preserved medieval walled cities in the world. Highlights of your tour include the rector's Palace, Orlando's Column, Bell Tower Clock, Dominican Monastery, and Franciscan Monastery, featuring one of the oldest pharmacies in the world. The rest of the day is yours at leisure to explore this magical place. Here you can walk along the city's walls, delve into its rich cultural heritage, savor the flavors of the Mediterranean, taste the area's food and wine, and make new friends as the warmth of the locals draw you into their part of the world. (B)

**Day 11 Dubrovnik** Today greets you with a full day at leisure to explore Dubrovnik or join an optional Montenegro tour. The Republic of Montenegro showcases what was once thought to be Southern Europe's longest and deepest fjords, the Bay of Kotor. In fact, it is a submerged river canyon. This expansive bay comprises four smaller gulfs surrounded by mountains plunging into the Adriatic. You will join in a boating adventure at Our Lady of the Rocks Church. Then head back for a visit to Perast, situated at the foot of St. Elijah Hill. Here, Baroque architecture and splendorous 17th and 18th-century villas and churches greet you as you stroll the quaint streets of this charming village. Kotor is the next stop on today's exciting itinerary, where you can meander through its medieval maze of pedestrian streets, its bustling market, and see its beautiful Renaissance buildings and impressive nearly three miles of fortified walls. Return to Dubrovnik for an evening at leisure. (B)

**Day 12 Dubrovnik - Split** Today after breakfast, explore Dubrovnik one last time. Discover why the US production company behind the Game of Thrones series picked Dubrovnik as the setting for the capital city of Westeros, King's Landing, or maybe wander Prijeko Street to the Old Port, shopping for last-minute souvenirs. In the early afternoon, transfer to Split and check into your hotel for your last night in Croatia. Head to the old town, enjoy dinner and some splendid Croatian wines for the last time. (B)

**Day 13 Split to the USA** Today embark on your transfer to Split Airport for your return flight home, with a lifetime of memories of your travels to cherish and share. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (D) – Dinner

Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.

## HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

**Opatija:** Hotel Bristol/Astoria

**Split:** Hotel Briig/Atrium



# THE BEST OF THE AMALFI COAST & ROME

## 8 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

(5) Sorrento • (1) Rome



### DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Extended stay in one location • Sorrento, a vibrant town overlooking the Bay of Naples • Sorrento's great shops, bars, restaurants and entertainment • Southern Italy's friendly people and lifestyle • Breathtaking Amalfi Coast drive, a UNESCO site • Romantic coastal towns of Amalfi, Positano and Ravello • Savor traditional Italian dishes • Isle of Capri, a popular resort since Roman times • Terraced Gardens of Augustus • Salerno, the site of the Allied landing in WWII • UNESCO site of Pompeii • Discover the Eternal City of Rome • Walk in the steps of the Colosseum's gladiators • Get insider access to the treasures of the Vatican • Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel

### TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 6 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 8 included meals consisting of 6 buffet breakfasts and 2 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Walking tour of Sorrento, Full day tour of Amalfi Coast - Positano, Amalfi and Ravello, and Tour of Pompeii. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as learning about wood craftsmanship and the traditions and secrets behind "Limoncello" production
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Rome
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

### OPTIONAL ROME EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 2 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day tour of Rome, including the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and the Colosseum
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

**Day 1 Depart USA** Depart the US for Italy. Meals and refreshments served on board.

**Day 2 Sorrento** Upon arrival proceed to baggage claim. After clearing customs, you will be met by our Tour Director and transferred to your hotel in Sorrento, an attractive seaside town at the center of the Amalfi Coast. The rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy your time today either with a quick rest or begin your exploration of the beautiful Amalfi Coast. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (D)

**Day 3 Sorrento - Walking Tour** After breakfast, enjoy a guided walking tour through the coastal city of Sorrento, a cosmopolitan place full of stylish and typical Italian artisan shops selling local products and wares. The delightful climate attracted Roman aristocrats in ancient times, who came to Sorrento and built magnificent villas. Today Sorrento is a rich and stylish city. Next, take part in two of our Cultural Discovery Series – Visit Alessandro Fiorentino Collection and learn about wood craftsmanship. Then, learn about the tradition and secrets behind “Limoncello” production. Following the demonstration, enjoy tasting of this famous Italian liqueur. The afternoon is free to relax and enjoy the Italian way. (B)

**Day 4 Sorrento** Full day at leisure or take an optional tour to Capri. This morning a jetfoil whisks you across the blue Bay of Naples to the fabled Isle of Capri. Upon arrival we will drive to Anacapri where you will have free time for shopping before heading to Capri. You will ascend to the Piazzetta and visit the Floral Gardens of Caesar Augustus. The town center is where extravagance is the non-noticed norm. The magic of the island is everywhere. Walk by spotless narrow streets. Gaze at boutique displays. Sit at an open air cafe for lunch on your own, before returning to the pier by funicular and boarding the jetfoil back to the mainland. (B)

**Day 5 Sorrento - Tour of Amalfi Coast** This morning, leave Sorrento for a full day of sightseeing on the Amalfi Coast. Stop at the Sorrento Belvedere to enjoy a unique view of Moorish architecture blended with pastel colored houses and to take pictures of this unforgettable site. Then continue to Amalfi for a walking tour of the old village, lined with shops, café bars and spectacular views. Then reach Ravello, a dramatic hillside town, famous for its Villa Rufolo, which was originally used as a watchtower when it was built in 1200 AD. Here enjoy some free time for lunch on your own at a restaurant. Then onwards to Positano one of the most beautiful valleys of the Amalfi peninsula. At the center of town you can see the brightly colored “maiolica” dome of Santa Maria Assunta, the main church of Positano. Enjoy time for a stroll around the center of town before returning to Sorrento. (B)



**Day 6 Sorrento** Today enjoy a day at leisure for last minute shopping, a walk or you may take an optional tour to Salerno. This tour will be to the lively port town of Salerno. During medieval times the town's medical school was among the most advanced. In recent history, Salerno was the site of the Allied landing in September 1942. Continue to a “Mozzarella di Bufala” factory to learn about the Mozzarella making process, and to sample some of it. Return to Sorrento and relax. Tonight, join us for a farewell dinner to Sorrento at the local restaurant (B,D)

**Day 7 Sorrento - Tour of Pompeii - Rome** Today you will be leaving Sorrento for Rome, the “Eternal City”. Along the way we stop and tour Pompeii. No visit to southern Italy would be complete without a visit to the unique ruins of Pompeii. Explore the ancient city covered by volcanic dust from Mt Vesuvius in AD 79, and see the excavated remains of the Forum, thermal baths, Lupanare and Vetti's House. Once we arrive to Rome, the rest of the day is at leisure. Italy's renowned capital city is a constant among “top ten” lists of places to visit. Rome welcomes, embraces, and captivates travelers at every turn. Soak in the Italian culture as you stroll past Roman ruins, absorb the impressive architecture, and explore everything from Imperial temples to early-Christian churches, medieval bell towers, baroque basilicas and playful piazzas. Tonight a dinner on your own at a local restaurant will end your Italian stay. (B)

**Day 8 Rome to USA or extend your stay with an optional Rome extension** Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

#### OPTIONAL ROME EXTENSION

**Day 8 Rome - City Tour** This morning experience a very special privately guided tour of the priceless collection of art and treasures in the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum. Then proceed to the Piazza Venezia and Roman Forum, with a stop at the Colosseum, a testament to the greatness of Rome's past, for a guided tour. Continue your full day tour by viewing the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus, the Great Synagogue, Isola Tiberina and Castel Sant'Angelo. (B)

**Day 9 Rome** Today enjoy a full day is at leisure. Italy's renowned capital city is a constant among “top ten” lists of places to explore. Soak in the Italian culture as you stroll past Roman ruins, absorb the impressive architecture, and explore everything from Imperial temples to early Christian churches, medieval bell towers, baroque basilicas, playful piazzas or shop until you drop! Tonight a dinner on your own at a local restaurant will end your Italian stay. (B)

**Day 10 Rome to USA** After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (D) – Dinner

Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.

#### HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

**Sorrento:** Grand Hotel Vesuvio or Hotel Plaza or Grand Hotel Flora

**Rome:** Hotel Romanico Palace



# JEWELS OF NORTHERN ITALY & SWITZERLAND

## 9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

(3) Veneto Region • (4) Lake Como



### DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Renaissance architecture & history of Veneto • Majestic Italian & Swiss Alpine vistas • Cooking class • Venetians gardens & villas of Treviso • Romantic Venice • Impressive St. Mark's Square • Splendid Doge's Palace • Stunning St. Mark's Basilica • Legendary Bridge of Sighs • Spectacular Lake Garda • Historical Verona • Ancient town of Sirmione • Scenic cruise on Lake Como • Enchanting Bellagio • Beautiful Lake Maggiore • Elegant Stresa • Majestic Lake Lugano • Lugano, popular Swiss subtropical resort • Monte San Salvatore Funicular ride • Beautiful Swiss scenery • Milan, Italian capital of fashion & design • Majestic Duomo • World-class Scala Opera House

### TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 10 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts and 3 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Tour of Treviso, Cooking Class, Visit to Lake Garda, Tour of Sirmione and Verona, Tour of Venice, Tour of Bellagio and Lake Como Cruise, Tour of Lugano, Switzerland and Monte San Salvatore Funicular. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as a hands-on cooking class
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Italy
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

### OPTIONAL MILAN, ITALY EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 2 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAMS** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: City Tour of Milan
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

**Day 1 Depart USA** Depart the USA for Italy. Meals and refreshments served on board.

**Day 2 Arrive Italy/Veneto Region** Your adventure begins upon arrival in the captivating country of Italy. This is one of the few places in the world where you will experience art and life combining so effortlessly. It's the land of Michelangelo, da Vinci, and Botticelli but it's also the home of Ferragamo, Armani, and Zegna, and the birthplace of Ferrari, Maserati, and Ducati. Food, fashion, art and architecture, fast cars, and more – you'll quickly learn that the root of Italian happiness is a dedication to “la dolce vita” – the sweet life! Departing the airport, we head for our hotel located in the beautiful Veneto countryside. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure and join us tonight for a Welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

**Day 3 Veneto Region - Treviso City Tour** Today you will tour Treviso on a morning city excursion, a bustling city with piazzas, the Terraglio river, museums, churches and elegant renaissance Venetian gardens and villas. In the city center, we see the Duomo, surrounded by its old defensive walls; it is a superb example of the complex stratification of architectonic styles. There will be time at leisure to explore the city at your own pace before we return to the hotel. Later this afternoon our Cultural Discovery Series will take you to the hands-on Cooking Class with our hotel chef who will present you the health benefits of the Mediterranean cuisine and teach you how to make some of the most delicious local dishes. Afterwards, enjoy your dinner paired with local wines. (B,D)

**Day 4 Veneto Region - Venice Tour** Explore the romantic City of Canals on a guided tour through classically elegant Venice. With more than 400 bridges, your water and land exploration will visit the must-see sights including St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, Doge's Palace, and the Bridge of Sighs. Shop the handmade glass shops before trying on a mask in the masquerade shops that dot the streets under the majestic architecture of this inspired place. (B)

**Day 5 Veneto Region - Lake Garda, Sirmione & Verona Tour/Lake Como** Today you will gaze upon the largest lake in all of Italy, Lake Garda. First, however, we tour Verona, where Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers' tormented relationship Romeo and Juliet is set. Verona enchants with its picturesque cobblestone streets, dozens of churches and world-renowned Arena di Verona, the Roman Empire's third largest amphitheater where opera performances are still performed to this day. Then onwards to spectacular Lake Garda, surrounded by mountains formed by glaciers from the last Ice Age. On a full day excursion, you will explore the ancient town of Sirmione, located on the South end of the lake, home to the popular Virgilio and Catullo Spa Complexes. Then onwards to Lake Como to check-in to your hotel and relax. (B)

**Day 6 Lake Como - Cruise and Bellagio Tour** Today you enjoy a scenic Lake Como Cruise to one of the most famous resort towns in Italy, Bellagio. The village is characterized by centuries-old buildings, stone lanes and picturesque cobbled stairways filled with shops showcasing the finest Italian wares. Enjoy some time to explore Bellagio at your own pace before returning to your hotel. (B)



**Day 7 Lake Como** This morning, after breakfast, enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional excursion to Stresa. Travel through the Italian Lake district to Stresa on the shores of Lake Maggiore. Enjoy a boat ride to Isola Bella, a small island 400-yards from Stresa famous for its Baroque palace and elaborate Italian gardens. Later you will enjoy a tour of Stresa and free time to stroll the resort town's elegant lakeside. This afternoon arrive back at your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

**Day 8 Lake Como - Lugano, Switzerland Tour & Monte San Salvatore Funicular** This morning travel to Lugano, Switzerland, an Italian-style city set on the edge of a bejeweled lake with views of the not-too-distant alps. Upon arrival, you will have a tour of Lugano. Then some free time to visit its posh designer boutiques, bars, and pavement cafes huddling in a maze of cobblestone streets that run along the edge of the lake. Then rise up to the sky, take a funicular ride up Monte San Salvatore. From the top, relish the stunning views of Lake Lugano, the surrounding mountains and Lombardy plains. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner featuring great food and wine. (B,D)

**Day 9 Lake Como to USA or extend your stay with an optional Milan, Italy extension** Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

### OPTIONAL MILAN, ITALY EXTENSION

**Day 9 Lake Como/Milan, Italy** After breakfast you have a leisure departure from Lake Como. You will arrive in Milan and enjoy free time this afternoon to explore the global capital of fashion and design. (B)

**Day 10 Milan - City Tour** Today you will embark on a captivating half day tour of Milan, the fashion and economic capital of Italy. Get to know Milan from its famed landmarks to its embracing entrepreneurial spirit. While soaking in the Italian culture, you will explore this vibrant city with your expert guide. Take in the vista of its medieval Sforza Castle, built by the 4th Duke of Milan, as you hear intriguing history about Milan. Visit the city's renowned Duomo, the largest Gothic structure in Italy adorned with 135 marble spires, and see the Golden Madonnina that tops the highest spire. View the world-class Scala Opera House. Stroll along this fashion mecca's stylish Galleria Vittorio Emanuele shopping gallery. Tonight, you will have time at leisure to savor the flavors of Italy in one of the many exquisite restaurants or cafés that line Milan's fascinating streets. (B)

**Day 11 Milan to USA** After breakfast this morning, transfer to the airport for your return flight home (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (D) – Dinner

Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.

### HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

**Veneto Region:** Park Hotel Villa Bolognese Treviso

**Lake Como:** Hotel Como

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The acceptance of below disclosed partial terms and conditions implies the acceptance of our full terms and conditions as displayed in our website. **GENERAL TERMS:**

**1. ACCEPTANCE:** The purchase/payment of any travel services offered by Central Holidays constitutes a contractual arrangement between the Passenger and/or Travel Agent (all together as "You") and SGI US LLC (dba CENTRAL HOLIDAYS, JOURNEYS BY CH, OUTDOOR JOURNEYS, PASSION TOURS, WORLD ON SKIS, MAIELLANO, STI, COSTA CRUISE TOURS, FRANCE VACATIONS, ENCHANTING RIVER CRUISES, CIG NORTH AMERICA) ("Central Holidays") and represents your acceptance of SGI US LLC Terms & Conditions. You are required to read and acknowledge Terms and Conditions on our website before making any reservation with us. Payment of deposit and/or final payment will be considered as full acceptance of our Terms and Conditions herein reported and fully disclosed on our website. Each passenger understands that CENTRAL HOLIDAYS will be accepting that passenger's reservation in trust upon such passenger's acceptance of the Terms and Conditions as outlined in this brochure and on our website.

**2. TOUR PRICES/PRICE GUARANTEE:** Prices are based on official rate of exchange at the time of printing. Once we have received your full payment for any program, the price is guaranteed and any subsequent increases are at our expense. Optional air transportation is not included; however if purchased, fuel surcharge, all security fees, airport taxes and fees and/or any other governmental or local taxes and fees will be included. Airfares provided at the time of deposit are subject to change until full payment is received and ticket is issued. Some airfares may require instant purchase. We strongly recommend you purchase air through Central Holidays. In case of a human or computer billing error, we reserve the right to re-invoice for the correct amount. A full refund will be made to passengers not wishing to pay increases provided the passengers' written cancellation is received by us within 5 business days after price increase notification. We do not breakdown costs of individual services included in an itinerary.

**4. INVOICING:** You are responsible for verifying everything on your invoice is accurate and complete, including dates of travel, options selected, and that each name matches the relevant passport. Central Holidays cannot accept responsibility if we are not notified of inaccuracies within 5 days of sending out the invoice. Changes are subject to the fees and penalties noted below. In the case of billing errors, Central Holidays reserves the right to re-invoice you with correct pricing.

**5. SCHEDULED GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM(S) PAYMENT POLICY** (unless otherwise stated in the brochure/travel credit policy/supplemental document/on-line booking engine):

- Deposit of \$700 per person due at time of registration
- Final Payment due at 120 days prior to departure

**• LATE PAYMENTS:**

Payments made after the due date are subject to \$50 late payment fees.

**• CANCELLATION PENALTIES & CHANGE FEES**

SCHEDULED GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM(S) CANCELLATION POLICY (unless otherwise stated in the brochure/travel credit policy/supplemental document/on-line booking engine):

- Cancellations received with 121 days or more prior to departure, \$500 per person\* is non-refundable.
- Cancellations received between 120 and 91 days prior to departure, initial deposit is retained per person\*+
- Cancellations received between 90 and 61 days prior to departure, 65% is retained per person\*+
- Cancellations received between 60 and 31 days prior to departure, 85% is retained per person\*+
- Cancellations received 30 days or less prior to the departure, or no show = 100% of the package price is retained\*+

Notes:

\*Additional penalties incurred on behalf of the Passenger may also be charged. Such other expenses include, but are not limited to, airline tickets, optional tours, optional extensions, cost of trip cancellation & interruption insurance.

+A person becoming a single occupant because of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement. Central Holidays reserves the right to adjust pricing based on currency fluctuations, gas increases, and government/airline-imposed charges.

Non-Operation of Escorted Tour - Escorted tour packages are based upon a minimum number of participants. Cancellation of any tour for lack of participation will be advised at least 45 days

prior to the tour's departure, and all money will be refunded. Central Holidays will not be held responsible for any costs relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of airline tickets which are not purchased directly from Central Holidays including but not limited to airline tickets and/or travel insurance or visa fees. Voluntary cancellations due to political instability, acts of terrorism, government intervention or U.S. State Department warning will be subject to the above fees, provided the program is deemed (by Central Holidays) able to continue.

**• CHANGE FEES** Due to the expense incurred in making any changes, a \$50 per person fee (\$25 for car rental) will be assessed for each change made on deposited bookings up to full payment due date. This includes changes made to passenger's name, hotel, departure/return dates, itinerary and air or ground transportation. A change of tour date and name changes on ESCORTED, INDEPENDENT AND CRUISE PACKAGE TOURS, and Car rentals within full payment date are treated as a cancellation. In addition, any changes to the air portion, at any time, may be subject to additional charges as imposed by the respective airline.

**TRAVEL INFO & RESTRICTIONS**

**• AIR ARRANGEMENTS SEAT ASSIGNMENT AND SPECIAL REQUEST:** Requests for meal requirements, special services and frequent flyer miles (subject to specific airlines rules & availability), are at the sole discretion of the airline; please contact the airline directly to make the necessary arrangements. Some airlines require tickets to be paid in full in order to request special services. As a courtesy to the passenger - once the airline tickets are paid in full and following the rules of the airlines - if possible, we can provide air seats assignments. Please note that - as per airline rules - these seats assignments are not guaranteed. The Airline has the right to modify and reassign, at their own discretion, the seats already assigned and reassign them at check-in time. Central Holidays declines any responsibility and will not accept any complaint related to these procedures.

Some airlines are charging for seat reservations. These fees - if applicable - are at charge of the passengers and are never included in our quotations.

Once you have checked-in is your responsibility to work with the airline directly to reach your final destination or to make any alternate arrangements including possible changes on the return portion of your trip.

In case you miss your flight or a connection, you must work with the specific airline and make all the possible arrangements to reach your final destination. Central Holidays will not be responsible for any additional expenses you may incur because of flight cancellations, flight delays or rescheduled, missed flights after airport check-in.

**OWN FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS:**

If you purchase your own flight tickets from companies, other than Central Holidays, we cannot be held responsible for the cancellation fees of air ticket/s in case we may cancel a departure for any reason whatsoever.

If you wish to purchase your own flight tickets with a third party, we suggest you purchase airline tickets that allow you to make changes or cancellations of flights subject to minimum penalties - none of such penalties are the responsibility of Central Holidays.

**• VISA & PASSPORTS** U.S. Citizens require a valid US passport. Non-U.S. citizens should consult their travel agent or consulate. All passengers are responsible for ensuring they have the proper travel documents and MUST CHECK with the respective consulates or visa agency to determine whether any visas are required. Passengers are also responsible for the validity of their passport and we suggest checking with U.S. Department of State Rules/Regulations. Central Holidays will not be held responsible for any passport and/or visa negligence on the part of passengers.

Visas for travel to Cuba are obtained by Central Holidays prior to the commencement of your program and will be provided on the first evening of your program by your Central Holidays Group Leader. Information on the visa application process will be sent to you upon confirmation of your booking. It is your responsibility to comply with all visa regulation processes and timelines.

**F. REFUNDS & COMPLAINTS**

All claims must be received in our Customer Relations Department either by email or USPS to our offices within 30 days after scheduled return date and will be promptly acknowledged. However related processing, verifications and settlements may take up to 60 days or longer. It is the responsibility of the client to document potential claims at the Point of Service in order for claim/refund consideration. When requesting a refund by e-mail for non-provided services, claimant must return the original service voucher by mail for said non-provided services in order for this request to be evaluated and eventually settled.

Complaints regarding a hotel's standards or amenities should be addressed directly with the hotel's management (Point of Service). Refunds are not normally considered by hotels if they were not given an opportunity to address those complaints locally.

Airline flight cancellations and delays for any reason are not the responsibility of Central Holidays and please submit your claim directly to the airline. However, Central Holidays does not guarantee airline response.

Refunds are processed to the credit card(s) originally used for payment on the booking. These terms may not be changed by anyone other than an authorized representative of Central Holidays and must be documented in writing. Central Holidays is not obliged to guarantee promises (written or verbal) made by local hotel staff, tour guides, or any other persons not under direct employ of Central Holidays.

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**• Errors and Omissions:**

Payment of deposit and/or issue of final documents shall be deemed your consent to the Terms and Conditions herein. Each passenger understands that CENTRAL HOLIDAYS will be accepting that passenger's booking in trust upon such passenger's acceptance of the Terms and Conditions as outlined in this brochure and our website. Terms and Conditions listed are those in effect at time of printing and will remain until replaced. Any new or re-issue of Terms and Conditions will replace all previous versions. No person, other than an authorized representative of CENTRAL HOLIDAYS is authorized, by a document in writing, to vary, add or waive any term or condition in this brochure, including any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions.

All transport onboard ship is provided subject to the terms and conditions of the Passenger Contract that you will receive with your final documentation. The Passenger Contract on cruise ships is governed by international law and may be subject to the Athens Protocol on Limits of Recoverable Damage as determined by the International Monetary Fund.

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**• ARBITRATION:**

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms & Conditions, to this Tour Agreement, to these brochure, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Moonachie, New Jersey in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent. In any such arbitration the substantive (but not procedural) law of New Jersey will apply. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

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