



EUROPE



the magnificent frescoes between the gilded frames
in St. Stephens' ceiling
told many tales.



The rewards of travel.



We at Abercrombie & Kent regard travel not as an occasional diversion, but as a calling that stimulates the mind and nourishes the spirit.

Whether we travel with family, lifelong friends or simply others who share our curiosity about the world; whether we travel to mark a milestone or to experience one; like you, we expect to return from a journey transformed, to have expanded our view of both the world and ourselves. Abercrombie & Kent is dedicated to offering this reward on

every journey we operate, and no one does it better.

Yet there is perhaps an even greater reward: the satisfaction of making a positive contribution to the people and places you visit. In conjunction with Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy, we have added numerous opportunities for you to visit, and in some cases directly participate in, local projects dedicated to habitat preservation, wildlife conservation and community development.

The true rewards of travel are intangible: discovering a new destination at its most intimate and authentic, and helping to improve the lives of the people you visit. Let us make your next journey the most rewarding you ever take.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey Kent". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Geoffrey Kent
Founder, Chairman & CEO
Abercrombie & Kent




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from the shores of the Bosphorus, we saw visions of another
time, another world.

Setting the standard for more than 48 years.

Our pioneering approach continues to earn the praise of travellers and professionals alike.

Since 1962, Abercrombie & Kent has continually redefined what is possible in luxury travel. Our service and reputation are tested every day against the dreams and expectations of the world's most discerning travellers. Time and

again, we pass the test. We listen to both our clients and to travel agents, who rate us against our competitors, and the message is clear: A&K sets the standard for luxury and service in the travel industry.



World Savers Awards | 2008
The Greatest Travel Pros on Earth
2003 - 2008
Readers' Choice Award: World's Best
Cruise Ships | 1997 - 2009



Best Tour Operators and Safari Outfitters
1996 - 2008
Star Egyptologist: Akram Allam
Top Guides in Africa:
Joseph Ndunguru & Gavin Ford



Best Adventure Travel Companies | 2009
Best Luxury Outfitters on Earth | 2007



Best Worldwide Tour Operator
2005 - 2009



Best Luxury Tour Operator – International
Best Africa Tour Operator | 2004 - 2008
World's Best Cruise Ships | 1997 - 2007



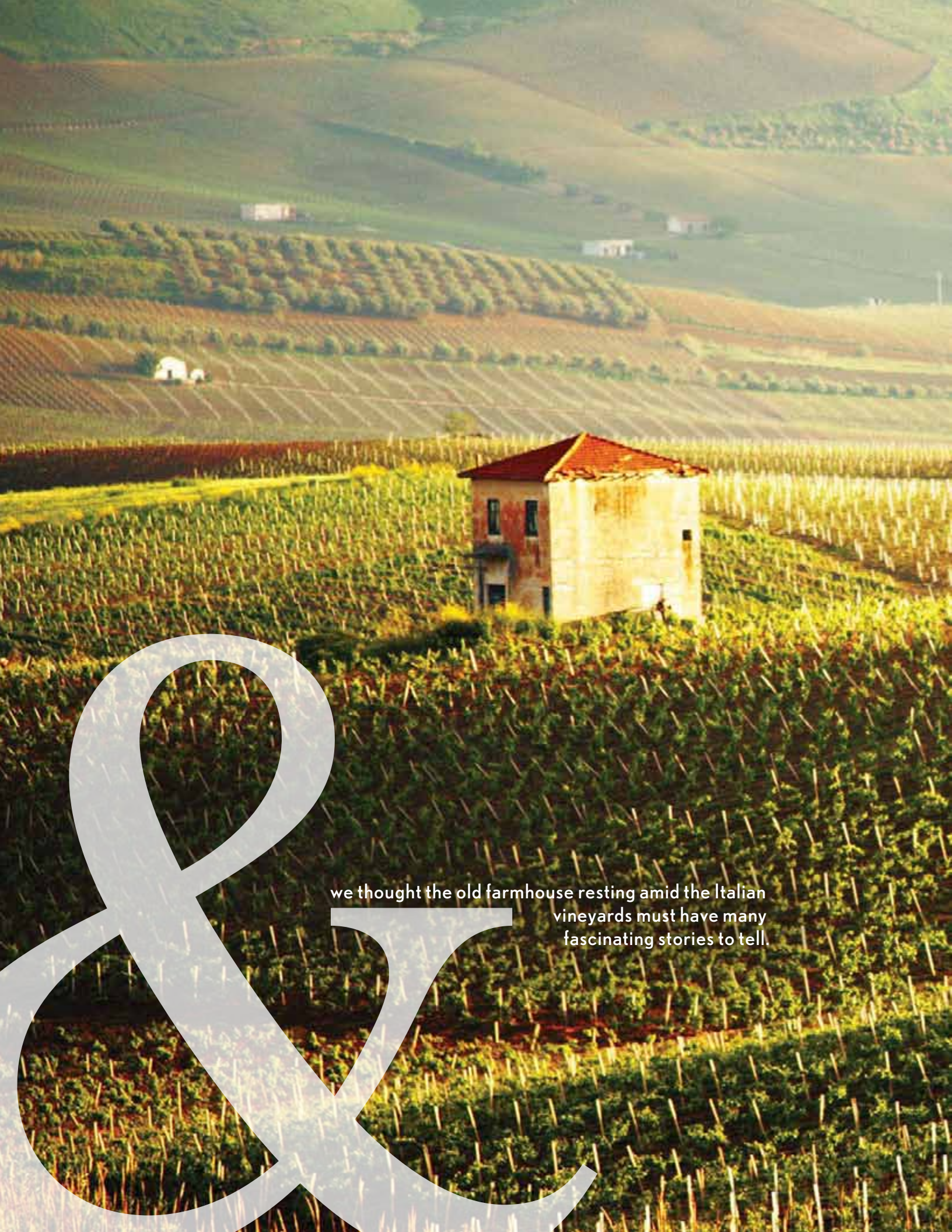
Best Luxury Tour Operator | 2008
Top Luxury Destination Management
Company Worldwide | 2008
Top Custom Ground Operator Worldwide
2008



Best Tour Operator Africa | 2009
Best Tour Operator Africa/Middle East
2007 - 2008
Most Knowledgeable Reservation Staff
2006 - 2007



Best Africa/Middle East Tour Operator
2000 - 2008
Best Cruise Ships | 1997 - 2007



we thought the old farmhouse resting amid the Italian vineyards must have many fascinating stories to tell.



The “& Moment.”

What sets Abercrombie & Kent apart?

Imagine having the extraordinary Hagia Sophia to yourself, or meeting a local family over lunch at a rustic farm in Provence. Think of painting with elephants alongside the *mahouts* (trainers) of Chiang Mai. Picture yourself privately exploring Machu Picchu with the citadel’s former resident archaeologist or descending into the magnificently decorated tomb of Seti I, where access is only granted to a select few.

We call these “& moments,” the occasions of surprise and delight that make travel with Abercrombie & Kent so distinctly inspiring. An “& moment” might be a private opening of a museum or historical site, an impromptu visit to a Maasai village or dinner with a hospitable Egyptian family in their home. All introduce you to your destination with an intimacy beyond the reach of any other travel company.

Look for these “& moments” as you read and discover what makes every Abercrombie & Kent journey unforgettable.



on this quiet street I felt the true essence of Burgundy –
its mingling of colors,
scents and flavors.



Creating the effortless journey.

Our feet-on-the-ground approach is unique in the travel industry.

Every Abercrombie & Kent departure is backed by a handpicked staff in our 60 offices worldwide. Our full-time staff members are on call every day around the clock, ensuring that every stop on your journey meets A&K's highest standard of quality.

As well as ensuring your comfort, our long-standing connections allow us to uncover local secrets and experiences beyond the reach of the ordinary traveller. Anyone can take you to Europe, but only Abercrombie & Kent provides a **Travelling Bell BoySM** who carries your luggage on most escorted programs. From exotic dining opportunities to once-in-a-lifetime encounters with friendly local people, we can arrange the kind of privileged access that sets an Abercrombie & Kent journey beyond all others.

Our expertise extends to every aspect of your journey: we're experts not only in luxury but in culture, wildlife and history, and we know how to blend them all seamlessly to reveal your destination. Our guides are chosen for their absolute (sometimes lifelong) dedication to understanding those wonders that make every place unique.

Contrast our approach with ordinary travel companies, who rely on third parties to create their programs and to support them on the ground. We take personal responsibility for every stage of your journey, sparing no effort to deliver the most inspiring travel experience possible.



“adopting” a monument in Florence is A&K’s way of preserving a piece of history.



A&K Philanthropy.

Make a difference on your journey.

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP) is a nonprofit organization with 25 years of dedication to preserving and aiding the world's habitats, wildlife and indigenous peoples. Working through A&K's global offices under the direction of A&K Vice Chairman Jorie Butler Kent, AKP sponsors proven grassroots projects that benefit local habitats and communities.

We are proud to share with A&K travellers the opportunity to visit these efforts, observing our work firsthand and directly helping local people and their environment.

PHILANTHROPIC VISITS

Abercrombie & Kent has tailored many traditional departures to include visits to AKP projects, allowing you to combine philanthropy with your destination's customary sightseeing and activities.

On **A Journey Through Italy**, see the monument that A&K adopted in Florence in support of Save the Monuments project. On **Adriatic Gems: Slovenia & Croatia**, visit the Botanical Garden of the Ostrog School.

TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

If you plan to travel independently, A&K can arrange for you to participate in philanthropic activities at your destination. Speak to your travel professional or an A&K Destination Specialist.

PHILANTHROPIC JOURNEYS

A&K has created a limited number of Philanthropic Journeys exclusively focused on visits to humanitarian and ecological projects in Africa, Asia, the Galápagos and Antarctica.

Learn more about the projects we support by visiting akphilanthropy.org.



Programs marked with this symbol include philanthropic activities in which guests may take part.



we would never forget celebrating our 25th on a moonlit night with the Acropolis in the background.

A&K's escorted journeys satisfy every traveller and every taste.

Experience the Abercrombie & Kent difference with like-minded fellow travellers.

Abercrombie & Kent provides a range of escorted journeys, all of which share the signature benefits of A&K travel. Journey with an intimate party usually numbering 14 or so guests (never more than 24). Fill your days with sightseeing conducted by seasoned A&K guides and enhanced with our trademark insider-access experiences; spend your nights in comfort at your destination's finest hotels. Your airport transfers are always included, regardless of what airline you choose. With our **Travelling Bell Boy** service in Europe, you never have to leave your bags out early or wait for luggage to be delivered to your room; **personal headphones** ensure perfect communication with your guide in crowded museums. And of course, all escorted programs include around-the-clock support from local experts in 60 offices throughout the world.

Choose the escorted journey for you from the options below.

THE CONNOISSEURS SERIES

The finest inclusive A&K travel experience

- Comprehensive, fully escorted sightseeing
- Enjoy the activity of your choice with Design Your DaySM options in select destinations
- Most meals included
- Guaranteed early check-in at many destinations

THE DISCOVERY SERIES

Freedom and flexibility to discover your destination on your own

- A shorter journey focusing on the "must-see" sites at each destination
- Escorted sightseeing with time set aside to explore independently
- Many meals included

JOURNEYS FOR WOMEN

Exploration from a woman's perspective

- Prominent women guides and guest speakers
- All the customary highlights of a destination included
- Excellent option for solo female travellers, friends and generations of family



I settled on my cozy rock at Skellig Michael, reading about St. Brendan the Navigator and his voyages from ancient Ireland.

For some travellers, the best itinerary is their own.

Let us show you the world ... exactly how you want to see it.

Abercrombie & Kent's independent journeys allow you to travel in privacy and on your own schedule, while still enjoying the same comfort, enriching sightseeing and attentive service as our escorted programs. Choose an ideal pre-arranged itinerary or let us create one with only the sights you long to see, and with our **Silver** or **Gold Tiered Pricing**, you have the option of staying at four- or five-star properties in select destinations.

In Europe a **Guardian Angel**SM is always on hand to lend expertise and support. An escort accompanies you to the train station on journeys that feature **Concierge Rail Service**. All of our independent travel programs feature local A&K guides, private airport transfers on arrival and departure and the trademark support of A&K's top-notch staff around the world.

Follow your own path with the independent journey of your choice.

THE SIGNATURE SERIES

The perfect independent journey, researched and ready to book

- The best itinerary of "must-sees" at each destination, arranged for you by A&K
- A complete journey ready to confirm with a single phone call
- The best hotels recommended from A&K's hotel portfolio
- Silver and Gold itineraries to allow choice between four- and five-star properties
- Pre- and post-journey extensions available

TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Completely customizable travel for any size party

- Start from our suggestions or create a journey completely from scratch
- Choose from any of A&K's recommended hotels
- Completely private sightseeing based on your interests, accompanied by the finest A&K local guides
- An expert A&K Destination Specialist works with you to tailor the perfect journey



Charlie could hardly wait to begin building his own rendition of La Sagrada Familia out of blocks.

A&K & Family.

Abercrombie & Kent offers Family Holidays for every age and every style of travel.

Abercrombie & Kent's Family Holidays include enriching activities for all ages and a range of exciting destinations for both escorted and independent family journeys.

TRAVEL IN THE BEST COMPANY

Abercrombie & Kent's escorted Family Holidays are designed from the ground up with the family in mind. They take place over holidays and school breaks and include mostly three-night stays at each destination to minimize packing and unpacking. Selected departures are accompanied by a Children's Activity Coordinator; all departures include fun and age-appropriate activities.

DISCOVER THE WORLD ON YOUR OWN – TOGETHER

Every family is unique — why not travel together on a holiday designed specifically for yours? Tailor Made Family Travel allows you to come and go as you like, choosing only the destinations and sights you long to experience together. We are happy to work with you to create your ideal private Family Holiday.

FOR YOUNG TRAVELLERS, THE WORLD AWAITS

Ignite the spark of adventure in a traveller age 14 and under with a free membership in Abercrombie & Kent's Adventure Crew. Once booked on an A&K journey, children can visit the Crew's web site, akadventurecrew.com, and learn about their destination, find out about kids in other parts of the world, meet some of A&K's guides and play a variety of fun games.



the rhythm of the water and the songs of the gondolier
rekindled old memories
and ignited new passions.

Your guides to Europe.

Meet the men and women eager to transform your understanding of Europe, its cultures and its people. Intelligent, knowledgeable and supremely organized, our guides become such an indispensable part of your journey you'll scarcely be able to imagine going anywhere else without them.



Born in England, **Jeremy Kerrison** studied French, Spanish and Portuguese before becoming a Tour Director. He lived in several countries, including the U.S. and Canada, before settling in Wales. A qualified translator, he specializes in travel literature and has edited Michelin guides to Spain and Portugal. Jeremy is a keen sportsman and captains his local tennis club, plays cricket and golf and enjoys long walks through the European countryside.



Born to Franco-Polish parents in London, **Ladislav Ciechanowski** began his working life as an agriculturalist and estate manager in France and England; he still manages the family farm on a part-time basis. Now a popular A&K Tour Director, Ladislav's linguistic gifts (he has English, Polish, Italian, French and German to his credit) and his informed pan-European outlook make him an ideal travelling companion on the European continent.



A diplomat specializing in East-West relations before joining A&K 19 years ago, **Simon Butler-Madden** has accompanied groups throughout Europe. His involvement in the arts, politics and culture of Europe gives him a unique insight that he shares with his travellers. He is a connoisseur of European wines and cuisine, even producing his own olive oil on a small farm in Spain. When not escorting A&K travellers, Simon works as a business and travel consultant in Madrid.



Although he has a teaching degree, **Vincenzo de Michelis** has never taught in a classroom — only on the road with his eager travellers. Born in Rome to an Italian father and an American mother, Vincenzo has worked in more than 100 countries, travelling year round as a professional tour leader. When he is not travelling for work, quite incredibly he is travelling for pleasure — and by last count has been to 242 countries. Fluent in six languages, he finds someone to talk to wherever he goes.



A professional guide in Moscow for 25 years, **Marianna Kiseleva** has a special license that permits her to conduct tours in the Kremlin, the Tretyakov Gallery and the Pushkin Fine Arts Museum. Her studies have included Russian arts, architecture and world history — subjects for her lectures today. In addition, Marianna has authored many works on Russian history and the arts, including the lives and works of Tolstoy and Tchaikovsky.



A resident of Istanbul, **Han Eryilmaz's** astonishing grasp of Turkish culture and history — combined with his charming and dry wit — have made him one of A&K's most popular regional Tour Directors. Degrees in both mechanical engineering and art history fostered an “analytical and poetic look on life.” His career in travel fuels an ongoing interest in the world's cultures and religions.



World Traveller Plus



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It's as clear as the air above the clouds.

Booking your air reservation through Abercrombie & Kent is the best way to fly.

Our special fares are available only through A&K, on flights timed to work best with your itinerary. While airline prices are guaranteed only on the day you buy your ticket, you can reserve our quoted rates now and pay for your ticket later on the same schedule as the rest of your trip. Airline fuel surcharges may apply.

A&K can cancel and refund air tickets up to the day before departure, less a fee, for our special British Airways fares. (Tickets you book yourself may be non-refundable.)

Get the mileage credit offered by your frequent-flyer club. Most special-rate tickets don't earn miles, but reservations booked through A&K earn mileage credit where applicable.

Choose your seat when you make your reservation. A&K's special relationship with British Airways allows us to reserve your preferred seat at time of booking.

Fly British Airways. With 19 gateway cities throughout the U.S. and 4 in Canada, British Airways flies more people to more countries than any other airline. Its wide range of seating arrangements all incorporate the very latest in comfortable ergonomic design — including fully flat beds, where available, in First Class and new Club World (Business Class). Club World's new seats give you your own space to do what you want, when you want. Bigger, wider and more comfortable than ever, Club World seating guarantees complete comfort in any position.

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SPAIN | FRANCE | ITALY | GREECE | TURKEY | SLOVENIA | CROATIA
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA | MONTENEGRO | GERMANY | CZECH REPUBLIC
RUSSIA | AUSTRIA | HUNGARY

Escorted Journeys



For many North Americans visiting Europe, the wafting scents and comforting flavors recall old family traditions. For others, Europe offers an opportunity to see history come alive at every corner.

New for 2010, Abercrombie & Kent's escorted programs combine several destinations into one fulfilling journey, creating exciting opportunities to witness the myriad ways the nations of Europe have influenced each other. All include A&K's expert guides, personal headphones for museum visits and our unique Travelling Bell Boy Service.

On **Images of Provence & the Basque Country**, observe the way the cultures of southern France and northern Spain intertwine along their shared border. See the Provence that inspired many artists with its richly colored landscapes and sun-drenched hills. Discover Spanish cuisine with a gastronomy expert in San Sebastián and spend a day in the glorious wine region of La Rioja.

Experience three cities whose civilizations molded history on **Ancient Capitals: Rome, Athens & Istanbul**. You have exclusive after-hours access to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel and can see the famous ceiling painted by Michelangelo. In Athens, stand atop the Acropolis, imagining Greece in

the fifth century BC, and continue to Istanbul for a look at remnants of the Ottoman Empire that ruled most of the world for several centuries.

From idyllic Lake Bled to the medieval port of Hvar, discover **Adriatic Gems: Slovenia & Croatia**, a region still relatively undiscovered and waiting to be appreciated. Walk along ancient waterfronts, visit architectural sites infused with Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque influences and meet with local people who share stories of daily life.

Even if you've been to Europe before, there is always something new to discover. With A&K, you're guaranteed a journey that delivers the most inspiring travel experience possible.

Images of Provence & the Basque Country

DISCOVERY SERIES

11 days | Departs Sunday, returns Wednesday | Limited to 24 passengers



The fragrant lavender fields outside Abbey of Sénanque in Gordes



Listen as a distinguished speaker talks about the historical links between southern France and northern Spain • Attend a privately hosted lunch in a Provençal farmhouse • Visit a French olive oil mill and a wine estate for private tastings • Sample *pintxos* (tapas) in San Sebastián with a gastronomy expert • Privately tour an award-winning Spanish cheese farm

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Marseille, France

Board an overnight flight to Marseille, France.

DAY 2: Marseille/Avignon

Arrive in the city of Marseille for a private transfer to your hotel and a day at leisure. This evening, join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for welcome cocktails and dinner. *La Mirande D*

DAY 3: Avignon/Gordes/Avignon

Remember the days of religious conflict when Avignon vied with Rome for papal authority during your visit to the imposing 14th-century Palace of the Popes. Continue to the medieval city of Gordes, where cobbled streets are lined with boutiques and galleries. Later, explore the 12th-century Romanesque Abbey of Sénanque. End your afternoon at a delightful lavender museum. This evening, a distinguished guest speaker discusses the historical links between southern France and northern Spain. *La Mirande B*

DAY 4: Avignon/Arles/Les Baux-de-Provence/Avignon

Discover the Provence that inspired many artists, including

Vincent Van Gogh. Stop first at the magnificent three-tiered Roman aqueduct of Pont du Gard, erected more than 2,000 years ago to supply water to Nîmes. In Arles, sip coffee on the terrace of the café that inspired Van Gogh's *Café at Night*. Later, explore the remarkable remains of the Roman amphitheater and admire the fine Romanesque cathedral. Stop for your lunch in a typical Provençal farmhouse, where lavender fields provide a backdrop. Near the picturesque medieval citadel of Les Baux-de-Provence, see the Cathedral of Images and continue for a private visit to an olive oil mill set on the sun-drenched slopes of Les Alpilles hills. Taste the fresh, fruity olive oil representative of the region. *La Mirande B L D*

DAY 5: Avignon/Carcassonne/Toulouse

Drive to Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the most complete example of a medieval fortress city in existence today, complete with battlement walls and drawbridge. After a lunch of *cassoulet*, embark on a walking tour of the castle and the Gothic Basilica of Saint Nazaire. When you arrive in Toulouse, you

may wish to join your Tour Director for a walk through the quaint Old Town. *Pullman Toulouse Centre B L D*

DAY 6: Toulouse/Albi/Toulouse

Drive through the countryside for a private visit and lunch at the wine estate at Château de Mayragues, whose owners follow strict ecological processes. This afternoon, stroll through the town of Albi to see murals in the medieval cathedral. Later, explore the Toulouse-Lautrec Museum, featuring some of the artist's best works.

Pullman Toulouse Centre B L

DAY 7: Toulouse/San Sebastián, Spain

Admire one of the finest collections of Gobelin tapestries in France in the 16th-century Château de Pau. Continue to the resort town of San Sebastián, set on the great curving bay of La Concha. This evening, a local gastronomy expert joins you on a tour of the Old Town to enjoy *pintxos* (tapas). *Hotel Maria Cristina B L D*

DAY 8: San Sebastián

San Sebastián is home to the astonishing *Comb of the Winds* sculpture set in the cliffs. Admire it and other works by Eduardo Chillida in the marvelous Chillida Leku sculpture park. Continue along the coast to the fishing village of Getaria where you have some free time. *Hotel Maria Cristina B*

DAY 9: San Sebastián/Bilbao/Haro

Travel to Bilbao to explore the spectacular Guggenheim Museum. American artist Jeff Koons' two-story *Puppy*, made out of flowers, sits just outside. Stop at a traditional farmhouse to watch as the Txurtxil family uses centuries-old methods to make some of the finest cheese in Spain. After lunch in Vitoria, visit the old cathedral that amazed novelist Ken Follett. Don a hard hat to see this renovation that gives you a complete look as to how European cathedrals were built. A guest speaker joins you to discuss the measures being taken to prevent it from collapsing. Then gather for a farewell dinner in a 17th-century wine cellar. *Los Agustinos B L D*

DAY 10: La Rioja

Spend the day in the glorious wine region of La Rioja, starting with a visit to Laguardia, a splendid medieval walled town built over a honeycomb of more than 300 ancient cellars. Sample wine at a traditional *bodega* and dine on a lunch of Spanish specialties at an old wine estate, where the wine is made in huge oak vats. Your afternoon is at leisure, but you may wish to join your Tour Director for a visit to the outstanding Dinastia Vivanco wine museum. Gather this evening for farewell drinks. *Los Agustinos B L*

DAY 11: Haro/Bilbao/USA or Canada

Transfer to Bilbao Airport for your departure flight home. *B*

A&K's signature Travelling Bell Boy Service is included throughout the program.

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Extend your stay in Paris or Barcelona (see pages 62–63 for details).

JOURNEYS FOR WOMEN

The June 6 departure offers the opportunity to experience France and Spain from a woman's perspective. Ask A&K for details.



The modern façade of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao



PRICE PER PERSON	
Double occupancy	\$ 8,995
Single supplement	\$ 2,275
<i>Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.</i>	

DEPARTURE DATES			
2010	May 16 - 26	Jun 27 - Jul 07	Oct 17 - 27
	Jun 06 - 16 [†]	Aug 22 - Sep 01	
[†] Journeys for Women departure; itinerary and price will vary, refer to page 15.			

Flavors & Flair of Spain

FAMILY SERIES

9 Days | Departs Monday, returns Tuesday | Limited to 24 Passengers | Minimum age 6 years



Two young children in traditional Andalusian dress



Stroll the colorful Boqueria market and participate in a private cooking class • Take part in “the hunt for Don Quixote” at the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum in Madrid • Learn the art of cheese making during a private visit to a cheese farm • Take a horse and carriage ride through the streets of Seville • Go on a farm safari at a great Andalusian estate

DAYS 1-2 : USA or Canada/Barcelona, Spain

Arrive in Barcelona, a city with a colorful, playful spirit shown in the fantastical houses and creations of Gaudí. Young travellers can run along the ramparts of Montjuïc Castle, ride a cable car across the harbor or play in the sand along a Mediterranean beach. Later, meet the families sharing your journey during a welcome reception and dinner. *Hotel Condes de Barcelona D*

DAY 3: Barcelona

This morning, explore the city that was the home of the eccentric genius Antoni Gaudí. See his Casa Batlló (La Pedrera), with flowing chimneys covered with colored mosaics. At Park Güell, the famous ceramic dragon greets you near stone-cut trees. Continue to the towering unfinished La Sagrada Familia Basilica, another of Gaudí's unusual masterpieces, to see how the construction of the extraordinary building is progressing. After a *tapas* lunch in the Gothic Quarter, there is time for dessert and a tour of the very tempting chocolate museum. *Hotel Condes de Barcelona B L*

DAY 4: Barcelona

Las Ramblas is Barcelona's most animated street. Visit the always bustling Boqueria market, where you can find almost anything to eat — including insects. Help your chef choose the ingredients to make Spain's most famous dish, *paella*, and then learn how to prepare it for today's lunch. Afterward, drive around the harbor and get on a cable car for a ride high above the ships and yachts to Montjuïc where you can see the Olympic complex from the 1992 games. *Hotel Condes de Barcelona B L D*

DAY 5: Barcelona/Madrid

Travel at high speeds on the AVE train, covering 400 miles in less than three hours. Look out the window to see the landscapes whiz by. When you arrive in Madrid, you can choose to visit the Royal Tapestry factory and watch as beautiful cloth is woven the same way as it was 500 years ago. If you prefer, you can see where soccer star David Beckham used to play — the Bernabeu stadium, home of the renowned Real Madrid. After lunch, 🎨 **DESIGN YOUR DAY**

from the options at the end of the itinerary. At the end of the day, everyone meets for a delicious snack of crisp *churros* and hot chocolate in a historic café. *Intercontinental Madrid B L*

DAY 6: Madrid/Toledo/Madrid

Explore La Mancha, where vineyards, sheep and small villages dot the landscapes made famous in the great adventure story *Don Quixote*. Imagine the famous knight riding his horse toward the lines of windmills that he mistook for giants. Visit the medieval castle that stands next to them at Consuegra. Afterward, travel to a nearby farm, famous for its sheep's milk cheese. Stop for lunch in a 16th-century inn just like the one in which Don Quixote persuaded the innkeeper to dub him knight. Continue to historic Toledo, where for centuries Christians, Jews and Muslims lived uneasily side-by-side. Visit the Cathedral, the Tránsito Synagogue and the Church of Santo Tomé that houses El Greco's most famous painting, *The Burial of Count Orgaz*. By then, you and your family should be ready for a snack of the famous local marzipan. Tonight, dine at Madrid's oldest restaurant, where owners say the oven has not gone out since 1745. *Intercontinental Madrid B L D*

DAY 7: Madrid/Córdoba/Seville

Board the high-speed AVE train bound for Córdoba, where 1,200 years ago the Moors brought the sciences from the Arab world to Spain. Explore the stunning Mezquita, now the Cathedral, but once the greatest mosque in the world. There's time to wander the flower-filled streets of the Jewish Quarter, where you might want to select some *tapas* for your family's lunch. Continue to Seville and this evening, travel by horse and carriage through the Old Town to a local restaurant for dinner and a spectacular *flamenco* performance by gypsies from the Triana district.

Hotel Alfonso XIII B D

DAY 8: Seville/Cortijo El Esparragal/Seville

Join your guide to explore the massive 14th-century Royal Palace and stroll the jasmine-scented Barrio de Santa Cruz. Head out of town for a unique farm safari at the Cortijo El Esparragal, an Andalusian estate. See herds of pure-bred Spanish horses and cattle, including Retinto bulls used in the famous bull fights. After lunch in the estate's manor house, enjoy a thrilling private performance of Andalusian horsemanship that includes both the art of *haute école* dressage and techniques used for cattle herding. Later, join your Tour Director for a boat ride along the Guadalquivir River before your farewell dinner. *Hotel Alfonso XIII B L D*

DAY 9: Seville/USA or Canada

Transfer to Seville airport and board your homebound flight. *B*



Travelling through Seville's Old Town in style



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Jul - Aug	Apr, Jun
Double occupancy	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,780
Single supplement	\$ 1,245	\$ 1,245
Child (under 12 sharing with 1 adult)	\$ 7,225	\$ 7,495
Child (under 12 sharing with 2 adults)	\$ 6,495	\$ 6,680

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 05 - 13	Jul 19 - 27	Aug 02 - 10
	Jun 28 - Jul 06	Jul 26 - Aug 03	Aug 23 - 31



DESIGN YOUR DAY — MADRID: Explore the Royal Palace and its amazing armory, filled with the most magnificent suits of armor in the world. Alternatively, wander the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, where young travellers participate in a hunt for Don Quixote images in the museum.

A Journey Through Italy

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

10 days | Departs Tuesday, returns Thursday | Limited to 24 passengers



The lights around the Trevi Fountain reflecting on the stonework



Discover the local markets of Rome and Venice • Dine in a private Roman *palazzo* • Embark on a private visit to Palazzo Corsini in Florence • Attend a specialty wine, olive oil and cheese tasting at a Florentine *enoteca* (wine shop) • Learn to make tortellini • Privately visit one of the most exclusive glass factories on the island of Murano • Visit a Venetian *bacari* (wine bar)

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Rome, Italy

Board an overnight flight to Rome, famous throughout history as a center of prestige, power and intrigue that legend says was built on seven hills. You are at leisure until you gather tonight for welcome drinks and dinner. *Hotel de Russie D*


DAY 3: Rome and Vatican City

Discover the evocative remains of the Imperial City, starting with the Palatine Hill, where your specialist guide brings to life the legend of the city's beginning in the eighth century BC under Romulus and Remus. Pass by the imposing Arch of Constantine to visit the mighty Colosseum that once seated 50,000 spectators who came to watch gladiatorial contests and mock naval battles. After an *al fresco* lunch, head to Vatican City. Admire the stunning collection of antiquities, paintings and *objets d'art* in the vast museum, gaze at the Sistine Chapel's famous ceiling painted by Michelangelo and marvel at the great St. Peter's Basilica. *Hotel de Russie B L*

DAY 4: Rome

Get a sense of Rome's local character when you walk through one of the most attractive and atmospheric districts of the city. Start in the Campo de Fiori, filled with delightful food markets, and continue through a labyrinth of small lanes to the Piazza Navona, site of a former athletics stadium and today dominated by the Baroque Fountain of the Four Rivers. Continue to the famous Pantheon, a first-century temple, and later throw a coin over your shoulder into the iconic Trevi Fountain. Conclude your visit at the foot of the famous Spanish Steps on the Piazza di Spagna. Dine tonight in an opulent 17th-century private palace. *Hotel de Russie B D*

DAY 5: Rome/Florence

Board a fast intercity train to Florence, a paradise for art lovers, and after lunch,  join your local guide for a walking tour to see the monument A&K has adopted as part of the Save the Monuments project. Visit the great Duomo, whose revolutionary dome by Brunelleschi inspired Michelangelo. Continue to the Uffizi Gallery,

housing masterpieces that include Carravagio's *Medusa*, Botticelli's *Birth of Venus*, Leonardo da Vinci's *Annunciation* and Raphael's *Madonna of the Goldfinch*. Later, walk across the famous Ponte Vecchio. *Hotel Savoy B L D*

DAY 6: Florence


From Piazzale Michelangelo, take in the panoramic view across the city and then visit the exquisite 11th-century church of San Miniato al Monte. Admire Michelangelo's *David* in the Galleria dell'Accademia. Pause to sample wine, olive oil and cheese in an *enoteca* (wine shop) and, after a light lunch, stroll through the Oltrarno on the south side of the River Arno, where medieval streets are lined with artisan workshops. Continue to Palazzo Corsini for a private visit of their large collection of Italian art. *Hotel Savoy B L*

DAY 7: Florence/Bologna/Venice

Drive to Bologna to see the 14th-century basilica and the beautiful church complex of Santo Stefano. Admire the city's own medieval "leaning towers." Discover why the city is known as "Bologna the Fat" with a lunch of local specialties and a private demonstration of tortellini making. Later, continue to Venice.

Bauer Il Palazzo B L D

DAY 8: Venice

Embark on a walking tour to St. Mark's Square, home to the 11th-century St. Mark's Basilica. See the four bronze horses on the exterior and admire the interior filled with dazzling, luminous mosaics and marble floors. Continue to the Doge's Palace, symbol of Venetian power and glory as well as being the residence of the Doges until the 18th century.  **DESIGN YOUR DAY** this afternoon from a selection of options listed below. This evening, attend a farewell dinner. *Bauer Il Palazzo B D*

DAY 9: Venice

Glimpse local life with a visit to the market district. Then try Venetian cuisine at a *bacari*, a small wine bar that serves *un'ombra* (a small glass of wine) with *cicheti* (traditional snacks). Admire *Madonna and Child* by Bellini and Titian's *Assumption of the Virgin* at the Gothic Frari church. This evening, enjoy a gondola ride as you are serenaded by musicians before attending a farewell cocktail party. *Bauer Il Palazzo B*

DAY 10: Venice/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

This program includes A&K's signature Travelling Bell Boy Service between Rome and Florence and from Florence to Venice.



DESIGN YOUR DAY—VENICE: Choose an excursion to the Lagoon Islands, including Murano, famous for its glass, and Burano, known for its lace. Alternatively, join your local guide for an afternoon walking tour to visit the famous Peggy Guggenheim Collection of modern art.



A&K PHILANTHROPY: See the monument A&K has adopted to support the Save the Monuments project.



An aerial view of Bologna



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Aug	May - Jul; Sep
Double occupancy	\$ 9,995	\$ 10,790
Single supplement	\$ 3,130	\$ 3,820

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	May 18 - 27	Jul 20 - 29	Sep 21 - 30
	Jun 15 - 24	Aug 24 - Sep 02	

An Italian Adventure

FAMILY SERIES

9 Days | Departs Sunday, returns Monday | Limited to 24 Passengers | Minimum age 6 years



Meeting a gondolier along the canals of Venice



Take a gondola ride in Venice, the perfect way to see this unique city • Spend an afternoon at the Gladiator School, where the world of ancient Rome comes alive • Participate in hands-on pizza making in Rome • Privately explore the secret passageways below the Doge's Palace • Learn the art of gelato making in Florence

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Venice, Italy

Fly overnight to Venice and go by private launch to your hotel, an impressive former monastery on its very own island. Venice is like no other city because it is made up of hundreds of islands, all connected by bridges. You can get around either by water taxi or on foot. This evening, meet the families sharing your adventure at a welcome get-together followed by dinner in the hotel.

San Clemente Palace D

DAY 3: Venice

Take a boat ride to central Venice and walk with your guide in St. Mark's Square, filled with cafés, people and pigeons. Gaze at the Basilica, the Bell Tower and the pink-and-white marble Doge's Palace, once the seat of the main government departments and residence of the Doge, ruler of the Venetian Republic. Beneath the Doge's Palace lies a reminder of its gruesome past: a maze of cells linked by corridors and staircases, where countless prisoners met an untimely end. Make sure to keep up with your guide so that you

are not locked in. As you explore the city, look for the winged lion that represents St. Mark. You can see his symbol emblazoned on the Venetian flag and on statues and fountains. ☀ **DESIGN YOUR DAY** options fill the afternoon hours (see next page). Take a gondola ride along the canals tonight. *San Clemente Palace B L*

DAY 4: Venice/Florence

The morning is yours to spend in Venice as you like. Explore one of the many museums, stroll across its famous bridges or revisit St. Mark's Square, known as "Europe's drawing room" for the curious and cosmopolitan visitors it attracts. After lunch, depart by train for Florence. *Helvetia & Bristol B D*

DAY 5: Florence

Set on the Arno River below the foothills of the Appennines, Florence is a living legacy of the Renaissance. The museums hold famous works of art, but even the streets and buildings themselves hold equal fascination. 🌿 See the monument that A&K has adopted as part of the Save the Monuments project and explore the palaces

and squares. Visit the Duomo (Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore), the famous landmark of Florence that is able to accommodate 30,000 worshippers. Visit the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's *David*, and the famous Uffizi Gallery, housing a magnificent collection of art treasures that include works by Titian, Caravaggio, Raphael and Giotto. After lunch, watch a demonstration of ice cream making at one of the best *gelaterias* in Florence and sample your favorite flavor. Afterward, take a short walk to the Church of Santa Croce to watch as artisans demonstrate the ancient craft of leather working, using the age-old technique of hand-cutting and -molding leather and applying gold leaf.

Helvetia & Bristol B L

DAY 6: Florence/Pisa/Florence

In Pisa, visit the Baptistery, Duomo and the famous Leaning Tower, all in the beautiful Campo dei Miracoli, or "Square of Miracles." Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant, but you may want to save dessert until later when you stop at the De Bondt chocolate laboratory. Learn how their delectable treats are made — and how they taste. This evening, dine à la carte at your choice of restaurants.

Helvetia & Bristol B L D

DAY 7: Florence/Rome and Vatican City

Come face-to-face with over 2,000 years of history at every turn when the train brings you to Rome, known as the "Eternal City." Visit the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel. Gaze up at the frescoed ceiling painted by Michelangelo. It took him four years to paint and is one of the most renowned artworks of the High Renaissance period. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where Peter the Apostle, thought to be the first pope, was crucified and buried. The balance of the day is at leisure.

Grand Hotel Parco dei Principi B L

DAY 8: Rome

Discover Ancient Rome this morning, with a stop at the Forum, the political hearth of ancient Rome. Wander through the ruins of nearly 900 years of history and see the triumphal Arch of Constantine. Visit the famous Colosseum and imagine what it must have been like in ancient times when gladiator fights and chariot races brought spectators from all over. This afternoon, you can train with actual Roman "gladiators" who give you a glimpse into this amazing time in history. This evening's farewell dinner is at a lively pizzeria where you make pizza.

DAY 9: Rome/USA or Canada

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and board your homebound flight. *B*



DESIGN YOUR DAY — VENICE: Learn the history of Venetian masks and paint your own or head to the Lagoon Island of Murano to see a master artisan at work creating dazzling glass objects.



A&K PHILANTHROPY: See the monument that A&K has adopted to support the Save the Monuments project.

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Extend your stay on the Amalfi Coast (see page 80 for details).



Learning to make pizza



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	\$ 7,540
Single supplement	\$ 1,460
Child (under 12 sharing with 1 adult)	\$ 7,350
Child (under 12 sharing with 2 adults)	\$ 5,495

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Mar 21 - 29	Jul 11 - 19	Aug 01 - 09
	Jun 20 - 28	Jul 25 - Aug 02	Aug 22 - 30

Ancient Capitals: Rome, Athens & Istanbul

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

10 days | Departs Monday, returns Wednesday | Limited to 24 passengers



The majestic Parthenon, overlooking the city of Athens



Go after hours to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel for an exclusive visit • Explore Rome's mysterious "underworld" • Sample Greece's famous *ouzo* in Athens • Avoid long lines as you obtain your visa quickly with private, express service and assistance through immigration and customs on arrival in Istanbul • Embark on a private cruise on the Bosphorus

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Rome, Italy

Board an overnight flight to Rome, the "Eternal City."

DAY 2: Rome

On arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure to do some exploring in this city filled with history at every turn. This evening, join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for welcome drinks and dinner. *Hotel de Russie D*

DAY 3: Ancient Rome and Vatican City

Visit the Roman Forum, the political, commercial and religious center of Roman life. At the Colosseum, see where gladiators fought pitched battles to crowds of more than 50,000 spectators. Later, have lunch in the Piazza Navona, once a Roman racetrack and now dominated by Bernini's spectacular Baroque Fountain of the Four Rivers. The afternoon is at leisure, but this evening you have the rare opportunity to privately visit the Vatican Museums with time on your own to admire Michelangelo's stunning depiction of the creation of man and the last judgment painted on the ceiling of the

Sistine Chapel. You may also visit the Raphael Rooms, once Pope Julius II's private apartments. *Hotel de Russie B L*

DAY 4: Rome

Discover a subterranean Rome, unknown to most visitors, that is a rare spectacle of lights and colors — a truly unique "underworld." Descend three levels of the church of San Clemente to discover 2,000 years of history. Its medieval basilica houses one of the finest mosaics in the city, representing the "Tree of Life." Continue to the fascinating catacombs of San Callisto and San Sebastiano, where miles of underground passages dating from the third century house tombs and cemeteries, as well as a "Crypt of the Popes." This afternoon, ✨ **DESIGN YOUR DAY** from the options in the box at the end of this itinerary. *Hotel de Russie B D*

DAY 5: Rome/Athens, Greece

Fly to Athens, where you embark on a panoramic tour of this ancient city. Drive past the neo-classical buildings of the Academy, the University and the National Library and see the guards dressed

in their colorful skirted uniforms and pom-pom shoes as they parade in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Afterward, pause for an *ouzo* tasting. *Hotel Grande Bretagne B L D*

DAY 6: Athens

Begin your day at the Acropolis, the site that represents the climax of Greek architecture. The Acropolis is adorned with the mighty Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and the Propylaea — all reminders of the wealth of Athens in the fifth century BC. Explore the recently restored Acropolis Museum, exhibiting the pieces unearthed or salvaged from the archaeological site. After a lunch of traditional Greek specialties, peruse the exhibits in the National Archaeological Museum, whose collection of antiquities features stunning pieces from Neolithic times through Greek civilization to Roman art. *Hotel Grande Bretagne B L*

DAY 7: Athens/Istanbul, Turkey

This morning, board a flight to Istanbul to begin exploring this magnificent city that is a bridge between Europe and Asia. View the ancient City Walls and if time permits, visit Chora Church, known for its Byzantine mosaics. Explore the Basilica Cistern, a marvel of civil engineering, and the Hagia Sophia, one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture. Late this afternoon, privately cruise the Bosphorus and dine at a local restaurant.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus B D

DAY 8: Istanbul

Explore Topkapi Palace, once the massive center of the Ottoman government and court, and Rustem Paşa Mosque in the Blacksmiths’ Market. After lunch, visit the Spice Bazaar and stroll modern Istanbul’s cosmopolitan heart, the Pera District. This evening, dine at a local restaurant.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus B L D

DAY 9: Istanbul

Visit Dolmabahçe Palace, with its beautiful gardens. The master architect of the Ottoman Empire of the 16th century was Sinan, acclaimed by Frank Lloyd Wright as being the “master builder of all time.” Visit his dignified Suleymaniye Mosque, symbolizing the glory of the reign of Suleyman the Magnificent. Visit the Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum and the 3,500-stall Grand Bazaar, pausing for lunch in a shopkeeper’s restaurant. Gather for farewell cocktails at your hotel this evening.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus B L

DAY 10: Istanbul/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*



DESIGN YOUR DAY—ROME: Travel outside the city to visit the remains of Hadrian’s great Villa at Tivoli, the grandest palace complex ever created in ancient times. Alternatively, join your local guide for a visit to the 17th-century Villa Borghese, housing a collection of masterpieces by Bernini, Raphael, Titian and Caravaggio.

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Extend your stay in Sicily or Cappadocia (see pages 80–81 for details).



Neptune Fountain in Rome’s Piazza Navona



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	\$ 10,530
Single supplement	\$ 2,775
Internal airfare Rome/Athens; Athens/Istanbul	
Economy class	from \$ 775

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	May 24 - Jun 02	Jul 12 - 21	Oct 04 - 13
	Jun 14 - 23	Sep 20 - 29	



Turkey: A Journey Through History

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

13 Days | Departs Saturday, returns Thursday | Limited to 24 passengers



The walls and turrets of Rumeli Fortress



Obtain your visa quickly with private, express service through immigration and customs on arrival in Istanbul • Explore in quiet when the Basilica Cistern, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace and the Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum open their doors just for you • Have lunch at the home of a local family in Cappadocia • Embark on a private cruise on the Bosphorus

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Istanbul, Turkey

Depart on an overnight flight to Istanbul, where you are met and transferred to your waterside hotel. Istanbul's rich history and culture combine with modern-day bustle to create a cosmopolitan metropolis that offers something for every interest. Its unique geographic setting was the primary reason Constantinople, as Istanbul was formerly known, was founded here. This evening, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers for welcome cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. *Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus*

DAY 3: Istanbul

Explore the Hagia Sophia, one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, during a private opening. Justinian I built the sixth-century Basilica Cistern to expand one previously built by Constantine the Great. Continue to the Hippodrome, which during Roman times held horse races, gladiator contests, inaugurations and parades. Privately visit the extraordinary collections in the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts, set in the Ibrahim Paşa Palace.

Following a Turkish lunch, take a refreshing stroll in the Pera District, the present-day heart of Istanbul. Later this afternoon, embark on a private cruise along the Bosphorus, a strategic waterway that links the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara. Tonight's welcome dinner is at a local restaurant. *Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus B L D*

DAY 4: Istanbul

Topkapi Palace, the center of Ottoman government and now a vast museum, opens its doors just for you to explore its great halls and breathtaking grounds. It was from here that the Turks ruled most of Europe and the Middle East. In 1468, Mehmet Fatih began building this summer palace where the Golden Horn meets the Bosphorus. Successive sultans created additions to Topkapi, with many of the existing buildings dating from the 18th century. Suleyman the Magnificent was the first sultan to move here permanently, and later sultans simply were captives in residence, isolated from the world. After lunch at the Istanbul Modern Art Museum, visit the 19th-century Dolmabahçe Palace, a fine example of Ottoman Baroque

Turkey: A Journey Through History continued

architecture that was built for and by the Sultan Abdul Mecit in the mid-19th century when European nationalism was growing and Muslim rulers adopted more European styles. As you explore the city, notice how the later palaces and art are more like those of the rest of Europe.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus B L

DAY 5: Istanbul/Cappadocia

Centuries of volcanic activity and erosion have left Cappadocia with a unique landscape of soft, porous stone called tuff. Fly to Nevşehir and transfer to Göreme to see the valleys of tuff filled with “fairy chimneys” that were transformed into cave dwellings, monasteries, chapels and underground villages by expert carvers. Explore the rock-cut churches with their dazzling medieval wall decorations at Göreme Open Air Museum, a large monastic complex of many refectory monasteries placed side by side, each with its own fantastic church. Then privately visit the Dark Church, with stunning frescoes that depict the life of Christ — the colors still retain their original freshness. Dinner this evening is at your hotel.

Anatolian Houses B L D

DAY 6: Cappadocia

Consider an optional hot air balloon ride over the unusual pocked landscape. The region is also known for the “underground” city of Kaymakli, one of the unique cellar villages. Several levels were built underground as stables, cellars, mills and galleries. Visit this mysterious place and then meet a local family who invite you to dine with them in their home. The Turks of Cappadocia have always made the most of the natural elements of the region, including the clay from the beds of the Red River. Drive to Avanos and visit a potter’s workshop, where you see some of these clay creations. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant commanding spectacular views of the valleys.

Anatolian Houses B L D



Balloons soaring over Cappadocia

DAY 7: Cappadocia/Konya/Belek

Follow the ancient Silk Road and cross the Central Anatolian Plateau to visit the 13th-century *caravansaray* (inn) at Agzikarahan. Continue to Konya, the ancient capital of the Selçuk Kingdom, ancestors of a line of Turkish empires that included the Ottomans. Visit the 13th-century Mevlana Memorial and Museum. Mevlana was a poet and founder of the Whirling Dervishes, a mystic order of Islam whose members whirl in an ecstatic dance. After a lunch of local specialties, travel across the Konya Plain through the pine-forested Taurus Mountains and along the coast to ancient Aspendos, home to a well-preserved antique theater. Nearby is an impressive ancient Roman aqueduct. Continue to Belek for dinner at your hotel. *Kempinski Hotel The Dome B L D*

DAY 8: Belek/Antalya/Phaselis/Belek

This morning, travel to Perge, an ancient city founded by the Hittites. During the Hellenistic period it was home to many sculptors and artisans. Drive to Antalya to explore the Antalya Museum’s archaeological and ethnographical exhibits, displayed in chronological order from the Stone Age. After lunch, continue to the ancient seaport of Phaselis. Founded by Greeks during the seventh century BC, its three harbors made it an important center for commerce between Greece, Asia, Egypt and Phoenicia. The city fell first to the Persians and then to Alexander the Great. Later, pirates used Phaselis as a base to roam the Mediterranean Sea. You have the balance of the afternoon at leisure to relax and enjoy the amenities at your hotel. *Kempinski Hotel The Dome B L*



A beautiful fresco in the Dark Church

DAY 9: Belek/Aphrodisias/Izmir

Cross the Taurus Mountains to Aphrodisias, one of the world's most complete and extraordinary excavations of a classical lost site. Dedicated to Aphrodite, the goddess of love, it flourished under Roman and Byzantine rule, but in the 13th century it was abandoned and buried by a series of earthquakes. What has been unearthed includes the stadium with more than 30,000 seats, the Temple of Aphrodite and Baths of Hadrian. After a country lunch, continue through the Meander Valley to Izmir and your hotel, overlooking the bay and Aegean Sea and close to the promenade. Enjoy the sea view from your one-bedroom suite.

Swissôtel Grand Efes B L D

DAY 10: Izmir/Ephesus/Izmir

Ionia, the region around Ephesus, was the powerhouse of ancient science and philosophy, and Ionian communities pioneered Western thought, favoring rational observation over myth and dogma. Explore ancient Ephesus that lies at the foot of Mount Pion. Unmatched as an archaeological site, the sheer size and grandeur of the ruins make this the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. Visit the site of the Temple of Diana, considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Continue to the theater, Library of Celsus, the Public Baths, Arcadian Way and the Marble Street. You have the opportunity to visit the breathtaking Terrace Houses. After lunch, meet with the rug-weavers association at Camlik Village to learn about this fine Turkish tradition and art passed down for generations. *Swissôtel Grand Efes B L D*

DAY 11: Izmir/Istanbul

Fly back to Istanbul. Because the city was so important, each ruling empire did its best to fortify it. Theodosius II was the first, and he constructed the impressive City Walls that went up just in time to turn back Attila the Hun. Just within the walls is Chora Church, now a museum, with a rich repository of Byzantine mosaics and frescoes. In the afternoon, explore the city on your own, or join your guide to visit the Archaeological Museum, a complex of three museums — one housing the renowned sarcophagus of Alexander. *Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet B L*

DAY 12: Istanbul

The Ottoman Empire reached its zenith in the 16th century, their Golden Age. The greatest architect of the 16th century was Sinan, acclaimed by Frank Lloyd Wright as the “master builder of all time.” Explore his dignified Suleymaniye Mosque, symbolizing the glory of the reign of Sultan Suleyman the Magnificent, who sought to create a rival to Justinian's famed Hagia Sophia. Its design also mirrors the Dome on the Rock, constructed on the former site of the Temple of Solomon. The massive complex dominates Istanbul's skyline, and its imposing dome is the center point. Continue to the Rustem Paşa Mosque, also the work of Sinan, known for its outstanding Iznik tiles. Wander among the stalls of the Spice Bazaar and the 3,500-stall Grand Covered Bazaar, where you have lunch in a shopkeeper's restaurant. Join fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at your hotel this evening.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet B L D

DAY 13: Istanbul/USA or Canada

This morning, transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. *B*



Ancient ruins in Aphrodisias



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Mar	May - Oct
Double occupancy	\$ 8,550	\$ 9,670
Single supplement	\$ 2,880	\$ 4,155
Internal airfare Istanbul/Nevşehir; Izmir/Istanbul Economy class		from \$ 450

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Mar 20 - Apr 01	Jun 05 - 17	Oct 16 - 28
	May 15 - 27	Sep 11 - 23	

Adriatic Gems: Slovenia & Croatia

DISCOVERY SERIES

11 days | Departs Tuesday, returns Friday | Limited to 24 passengers



The picturesque island in the middle of Lake Bled



Take a private *plenta* (boat) ride on Lake Bled • A Croatian guest speaker discusses relations with Slovenia and the impact of the war with Serbia • Join a wine expert for a tasting of Croatian wines and dinner with a *klapa* concert • Meet a local family in Mostar for coffee and cakes • Attend a private organ recital at the Church of Our Lady of the Rocks in Montenegro

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Ljubljana, Slovenia

Board an overnight flight to Ljubljana. Your arrival day is at leisure until evening when you join fellow travellers for welcome cocktails and dinner. *Grand Hotel Union D*

DAY 3: Ljubljana/Bled/Ljubljana

Ljubljana is the picturesque Slovenian capital and a gem of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. Head out with your guide for a leisurely walk through the cobbled lanes of the old city. See the 18th-century cathedral, Baroque town mansions, the Magistrat (Town Hall) with its arcaded Gothic inner courtyard, Shoemaker Bridge and the Jewish quarter. Later, drive into the countryside for a hearty lunch in the local tavern in Radovljica. Afterward, continue to Lake Bled and board a hand-propelled *plenta* (boat) to cross to the lovely island in the middle of the lake and the church. Be sure to ring the church bell for good luck. Then visit Bled Castle; from its terrace there is a spectacular panoramic view of the lake and surrounding mountains. *Grand Hotel Union B L*

DAY 4: Ljubljana/Zagreb, Croatia

Cross the border into Croatia and stop to discover the trickling brooks and red-roof houses in Samobor. After a short stroll and a large slice of Samobor cake, continue to Zagreb for a short panoramic city tour. Join your guide for a walk through the medieval Gornji Grad (Upper Town) to see the Church of St. Mark with its colored, tiled roof. It is flanked by the Governor's Palace and the Parliament Building. Later, take the funicular to the 19th-century Lower Town and your hotel. This evening, a guest speaker discusses Croatia's relations with its neighbors, Slovenia and Serbia. Afterward, enjoy dinner à la carte at your choice of restaurant. *The Regent Esplanade B L D*


DAY 5: Zagreb/Split/Podstrana

Drive along new highways from Zagreb to Split, stopping en route at the spectacular Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where 16 lakes are connected by a series of waterfalls set in deep woodland. After lunch, continue to Trogir, another

UNESCO World Heritage Site, lying on the shores of the Adriatic Sea and known as the “Jewel of the Adriatic.” Stroll the streets of the town and visit the gloriously decorated 13th-century Cathedral.

Le Méridien Lav B L D

DAY 6: Podstrana/Split/Podstrana

Discover colorful Split and its bustling waterfront. Stroll the maze of medieval streets that cluster around the mighty former palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, one of the most imposing Roman buildings still in existence. Diocletian’s mausoleum, located inside, now serves as the town’s cathedral. Wander in the local market before lunch and an afternoon at leisure.  Consider a visit to the Botanical Gardens of Ostrog School. This evening, join a wine expert for a tasting of Croatian wines followed by dinner with a *klapa* (a cappella) concert. *Le Méridien Lav B L D*

DAY 7: Podstrana/Split/Hvar/Split/Podstrana

Cross the Adriatic by ferry to the medieval port of Hvar, constructed by Venetian merchants whose palaces are hidden among the narrow backstreets of the town. Walk along the waterfront square with its 17th-century arsenal to the 15th-century Franciscan monastery. After lunch, you may wish to savor the quayside atmosphere or visit the island’s interior, famous for its lavender fields. Return by ferry to Split. *Le Méridien Lav B L*

DAY 8: Podstrana/Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina/Dubrovnik

Visit the picturesque town of Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It takes its name from Stari Most, the famous single-span bridge over the Neretva River that is 70 feet below. Destroyed by the war in 1993, it was reopened in 2004. Explore the Old Bazaar and the 16th-century Karadjox Bey’s mosque. A local family invites you to their home for coffee and traditional cakes. *Hotel Excelsior B L D*

DAY 9: Dubrovnik

Join your guide for a walk through Dubrovnik’s historic center to see the 14th-century Dominican Monastery; the Gothic-Renaissance Sponza Palace; the Rector’s Palace; and the Cathedral, whose rich treasury of gold and silver religious artifacts is one of the most famous in the Adriatic region. This evening, attend a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. *Hotel Excelsior B D*

DAY 10: Dubrovnik/Kotor, Montenegro/Dubrovnik

Head out to Montenegro, stopping in the old Venetian town of Kotor with its impressive fortified walls. Visit the 12th-century Cathedral and the Maritime Museum, a reminder of the town’s source of prosperity in times past. Drive to the *fjord* of Kotor for lunch and a boat ride to the tiny Church of Our Lady of the Rocks, where a local organist plays exclusively for you. Join your fellow travellers this evening for farewell cocktails. *Hotel Excelsior B L*

DAY 11: Dubrovnik/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

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A&K PHILANTHROPY: Visit the Botanical Gardens of Ostrog School, planted and maintained by school children. Bring books and supplies or join the children in planting new specimens.



Red-tiled roofs reaching across Dubrovnik



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	\$ 7,135
Single supplement	\$ 1,630

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

DEPARTURE DATES

2010	May 18 - 28	Jul 20 - 30	Sep 21 - Oct 01
	Jun 29 - Jul 09	Aug 17 - 27	

Cultural Capitals: Berlin, Prague & St. Petersburg

DISCOVERY SERIES

10 days | Departs Thursday, returns Saturday | Limited to 24 passengers



Dawn on the Charles Bridge in Prague



Privately tour Berlin's Cold War underground bunkers • A guest speaker discusses life in the Czech Republic during the transition from communism to a democratic republic • Visit the Strahov Monastery library halls privately • Take a vintage tram ride in Prague • Enter the Hermitage Museum before hours • Meet the Amber Room restorers at Catherine's Palace

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Berlin, Germany

After arriving in Berlin, you are at leisure until this evening's welcome cocktail reception and dinner. *Hotel Adlon Kempinski D*

DAY 3: Berlin

Witness East Berlin's extraordinary urban redevelopment during a city tour. Then visit the historic Reichstag building, home of the Bundestag since 1999, crowned with a huge glass dome. After lunch in the roof garden restaurant, visit the nearby Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe that stands as mute witness to the tragedy of the Holocaust. Later, proceed to the district around Oranienburgerstrasse to explore the imposing New Synagogue and the impressive Jewish Museum, whose dramatic interior reveals a remarkable permanent exhibition chronicling German-Jewish history. This evening, privately tour the underground bunkers of Berlin, built during the Cold War to protect West Berlin in the event of a nuclear war. Dinner this evening is at your leisure.

Hotel Adlon Kempinski BL

DAY 4: Berlin/Dresden/Prague, Czech Republic

Travel to Dresden, located on the banks of the Elbe River and known as the "Florence of the North." During a short city tour you see the prestigious Semper Opera House and visit the famous Frauenkirche, the church that was severely damaged during World War II. It reopened in 2004 after meticulous restoration. After lunch, visit the Green Vault, containing one of the most dazzling collections of *objets d'art* in Europe (alternate visit to the Zwinger Palace pending the opening of the Green Vault). Continue by train to Prague and your hotel, where you dine à la carte in its Michelin-starred restaurant. *Four Seasons Hotel Prague BLD*

DAY 5: Prague

This morning, a guest speaker describes the political events that led from the "Velvet Revolution" to the downfall of the communist regime, the disintegration of Czechoslovakia and finally to European Union membership. Then continue to Josefov, the city's Jewish quarter, to visit the Pinkas Synagogue, now a memorial to

the 77,000 Bohemian and Moravian Jews murdered by the Nazis, and the adjacent Old Jewish Cemetery, where 12,000 graves are piled one on top of another. From there, proceed to the Spanish Synagogue and the Granovsky Palace, one of the Renaissance pearls of Prague. It is decorated with *sgraffiti* and wall paintings that depict scenes from the Bible and Greek mythology. This afternoon, privately visit the Estates Theater for a tour and recital. Here in 1787, Mozart conducted the première of *Don Giovanni*.

Four Seasons Hotel Prague B

DAY 6: Prague

Cross the river to Castle Hill for a private visit to the gloriously decorated Baroque library halls of the Strahov Monastery. Admire the glittering collection of religious artifacts at the nearby Loreto Chapel before entering the soaring Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Continue to the Golden Lane, an enchanting collection of small, colorful houses where Franz Kafka once lived. This evening, ride a vintage tram to one of the city's fine restaurants.

Four Seasons Hotel Prague B D

DAY 7: Prague/St. Petersburg, Russia

Fly to St. Petersburg. Later in the day, board a private boat for a cruise along the canals of this enchanting "Venice of the North."

Grand Hotel Europe B D

DAY 8: St. Petersburg

Begin your exploration of the outstanding art collection of the Hermitage before the crowds arrive. Designed in the mid-18th century by Bartolomeo Rastrelli as the Winter Palace of Catherine the Great, the complex of buildings contains the stunning State Collection of European *objets d'art* from the 13th century onward and memorabilia of the lavish Imperial Court up to the Revolution. You have private access to the special exhibits in the Gold Room. Continue to the Yusupov Palace. In its basement in 1916, Prince Felix Yusupov and fellow conspirators poisoned the "Mad Monk" Rasputin. This evening, enjoy dinner at leisure before an evening musical or ballet performance (subject to availability).

Grand Hotel Europe B L

DAY 9: St. Petersburg /Pushkin/Petrodvorets/St. Petersburg

Drive just outside the city to Pushkin (formerly Tsarskoye Selo), housing the magnificent blue, white and gold Catherine Palace. Go behind the scenes to meet the Amber Room restorers; then visit the nearby Palace of Pavlovsk, whose interior contains an exquisite collection of furniture and *objets d'art*. Later, you are entertained with a lively folklore performance when you have lunch at a country restaurant. Afterward, explore the grounds of Petrodvorets (Peterhof), the opulent estate of Peter the Great with its spectacular fountains and waterfalls. *Grand Hotel Europe B L D*

DAY 10: St. Petersburg/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

A&K's signature Travelling Bell Boy Service is offered between Berlin and Prague.

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Extend your stay in Moscow, the Golden Ring or Kiev (see pages 106–107 for details).



The cascades of Petrodvorets



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Jul - Aug	May - Jun; Oct
Double occupancy	\$ 9,350	\$ 9,895
Single supplement	\$ 2,255	\$ 2,820
Internal airfare Prague/St. Petersburg Economy class		from \$ 550

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	May 06 - 15	Jul 15 - 24	Oct 07 - 16
	Jun 24 - Jul 03	Aug 26 - Sep 04	

A Tale of Three Cities: Budapest, Vienna & Prague

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

9 Days | Departs Monday, returns Tuesday | Limited to 24 passengers



A carriage ride at Hofburg Palace, Vienna



Privately tour the Hungarian State Opera House and Parliament in Budapest • Cruise privately on the Danube • Attend an exclusive recital at Pannonhalma Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Lunch in the family home of the counts of Ludwigstorff with the owner • Join a guest speaker who discusses the Czech Republic's recent history

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Budapest, Hungary

Depart on an overnight flight to Budapest, a city occupying both sides of the Danube and founded when right-bank Buda and Obuda joined left-bank Pest in 1873. Transfer by private car to your hotel. Join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at the hotel. *Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace D*

DAY 3: Budapest

On a panoramic tour of Pest, see Heroes' Square and visit the Great Synagogue. Privately visit the State Opera House and enjoy a short recital as you drink a glass of champagne. Lunch at Gundel, the most famous restaurant in the city. Continue with a private visit to the grand Parliament building and cross the river to take the funicular up to delightful Buda where you visit the Fisherman's Bastion and Matthias Church. Conclude with a private wine tasting of Hungary's little known but highly regarded wines. Dinner is at leisure before a private cruise on the Danube.

Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace B L

DAY 4: Budapest/Pannonhalma/Gyor/Vienna, Austria

Stop at the Benedictine Abbey of Pannonhalma, a center of culture and religious study and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a private organ recital. Afterward, drive to the nearby town of Gyor for lunch en route to Vienna and your hotel. *Hotel Imperial B L D*

DAY 5: Vienna

Depart on a walking tour, visiting the Hofburg Palace, the historic former seat of the emperors and their governments. Admire the glittering collection of Imperial regalia in the Treasury. Continue to the soaring Gothic St. Stephen's Cathedral, where a horse and carriage takes you to lunch at the 15th-century Griechenbeisl, Vienna's oldest inn. 🌟 **DESIGN YOUR DAY** this afternoon from a choice of options at the end of the itinerary. *Hotel Imperial B L*

DAY 6: Vienna/Bratislava, Slovakia/Vienna

Visit the impressive summer palace of the Hapsburgs, magnificent Schönbrunn Palace. It was here amid frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers and gilded ornaments that the five-year-old Mozart

played to the court. Travel to the countryside for a private lunch at Castle Deutsch-Altenberg, the family home of the counts of Ludwigstorff for more than 300 years. The present owner joins you for lunch and recounts tales of the Russian occupation of Austria. Drive to Bratislava, Slovakia's capital, and join a local guide for a walking tour of the attractive Old Town, once a jewel of the Hungarian empire. Return to Vienna by high-speed catamaran.

Hotel Imperial B L

DAY 7: Vienna/Prague, Czech Republic

Depart by train to Prague. On arrival, stroll through the Old Town to admire the 15th-century astronomical clock that adorns the façade of the Gothic Town Hall. A private visit to the Estates Theater includes a short recital (subject to rehearsal schedules). It was here in October of 1787 that Mozart conducted the première of *Don Giovanni*. This evening, listen as a guest speaker describes the political events that led to the downfall of the communist regime and the formation of the Czech Republic.

Four Seasons Hotel Prague B L D

DAY 8: Prague

Privately visit the Baroque library halls of the Strahov Monastery, admire the collection of religious artifacts at Loreto Chapel and see the impressive Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. On the Golden Lane, notice the colorful small houses that once were homes to alchemists. Stroll through Josefov, the city's Jewish quarter, which remained a walled ghetto until 1848. Enter the Pinkas Synagogue, a memorial to the Bohemian and Moravian Jews who were killed during World War II, and visit the adjacent Old Jewish Cemetery. Proceed to the Spanish Synagogue, a last reminder of the Sephardic Jews who lived in the city, and see the *sgraffiti* adorning the Granovsky Palace. Enjoy refreshments at the splendid Art Deco Municipal House before returning to your hotel. Stroll across the famous Charles Bridge for your farewell dinner.

Four Seasons Hotel Prague B D

DAY 9: Prague/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your flight home. *B*

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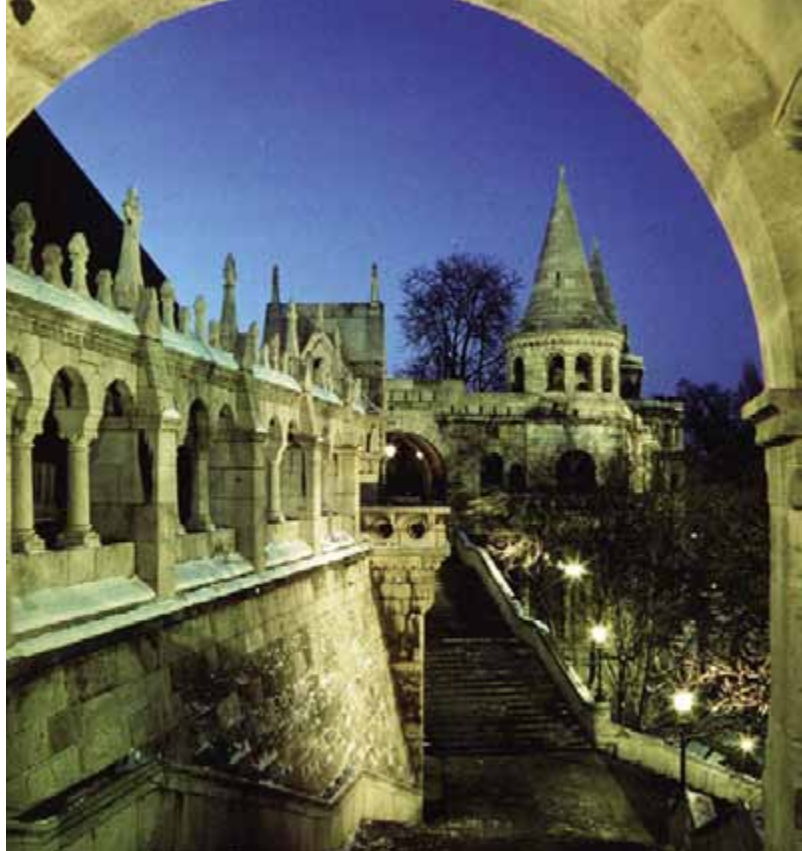


DESIGN YOUR DAY — VIENNA: Visit the Fine Arts Museum, housing an extensive collection of the Hapsburg family's art, and the Upper Belvedere, an impressive Baroque palace which features works by Gustav Klimt, including the famous *Kiss*. Alternatively, enjoy a half-day excursion to the impressive Kreuzenstein Castle, which has been restored to its former medieval glory.

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Upgrade your room:

- Danube Deluxe Room (River View), Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace — from \$315 per person per night.
- Double Room (River View), Four Seasons Hotel Prague — from \$230 per person per night.



Fisherman's Bastion in Budapest



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Jul - Aug	May - Jun; Sep
Double occupancy	\$ 8,735	\$ 9,625
Single supplement	\$ 1,455	\$ 2,250

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	May 17 - 25	Jul 05 - 13	Sep 27 - Oct 05
	Jun 07 - 15	Aug 09 - 17	

A Storybook Adventure

FAMILY SERIES

10 Days | Departs Monday, returns Wednesday | Limited to 24 passengers | Minimum age 6 years



Colorful wooden dolls at Szentendre on the Danube Bend in Hungary



Explore Buda Castle Labyrinth, a maze of prehistoric caves partially illuminated by oil lamps • Enjoy a private river cruise on the Danube • Learn to make figures out of marzipan in Szentendre • View the impressive collection of weapons and armor at the Hofburg complex • Participate in a cooking lesson to learn how to make Bohemian specialties

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Budapest, Hungary

Fly overnight to Budapest, which was once three independent cities lying on the banks of the Danube. This is the starting point of your enchanting adventure, which takes you to a trio of cities teeming with old castles, hidden passages and old towns filled with mystery. Following an afternoon at leisure, meet the families sharing your journey during the welcome dinner. *InterContinental Budapest D*

DAY 3: Budapest

Budapest is well-suited for walking the quaint streets. In Pest, explore the Parliament building (the largest in Europe), St. Stephen's Basilica, Heroes' Square, Dohany Synagogue and the Opera House. This afternoon in Buda, on the other side of the river, visit Castle Hill's Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion. Then go underground to the Buda Castle Labyrinth, a maze of prehistoric caves that you explore by lamplight. After a dinner of Hungarian specialties at a local restaurant, view the beautiful city on a cruise along the Danube River. *InterContinental Budapest B L*

DAY 4: Budapest/Szentendre/Vienna, Austria

Travel back in time when you explore the artists' colony of Szentendre on the Danube Bend. Board a horse-drawn carriage to visit the Hungarian Open-Air Museum for a glimpse at what rural life was like in the 18th and 19th centuries. Later, test your sculpting (and tasting) skills when you learn to make marzipan figures. From there, continue to Vienna. *Le Méridien Vienna B L D*

DAY 5: Vienna/Schönbrunn/Vienna

From the music in the air to the delectable pastries in café windows, young explorers are drawn to Vienna, a beautiful city that showcases its days as capital of the Austrian Empire. Begin your morning with a walking tour, first visiting the Hofburg, the grand imperial palace of the Hapsburg family. As you view its glittering crown jewels and impressive collection of weapons and suits of armor, imagine the people who wore them in times past. Continue your stroll through the city center to the 12th-century Gothic St. Stephen's Cathedral, with its colorful tiled roof. From there, a horse and carriage whisks

you away to Vienna's oldest inn, dating from 1447, to enjoy a lunch of traditional cuisine. Afterward, explore the sprawling Schönbrunn Palace, the summer home of the Hapsburgs. It was here amid frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers and gilded ornaments that the five-year-old Mozart played to the court. Later, see the display of miniature carriages used by the children of the imperial family when you visit the Carriage Museum. One was pulled by sheep and was designed for the "King of Rome," Napoleon's only son.

Le Méridien Vienna B L D

DAY 6: Vienna

If you listen carefully, you might hear the echoes of harpsichords and orchestras in the city that was the home of Mozart, Beethoven and Strauss. It forever holds memories of opulent palaces and aristocratic guests dancing the waltz at glamorous balls.

☀️ **DESIGN YOUR DAY** options fill the morning hours; see below for details. After lunch, your afternoon is free to explore the exclusive boutiques and intimate coffee houses, perhaps stopping to savor a famous Viennese pastry. *Le Méridien Vienna B L*

DAY 7: Vienna/Prague, Czech Republic

Travel by train through the rolling countryside to Prague, the "Golden City," with a picnic lunch on board. Rich in mystery, legends and ghosts, Prague was a center of science and alchemy in the Middle Ages. Stroll through the cobbled streets of the Old Town Square, pausing to admire the three vertical disks of the 15th-century astronomical clock that adorns the façade of the Town Hall. Visit Wenceslas Square, once a horse market named after "Good King" Wenceslas. It was here that the crowds gathered to try to rebuff the Soviet invasion in the "Prague Spring" of 1968 and then celebrated freedom in 1989 at the end of the "Velvet Revolution." Walk across the 14th-century Charles Bridge and see if you can figure out where Duke Bruncvik buried his miraculous sword.

Hotel Palace Praha B L D

DAY 8: Prague

Explore Castle Hill with a private visit to the library halls of the 12th-century Strahov Monastery, a Baroque architectural jewel. Stop at St. Vitus Cathedral, begun in 1344 but not finished until 1929. Continue with a visit to the Museum of Miniatures and to a glassworks factory for a demonstration by skilled Bohemian craftsmen. *Hotel Palace Praha B D*

DAY 9: Prague

Buy local ingredients, and then learn how to prepare Bohemian cuisine during a cooking lesson. Divide into teams and prepare popular Czech dishes in a cooking challenge.

Hotel Palace Praha B

DAY 10: Prague/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport and board your homebound flight. *B*



DESIGN YOUR DAY — VIENNA: Visit the House of Music, where you have the opportunity to conduct a virtual Vienna Philharmonic orchestra or compose your own waltz. Alternatively, enjoy a visit to the Natural History Museum, which contains famous prehistoric works of art, rare fossils, a 250-pound topaz and a bouquet of flowers crafted from more than 2,000 gemstones.



Future Mozarts conducting a virtual orchestra at House of Music



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Mar, Jul - Aug	Jun
Double occupancy	\$ 7,280	\$ 7,590
Single supplement	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,525
Child (under 12 sharing with 1 adult)	\$ 6,995	\$ 7,400
Child (under 12 sharing with 2 adults)	\$ 5,490	\$ 5,610

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Mar 29 - Apr 07	Jun 21 - 30	Aug 02 - 11
	Jun 14 - 23	Jul 26 - Aug 04	Aug 23 - Sep 01



Britain & Ireland

The United States, Great Britain and Ireland share more than a common language. Over the decades and centuries, camaraderie has developed over shared history and, in recent years, shared popular culture.

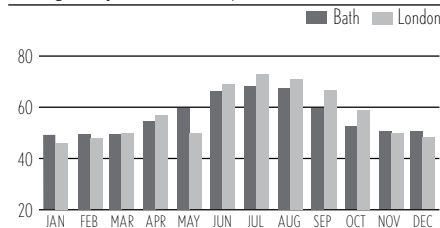
Visiting Great Britain is comfortable for most Americans. Lifestyles are similar, and understanding the language is one less concern. The difference is a history that stretches back more than a thousand years and a long-held cultural identity still evident in thatched-roof cottages in quaint villages and ancient castles resting on landscaped lawns.

Although Ireland's history is nearly as ancient and castles just as gracious, her landscapes are even greener — at nearly any time of the year. From the Wicklow Mountains to the Cliffs of Moher and the stunning Skellig Ring, Ireland is gorgeous to behold.



ENGLAND

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



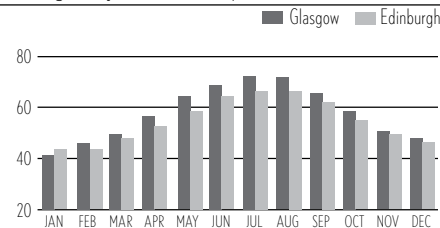
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 5 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

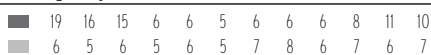
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

SCOTLAND

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



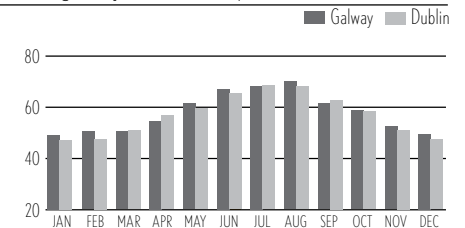
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VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

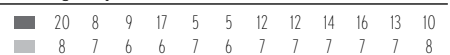
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

IRELAND

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 5 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.



Signature Britain

Explore independently on this ready-to-book itinerary



11 days | Departs Thursday, returns Sunday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Edinburgh, Scotland

Board an overnight flight to Edinburgh. On arrival, your A&K Guardian Angel meets you and escorts you to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. *The Balmoral*

DAY 3: Edinburgh

Join your local guide for a tour of Scotland's capital city, starting at Edinburgh Castle, the dramatic fortress that houses the crown jewels. Follow the Royal Mile past St. Giles Cathedral to Holyrood, the Queen's official residence in Scotland. This afternoon, visit the Royal Yacht 'Britannia.' *The Balmoral B*

DAY 4: Edinburgh/York, England/Bolton Abbey

Board a high-speed train to medieval York, where your guide is waiting. Visit the "Minster," the largest medieval church north of the Alps. Then drive to the beautiful Yorkshire Dales, a series of valleys immortalized by James Herriot. *The Devonshire Arms B*

DAY 5: Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District

Proceed along Wharfedale, one of the most scenic of the Yorkshire Dales. Cross into Wensleydale and stop at picturesque Hawes, the village that manufactures the local cheese. From there, head into the Lake District to see long lakes nestled between rugged hills. Drive along the shores of Lake Windermere and visit quaint Grasmere, where William Wordsworth lived. *The Devonshire Arms B*

DAY 6: Bolton Abbey/Peak District/Broadway

Your driver-guide takes you into the upland Peak District to visit Chatsworth House, the estate of the Duke of Devonshire. Continue through the Derwent Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, en route to your hotel in the Cotswolds. *The Lygon Arms B*

DAY 7: Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon

Explore sites along the banks of the River Avon, beginning with Warwick Castle and its stout towers. Continue to Stratford-upon-Avon, the town long associated with William Shakespeare and Tudor times. *The Lygon Arms B*

DAY 8: Broadway/The Cotswolds/Bath

Quaint villages and impressive churches dot the rural landscape of the Cotswolds. See the curved high street in Chipping Campden and browse for antiques in Stow-on-the-Wold en route to Bath. *The Royal Crescent B*

DAY 9: Bath/Salisbury/Stonehenge/Bath

Explore the graceful Georgian streets of Bath and the Roman Baths complex of ancient pools filled by thermal springs. Later, visit Salisbury's superb cathedral and iconic Stonehenge. *The Royal Crescent B*

DAY 10: Bath/Oxford/Windsor/London

Drive to Oxford, home of England's oldest university. This afternoon, visit Windsor, the world's largest inhabited castle and the Queen's favorite residence. *Claridge's/The Milestone Hotel B*

DAY 11: London/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your departure flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Consider extending your stay with a train journey on The Royal Scotsman or British Pullman (see pages 122-123 for details).



All Souls College, a part of Oxford University



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Gold	Silver
Double occupancy	\$ 12,725	\$ 11,825
Single supplement	\$ 2,855	\$ 2,155

Solo traveller price is available upon request.

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 08 - 18	Jul 01 - 11	Sep 16 - 26
	Apr 15 - 25	Jul 08 - 18	Sep 23 - Oct 03
	May 06 - 16	Jul 22 - Aug 01	Sep 30 - Oct 10
	May 13 - 23	Jul 29 - Aug 08	Oct 07 - 17
	Jun 03 - 13	Aug 05 - 15	Oct 14 - 24
	Jun 10 - 20	Aug 12 - 22	Oct 21 - 31
	Jun 17 - 27	Sep 02 - 12	
	Jun 24 - Jul 04	Sep 09 - 19	



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Ireland

Dublin • Cong • Kenmare • Shannon • Wicklow

Although Ireland is small physically, its scenery is monumental. Begin and end your journey in Dublin, travelling through the flat Midlands, the dramatic landscapes of Connemara and the rolling hills of Kerry. Visit majestic cliffs, ancient monasteries, castle ruins and beautiful gardens.

DAY 1: After arriving in Dublin, you are privately transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: An expert guide joins you for a panoramic tour of the Irish capital. Wander the elegant Georgian squares that are so symbolic of the city and stop at Trinity College, housing the eighth-century Book of Kells. Later, visit the Guinness Storehouse and learn to pour the perfect pint. If you prefer, visit the private Dillon Garden.

DAY 3: Drive across the flat Irish Midlands, stopping at Kilbeggan's Irish whiskey distillery. Continue to the ruins of Clonmacnoise, a Dark Ages monastery with round towers and Celtic crosses, en route to your hotel on the shores of Lough Corrib in Galway.

DAY 4: Explore the windswept landscapes of Connemara, where barren mountains surround small lakes and inlets of the ocean.

Follow the dramatic winding road to Kylemore Abbey. Head toward Clew Bay in County Mayo and the holy mountain of Croagh Patrick, stopping en route to visit the stately Westport House.

DAY 5: Go around Galway Bay through the vast limestone plateau of the Burren to the dramatic 600-foot tall Cliffs of Moher. Cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry to visit the Foynes Flying Boat Museum or the Blennerville Windmill en route to Kerry.

DAY 6: Drive along the shoreline of the Iveragh peninsula, the beautiful Ring of Kerry, stopping at the Skellig Center, a museum dedicated to the history of the extreme Irish west coast. Head toward Killarney and visit the stately Muckross House and gardens.

DAY 7: Travel toward Cork and tour the city before you visit the small, ruined tower that is Blarney Castle. Afterward, drive to Adare, a town in Limerick with thatched cottages.

DAY 8: Make your way through the inland countryside and farms of Tipperary to the ruins of the Rock of Cashel. Continue across the Curragh, the plain famed for its horse racecourse.

DAY 9: Drive through the Wicklow Mountains to Glendalough, where St. Kevin established a monastic community, and continue to the magnificent Powerscourt Gardens near Dublin.

DAY 10: Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Scotland

Edinburgh • Inverness • Fort William • Oban • Auchterarder

Journey through the Scottish Highlands, past famous *lochs* with mythical monsters. Visit fabled castles and palaces that have housed family clans for centuries. The scenery is breathtaking wherever you find yourself.

DAY 1: Arrive in Edinburgh for an afternoon at leisure. Walk to the nearby National Gallery of Scotland or shop in St. Andrew Square and George Street. This evening, attend a private Scotch tasting at the Scotch Malt Whisky Society and join a ghost tour of the Vaults.

DAY 2: Explore Edinburgh Castle to view the ancient Scottish Crown Jewels, continuing down the Royal Mile to St. Giles High Kirk. Stop for coffee at Elephant House, where J. K. Rowling began writing the first *Harry Potter* novel. See Holyrood Palace before travelling to Leith to visit the former Royal Yacht 'Britannia'.

DAY 3: Head into the Highlands to Glamis Castle, where a piper welcomes you for a private tour of the staterooms. Stop to visit the Edradour Scotch Whisky Distillery then continue to Inverness, passing the Culloden battlefield en route to your hotel.

DAY 4: Drive to Loch Ness, home of the fabled monster. Visit romantic Eilean Donan Castle in Loch Duich and drive over the

bridge to the Isle of Skye, a center of Gaelic heritage. Perhaps join Lady Claire MacDonald for a highland cooking demonstration. Then return by ferry to Mallaig and your castle hotel.

DAY 5: Explore the shops of Fort William and perhaps take the gondola up the slopes of Aonach Mor Mountain for excellent views of the region. Drive along the shores of Loch Linnhe to the Glencoe Valley en route to your hotel, located on a private island.

DAY 6: A ferry takes you to Craignure on the Isle of Mull and a scenic drive to Fionnphort where you board a small ferry to Iona, the cradle of Christianity in Scotland. Visit the Abbey Church and burial ground of the ancient Scottish kings. Then return to Oban.

DAY 7: Drive along the shores of Loch Awe and cross the hills to Loch Fyne. At Inverary, visit the fairy tale-style castle that is home to the Duke of Argyll. Continue to Crieff for a personal horticultural tour at Drummond Castle.

DAY 8: Travel to Helensburgh to privately tour Hill House, a masterpiece of Scottish Art Nouveau domestic architecture designed by Charles Rennie MacKintosh. Then cross to romantic Loch Lomond and board a seaplane for a bird's-eye view of the beautiful countryside of the Trossachs National Park.

DAY 9: Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight.



Hotel Portfolio:

A selection of recommended hotels



BROWN'S HOTEL
London, England

Located in the heart of Mayfair and just minutes away from the chic boutiques of Bond Street, Rocco Forte's Brown's Hotel is one of London's premier addresses. This legendary hotel blends traditional English style with a contemporary twist, offering a chic and sophisticated atmosphere. Boasting luxurious rooms and suites, outstanding dining facilities and a heavenly spa, a stay at Brown's is not to be forgotten.



CHEWTON GLEN
Hampshire, England

Chewton Glen is a privately owned luxury hotel and spa set on 130 acres of grounds on the edge of the New Forest National Park — just two hours from central London. It offers a unique combination of country grandeur, food and spa facilities. Play golf, tennis, croquet or shoot clay pigeons. Go mountain biking, walk along the nearby beach or shop or visit the picturesque villages, formal gardens and historic houses that are within easy reach.



THE MILESTONE HOTEL
London, England

The Milestone is a five-star townhouse hotel, offering uninterrupted views of Kensington Gardens and within walking distance of the Royal Albert Hall. Each of the deluxe guest rooms and suites has been individually designed and decorated. Cheneston's restaurant, the chic Conservatory or the split-level Stables Bar are all excellent choices to relax and enjoy fine wine and food. The hotel also boasts a resistance pool, fully equipped gym and spa. The Milestone was recently awarded the "Number 1 British Hotel" by *Condé Nast Traveler Gold List World's Best Hotels 2009*.



THE GLENEAGLES HOTEL
Perthshire, Scotland

Set on its own magnificent 850-acre estate, Gleneagles 5 Red Star resort is an hour's drive from both Glasgow and Edinburgh and focuses on style, elegance and comfort. It offers three championship golf courses and a host of outdoor activities including riding, fishing, off-road driving, falconry, shooting and archery. For further relaxation, visit the exquisite destination spa with all the latest therapeutic treatments. Gleneagles has an international reputation for excellent cuisine and fine dining. Each of the restaurants has its own style, including the Michelin-starred Andrew Fairlie. All of the restaurants use the finest fresh produce available locally in Perthshire and Scotland, as well as from specialist suppliers around the world, to prepare their culinary creations.



France, Spain & Portugal

The bond that unites France, Spain and Portugal is passion — for food, romance, country and lifestyle.

France has always been synonymous with *l'amour* and *le gastronome*. It is a culinary nirvana, with world-renowned wines, cheeses, chefs and restaurants. It is also a visual paradise, with the lavender fields, cliff-top villages, Mediterranean coastline, wineries, châteaux and half-timbered villages that inspired beautiful art.

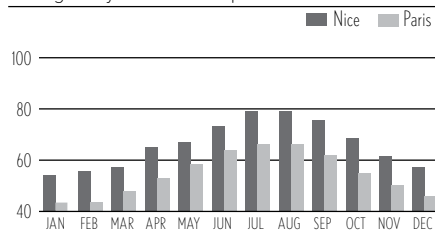
In Spain, it's all about living a colorful life, from the lively *flamenco* to bullfights to graceful equestrian choreography. Meals are celebrations that often last into the wee hours. Spain's art is also a celebration, from Gaudi's whimsical Barcelona to the contemplative masterworks in Madrid.

Portugal's strategic location has left amazing palaces, castles, monasteries and fishing villages that are memories of the many cultures that have passed through its doors.



FRANCE

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



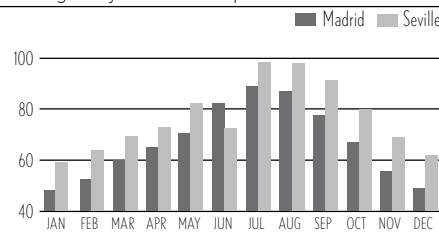
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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

SPAIN

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



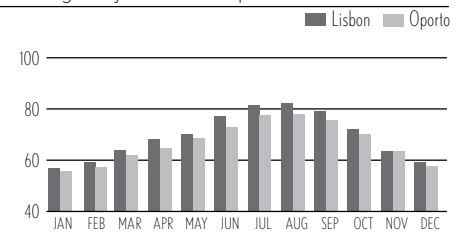
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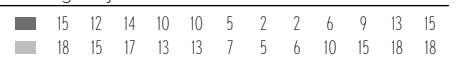
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

PORTUGAL

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 5 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.



Signature France

Explore independently on this ready-to-book itinerary



10 Days | Departs Thursday, returns Saturday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Paris, France

Board an overnight flight to Paris, where you are met by your Guardian Angel and privately transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. *Le Meurice/Hotel Daniel B*

DAYS 3-4: Paris/Versailles/Paris

Explore famous Parisian landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysées and the Ile de la Cité, where Notre Dame Cathedral and Sainte Chapelle are located. Then explore the amazing collections in the Louvre Museum, once a royal palace for King Francis I. Seek out its iconic treasures, including *Mona Lisa* and *Venus de Milo*, or wander the numerous galleries in search of your own favorite masterpiece. Outside, observe the large glass and steel pyramid, designed by American architect I. M. Pei as an elegant counterpoint to the palace's French Renaissance façade. The next morning, join a restaurant critic and food expert who directs you to some of the best food suppliers in Paris. Glimpse the life of a dedicated chocolatier or tour a cheese cellar beneath one of the city's true *fromageries*. This afternoon, travel to Versailles to admire the luxe palace of Louis XIV and visit its State Apartments and beautiful gardens. *Le Meurice/Hotel Daniel B*

DAYS 5-6: Paris/Dijon/Saulieu

Your Guardian Angel escorts you to the Paris railway station, where you begin your Concierge Rail journey. Arrive in Dijon and embark on a walking tour of the Old Town. Observe the half-timbered houses and visit the Palais des Ducs, housing the Fine Arts Museum. The next day, explore the Burgundy wine country and stop at Clos de Vougeot, known for its winemaking barn. Visit Beaune, the wine capital, with its famous 15th-century hospice. Its multi-colored tiled roof has become an icon of the Burgundy region. Then join a countess who makes her own wines for a private afternoon tea (visit is subject to her availability).

Le Relais Bernard Loiseau B

DAYS 7-9: Saulieu/Dijon/Avignon

Return to the Dijon railway station with your Guardian Angel for the next portion of your journey — to Avignon. Dominated by its Papal Palace, Avignon is a vibrant Provençal town on the banks of the Rhône River. Discover its glories with a walking tour that includes a visit to the great palace where the popes reigned supreme during their schism with Rome. The next day, join your driver-guide for a full day of exploration. Visit the Roman antiquities in St-Remy-de-Provence, followed by an olive oil tasting at a mill. Afterward, stop at the ruined medieval citadel of Les Baux-de-Provence and the astounding nearby Cathedral of Images carved out of the rock. The day finishes with a visit to the impressive Roman aqueduct of the Pont du Gard, built as part of a complex irrigation system. *La Mirande B*

DAY 10: Avignon/ Marseille/USA or Canada

Transfer to Marseille airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Extend your stay in Nice (see page 62 for details).



The intricate scrollwork of the Eiffel Tower



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Gold	Silver
Low season Apr 01 - 22 (Gold/Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 12,570	\$ 10,845
Single supplement	\$ 4,240	\$ 2,390
Mid season Jul 15 - Sep 02, Oct 21 - 28 (Gold); Jul 15 - Aug 19, Oct 21 - 28 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 12,785	\$ 10,995
Single supplement	\$ 4,445	\$ 2,595
High season Apr 29 - Jul 08, Sep 09 - Oct 14 (Gold); Apr 29 - Jul 08, Aug 26 - Oct 14 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 12,995	\$ 11,230
Single supplement	\$ 4,715	\$ 2,670

Solo traveller price is available upon request.

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 29 - May 08	Jun 24 - Jul 03	Sep 16 - 25
	May 06 - 15	Jul 29 - Aug 07	Sep 23 - Oct 02
	May 13 - 22	Aug 05 - 14	Sep 30 - Oct 09
	May 20 - 29	Aug 12 - 21	Oct 07 - 16
	May 27 - Jun 05	Aug 19 - 28	Oct 14 - 23
	Jun 03 - 12	Aug 26 - Sep 04	Oct 21 - 30
	Jun 10 - 19	Sep 02 - 11	Oct 28 - Nov 06
	Jun 17 - 26	Sep 09 - 18	



Signature Spain

Explore independently on this ready-to-book itinerary



10 Days | Departs Thursday, returns Saturday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Madrid, Spain

Depart on an overnight flight to Madrid. Transfer to your hotel for a day at leisure. *Hotel Ritz Madrid/InterContinental Madrid*

DAY 3: Madrid

See the highlights of Madrid, beginning at the Royal Palace, where rooms are filled with art treasures and antiques. This afternoon, explore the incomparable Prado Museum, housing works by Spain's three great masters: Goya, Velázquez and El Greco.

Hotel Ritz Madrid/InterContinental Madrid B

DAY 4: Madrid/Toledo/Madrid

Embark on a full day of exploration in Toledo, where winding streets weave past medieval buildings. See the great Cathedral and the Church of Santo Tomás, housing El Greco's famous *Burial of Count Orgaz*, and Santa María la Blanca, one of the oldest synagogues in Toledo.

Hotel Ritz Madrid/InterContinental Madrid B

DAY 5: Madrid/Córdoba/Granada

This morning, travel aboard the AVE high-speed train to Córdoba, one of Spain's oldest cities. Stroll through the streets to the Mezquita, a massive Moorish mosque that was built between the 8th and 10th centuries. Inside, look up at the soaring ceiling and colorful arches. Later, travel through spectacular countryside to Granada. *Hospes Palacio de los Patos B*

DAY 6: Granada

A full day of sightseeing in Granada includes the magical Alhambra, a 13th-century palace-citadel of royal residential quarters, court complexes, a bath and a mosque. Continue to the beautiful gardens of the Generalife Palace, once the summer palace of the Nasrid sultans of Granada. *Hospes Palacio de los Patos B*

DAY 7: Granada/Ronda/Seville

En route to Seville, stop in picturesque Ronda, perched astride the 300-foot gorge of El Tajo, and visit the oldest bullring in Spain.

Hotel Alfonso XIII/Hotel Inglaterra B

DAY 8: Seville/Jerez de la Frontera/Seville

Travel to Jerez de la Frontera to visit the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art and watch a performance of the well-choreographed "dancing stallions." Then continue to a *bodega* for a sherry tasting before returning to Seville.

Hotel Alfonso XIII/Hotel Inglaterra B

DAY 9: Seville

Sightseeing includes the 15th-century cathedral, one of the most breathtaking in all of Christendom, and the palace complex of the Alcázar, one of the best remaining examples of *mudéjar* architecture that reflects Islamic influences. This evening, enjoy an authentic *flamenco* performance.

Hotel Alfonso XIII/Hotel Inglaterra B

DAY 10: Seville/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Extend your stay in Barcelona or Portugal (see page 63 for details).



The gardens of the Alhambra in Granada



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Gold	Silver
Low season Jul 22 - Aug 19 (Gold); May 27 - Sep 02 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 10,990	\$ 9,290
Single supplement	\$ 2,535	\$ 1,210
Mid season Jul 01 - 15 (Gold); Apr 8 - 15, Apr 29 - May 13, Sep 09 - 30, Oct 14 - 28 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 11,200	\$ 9,485
Single supplement	\$ 3,010	\$ 1,330
High season Apr 01 - 08, Apr 22 - Jun 24, Aug 26 - Oct 28 (Gold); Apr 01, Apr 22, Oct 07 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 11,990	\$ 9,800
Single supplement	\$ 3,355	\$ 1,550

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 01 - 10	Jun 17 - 26	Aug 26 - Sep 04
	Apr 08 - 17	Jun 24 - Jul 03	Sep 02 - 11
	Apr 15 - 24	Jul 01 - 10	Sep 09 - 18
	Apr 22 - May 01	Jul 08 - 17	Sep 16 - 25
	Apr 29 - May 08	Jul 15 - 24	Sep 23 - Oct 02
	May 06 - 15	Jul 22 - 31	Sep 30 - Oct 09
	May 13 - 22	Jul 29 - Aug 07	Oct 07 - 16
	May 27 - Jun 05	Aug 05 - 14	Oct 14 - 23
	Jun 03 - 12	Aug 12 - 21	Oct 21 - 30
	Jun 10 - 19	Aug 19 - 28	Oct 28 - Nov 06

France, Spain & Portugal Extensions

Extend your experience with these add-on itineraries – or modify them to tailor make your own itinerary.



PARIS

The “City of Light” is waiting to be discovered.

DAY 1: Paris

On arrival in Paris, the balance of the day is at leisure.

Four Seasons Hotel George V/Hotel Balzac

DAY 2: Paris/Versailles/Paris

Join your guide to explore Versailles’ Hall of Mirrors and the State Apartments of “Sun King” Louis XIV’s grandiose palace; then return to Paris where the rest of the day is at leisure.

Four Seasons Hotel George V/Hotel Balzac B

DAY 3: Paris

Head to the Louvre to view its outstanding collection of art. Formerly a royal residence, the Louvre now hosts some of the world’s most famous and distinguished art treasures, among them the *Venus de Milo*, Ghirlandaio’s *The Visitation* and Leonardo da Vinci’s *Mona Lisa*. Be sure to inspect the iconic main entrance, which is now covered by a large glass, steel rod and cable pyramid designed by the American architect I. M. Pei. Lunch and the rest of the day are at leisure.

Four Seasons Hotel George V/Hotel Balzac B

DAY 4: Paris

After breakfast, transfer to the rail station to continue your journey. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 2,940



NICE

Visit cliffside villages and glittering resort towns on the Côte d’Azur.

DAY 1: Avignon/Nice

Leave Avignon this morning aboard the TGV rail service to Nice, where you are met and transferred by private vehicle to your hotel. The remainder of today is at leisure.

Le Méridien Nice

DAY 2: Nice

Meet your local guide and set out to explore Nice’s beautiful Old Town, colorful open-air market and the Matisse Museum to gain a fascinating insight into the life and work of the artist. The remainder of the day is at leisure. *Le Méridien Nice B*

DAY 3: Nice/Monaco/Eze/Beaulieu/Nice

Travel along the breathtaking Corniche Road with your guide to Beaulieu-sur-Mer to visit Villa Kerylos, a Belle Époque mansion built in classical Greek style. Continue to Eze, perched dramatically on a cliff top, for splendid coastal views. In Monte Carlo, explore the extravagant Palais Princier, the residence of the Royal family, and the Oceanography Museum with its famous aquarium. *Le Méridien Nice B*

DAY 4: Nice

Transfer to the airport to depart on your homebound or onward flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 3,555



BARCELONA

Art, architecture and fabulous cuisine await in Barcelona.

DAY 1: Barcelona

On arrival in Barcelona, you are met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure.

Hotel Arts Barcelona/Casa Fuster

DAY 2: Barcelona

Start the day with a tantalizing visit to the unforgettable Boquería market, the most amazing display of food in all of Europe. Then see the city's cathedral and explore the narrow medieval streets of the Gothic Quarter. Later, visit the Picasso Museum, with the remainder of the day at leisure.

Hotel Arts Barcelona/Casa Fuster B

DAY 3: Barcelona

Explore 19th-century Barcelona with its art nouveau architecture. Marvel at the architect Gaudí's two most famous works: the unfinished La Sagrada Família Basilica and the Parc Güell. With its amazing combination of gardens, architecture and mosaics, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Hotel Arts Barcelona/Casa Fuster B

DAY 4: Barcelona

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 2,860



PORTUGAL

Discover Portugal, a cultural crossroads for centuries.

DAYS 1-2: Lisbon

Arrive in Lisbon and transfer to your hotel. Visit St. George's Castle, the Moorish Alfama quarter, the 18th-century Baixa quarter and Commerce Square. Then see the Jeronimos Monastery, Belém Tower, Coach Museum and the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum.

Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon/Bairro Alto B

DAY 3: Lisbon/Cascais/Sintra/Lisbon

Travel to Cascais and Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later, return to Lisbon via the resort town of Estoril.

Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon/Bairro Alto B

DAY 4: Lisbon/Obidos/Alcobaça/Batalha/Oporto

Stop at Obidos, a delightful ancient citadel. Continue to Alcobaça to visit the 11th-century Romanesque Cistercian monastery. *Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa B*

DAY 5: Oporto

Sightseeing includes the Cleric's Tower, the Romanesque cathedral, the Stock Exchange, the gilded church of San Francisco and the riverside district. Then sample port at a wine lodge. *Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa B*

DAY 6: Oporto

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 4,275



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made France

Southwestern France

Bordeaux • Dordogne • Carcassonne

Reminders of medieval days live on in southwestern France, with half-timbered houses, impregnable fortresses and ramparts that encircle the villages.

DAY 1: Arrive in Bordeaux and transfer to the luxurious Château Grand Barrail in the wine-growing region of St. Emilion for three days of exploration in Bordeaux and the Médoc.

DAY 2: Stroll through medieval streets lined with wine shops; visit the Eglise Monolithe, one of France's largest underground churches; and see the 13th-century ramparts that encircle the village. Visit local vineyards such as Château Pétrus and Cheval Blanc.

DAY 3: In the Médoc region, stop at several of the most prestigious wine châteaux in the world.

DAY 4: Travel via Bergerac, a lively town with ancient half-timbered houses, to the village of Trémolat to spend three nights in the gorgeous Dordogne region.

DAY 5: Spend the day exploring the scenic Vézère Valley. Visit the Lascaux II exhibition center, which has recreated the prehistoric wall paintings from the famous Grottes de Lascaux. These paintings are thought to be at least 20,000 years old. Visit La Roque

Saint Christophe, a troglodyte fort and dwelling, and the small town of Les Eyzies, holding reminders of prehistoric man's existence.

DAY 6: Continue through the Dordogne region to Château des Milandes in the historic village of La Roque-Gageac and wander through the small town of Sarlat le Canéda.

DAY 7: Pass the weathered red-brick buildings of Toulouse, known as "La Ville Rose," en route to Europe's largest fortified citadel.

As you approach the city of Carcassonne, the imposing silhouette of the nearly impregnable fortification comes to view with its double row of protective walls, accentuated by 56 watchtowers.

It was designed to allow the inhabitants to survive long sieges while fooling the enemy, and one of its famous towers could store and preserve 1,000 salted pigs and 100 beef cattle to feed the soldiers during attacks. Stay at the luxurious Hôtel de la Cité, set in its own glorious gardens.

DAY 8: On a walking tour of the fortified upper town, visit the Basilique St-Nazaire, with its lovely stained glass, and the 12th-century Château Comtal, the last inner bastion of the city.

DAY 9: Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made France

Paris & Normandy

Paris • Loire Valley • Normandy Landing Beaches

On this independent journey, begin in the “City of Light” and then head to the Loire Valley. View gardens made famous by Claude Monet in Giverny and remember World War II on the landing beaches of Normandy.

DAY 1: Your Guardian Angel transfers with you to your hotel.

DAY 2: Begin your exploration with the highlights of the “City of Light,” including the Champs-Élysées, the Eiffel Tower, the Place de la Concorde and the Place Vendôme. Continue to Versailles, Louis XIV’s opulent palace on the outskirts of the city.

DAY 3: At the incredible Louvre, admire the outstanding collection of art, dating from antiquity to the 19th century. Some of the treasured works are the *Venus de Milo*, Ghirlandaio’s *The Visitation* and Leonardo da Vinci’s celebrated *Mona Lisa*. The remainder of your day is at leisure for exploration or shopping.

DAY 4: Board a high-speed TGV train to Tours and visit the Renaissance castles of Blois, Royal Amboise and Chenonceau, a Renaissance château with beautiful arches that form the Pont de Diane over the River Cher.

DAY 5: Depart Paris for Normandy, stopping en route to visit Monet’s house in Giverny. In 1883, the artist was riding on a train and looked out of the window to see the town of Giverny for the first time. He was so impressed that he rented a house, and its beautiful gardens inspired his *Water Lilies* series of paintings. Continue to Port-en-Bessin and your château hotel.

DAY 6: Some of the fiercest fighting took place around Normandy’s coast after the World War II D-Day landings. Visit Arranches, where parts of the floating harbor are still visible. The Landings Museum and its 360-degree circular cinema tell the story of Operation Overlord. Continue to Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery and Memorial, a moving tribute to the fallen.

DAY 7: Drive to Bayeux to see the lovely 11th-century cathedral and the world-famous Tapestry. Woven in 1066, it is a glorious piece of medieval propaganda that recalls William the Conqueror’s conquest of England. Continue to Rouen to visit the Cathedral of Notre Dame, featured in a series of paintings by Claude Monet and the location where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. Return to Paris for your final night in France.

DAY 8: Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Spain

Madrid • Valencia • Barcelona

On this independent journey, sample some of the best of Spain, including vibrant Madrid; the impressive walled city of Avila; Valencia, the supposed home of the Holy Grail; the World Heritage Site of Tarragona; and fascinating Barcelona.

DAY 1: Arrive in Madrid, where your Guardian Angel meets you for the transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: Discover exciting Madrid when you visit the Royal Palace and the Prado Museum, housing impressive works by Spain's three great masters: Goya, Velázquez and El Greco. This evening, watch an authentic *flamenco* performance.

DAY 3: Explore some of the memorable cities and monuments of Castile: El Escorial, the vast Royal Monastery; Avila, the most impressive walled city in all Europe; and Segovia, home of the fairy tale Alcázar castle.

DAY 4: Board the fast Alaris train to Valencia. Visit the Cathedral, home of a vessel that is deemed to be the Holy Grail, and the imposing 13th-century Llotja guild hall that was the center of medieval Valencia's trading activities.

DAY 5: Explore the National Ceramics Museum to view exhibits of Valencia's fine pottery. Along the former riverbed, see the contemporary City of Science and the Planetarium. You may also wish to visit the Lladro Porcelain Factory.

DAY 6: Drive the Mediterranean coastal highway to the Priorat, a long-forgotten wine region "rediscovered" 15 years ago by wine gurus in Spain and the USA. Privately visit one of the most prestigious wineries for a gastronomic lunch. Continue to Tarragona, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the most important city in Roman Spain, en route to Barcelona.

DAY 7: Wander the streets and alleys of Barcelona's unspoiled Gothic Quarter, stopping at the Cathedral, the Boqueria market and the church of Santa Maria del Mar. Later, see some works by Antoni Gaudí, including Parc Güell and La Sagrada Familia.

DAY 8: Travel to the Empordá, stopping in Girona to see the extraordinary 12th-century Map of the Creation and the Jewish Bonastruc Ça Porta Museum. Then head to Figueres, renowned for the Dalí's Theater Museum that houses his *Rainy Cadillac*. Afterward, visit the delightful fishing village of Cadaqués.

DAY 9: Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Portugal

Guimarães • Douro Region • Coimbra • Estremoz • Lisbon

With its coastal location, Portugal was a global power, and its riches are apparent in the architectural remnants of its esteemed past. Wander imposing castles, tranquil monasteries and quaint fishing villages to get a true feel for this culturally diverse nation.

DAY 1: You are met in Oporto and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2: In the Minho province, see Guimarães, known as the “cradle” of Portugal, and pass the vestiges of an extensive sixth-century Celtic settlement. Visit Bom Jesus Sanctuary, best known for its monumental staircase, in Braga and continue to Ponte de Lima to see the Roman and medieval bridges.

DAY 3: Visit Oporto’s 19th-century Stock Exchange Palace. Cruise under the six city bridges, including one designed by Gustave Eiffel. Stop at a famous wine lodge before continuing to your *pousada*.

DAY 4: Visit one of the many wine estates in the Douro Region before heading toward Bussaco, the nearby spa town of Luso and the gastronomic Mealhada region.

DAY 5: Explore Coimbra’s old university with its fine rococo library, chapel, ceremonial hall and academic jail. Visit the

Romanesque Old Cathedral, built in the 12th century. Drive to Conimbriga, an important Roman archaeological site.

DAY 6: Drive to Tomar, the 12th-century seat of the order of the Templars, to visit the ancient Castle-Convent of Christ and the Abraão Zacuto Hebraic Museum. Then examine the 16th-century Pegões aqueduct before you reach your hotel in Estremoz.

DAY 7: Stop at a marble quarry en route to Évora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the first-century Roman ruins and the 16th-century Jesuit University before arriving in Lisbon.

DAY 8: During your stay in Lisbon, visit the Belém area, the departure point for many of the early journeys to the “new world.” Also, explore the Jeronimos Monastery and the Coach Museum. Then view the rich private art collection of Calouste Gulbenkian.

DAY 9: Travel to Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to visit the Pena Palace. Continue to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point in Europe, before travelling to the fishing village of Cascais and the resort town of Estoril en route to Lisbon.

DAY 10: Explore the Cistercian monastery of Alcobaca and Nazaré, a fishing village where the women still wear their traditional tartan dress. Continue to the walled town of Óbidos.

DAY 11: Transfer to the airport to board your departure flight.



Hotel Portfolio: France & Monaco

A selection of recommended hotels



TRIANON PALACE VERSAILLES
WALDORF ASTORIA COLLECTION
Versailles, France

Next to the famed Château de Versailles and just 20 minutes from the heart of Paris, the Trianon Palace Versailles, entirely renovated at the beginning of 2008, combines the excellence of a legendary luxury hotel with the comfort of newly enhanced contemporary décor. Chef Gordon Ramsay orchestrates the two-star Michelin restaurant and brasserie. The Spa by Guerlain is a luxurious environment dedicated to well being and relaxation, offering personalized treatments.



DOMAINE DE LA COQUILLADE
Gargas (Luberon), France

Located in Provence, La Coquillade is surrounded by its own vineyard, offering a breathtaking panoramic view of the Luberon and Mont Ventoux. Discover beautifully appointed rooms and suites housed in six cottages. Dine *al fresco* in the gourmet restaurant or in the traditional bistro and garden in the vineyard. At La Coquillade, find luxury, style and a warm-hearted welcome amid the idyllic scenery of Provence. Additional features include a swimming pool, wine-tasting cellar, piano bar and Cave Havana cigar bar.



LE MEURICE
Paris, France

Located opposite the Tuileries Gardens, between Place de la Concorde and the Musée du Louvre, Le Meurice has held sway as a French luxury hotel since 1835. It blends the refined splendors of 18th-century architecture with the latest in contemporary comfort and elegance, along with gourmet creations by renowned chef Yannick Alléno.



RELAIS CHRISTINE
Paris, France

The Relais Christine, built on the foundations of a 13th-century abbey, is a peaceful haven on the Left Bank. Relax in a cozy world adorned with fine antiques. The 51 guest rooms and suites, all individually decorated, are stylish and comfortable; some feature a private terrace. Unwind in the restful garden or in the hotel's spa.



HOSPES LANCASTER
Paris, France

This 19th-century private mansion is located in the heart of Paris, just off the Champs-Élysées and Arc du Triomphe. The hotel offers 46 rooms and 11 suites situated around a zen-like courtyard garden retreat. The interior holds a vast collection of artwork and French antiques, as well as chef Michel Troisgros' Michelin-starred restaurant.



CHÂTEAU SAINT-MARTIN & SPA
Vence, France

This Relais & Chateaux property, located between Nice and Cannes, is set on 34 acres of private park with panoramic views over the French Riviera. It offers 51 junior suites, including six private villas and three restaurants — one Michelin-starred. It also features a La Prairie spa, swimming pool, two tennis courts and a *petanque* ground.



HOTEL ROYAL RIVIERA
Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, France

With plunging views of Provençal gardens and the Mediterranean, this 94-room, five-star Leading Hotel of the World provides the intimacy of a private villa with the luxury and glamour of a palace. L'Orangerie villa's 16 rooms and suites offer a large terrace or balcony. Two restaurants feature excellent cuisine and poolside *al fresco* dining.



HOTEL METROPOLE
Monte Carlo, Monaco

An exclusive urban destination spa in the heart of vibrantly chic Monte Carlo and just a few steps from the Casino Square, the hotel is home to two Joël Robuchon Monte Carlo restaurants. The 141 luxurious rooms and suites have timeless furnishings and contemporary amenities, resulting in a symbol of palatial luxury.



Hotel Portfolio: Spain & Portugal

A selection of recommended hotels



LAPA PALACE
Lisbon, Portugal

Built in 1870 as a private residence, the Lapa Palace is a quiet oasis of tropical gardens and luxury, offering the ultimate in modern service. Set on a hill overlooking the Tagus River, its 109 rooms and suites are surrounded by stately embassies, gardens and fountains. Located in the heart of Lisbon, it is minutes from the historic area and shopping district. An outdoor swimming pool and the Lapa Palace Spa with its indoor pool, gym, sauna, steam bath, massages and exclusive beauty treatments from La Prairie, offer a unique city resort atmosphere.



HOTEL RITZ MADRID
Madrid, Spain

The Hotel Ritz opened its doors in 1910 in the presence of His Majesty King Alfonso XIII. Designed and built under the personal supervision of the legendary hotelier César Ritz, today it is part of the Orient-Express Hotels collection, with an exclusive address across the road from the famous Prado and Thyssen Bornemisza museums. Each of the 167 bedrooms and suites has been individually designed. The highly acclaimed Goya restaurant offers a wide selection of international cuisine as well as Spanish specialties.



HOSPES MADRID
Madrid, Spain

Designed in 1883, the Hospes Madrid is located in the historical center of the city, easily accessible to the sights. A former private residence, the hotel has been beautifully renovated in contemporary style. The 41 rooms and suites are both comfortable and modern, featuring plasma TVs and exclusive Hospes toiletries. Sample the combination of local and international dishes at the Senzone Restaurant and rejuvenate in the Bodyna Spa that offers various massage and beauty treatments.



HOSPES PALACIO DEL BAILÍO
Córdoba, Spain

Located in the heart of the historic center of Córdoba, Hospes Palacio del Bailío was built between the 16th and 18th centuries and has been declared a property of cultural heritage interest. There are 53 spacious guest rooms, several patios and the remains of an ancient Roman house. Guests can sample tantalizing regional cuisine in the Senzone Restaurant and Tapas Bar and pamper themselves in the Bodyna Spa.



HOSPES PALACIO DE LOS PATOS
Granada, Spain

Hospes Palacio de los Patos is a diverse combination of two buildings: the Palacio de los Patos, a sympathetic conversion of a 19th-century palace, and a striking new building that is a mixture of depths and transparencies behind a majestic lattice of alabaster. Its 42 rooms are spaces of light and purity, where each element contributes to the sleep experience. The Senzone Gastronomic Restaurant invites its guests to discover Granada through its local flavors, and the Bodyna Spa offers a range of natural treatments.



HOSPES LAS CASAS DEL REY DE BAEZA
Seville, Spain

This boutique hotel in the heart of the city embodies the history, style and culture of Seville. With a peaceful internal courtyard and shady corridors, the three-story hotel combines 18th-century Andalusian architecture with contemporary decor. The rooftop Bodyna Spa offers an area for massages and spa treatments, an open-air swimming pool and a terrace solarium to enjoy the sun while sampling *tapas* from the Senzone Pool Bar. The Senzone Restaurant offers delicious light dishes based on a pure interpretation of the local Andalusian cuisine.



TERRACE

Italy, Greece & Turkey

Think of all the powerful conquerors who have occupied Italy, Greece and Turkey — the Romans, Alexander the Great, the Ottomans — and it is no wonder that their reminders are scattered throughout these nations.

Hidden among Italy's vineyard-clad hills are centuries-old Etruscan villages. Discover Roman aqueducts and ruins that extend well beyond Rome and art treasures that live on in frescoed churches, Renaissance museums and elaborate fountains.

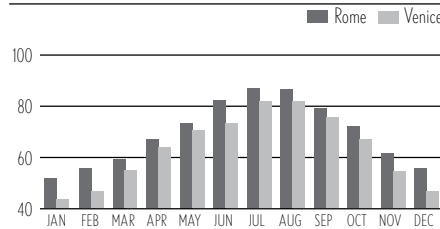
The whitewashed villages, fertile valleys and rugged coastline of Greece hold myths and legends within their history. Temples honoring ancient civilizations and gods are everywhere.

Turkey's cultural *mélange* has yielded Greco-Roman ruins, Byzantine art and Ottoman architecture — as well as Babylonian tiles, Hittite cuneiform tablets and Trojan gold. Reminiscent of both East and West, Turkey embodies a character all its own.



ITALY

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



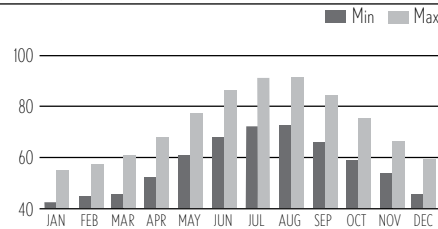
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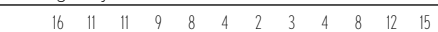
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GREECE

Average daily temperature in F° – Athens



Average days with rainfall



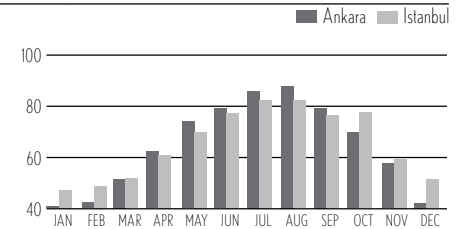
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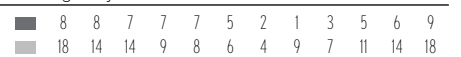
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TURKEY

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 7 hours

VISAS: Visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.



Signature Italy

Explore independently on this ready-to-book itinerary



11 Days | Departs Saturday, returns Tuesday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Venice, Italy

Board an overnight flight to Venice. On arrival, transfer to your hotel. *Bauer Il Palazzo/Londra Palace*

DAY 3: Venice

Stroll through the Doge's Palace, Piazza San Marco and St. Mark's Basilica. The afternoon is at leisure before this evening's romantic gondola ride. *Bauer Il Palazzo/Londra Palace B*

DAY 4: Venice

Travel by private boat this morning across the lagoon to Murano, famous for its glass works, and Burano, known for its lace shops. Your afternoon is at leisure to visit the Church of Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari. *Bauer Il Palazzo/Londra Palace B*

DAY 5: Venice/Florence

A&K's Concierge Rail Service offers assistance at the station when you travel by train to the historic Renaissance city of Florence. *Hotel Savoy/Gallery Hotel Art B*

DAY 6: Florence

Discover the wonders of Florence, including the Duomo, the Galleria dell'Accademia that houses Michelangelo's *David* and the Church of Santa Croce. The afternoon is at leisure to explore on your own. *Hotel Savoy/Gallery Hotel Art B*

DAY 7: Florence

Visit the Uffizi Gallery, home to timeless works by da Vinci, Michelangelo, Titian, Raphael and other masters of the Renaissance. View the remarkable exterior of the Palazzo Vecchio before walking through the Piazza Signoria with its *loggia* of statues. The balance of the day is at leisure. *Hotel Savoy/Gallery Hotel Art B*

DAY 8: Florence/San Gimignano/Siena/Rome

Take in a panoramic view of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo; then drive through the glorious Tuscan countryside to San Gimignano, known for its ancient walls and towers. Continue to Siena to wander the Piazza del Campo, stopping to visit the Duomo before heading to Rome. *Hotel de Russie/Rose Garden Palace B*

DAY 9: Rome

Sample some of Rome's lengthy history when you visit the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus, Arch of Constantine and the Church of San Pietro in Vincoli. Drive along the famous Via Veneto, past the Aurelian Walls, Piazza Barberini and the Trevi Fountain. *Hotel de Russie/Rose Garden Palace B*

DAY 10: Rome

A visit to the Vatican includes the Sistine Chapel, painted by Michelangelo from 1508 to 1512 and considered to be one of the most renowned artworks of the High Renaissance period. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where Peter the Apostle, thought to be the first pope, was crucified and buried. The balance of the day is at leisure. *Hotel de Russie/Rose Garden Palace B*

DAY 11: Rome/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Travel from London or Paris to Venice aboard the luxurious Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train to begin your journey (see page 87).



The iconic Duomo of Florence



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Gold	Silver
Low season Jul 31 - Aug 21 (Gold/Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 11,775	\$ 9,415
Single supplement	\$ 4,680	\$ 1,805
Mid season Apr 03 - 17, Jul 03 - 24 (Gold); Apr 03 - 24, Jul 03 - 24, Aug 28, Oct 30 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 12,310	\$ 9,695
Single supplement	\$ 5,210	\$ 2,025
High season Apr 24 - Jun 26, Aug 28 - Oct 16 (Gold); May 01 - Jun 26, Sep 04 - Oct 23 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 13,990	\$ 10,225
Single supplement	\$ 6,850	\$ 2,635

Solo traveller price is available upon request.

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 03 - 13	Jun 26 - Jul 06	Sep 11 - 21
	Apr 10 - 20	Jul 03 - 13	Sep 18 - 28
	Apr 17 - 27	Jul 10 - 20	Sep 25 - Oct 05
	Apr 24 - May 04	Jul 17 - 27	Oct 02 - 12
	May 01 - 11	Jul 24 - Aug 03	Oct 09 - 19
	May 08 - 18	Jul 31 - Aug 10	Oct 16 - 26
	May 15 - 25	Aug 07 - 17	Oct 23 - Nov 02
	May 22 - Jun 01	Aug 14 - 24	Oct 30 - Nov 09
	May 29 - Jun 08	Aug 21 - 31	
	Jun 05 - 15	Aug 28 - Sep 07	
	Jun 19 - 29	Sep 04 - 14	



Signature Greece

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9 Days | Departs Sunday, returns Monday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Athens, Greece

Depart on an overnight flight to Athens and on arrival transfer to your hotel. *Hotel Grande Bretagne/Hilton Athens*

DAY 3: Athens

Visit the principal monuments and sites of the city, including Athens Stadium, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch and the Theater of Dionyssos. See the Ancient Agora, the hub of the city from the sixth century BC. Then walk through the picturesque Plaka before arriving at the Acropolis, the complex of monuments that most symbolizes Athens. Admire the Parthenon, one of the most important ancient monuments in the Western world.

Hotel Grande Bretagne/Hilton Athens B

DAY 4: Athens/Cape Sounion/Athens

Spend time exploring the renowned National Archaeological Museum, with its formidable collection of sculpture, pottery and jewelry from one of the world's preeminent ancient civilizations. After lunch, journey along the coast to Cape Sounion and the ruined Temple of Poseidon.

Hotel Grande Bretagne/Hilton Athens B

DAY 5: Athens/Delphi/Athens

Delphi was home to Apollo, and its position between the Phaedriades cliffs and Mount Ayios makes it one of the most enchanting sites in Greece. Here you observe the major ruins that include Athena's Sanctuary, the Pentelic marble Round Building and Apollo's Temple. Return to Athens via Ossios Loukas to admire the architecture and mosaics of the monastery, which is still inhabited to this day. *Hotel Grande Bretagne/Hilton Athens B*

DAY 6: Athens/Crete

Fly to Crete and embark on a tour of Heraklion. Visit the Archaeological Museum and the Palace of Knossos that belonged to King Minos and was the center of the Minoan civilization.

Elounda Beach Hotel/Elounda Bay Palace B

DAY 7: Crete

Explore the eastern part of the island: the village of Kritsa, renowned for its traditional weaving, and the famous church of Panagia Kera with its beautiful frescoes. Take a scenic drive up to Lassithi, the island's largest upland plain, famous for its locally manufactured wind pumps. You may wish to climb up to the cave that ancient Greeks believed was the birthplace of Zeus.

Elounda Beach Hotel/Elounda Bay Palace B

DAY 8: Crete

The day is at leisure to enjoy the facilities at your hotel.

Elounda Beach Hotel/Elounda Bay Palace B

DAY 9: Crete/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Fly to the beautiful island of Santorini to extend your stay for three nights (see page 81 for details).



The guards at Syntagma Square



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Gold	Silver
Low season Apr 04 - May 30, Sep 12 - Oct 17 (Gold/Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 10,525	\$ 8,695
Single supplement	\$ 2,750	\$ 1,695
Mid season Jun 06 - 27, Aug 22 - Sep 05 (Gold); Jun 06 - 13, Aug 22 - Sep 05 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 11,335	\$ 8,960
Single supplement	\$ 3,185	\$ 1,845
High season Jul 04 - Aug 15 (Gold); Jun 20 - Aug 15 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 12,495	\$ 9,410
Single supplement	\$ 3,830	\$ 2,040

Solo traveller price is available upon request.

Internal airfare Athens/Heraklion
Economy class from \$ 370

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 04 - 12	Jun 13 - 21	Aug 22 - 30
	Apr 11 - 19	Jun 20 - 28	Aug 29 - Sep 06
	Apr 18 - 26	Jun 27 - Jul 05	Sep 05 - 13
	Apr 25 - May 03	Jul 04 - 12	Sep 12 - 20
	May 02 - 10	Jul 11 - 19	Sep 19 - 27
	May 09 - 17	Jul 18 - 26	Sep 26 - Oct 04
	May 16 - 24	Jul 25 - Aug 02	Oct 03 - 11
	May 23 - 31	Aug 01 - 09	Oct 10 - 18
	May 30 - Jun 07	Aug 08 - 16	Oct 17 - 25
	Jun 06 - 14	Aug 15 - 23	



Signature Turkey

Explore independently on this ready-to-book itinerary



11 Days | Departs Thursday, returns Sunday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Istanbul, Turkey

Depart on an overnight flight to Istanbul, where you are met and privately transferred to your hotel in the Old Town.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet

DAY 3: Istanbul

Explore the masterpieces of Byzantine and Ottoman architecture: the sixth-century Basilica Cistern and the timeless Hagia Sophia, one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture. Visit Topkapi Palace, a resplendent complex that is the former seat of the Ottoman government. Explore the Pera District, the present-day heart of Istanbul, and go atop the ancient Galata Tower for 360-degree views of this beautiful city.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet B

DAY 4: Istanbul/Cappadocia

Your guide travels with you throughout the program. Fly to Cappadocia to see the rock-carved churches at Göreme. The unique landscape of this area was created by volcanic, geological and erosive activity. Here, amid the soft type of rock called tuff, one of the most ancient and influential monastic movements took root in the fourth century. Retire to your boutique hotel, renovated from authentic Cappadocian housing. *Anatolian Houses B*

DAY 5: Cappadocia

This morning you may choose to take an optional hot air balloon excursion over Cappadocia. Then explore the underground village of Kaymakli. After lunch, visit the potters of Avanos, who have practiced their craft for more than 4,000 years.

Anatolian Houses B L

DAY 6: Cappadocia/Izmir/Ephesus/Kuşadası

Fly to Izmir and view the remains of the great Ionian city of Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. *KoruMar Hotel De Luxe B*

DAY 7: Kuşadası/Bodrum

Explore the ruins of Priene, the massive Temple of Apollo at Didyma and the temple at Euromos en route to Bodrum.

The Marmara Bodrum B

DAY 8: Bodrum

Discover Bodrum's fascinating Museum of Underwater Archaeology, housed in a former castle and containing many artifacts salvaged from the surrounding waters.

The Marmara Bodrum B

DAY 9: Bodrum/Istanbul

Fly to Istanbul and view the City Walls; then visit Dolmabaçe Palace, the largest and finest example of Ottoman Baroque architecture in the city. Continue with a private afternoon cruise on the Bosphorus. *Park Hyatt Istanbul – Maçka Palas B*

DAY 10: Istanbul

Explore the Suleymaniye Mosque, a symbol of the Golden Age created by the great architect Sinan. Visit the 3,500-stall Grand Covered Bazaar. *Park Hyatt Istanbul – Maçka Palas B*

DAY 11: Istanbul/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*



The harbor at Bodrum



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Gold
Double occupancy	\$ 9,140
Single supplement	\$ 3,400

Solo traveller price is available upon request.

Internal airfare	Istanbul/Nevşehir; Kayseri/Izmir; Bodrum/Istanbul	
	Economy class	from \$ 760

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Mar 25 - Apr 04	May 13 - 23	Jul 15 - 25
	Apr 15 - 25	May 20 - 30	Sep 16 - 26
	Apr 22 - May 02	Jun 10 - 20	Sep 23 - Oct 03
	May 06 - 16	Jul 01 - 11	Oct 14 - 24

Italy, Greece & Turkey Extensions

Extend your experience with these add-on itineraries – or modify them to tailor make your own itinerary.



AMALFI COAST

Enjoy this picture-perfect part of Italy.

DAY 1: Rome/Naples/Amalfi

Transfer to Pompeii, where the remains of a once-thriving town buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 offer an intimate view of everyday life in the Roman Empire. After your visit, continue to your hotel located just outside the town of Amalfi. *Hotel Santa Caterina*

DAY 2: The Amalfi Coast

Visit the magnificent cathedral in Amalfi. The picture-perfect Amalfi Coast is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Travel along the stunning coastline by boat (weather permitting). Continue to Ravello for a stop at Villa Rufolo, the inspiration for the stage design of Richard Wagner's opera *Parsifal*. There is time at leisure to shop in Positano. Take a break "off the beaten path" in Atrani, with its whitewashed houses and narrow pedestrian streets. *Hotel Santa Caterina B*

DAY 3: Amalfi

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore this coastal town, relax by the pool or perhaps take an excursion to the beautiful island of Capri. *Hotel Santa Caterina B*

DAY 4: Amalfi/Naples

Transfer to Naples Airport. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 2,955



SICILY

Explore beautiful Taormina and its surroundings.

DAY 1: Catania/Taormina

Arrive at Catania Airport, where you are met by your Guardian Angel. Later, explore Taormina with your driver-guide, stopping in the medieval village of Castelmola, a perfect spot for spectacular views over Taormina, the coast and Mount Etna while enjoying a glass of locally produced almond wine. *San Domenico Palace*

DAY 2: Taormina/Mount Etna/Taormina

Head into the fertile lava flow country of Europe's largest active volcano, Mount Etna, and ascend to 6,000 feet by road. From here, a cable car takes you to the next level to the lunar-like landscape. The afternoon is at leisure in Taormina. *San Domenico Palace B*

DAY 3: Taormina/Syracuse/Taormina

For 27 centuries, Syracuse has been of great economic and cultural importance. Visit the Greek Theater and the Roman Theater. Explore the island of Ortygia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. *San Domenico Palace B*

DAY 4: Taormina/Catania

Visit Catania's Piazza del Duomo, the famous Fontana dell'Elefante and the magnificent cathedral before you catch your departure flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 3,530



SANTORINI

Relax and enjoy Greece's most spectacular island.

DAY 1: Santorini

Santorini is an island rich in both scenic beauty and extraordinary history. Transfer privately to your hotel and prepare for tomorrow's exploration. *Perivolos/Vedema Resort*

DAY 2: Santorini

Enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of the island with your private vehicle and local guide. In the capital city of Fira, visit a museum housing life-size copies of all the frescoes found in the prehistoric site of Akrotiri (the site of Akrotiri itself is currently closed to the public), where you may look across the island from the edge of the caldera. Then continue to picturesque Oia. The afternoon is at leisure.

Perivolos/Vedema Resort B

DAY 3: Santorini

Your day is at leisure to relax and enjoy the facilities of your resort hotel or explore on your own.

Perivolos/Vedema Resort B

DAY 4: Santorini

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 2,460



CAPPADOCIA

Discover this magical land in central Turkey.

DAY 1: Istanbul/Nevşehir/Göreme

Fly to Nevşehir and transfer to picturesque Göreme, where valleys of tuff (soft, porous stone) filled with "fairy chimneys" transformed into cave dwellings. Explore the rock-cut churches with dazzling wall decorations at Göreme Open Air Museum, and then visit the Dark Church. *Anatolian Houses B*

DAY 2: Göreme/Derinkuyu/Ulasli/Avanos/Göreme

Early risers can take a hot air balloon ride over the spectacular Cappadocian landscape (at an extra cost). Then visit the "underground city" at Derinkuyu. In the afternoon, drive to Avanos, a town on the Red River where you visit a potter's workshop to learn about this timeless art of Cappadocia that has given life to the clay from the riverbeds.

Anatolian Houses B

DAY 3: Göreme/Kayseri/Istanbul

Return by air to Istanbul in late morning and transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore some of the sights in this ancient city.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet B

DAY 4: Istanbul

Transfer to the airport to board your departure flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 3,135

Internal airfare Istanbul/Nevşehir; Kayseri/Istanbul
Economy class

from \$ 435



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Tuscany & Umbria

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Explore the museums of Florence; then travel into Tuscany to the medieval walled town of San Gimignano, known for its towers. Visit Siena and the Chianti wine region and explore some of Umbria's scenic hill towns.

DAY 1: Arrive and transfer to your hotel, where the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: Explore the scenic hills of Florence and visit the gardens of Villa Gamberaia and Villa Peyron al Bosco di Fontelucente.

DAY 3: Travel through the beautiful countryside of the historic Chianti area, stopping to explore the picturesque hilltop towns of the region and enjoy wine-tastings at local vineyards.

DAY 4: Tour Siena to see the Piazza del Campo, the location of the Palio horse race. Then explore Volterra, home of the Garnacci Etruscan Museum. Continue to medieval San Gimignano, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its beautiful towers.

DAY 5: En route to Perugia, stop in Arezzo, the medieval town made famous by Roberto Benigni's film *Life is Beautiful*. See the City Hall; the Bishop's Palace; and the Piazza Grande, considered one of Italy's most beautiful squares. Continue to Cortona, where writer Frances Mayes lived in her villa, remembered in the book and

film *Under the Tuscan Sun*. Wander the medieval streets for scenic views over the Chiana Valley and Montepulciano.

DAY 6: Drive through Umbria today, stopping in Assisi to see the 13th-century Basilica di San Francesco, the final resting place of St. Francis. Continue to Spello, with its Roman walls, Venus Roman Gate, amphitheater and the Chiesa di Santa Maria Maggiore. It houses the Baglioni Chapel; its 16th-century frescoes are devoted to the Virgin Mary. Later, head to Montefalco.

DAY 7: Umbria is famous for its ceramic production, and in Deruta, visit the Ceramics Museum to view exhibits of the local antique *majolica* (tin-glazed pottery). Continue to Orvieto to view Etruscan, medieval and Renaissance ruins and remains.

DAY 8: Explore Pienza, with its model Renaissance square, and Montepulciano, an archetypical Tuscan hilltop town. Stop at a Tuscan farmhouse for a demonstration of cheese making.

DAY 9: As you drive to Rome, see the high walls of volcanic tuff and rock-carved houses in medieval Pitigliano. Continue on the panoramic route around Lake Bolsena, passing the pretty town of Montefiascone. It is perched on the edge of a volcanic crater and is known for its domed Cathedral of Santa Margherita.

DAY 10: Transfer to the airport to board your departure flight.



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Coastal Food & Wine

Ladispoli • Castiglione della Pescaia • Portofino • Verona • Venice

Italy is known for its fabulous cuisine and breathtaking coastline, and on this journey you celebrate them both. Participate in a private cooking class with an executive chef. Cruise to the quaint Cinque Terre, learn traditional pasta-making processes and enjoy a private tasting in an 18th-century wine cellar.

DAYS 1-2: Arrive in Rome and transfer to your hotel in Ladispoli. Explore the surrounding Roman town of Viterbo, once the papal seat. Visit Tarquinia's Archaeological Museum that houses one of Italy's finest collections of Etruscan treasures. Spend the afternoon in Cerveteri, a fascinating Etruscan necropolis.

DAY 3: Drive along the scenic Tyrrhenian coast to Castiglione della Pescaia, stopping en route in Porto Santo Stefano or Porto Ercole for lunch.

DAY 4: Discover the passion of Tuscan cuisine when you join the executive chef of your hotel's Trattoria restaurant, managed by world-acclaimed chef Alain Ducasse, for a cooking class and wine sampling. Then head out to Ornellaia Wine Estate for a tour of the vineyards and a wine tasting in their cellar.

DAY 5: Continue your journey along the Ligurian coastline to one of Tuscany's oldest pasta makers for a demonstration of traditional pasta making techniques.

DAY 6: A private boat trip along picturesque Cinque Terre reveals tiny, unspoiled fishing villages that cling to the steep cliffs of the coastline. Stop along the way in Vernazza, a charming fishing village at the head of a sheltered cove. Spend time relaxing on the beach at Monterosso al Mare.

DAY 7: Drive toward the Adriatic Coast and stop for an exclusive visit to a renowned balsamic vinegar producer.

DAY 8: Verona owes its romantic reputation to Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Visit Piazza delle Erbe, Juliet's house and the Roman Arena. Explore the Valpolicella wine region, stopping for a tour and tasting in the 18th-century cellar of a neo-classical estate.

DAY 9: Arrive in romantic Venice and go by private boat through the Grand Canal to your hotel. Walk through the city this afternoon to visit St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace, once the seat of Venetian government.

DAY 10: Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Greece

Athens • Nafplion • Kyllini • Delphi • Meteora • Thessaloniki

The gods of ancient Greece live on in myths, legends and the incredible structures built in their honor. Explore the Parthenon, the Plaka district, Mycenae, Delphi and Meteora's Byzantine monasteries. Conclude your journey in Thessaloniki, home to beautiful beaches.

DAYS 1-2: Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel, ideally located in Constitution Square. Explore the Acropolis and the Parthenon, as well as the renowned National Archaeological Museum, with an extensive collection of sculpture, pottery and jewelry. Wander through the picturesque ancient Plaka district.

DAYS 3-4: Journey to the Corinth Canal, hewn out of the rock and just wide enough for ships to pass. Drive to Mycenae and visit the Lion Gate and the "beehive" funerary chambers of the Royal Tombs. Stroll through the streets of the charming old town of Nafplion. Then drive to the nearby archaeological site of Epidaurus to admire the fourth-century theater with its astonishing acoustics.

DAY 5: Drive through lovely countryside toward Kyllini, a delightful town situated on the coast. Stop in Bassae to see the Temple of Apollo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 6: Explore Olympia, bringing to life the excitement of the ancient games when you view the remains of the enormous Temples of Zeus, the Palaestra training center and the stadium.

DAY 7: Pass olive groves and citrus plantations and continue across the sweeping bridge that connects the Peloponnese to the mainland.

DAY 8: In Delphi, explore the great Temple of Apollo, the Temple of the Athenians, the ancient theater and the archaeological museum. Continue through Amphissa, Lamia and Trikala before reaching Kalambaka.

DAY 9: Explore Meteora's Byzantine monasteries constructed on top of huge rocks, which seem suspended in mid-air. At Varlaam Monastery, you may have the opportunity to sit and chat with monks in the gardens.

DAY 10: Visit Dion and Vergina, the ancient capital of Macedonia, to see the Royal Tombs. Then continue to Pella, the flourishing capital of Alexander the Great, and to Thessaloniki, known for its beautiful beaches.

DAY 11: Explore the highlights of Thessaloniki, the capital of northern Greece. Visit the striking new Byzantine Museum and the Archaeological Museum, which contains a host of treasures.

DAY 12: Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.



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Tailor Made Turkey

The Turquoise Coast & More

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Relax on the “Turkish Riviera” along Turkey’s southwest coast, an area rich in archaeological sites and scenic beauty. See cliffside tombs at Myra and visit the charming fishing village of Kaleköy. Explore Xanthos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the magnificent façade of the Celsus Library at ancient Ephesus.

DAY 1: Arrive in Istanbul and transfer privately to your hotel on the Bosphorus.

DAY 2: Fly to Antalya and then visit Aspendos, home to what is considered the best-preserved antique theater.

DAY 3: Explore the ancient site of Perge and the Antalya Museum, one of Turkey’s best regional museums.

DAY 4: Travel along the Lycian Coast to Myra, known for its rock-carved cliffside tombs. Journey by boat to Kekova Island and the site of ancient Simena. Visit the charming fishing village of Kaleköy; then continue to your hotel in Kalkan.

DAY 5: Explore Xanthos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Patara, a major naval and trading port of Lycia. Continue to the picturesque fishing village of Gocek.

DAY 6: Travel to Dalyan on the Koycegiz River and take a boat to explore ancient Caunos, once one of the great harbors in the Mediterranean. See the great sea turtles at beautiful Iztuzu Beach and then stop at the ancient ruins of Stratonikea.

DAYS 7-8: In Bodrum, see the ruined tomb of King Mausolos, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and visit the Underwater Archaeology Museum, housed in the Castle of St. Peter. There is time at leisure to stroll in the busy local markets or enjoy the facilities at your hotel.

DAY 9: Drive to Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. Observe the magnificent façade of the Celsus Library and visit the former site of the Temple of Artemis, another of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Then fly from Izmir to Istanbul.

DAYS 10-11: During your stay, visit the timeless Hagia Sophia (Church of Divine Wisdom), the sixth-century Basilica Cistern, Topkapi Palace, the Suleymaniye Mosque, the Rustem Paşa Mosque, the Spice Bazaar and the Grand Covered Bazaar. Relax as you privately cruise the Bosphorus, the strait that connects the Black Sea with the Mediterranean.

DAY 12: Transfer to the airport to board your departure flight.



Hotel Portfolio: Italy

A selection of recommended hotels



LUNA HOTEL BAGLIONI Venice

Close to famous Piazza San Marco in the heart of Venice, Luna Hotel Baglioni is a luxurious hotel with gorgeous panoramas of the lagoon. The oldest hotel in the city, it offers comfortable, sophisticated rooms; elegant junior suites; and suites that have been completely refurbished, offering beautiful views or marble terraces. Its marvelous Marco Polo Ballroom features 18th-century frescoes, while its refined Restaurant Canova offers excellent Italian cuisine in an intimate ambience. The atmosphere is perfect for a romantic honeymoon.



VENICE SIMPLON-ORIENT-EXPRESS

Venice, Paris, London and other European destinations

The Orient-Express has always been synonymous with the heyday of rail travel, the choice of royalty, celebrities and even exotic spies. Today's guests enjoy the elegance of period carriages dating from the 1920s, with their beautiful marquetry, lacquer work and crystal panels. Life on board is a fabulous dinner in one of three dining cars, a cognac in the Bar Car and waking to hot croissants as the train weaves through the Alps.



CA' SAGREDO

Venice

Ca' Sagredo's lavish pink façade overlooks the Grand Canal, revealing a timeless treasure of space, art and beauty. Dating back to the 15th century, Ca' Sagredo, a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, typifies the perfect Venetian *palazzo* hotel where exceptional decoration, style and quality are effortlessly combined with contemporary chic, making it romantic, mysterious and unforgettable to its discerning guests.



LONDRA PALACE

Venice

Londra Palace, nestled in the city center of Venice, offers an incomparable view of the lagoon and the Palladian Island of St. Giorgio. Just a few steps away are landmarks St. Mark's Square and Basilica. Do Leoni restaurant offers refined cuisine and personalized service. Start your evening with an enticing Bellini at the new Gallery Wine Bar, followed by a romantic dinner by candle light.



THE ST. REGIS GRAND HOTEL

Rome

César Ritz opened The Grand in 1894 as Rome's first deluxe hotel. Located within walking distance of the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Via Veneto, the hotel offers 161 luxurious rooms, including a selection of suites. It is also the only hotel in Rome to offer butler service — complimentary with all suites — dedicated to attending to guests' requests 24 hours a day. As a focal point of Rome's diplomatic and political life, the hotel is proud to host dignitaries, heads of state, business executives and widely known celebrities.



PORTRAIT SUITES
Rome

Located on Via Condotti just over the Salvatore Ferragamo Men's Store, Portrait Suites is a new luxury Italian-style town house delivering made-to-measure hospitality. The 14 exclusive suites and studios, some of which have comfortable living space and all with a bar-kitchenette, are characterized by some unusual and timeless elements from the Ferragamo heritage. The rooftop terrace enjoys a magical view over the Spanish Steps, the Quirinale, the Pincio and Monte Mario.



HOTEL DE RUSSIE
Rome

The Rocco Forte Collection's Hotel de Russie is located on the fashionable Via del Babuino, next to the Piazza del Popolo and close to the Spanish Steps. In the legendary secret gardens, a tranquil oasis amid the bustle of central Rome, guests enjoy authentic Mediterranean cuisine at Le Jardin de Russie and can savor a martini at the fashionable Stravinskji Bar. The hotel provides a stylish and elegant base from which to visit the key attractions of the city and a place to relax and reflect in the de Russie Wellness Zone.



GALLERY HOTEL ART
Florence

In the heart of Florence, just steps from the Ponte Vecchio, Gallery Hotel Art allures both international travellers and the local public. Its common areas are multifunctional spaces envisioned to fulfill all the senses, hosting revolving art exhibitions that vary from contemporary art to photography and ethnic objects. Much more than just a hotel, it is a dynamic engine of cultural exchange, whose contemporary style is based on the fine taste and quality of the furnishings and materials, in keeping with the spirit of the city.



HOTEL SAVOY
Florence

The Rocco Forte Collection's Hotel Savoy is located in the heart of Florence on the historic Piazza della Repubblica, close to the landmark Duomo and just steps away from the main fashion houses, museums and galleries. Relax and savor the surrounding atmosphere as you dine at L'Incontro Restaurant and Bar on the Piazza or work out in the fitness center while admiring the stunning views of the Duomo.



HELVETIA & BRISTOL
Florence

In the center of Florence, just off the most glamorous streets for shopping, is the Helvetia & Bristol, restored with the utmost respect for the period. It is an enchanting hotel with charm, character, personal service and an attention to detail that makes every sojourn a truly memorable experience. There are 67 guest rooms and the Hostaria Bibendum Restaurant that offers Mediterranean cuisine with an accent on Tuscan specialties in an intimate setting.



GRAND HOTEL CONTINENTAL
Siena

The Grand Hotel Continental is an impressive historical residence of the 17th century located in the heart of the Tuscan city of Siena — a five-star deluxe hotel and a member of The Leading Small Hotels of the World. It offers 51 elegant rooms furnished with antiques of exquisite design and detail. The Sapordivino Wine Bar & Restaurant specializes in Tuscan cuisine and offers a selection of Italian wines and delicacies.



PALAZZO LEOPOLDO
Radda in Chianti

Palazzo Leopoldo is a historical residence that opened in 2001 in the center of Radda, one of the best-known towns in the Chianti countryside. Originally built in the medieval period, the house is named after Archduke Leopoldo II of Lorraine, who stayed there in 1837 when the structure was a private manor house. Restaurant La Perla del Palazzo offers a warm and relaxed atmosphere, the true essence of Tuscan cooking and an excellent selection of wines.



KEMPINSKI HOTEL GIARDINO DI COSTANZA
Mazara del Vallo, Sicily

The Kempinski Hotel Giardino di Costanza is just over one hour from Palermo, located in a lush valley immersed in olive groves and vineyards. It offers a refined resort experience that combines ultimate relaxation with its pools and beach club; one of a kind Nakhlah longevity, lifestyle and beauty spa; a children's program; and a wealth of excursions. This is an ideal base for discovering the countless treasures and traditions in Agrigento, Erice, Segesta and Mothia.



Villa Portfolio: Italy

A selection of recommended villas



VILLA FONTELUNGA
Foiano Della Chiana, Tuscany

ACCOMMODATES 18 GUESTS • This elegant villa is an innovative blend of traditional Tuscan style and contemporary design. The villa's eight bedrooms and spacious cottage provide more than ample accommodation for a large family or party of friends. Crafted from a traditional *padronale*, or master's house, this villa features an elegant living area that opens directly to the gardens and olive groves with a large terrace for *al fresco* dining. It also has a swimming pool and private tennis courts.



VILLA SCANNAGALLO
Foiano Della Chiana, Tuscany

ACCOMMODATES 8 GUESTS (PLUS 2 CHILDREN) • This villa exudes a contemporary and fashionable feel in the heart of the Tuscan countryside, perfect for a group of friends looking for a chic Tuscan holiday. This charming two-story house features a large open-plan living room; a dining area that leads directly to the landscaped gardens, terrace and infinity pool; and a well-equipped modern kitchen. The interior combines traditional beamed ceilings and stone flooring with graceful contemporary Italian accents.



BORGO BERNARDINI
Lucca, Tuscany

ACCOMMODATES 24 GUESTS • Originally an early 17th-century hunting lodge, this villa was expanded into a small village for the workers of the estate of Count Cosimo Bernardini. Inside there is a formal dining room, a kitchen for casual dining, a drawing room with fireplace and satellite TV, a music room with fireplace, full-size billiard room and a fully equipped gym. Guests are elegantly accommodated in 12 individually styled double bedrooms, each with an en suite bathroom. Perfect for a gathering of family and friends, Borgo Bernardini is a home that is difficult to leave.



VILLA CONTRONI
Lucca, Tuscany

ACCOMMODATES 22 GUESTS • This aristocratic villa is set in the heart of a vast estate and features elegant interiors with hand painted frescoed walls throughout – a perfect retreat for large groups and families. Formal Italianate gardens at the front, manicured lawns enclosed in a walled garden at the rear and a private chapel on the property all provide a peaceful haven from the hectic world. All 11 bedrooms are en suite and share breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. Three living rooms, a stocked wine cellar, a private pool and outdoor barbecue complete the facilities.



IL FRANTOIO
Lucca, Tuscany

ACCOMMODATES 8 GUESTS • Once the olive press for Villa Controni, this villa embodies a cozy, intimate charm. Following a complete renovation, Il Frantoio maintains its Tuscan character, with original terra cotta tiles and wooden beamed ceilings throughout. On the ground floor, find a fully equipped Tuscan kitchen with dining area. Settle in to any of the four en suite bedrooms or take refuge in the villa's secluded swimming pool. For *al fresco* dining, gather around the wrought iron tables on the lawns.



CASA FELICE MATTEUCCI
Lucca, Tuscany

ACCOMMODATES 12 GUESTS • This beautifully restored villa is surrounded by terraced olive groves and overlooks a large picturesque pond with a small island. Pass through the main entrance to the grand salon with its fireplace, music system and satellite TV. A domed dining room, fully equipped kitchen, guest study and six bedrooms make up the interior. The villa has a pool, and the patio is ideal for *al fresco* dining. From there, guests can follow paths that lead through woodland and olive groves.



Hotel Portfolio: Greece

A selection of recommended hotels



SANTA MARINA RESORT & VILLAS Ornos Bay, Mykonos

Santa Marina Resort & Villas epitomizes the standards set by Starwood's Luxury Collection of fine resorts worldwide, from personalized service to luxurious accommodations, outstanding facilities, gourmet cuisine and native architecture. Set on a private peninsula overlooking the sparkling Aegean Sea and magnificent Bay of Ornos, experience this luxurious retreat — a home away from home. Be pampered with the finest spa treatments, relax on the private beach or take a refreshing dip in the infinity pool.



NAFPLIA PALACE HOTEL & VILLAS
Nafplion

The Nafplia Palace is famous for its location in the middle of an ancient acropolis in the Old Town of Nafplion, providing views of the Bay of Argolis and the 18th-century walls of the Palamidi fortress. Surrounded by the treasures of ancient Greece, the Nafplia Palace offers 33 unique and individually redecorated villas, 16 with private heated pools or outdoor Jacuzzis. For rejuvenating face and body treatments, visit the hotel spa, operated by Europe's famous Institut Dominique Chenot. The beautiful Arvantia beach is a short stroll away.



ELOUNDA GULF VILLAS & SUITES
Elounda, Crete

Offering breathtaking views over the Mediterranean, the exclusive family-owned and run Elounda Gulf Villas & Suites offers just 18 luxurious villas, all with private pools and Jacuzzis, and 10 elegant suites. The facilities are a unique combination of superb accommodation, tailor-made services, exceptional cuisine and spa treatments offered in the Elixir Spa Gallery. The property is a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World and winner of Greece's "Leading Villa Award."



HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE
Athens

In the very center of Athens dominating Constitution Square stands the Hotel Grande Bretagne, a Luxury Collection hotel. An ambitious restoration program was successfully executed, resulting in state-of-the-art facilities; 321 rooms and suites (including a Royal and Presidential suite); indoor heated and roof-top open-air swimming pools; a luxurious spa; and three restaurants, one of which is a rooftop restaurant with spectacular views of the Acropolis. All suites include butler service and an array of unique amenities.



KING GEORGE PALACE
Athens

A luxury boutique hotel in Athens, the King George Palace has been home to kings, princes and presidents since the 1930s. Ideally located on Constitution Square, it rests in the heart of the shopping district and within walking distance of major attractions. The 78 guest rooms, 23 suites and unique Royal Penthouse Suite with private swimming pool come with marble bathrooms, plasma TV, free wireless Internet and iPod docking stations. The Tudor Hall restaurant on the seventh floor overlooks the Acropolis and boasts a Greco-French menu.



Hotel Portfolio: Turkey

A selection of recommended hotels



SWISSÔTEL GRAND EFES Izmir

Swissôtel Grand Efes is prominently located in the city's commercial center, overlooking the spectacular Kordon on Turkey's Aegean Sea. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, it has 402 luxurious rooms, including 55 elegantly decorated suites featuring state-of-the-art technology and exclusive amenities. The Swiss Executive floors and Swiss Executive Club Lounge provide additional luxury and exclusivity for guests. As the first spa honored with a Leading Spas of the World membership in Turkey, Amrita Spa & Wellness offers a full range of relaxing and therapeutic beauty treatments and features an indoor and outdoor pool, gym, treatment rooms, steam baths, Jacuzzis, Turkish *hammam* and an outdoor tennis court.



PARK HYATT ISTANBUL – MAÇKA PALAS
Istanbul

Ideally located in the fashionable Nişantaşı residential and shopping district, Park Hyatt Istanbul — Maçka Palas uniquely combines the historic architecture of an art deco building with innovative interior design. Housing the existing Emporio Armani and Gucci boutiques on the ground floor, the Park Hyatt in Istanbul is within walking distance of many other upscale designer fashion houses, as well as ultra-trendy bars and restaurants.



ANATOLIAN HOUSES
Göreme, Cappadocia

Shaped by nature and the civilizations of Cappadocia, these ancient houses have been renovated into 19 unique suites, using natural stone and clear glass. Antiques, elegant furniture, handmade wool and silk carpets are used in the décor throughout the property. A fireplace, central heating system and natural air conditioning keep guests comfortable. Beautiful bathrooms have handmade pot washbasins and hydro-massage systems or Jacuzzis. Facilities include a spa and wellness center, Turkish bath, sauna and heated swimming pools.



HILLSIDE BEACH CLUB
Fethiye

Hillside Beach Club is a unique Mediterranean coastal resort, set on a private bay amid pine trees. Not only does it offer a peaceful atmosphere and clear blue crystal water but also a combination of warmth, enthusiasm and hospitality. Guests can practice a variety of superior rituals by experienced therapists in relaxed settings of Sanda Nature Spa and Sanda Day Spa and enjoy the resort's stylish ambience with amazing entertainment. Sports enthusiasts can engage in tennis, fitness, aerobic, step, stretching, basketball, beach-volley, archery and water sports including wakeboard and scuba-diving. Adult-only Serenity Beach and Silent Beach welcome guests who prefer tranquility away from the heart of the Club; Kidside makes for an unforgettable holiday experience for both children and parents.





Central & Eastern Europe, Russia, Scandinavia & the Baltic States

Europe's central core is an enchanting mix of cultures, flavors and landscapes — a region with Alpine peaks, glistening lakes, thick black forests and fairy tale castles.

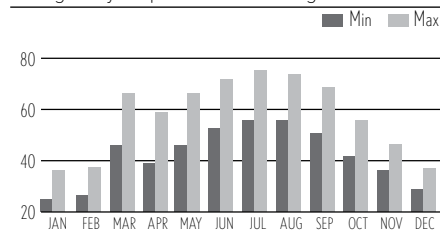
The former Eastern Bloc countries have recently been put at the top of travellers' wish lists for their many attributes, including fascinating museums, world-class restaurants and architectural masterpieces. The countries along the Adriatic Coast are emerging as new "hot spots" with their colorful nightlife and inviting restaurants. Landscapes are equally spectacular with rugged peninsulas, picturesque harbors and quaint villages.

To the north, Russia and the Baltic states have a bounty of artistic and architectural treasures that they are able to once again share with the world. Scandinavia attracts visitors with its laid-back lifestyle, stunning nature-scapes and excellent shopping.



CZECH REPUBLIC

Average daily temperature in F° – Prague



Average days with rainfall

JAN	13
FEB	11
MAR	13
APR	11
MAY	13
JUN	12
JUL	13
AUG	12
SEP	10
OCT	13
NOV	12
DEC	13

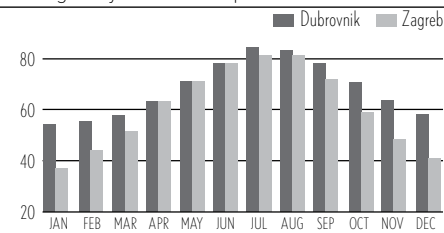
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 6 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

CROATIA

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

JAN	13	13
FEB	13	11
MAR	11	10
APR	10	10
MAY	6	4
JUN	4	3
JUL	3	7
AUG	11	11
SEP	16	15
OCT	15	14
NOV	13	15
DEC	15	14

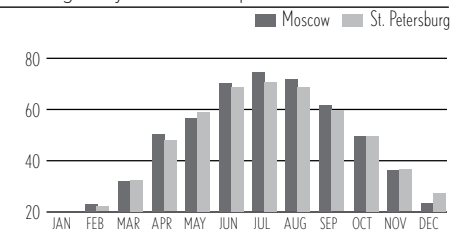
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 6 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

RUSSIA

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

JAN	18	15
FEB	15	15
MAR	13	13
APR	13	12
MAY	15	14
JUN	14	13
JUL	13	14
AUG	13	17
SEP	15	18
OCT	15	18
NOV	15	18
DEC	23	22

TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 8 hours

VISAS: Visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.



Signature Croatia

Explore independently on this ready-to-book itinerary



8 Days | Departs Saturday, returns Saturday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Split, Croatia/Podstrana

Depart on an overnight flight to Split where you are met and transferred to your hotel. *Le Méridien Lav*

DAY 3: Podstrana/Split/Podstrana

Meet your local guide for a tour of the lively seaport of Split. Visit the imposing third-century palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian and St. Dominus Cathedral, originally the emperor's mausoleum. You have free time to wander through Split's old town and shop in its boutiques. You might also consider an optional visit to the Botanical Gardens of Ostrog School. *Le Méridien Lav B*

DAY 4: Podstrana/Split/Hvar

Travel by public ferry to the island of Hvar, and this afternoon join your guide for a walking tour of the historic town center. Stroll past the harbor-front cafés of Hvar, best known for its medieval buildings that are the legacy of four centuries of Venetian rule. Continue to the Spanjol Fortress, perched high on a hill overlooking the town, for breathtaking views from the summit. Visit the cathedral and the arsenal with time at leisure to wander the stone-paved harbor front. *Adriana, Hvar Marina Hotel & Spa B*

DAY 5: Hvar/Ston/Dubrovnik

Leave Hvar by public ferry and then drive south along the coast. Stop in the fishing town of Ston, a beautiful example of a fortified town. You may wish to pause for a typical Dalmatian lunch before arriving in Dubrovnik. *Hotel Excelsior B*

DAY 6: Dubrovnik/Cavtat/Dubrovnik

Join a local guide for a walking tour of Dubrovnik, a seventh-century walled town and UNESCO World Heritage Site brimming with medieval charm. Stroll along the Stradun, the stone-paved promenade, and visit the 14th-century Franciscan monastery and the Dominican monastery. Stop at the Rector's Palace and see Dubrovnik Cathedral. Continue to the picturesque, tranquil port of Cavtat to visit the stone mausoleum built by renowned sculptor Ivan Mestrovic and the Bogisic's Collection of graphics and ethnographical objects. *Hotel Excelsior B*

DAY 7: Dubrovnik/Kotor, Montenegro/Dubrovnik

Travel the stunning coastline along Europe's most southerly fjord to historic Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site surrounded by impressive medieval bulwarks. On a walking tour see the Watch Tower (Sat Kula), 12th-century Cathedral of St. Tripun, Church of St. Luc and the 17th-century Prince's Palace. Visit fifth-century BC Budva, one of the oldest settlements on the Adriatic Sea.

Hotel Excelsior B

DAY 8: Dubrovnik/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Extend your stay in Zagreb (see page 106 for details).



A&K PHILANTHROPY: Visit the Botanical Gardens of Ostrog School, whose gardens are planted and maintained by school children. Bring books and school supplies or join the children in planting new specimens.



The beautiful harbor in Hvar



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Gold	Silver
Low season Apr 03 - Jun 19, Oct 02 - 23 (Gold/Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 6,425	\$ 5,795
Single supplement	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,590
High season Jun 26 - Sep 25 (Gold/Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 7,180	\$ 6,430
Single supplement	\$ 2,125	\$ 1,855

Solo traveller price is available upon request.

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 03 - 10	Jun 12 - 19	Aug 21 - 28
	Apr 10 - 17	Jun 19 - 26	Aug 28 - Sep 04
	Apr 17 - 24	Jun 26 - Jul 03	Sep 04 - 11
	Apr 24 - May 01	Jul 03 - 10	Sep 11 - 18
	May 01 - 08	Jul 10 - 17	Sep 18 - 25
	May 08 - 15	Jul 17 - 24	Sep 25 - Oct 02
	May 15 - 22	Jul 24 - 31	Oct 02 - 09
	May 22 - 29	Jul 31 - Aug 07	Oct 09 - 16
	May 29 - Jun 05	Aug 07 - 14	Oct 16 - 23
	Jun 05 - 12	Aug 14 - 21	Oct 23 - 30



Signature Eastern Europe

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12 Days | Departs Wednesday, returns Sunday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Budapest, Hungary

Depart on an overnight flight to Budapest. On arrival, transfer to your hotel, where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace/Budapest Hilton

DAY 3: Budapest

A full day of sightseeing includes the Pest side of the city — St. Stephen’s Basilica, Dohany Synagogue and Heroes’ Square — as well as Matthias Church and the Fisherman’s Bastion in Buda.

Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace/Budapest Hilton B

DAY 4: Budapest/Danube Bend/Budapest

Travel to the Danube Bend to visit the small artists’ colony of Szentendre, where sights include Blagovestenska Church and the Margit Kovacs Museum. Continue to medieval Visegrad and Esztergom, seat of the Hungarian Catholic Church.

Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace/Budapest Hilton B

DAY 5: Budapest/Vienna, Austria

A&K’s Concierge Rail Service offers you assistance at the station when you travel by first class rail to Vienna. This afternoon, meet your guide for a walk through the city to see the Hofburg Palace, St. Stephen’s Cathedral and perhaps the colorful Viennese Naschmarkt.

Hotel Imperial/Grand Hotel Wien B

DAY 6: Vienna/Danube Valley/Vienna

Discover the beautiful Danube Valley at the Baroque abbey in Melk and the wine town of Dürnstein.

Hotel Imperial/Grand Hotel Wien B

DAY 7: Vienna

After a morning at leisure, visit the stunning Schönbrunn Palace and its magnificent grounds. The palace was the summer home of the Hapsburgs and contains more than 1,400 rooms.

Hotel Imperial/Grand Hotel Wien B

DAY 8: Vienna/Prague, Czech Republic

Travel to Prague in comfort and convenience with A&K’s Concierge Rail Service, offering assistance at the station. The balance of the day is at leisure.

Four Seasons Hotel Prague/Hotel Aria B

DAY 9: Prague

A full day of sightseeing includes the Old Town, Jewish Quarter, Charles Bridge and Hradcany Castle District, including the Strahov Monastery and Loreto Shrine.

Four Seasons Hotel Prague/Hotel Aria B

DAY 10: Prague/Nelahozeves/Prague

Travel to Nelahozeves to visit the Dvorak Museum and its Renaissance chateau. View the exhibition “Private Spaces: A Noble Family at Home,” reflecting an intimate view of the lifestyle of the Lobkowitz family in their country estate during the 19th century.

Four Seasons Hotel Prague/Hotel Aria B

DAY 11: Prague/Kutna Hora/Prague

A full-day’s excursion takes you to the 13th-century Konopiste Castle and the charming town of Kutna Hora to visit the Church of St. Barbara, Italian Court and Ossuary.

Four Seasons Hotel Prague/Hotel Aria B

DAY 12: Prague/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board a homebound flight. *B*



The gilded interior of Melk’s Baroque abbey



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Gold	Silver
Low season Mar 31 - Apr 21, Jun 30 - Aug 25 (Gold); Mar 31 - Apr 07, Jun 30 - Aug 18 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 12,650	\$ 8,745
Single supplement	\$ 4,575	\$ 1,900
High season Apr 28 - Jun 23, Sep 01 - Oct 27 (Gold); Apr 14 - Jun 23, Aug 25 - Oct 27 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 13,185	\$ 9,290
Single supplement	\$ 4,935	\$ 2,430

Solo traveller price is available upon request.

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Mar 31 - Apr 11	Jun 09 - 20	Aug 25 - Sep 05
	Apr 07 - 18	Jun 16 - 27	Sep 01 - 12
	Apr 14 - 25	Jun 23 - Jul 04	Sep 08 - 19
	Apr 21 - May 02	Jun 30 - Jul 11	Sep 15 - 26
	Apr 28 - May 09	Jul 07 - 18	Sep 22 - Oct 03
	May 05 - 16	Jul 21 - Aug 01	Sep 29 - Oct 10
	May 12 - 23	Jul 28 - Aug 08	Oct 06 - 17
	May 19 - 30	Aug 04 - 15	Oct 13 - 24
	May 26 - Jun 06	Aug 11 - 22	Oct 20 - 31
	Jun 02 - 13	Aug 18 - 29	Oct 27 - Nov 07



Signature Waterways of the Czars

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14 Days | Departs varied days of the week

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Moscow, Russia

Board an overnight flight to Moscow. On arrival, transfer to your hotel. *The Ritz-Carlton Moscow/Ararat Park Hyatt*

DAY 3: Moscow

View the Kremlin's famous Armory collection of imperial era regalia, the ornate gems in the Diamond Fund and two of the Kremlin's cathedrals. Then continue to the Tretyakov Gallery, home of the world's greatest collection of Russian art and icons. *The Ritz-Carlton Moscow/Ararat Park Hyatt B*

DAY 4: Moscow

Visit historic Red Square and see the colorful onion-shaped domes of St. Basil's Cathedral. After viewing the Impressionist paintings at the Pushkin Museum, transfer to your luxurious riverboat for the captain's welcome reception and dinner. *MS 'Volga Dream' B D*

DAY 5: Uglich

Cruise to beloved 12th-century Uglich, known for its wooden houses and the blue cupolas of the Cathedral of the Resurrection. *MS 'Volga Dream' B L D*

DAY 6: Yaroslavl

Yaroslavl boasts an abundance of dazzling merchant homes and beautiful churches, as well as the walled fortress, the 13th-century Spassky Monastery and Church of Elijah. *MS 'Volga Dream' B L D*

DAY 7: Volga River/Goritsy

At Goritsy, explore beautiful Cyril-Belozerski Monastery to see its collection of icons. *MS 'Volga Dream' B L D*

DAY 8: Vytegra

Visit the historic B-440 submarine that participated in the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. *MS 'Volga Dream' B L D*

DAY 9: Kizhi Island

Visit tiny Kizhi Island to see the 22 onion-shaped domes of the Church of the Transfiguration. *MS 'Volga Dream' B L D*

DAY 10: Mandrogi

Cruise along the Svir River to Mandrogi, renowned for its old wooden houses and handicrafts. *MS 'Volga Dream' B L D*

DAY 11: St. Petersburg/Petrodvorets/St. Petersburg

Explore Petrodvorets with its cascading fountains, bronze sculptures and sea channels. In St. Petersburg, visit St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Peter and Paul Fortress.

Grand Hotel Europe/Hotel Astoria B

DAY 12: St. Petersburg/Pushkin/St. Petersburg

Explore Catherine's Palace and its famous Amber Room before lunch and folkloric entertainment.

Grand Hotel Europe/Hotel Astoria B L

DAY 13: St. Petersburg

Explore the incredible Hermitage Museum. Then visit the Yusupov Palace and the Church on Spilled Blood.

Grand Hotel Europe/Hotel Astoria B

DAY 14: St. Petersburg/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

Exclusive for A&K: A&K passengers on MS 'Volga Dream' participate in shore excursions only with other A&K travellers.



MS 'Volga Dream' cruising the Moskva River



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Gold	Silver
Low season Jun 04, Jun 10, Jul 09, Aug 16 (Gold/Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 11,295	\$ 10,115
Single supplement	\$ 2,480	\$ 1,995
High season Aug 22, Aug 31, Sep 07 (Gold/Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 11,870	\$ 10,935
Single supplement	\$ 3,030	\$ 2,635

Fuel surcharge may apply.

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jun 04 - 17°	Aug 16 - 29	Aug 31 - Sep 13
	Jun 10 - 23°*	Aug 22 - Sep 04°	Sep 07 - 20°
	Jul 09 - 22		

*Special theme cruise, supplement will apply.

°Reverse itinerary St. Petersburg to Moscow.

Refer to Terms & Conditions on pages 130-131.



Signature Russia

Explore independently on this ready-to-book itinerary



10 Days | Departs Friday, returns Sunday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Moscow, Russia

Arrive in Moscow, where you are provided “fast track” assistance through customs and passport control and privately transferred to your hotel. *The Ritz-Carlton Moscow/Ararat Park Hyatt*

DAY 3: Moscow

A full day of sightseeing includes Red Square, the center of Moscow’s culture; the colorful multi-domed St. Basil’s Cathedral; Novodevichy Convent; and Kuskovo Estate, the former summer residence of the Sheremetyev counts.

The Ritz-Carlton Moscow/Ararat Park Hyatt B

DAY 4: Moscow/Sergiev Posad/Moscow

Drive into the countryside to visit the Trinity Monastery of St. Sergius, an ancient center of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The Ritz-Carlton Moscow/Ararat Park Hyatt B

DAY 5: Moscow/St. Petersburg

Visit two of the Kremlin’s cathedrals as well as the State Armory, home to a collection of priceless artifacts dating back to the 14th century. It also houses the Diamond Fund, a separate collection of Russia’s most valuable gems. This afternoon, choose to visit the Tretyakov Gallery or the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts. Late checkout is guaranteed before your overnight train journey to St. Petersburg. *Grand Express Train B*

DAY 6: St. Petersburg

Arrive in St. Petersburg, founded by Peter the Great in 1703, for a morning at leisure. This afternoon, visit the Hermitage Museum and its extensive collection of artwork, considered to be one of the finest in the world. *Grand Hotel Europe/Hotel Astoria B*

DAY 7: St. Petersburg

A full day’s sightseeing includes the Peter and Paul Fortress, designed to stave off enemy attacks on the city and later one of the most terrifying prisons in czarist Russia; St. Isaac’s Cathedral with its gold dome; and the Yusupov Palace, the location forever associated with the murder of the infamous Grigory Rasputin.

Grand Hotel Europe/Hotel Astoria B

DAY 8: St. Petersburg/Petrodvorets/St. Petersburg

Travel to Petrodvorets, the great summer palace of Peter the Great. Its Grand Cascade — a sequence of sculptures, fountains and water jets — is one of the largest fountain ensembles in the world. This afternoon, return to St. Petersburg and visit the Russian Museum.

Grand Hotel Europe/Hotel Astoria B

DAY 9: St. Petersburg/Pushkin/St. Petersburg

Venture into the countryside to Pushkin and explore the sparkling Catherine Palace. Then enjoy lunch in a country restaurant with traditional folk entertainment. This afternoon, visit Pavlovsk Great Palace, a gift from Catherine the Great to her son Paul.

Grand Hotel Europe/Hotel Astoria B L

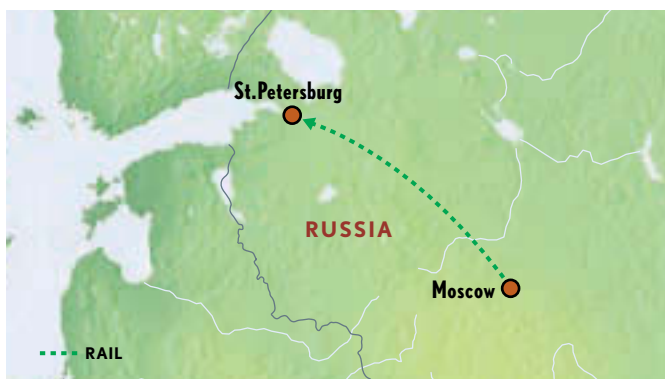
DAY 10: St. Petersburg/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

Note: Opening and closing times for sightseeing in Russia are subject to change on short notice. Therefore, some sightseeing may need to be rearranged or substituted.



Smiling matrioshka dolls



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Gold	Silver
Low season Jul 30 - Aug 13, Oct 15 - 29 (Gold); Jul 30 - Aug 13 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 10,245	\$ 9,150
Single supplement	\$ 2,510	\$ 1,780
Mid season Apr 02 - May 07, Jul 16 - 23, Aug 20, Oct 01 - 08 (Gold); Apr 02 - 16, Apr 30, Jul 16 - 23, Aug 20, Oct 01 - 29 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 10,590	\$ 9,980
Single supplement	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,430
High season May 14 - Jul 09, Aug 27 - Sep 24 (Gold); Apr 23, May 07 - Jul 09, Aug 27 - Sep 24 (Silver)		
Double occupancy	\$ 11,170	\$ 10,625
Single supplement	\$ 3,395	\$ 2,955

Solo traveller price is available upon request.

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 02 - 11	Jun 25 - Jul 04	Sep 10 - 19
	Apr 09 - 18	Jul 02 - 11	Sep 17 - 26
	Apr 16 - 25	Jul 09 - 18	Sep 24 - Oct 03
	Apr 23 - May 02	Jul 16 - 25	Oct 01 - 10
	Apr 30 - May 09	Jul 23 - Aug 01	Oct 08 - 17
	May 07 - 16	Jul 30 - Aug 08	Oct 15 - 24
	May 14 - 23	Aug 06 - 15	Oct 22 - 31
	May 21 - 30	Aug 13 - 22	Oct 29 - Nov 07
	Jun 04 - 13	Aug 20 - 29	
	Jun 11 - 20	Aug 27 - Sep 05	
	Jun 18 - 27	Sep 03 - 12	

Eastern Europe & Russia Extensions

Extend your experience with these add-on itineraries – or modify them to tailor make your own itinerary.



ZAGREB

Wander historic Zagreb and travel into the peaceful Highlands.

DAYS 1-2: Zagreb

Arrive in Zagreb, where your first day is at leisure in this city with a history of more than 900 years. Join your guide for a walking tour through the loveliest parts of Zagreb to see the National Theater, Mimara Museum, Academy of Sciences and Arts and Art Pavilion. Walk around Trg bana Josipa Jelacica, the main square that is the heart of the city. Take a funicular to the Upper Town and end your day with a treat at a pastry shop.

The Regent Esplanade/The Westin B

DAY 3: Croatian Highlands

Drive into the green hills of the Croatian Highlands, a region dotted with churches, romantic castles, thermal springs and beautiful vineyard landscapes. Visit Veliki Tabor Castle, an impressive 12th-century structure, and Trakoscan Castle.

The Regent Esplanade/The Westin B

DAY 4: Zagreb/Plitvice/Split

Stop at the Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with five miles of shimmering turquoise lakes and cascading waterfalls. Continue to coastal Split.

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 2,230



MOSCOW

Stroll through magnificent Red Square and visit the Kremlin.

DAYS 1-2: Moscow

On arrival, the remainder of your first day is at leisure. The next day, begin your sightseeing in magnificent Red Square with its famous landmark, St. Basil's domed cathedral. You may also wish to take a ride on the famous Moscow metro, renowned for the ornate splendor of its stations. Visit the Kremlin complex that includes Assumption and Archangel Cathedrals, as well as the Diamond Fund, containing the 190-carat diamond given to Catherine the Great by her lover.

The Ritz-Carlton Moscow/Ararat Park Hyatt B

DAY 3: Moscow/Sergiev Posad/Moscow

Travel outside the city to Sergiev Posad (Zagorsk), one of Russia's most important religious and historical landmarks. Visit the Trinity Monastery of St. Sergius and its opulent treasury. For 500 years, this was the most important place of pilgrimage in Russia.

The Ritz-Carlton Moscow/Ararat Park Hyatt B

DAY 4: Moscow

Transfer to the airport to board your departure flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 2,830



THE GOLDEN RING

Travel the ancient route from Moscow to see beautiful architecture.

DAY 1: Moscow

Arrive in Moscow. Your day is at leisure to explore as you choose. *The Ritz-Carlton Moscow/Ararat Park Hyatt*

DAY 2: Moscow/Vladimir/Suzdal

Stop in Vladimir, founded in the 12th century as a fort in the Rostov-Suzdal principality. Continue to Bogolubovo, a city with several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, en route to Suzdal. *Pushkarskaya Sloboda Hotel B*

DAY 3: Suzdal

Suzdal is one of Russia's beautiful ancient cities, home to more than 50 examples of church and secular architecture dating from the mid-12th to the mid-18th centuries. See the numerous domed medieval churches. Visit the Kremlin, containing the Nativity of the Virgin Cathedral with its blue and gold domes and beautiful frescoes. Stop at the 14th-century Savior Monastery of St. Euthymius. Catherine II ordered a prison to be built within its Assumption Refectory Church. *Pushkarskaya Sloboda Hotel B*

DAY 4: Suzdal/Moscow

Return to Moscow. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 3,370



KIEV

Explore the fascinating Ukrainian capital city.

DAYS 1-2: Kiev

Arrive in Kiev. After a first day at leisure, visit Kiev Pechersk Lavra Monastery, an array of gold-domed churches, underground labyrinths lined with mummified monks and elegant monastic buildings turned museums — one with a hoard of Scythian gold. Explore the St. Sophia Cathedral and Monastery complex with its magnificent frescoes and murals. Continue to St. Andrew's Church, Rastrelli's inspired Baroque interpretation of the traditional Ukrainian five-domed, cross-shaped church. *Premier Palace Hotel B*

DAY 3: Kiev/Pyrogovo/Kiev

Drive outside Kiev to the open-air museum of Folk Architecture and Rural Life in Pyrogovo to glimpse life in the Ukraine centuries ago. Most of the buildings are original and were carried from different areas all over Ukraine. Later, explore the National Ukrainian Art Museum, housing 21 galleries of collections. *Premier Palace Hotel B*

DAY 4: Kiev

Transfer to the airport to board your departure flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 2,490



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Germany & Poland

Berlin • Dresden • Kraków • Warsaw

In Berlin, see the Brandenburg Gate and Jewish Holocaust Memorial. View Dresden's treasures and sample local wines at Wackerbarth Manor. In Kraków, whose historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, see Pope John Paul II's church and Oskar Schindler's factory. In Czestochowa, view the *Black Madonna*, Poland's holiest icon.

DAYS 1-2: Arrive in Berlin. The next day, stroll the Brandenburg Gate area. Continue by car to the Reichstag and Potsdamer Platz, where East and West were reunited; then visit Checkpoint Charlie and the Checkpoint Charlie Museum. Journey to the city's outskirts to see the House of the Wannsee Conference and Liebermann Villa.

DAY 3: Travel to Potsdam and stroll through the Sanssouci Gardens and Palace. Then stop at the Cecilienhof Palace where Truman, Stalin and Churchill signed the Potsdam Agreement.

DAY 4: Visit the Jewish Museum, the New Berlin Synagogue and the recently unveiled Jewish Memorial to victims of the Holocaust. Alternatively, privately visit Germany's largest synagogue.

DAY 5: Explore Dresden to see the Baroque Zwinger Palace, housing Raphael's *Sistine Madonna*, the Royal Palace and its New Green Vault. Travel into Saxony to visit the vineyards around Wackerbarth Manor and sample local wines.

DAYS 6-7: Fly to Kraków and tour the city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Royal Castle and Cathedral, the main church of the former Cardinal Wojtyła who became the late Pope John Paul II, and the fascinating Galicia Jewish Museum. Continue to Oskar Schindler's factory.

DAY 8: Travel to Auschwitz and pause to remember the four million victims of this Nazi concentration camp.

DAY 9: Stop in Czestochowa to visit the Pauline Monastery of Jasna Gora, which houses the 15th-century painting *Black Madonna*, the holiest icon in Poland.

DAY 10: Visit the most important sights of Jewish Warsaw: the former Jewish ghetto, the Nozyk Synagogue, the Jewish Theater, the Monument to the Heroes of the Ghetto and the Umschlagplatz Wall Monument. This evening, attend a private Chopin piano concert.

DAY 11: Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Switzerland

Geneva • Lausanne • Zermatt • Interlaken • Lucerne

On this independent journey, travel from Lake Geneva to the Matterhorn and the Jungfrauoch. Along the way, view lush Alpine valleys, snowfields and glaciers when you travel on the famous Glacier Express train.

DAY 1-2: Arrive in Geneva, where your first day is at leisure. The next day, depart on a sightseeing tour of this beautiful city, nestled between the Jura and the Alps, on the tip of Lac Léman (Lake Geneva). Explore the Left Bank, bristling with prestigious shops, monuments, parks and fountains. Explore the Old Town, stopping at the Church of St. Peter, before leaving for Lausanne.

DAY 3: Explore Lausanne's Old Town, the location of the Gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame, Switzerland's largest church. See the Hôtel de Ville, the seat of municipal and communal councils, and the painted medieval Fontaine de la Justice.

DAY 4: Spend the day in Gruyères and Montreux, stopping at the Gruyères Cheese Factory, Gruyères Castle and Château de Chillon.

DAY 5: En route to Taesch, make a stop in Martigny to visit the Pierre Gianadda Foundation that houses several museums and exhibitions. Wander the sculpture park to view works by Rodin,

Brancusi and Miró. The Gallo-Roman museum is built around the remains of the local temple and includes the famous Great Bronzes of Octodurus found in 1883.

DAY 6: Travel up the Gornergrat by the highest open-air rail system in Europe. From the summit station, you have exceptional views of the Matterhorn, Monte Rosa and Corner Glacier.

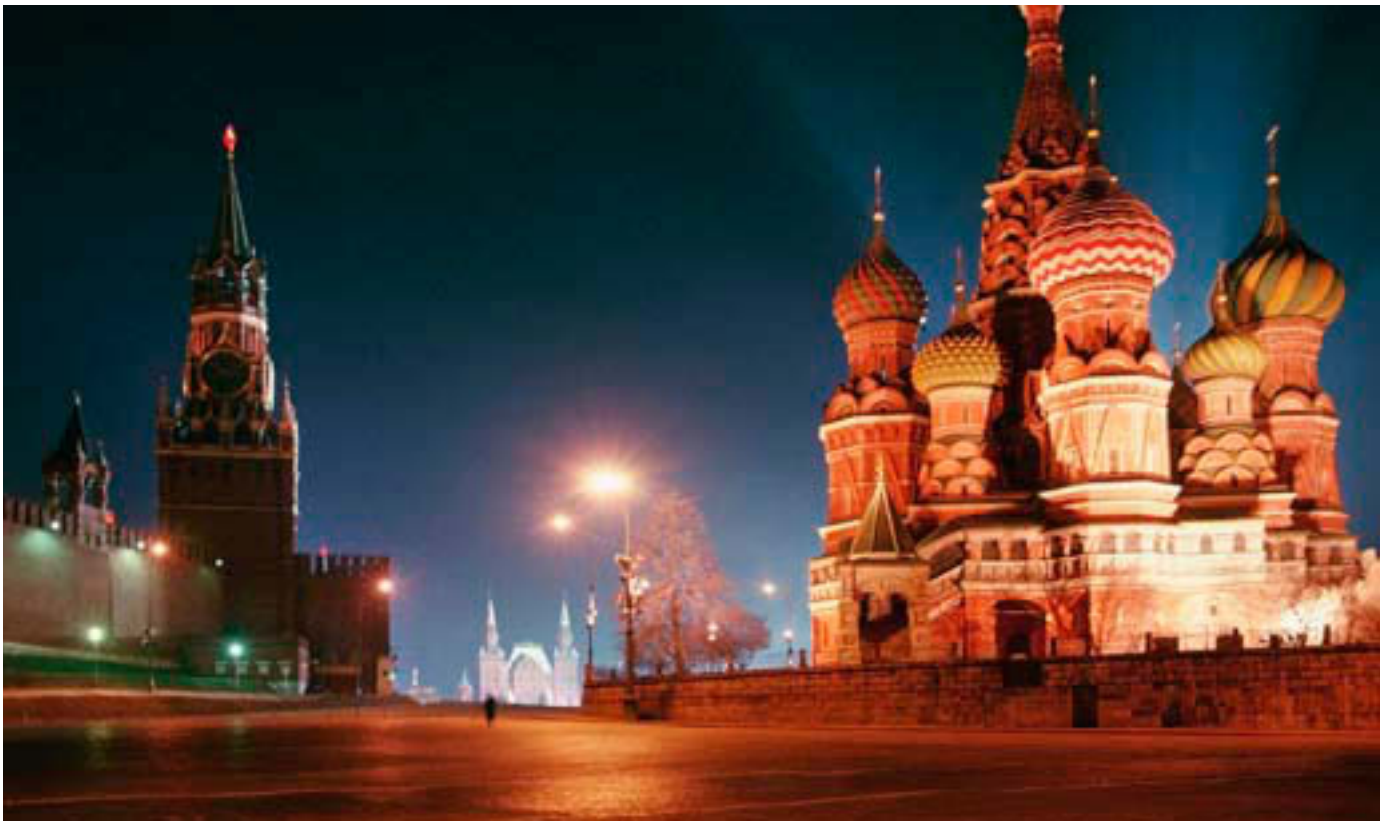
DAY 7: Privately transfer to Zermatt station to board the Glacier Express train and enjoy the breathtaking scenery to Interlaken.

DAY 8: Journey to the heart of the Bernese Alps, from the green valleys to the glistening, eternal snow fields and glaciers. Go by train to Jungfrauoch, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as "the roof of Europe."

DAY 9: Join your guide for a walk through Lucerne. Visit the Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall), the Hofkirche and the celebrated Glacier Gardens. Then relax on a public cruise on the lake.

DAY 10: Board the world's steepest cogwheel railway in Alpnachstad to Pilatus Kulm, observing lush meadows with Alpine flowers, mountain streams and fascinating rock faces. Descend by aerial gondola.

DAY 11: Transfer to the airport to board your departure flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Russia

Moscow & The Golden Ring

Moscow • Rostov • Yaroslavl • Suzdal

In Moscow, visit the Kremlin, view magnificent St. Basil's Cathedral in Red Square and see the dazzling Imperial collection of regalia at the State Armory. Then explore the Golden Ring, a series of ancient towns northeast of Moscow that figured prominently in Russian history and religion.

DAY 1: You have “fast track” assistance through customs and passport formalities in Moscow.

DAY 2: Begin your exploration of this magnificent city with a visit to Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral. The architect of this colorful multi-domed complex was supposedly blinded by Ivan the Terrible so that he could never recreate such splendor again. Visit the Kremlin, a treasure trove of Russian history, and two of its three cathedrals: Archangel and Assumption. See the dazzling collection of regalia from the Imperial era at the State Armory and the glittering crown jewels in the State Diamond Fund.

DAY 3: There are no jewelry stores or gold mines in the region dubbed the “Golden Ring,” but these old Russian towns played a

treasured role in nurturing the arts, intellectual enlightenment and statehood. Travel to Sergiev Possad to see the Trinity St. Sergius Monastery, an ancient center of the Russian Orthodox Church. Continue to Pereslavl Zalessky to visit the local Kremlin and the museum of Peter I's first boat.

DAY 4: Your city tour of Rostov includes a visit to the local Kremlin. Continue to Yaroslavl and after lunch, stop at the Preobrazhensky Monastery and Church of St. Elijah.

DAY 5: Travel to Kostroma for a private tour of the city's highlights, including the Ipatiev Monastery and the Romanovs' Chambers. Then drive to Suzdal.

DAY 6: Visit the Kremlin, Cross Chamber, the Pokrov Convent and the Spasso-Evfimiev Monastery. After lunch at a local restaurant, drive to Vladimir to see its Golden Gate, Uspensky Cathedral and Dmitrievsky Cathedral. Return to Suzdal and sit down to dinner with a local family.

DAY 7: Before returning to Moscow, stop in Bogolyubovo to see the 12th-century Church Of Intercession by the Nerl River.

DAY 8: Transfer by private car to the airport.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Russia

Trans-Siberian Express

Vladivostok • Khabarovsk • Ulaan Baatar • Ulan Ude • Lake Baikal • Irkutsk • Novosibirsk • Yekaterinburg • Kazan • Moscow

Travel aboard the modern, gracious Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express train through remote Mongolian villages and traditional towns. Conclude your journey in Moscow to see its historic highlights.

DAYS 1-2: In Vladivostok, attend a welcome reception and dinner. The next morning, explore the city, once a “closed” Russian port. Explore its military attractions, including a restored submarine. This afternoon, board the Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express.

DAY 3: Pass directly north of Seoul, Darwin and Osaka and stop in Khabarovsk for a city tour. Continue across the River Amur.

DAYS 4-5: The train follows the Shilka and Amur Rivers near the Chinese border, passing some of the most beautiful and remote areas of Russia. Pass your time relaxing or perhaps listening to the resident musician in the Bar Car.

DAY 6: Travel to Ulaan Baatar, the capital of Mongolia. Pass the central monument to Genghis Khan and visit the National Museum. Have lunch in a traditional *ger* (tent).

DAY 7: Arrive in Ulan Ude, capital of the Buryat Republic. The ethnic and cultural diversity is evident in the different faces and

dress styles of these most welcoming people. Explore the Old Believers Village to learn more about the culture and history.

DAY 8: Travel through tunnels and along cliff-hugging tracks above Lake Baikal, the world’s deepest lake. Stop in a secluded bay for a fish barbecue and a refreshing swim before visiting Listvyanka, a small Baikal settlement.

DAYS 9-10: Arrive in Irkutsk, the “Paris of Siberia.” Explore the classic wooden architecture of the city and the Decembrist House museum, dedicated to exiled aristocrats, for a private concert.

DAY 11: Experience the ambience of Novosibirsk when you visit the Opera House and view an imposing statue of Lenin.

DAY 12: Yekaterinburg is the third largest Russian city and the capital of the Urals. See where Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bosheviks in 1918.

DAY 13: Stop in Kazan to see the Kremlin Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAYS 14-16: End your incredible train journey in Moscow, where you visit the highlights: Red Square, the Tretyakov Gallery, Pushkin Museum, Novodevichy Convent and Kuskovo Estate.

DAY 17: Transfer to the airport to board your departure flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Scandinavia

Oslo • Bergen • Stockholm • Copenhagen

Explore the gardens of the Royal Palace in Oslo, visit colorful Bergen and board the Flåm Railway. Wander through Stockholm's Gamla Stan (Old Town) and in Copenhagen, stop at Tivoli Gardens and explore the countryside of North Zealand.

DAYS 1-2: Arrive in Oslo, where the remainder of your day is at leisure. The next day, stroll through the gardens of the Royal Palace and along Karl Johans Gate past the classical Parliament building to the Cathedral in Oslo's main square. Visit Akershus Castle and the red brick City Hall, with its array of sculptures and murals.

DAY 3: A full day's journey includes the Munch Museum, containing works by one of Scandinavia's leading artists; the Vigeland Sculpture Park, where over 200 copper statues are displayed; the Viking Ship Museum; and the Kon-Tiki Museum.

DAYS 4-5: Travel by train to Bergen. Wander through the colorful Fish Market, the 13th-century Bergen Fortress and Bryggens Museum. Take the Floibanen funicular to the top of Mount Floyen for a panoramic view of the city, sea and mountains.

DAY 6: Take in the beautiful scenery as you cruise along the Sognefjord and board the renowned Flåm Railway to Myrdal. During your short rail journey, climb 2,850 feet up a steep mountain gorge to enjoy spectacular panoramic views.

DAYS 7-9: Fly to Stockholm and stroll through Gamla Stan (the Old Town). Visit the Blue Hall, the Royal Palace and the National Museum. Travel to the island of Djurgården to see the nearly 400-year-old Vasa warship, discovered intact at the bottom of the harbor. Then wander through the Skansen Open-Air Museum, a full replica of an average 19th-century town. Watch as craftsmen (tanners, shoemakers, silversmiths, bakers and glass-blowers) wearing traditional dress demonstrate these old-world skills. Cross the archipelago to Drottningholm Palace.

DAYS 10-12: Board a flight to Copenhagen. During your three days here, visit Nyhavn (New Harbor), Amalienborg Palace, Rosenborg Palace, Christiansborg Castle, Tivoli Gardens and Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek. Go into the countryside of picturesque North Zealand to explore the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Kronborg Castle and Frederiksborg Castle.

DAY 13: Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Baltic States

Vilnius • Riga • Tallinn

Explore the countries of the Baltic region – Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Since the breakup of the Soviet Union, they've been racing to the 21st century while managing to retain their old world traditions.

DAYS 1-2: Arrive in Vilnius, where you join your guide for a walking tour that highlights the architecture of the city, once the capital of an empire that spread from the Baltic to the Black Sea. The old town is filled with Baroque buildings, cobbled streets and a Jewish quarter that has earned it the name of the “Jerusalem of Europe.” Visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul, St. Anna’s Church, the Gate of Dawn and Vilnius University. Travel to the medieval castle of Trakai, set on an island in Lake Galve.

DAY 3: Drive across the country to the poignant Hill of Crosses, a mound of millions of Christian crosses that became a symbol of resistance against repression during the Soviet era. Continue to the glorious Palace of Rundale, created for one of Catherine the Great’s lovers, en route to Riga, Latvia.

DAY 4: Founded in 1201, Riga was one of the great ports of the powerful Hanseatic trading league. Admire the city’s rich art

nouveau-style buildings: St. Peter’s Church, the Three Brothers and Riga Castle. Enjoy a backstage tour of the Riga Opera House before visiting Mentzendorff’s House, decorated in the style of the 17th and 18th centuries. Then sample traditional pancakes.

DAY 5: Travel to the Gauja National Park to visit the 13th-century Turaida Castle and Sigulda Castle.

DAY 6: Journey to Tallinn, Estonia’s capital, and admire the quaint squares, churches and cobbled streets of the Old Town. Join a walking tour to Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the Dome Church, Town Hall and the guild houses.

DAY 7: Travel to the countryside to visit the Kolga, Palmse and Sagadi manor houses. Kolga was the largest manor in Estonia, founded in the 13th century. Palmse and Sagadi manor houses were built in the 18th century.

DAY 8: Explore Kadriorg Park and Kadriorg Palace, designed for Peter the Great and now the residence of the Estonian president. Continue to the Song Festival Grounds, where the national song festivals are held. Return to Tallinn’s Old Town for further exploration.

DAY 9: Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.



Hotel Portfolio: Central & Eastern Europe

A selection of recommended hotels



HOTEL ADLON KEMPINSKI
Berlin, Germany

The Adlon is one of the finest hotels in the German capital and is located right by the Brandenburg Gate. All 382 luxurious guest rooms and suites have been exquisitely designed; beautiful materials and colors imbue every room and suite with unique and personal charm. Five restaurants offer superior cuisine. Additional facilities include a Roman-Mediterranean pool and gym and the exclusive Adlon Day Spa.



LE MÉRIDIEN LAV
Podstrana (Split), Croatia

Set amid beautifully landscaped gardens and located directly on the beach front, Le Méridien Lav lets guests experience the Mediterranean as it once was. Over 380 guest rooms and suites frame panoramic views of crystal seas overlooking Split and the surrounding idyllic islands. Seven restaurants and bars offer innovative pairings of flavors and aromas. The pristine beach, Penguins Kids Club and Diocletian Spa and Wellness Center make this an outstanding family resort.



ADRIANA, HVAR MARINA HOTEL & SPA
Hvar, Croatia

Perched on the promenade facing the old city center, Adriana takes in the view of the Cathedral, the Venetian *piazza* and the bay all in one graceful sweep. The luxurious Sensori Spa offers therapeutic and aesthetic treatments, massage and a wide range of programs, including yoga and nature excursions. The rooftop terrace features a heated, indoor/outdoor seawater pool and a spectacular sky bar and lounge area.



KEMPINSKI HOTEL ADRIATIC
Istria, Croatia

Kempinski Hotel Adriatic, the first five-star luxury seaside and golf resort in Croatia, is located on the northwestern coast of Istria. This active contemporary hotel with stunning views into Slovenia, Italy and the Alps offers 186 luxury rooms and suites, a 3,588-square-yard duplex spa, one indoor and two outdoor pools, a private beach, three restaurants and five bars, as well as the first Croatian 18-hole championship golf course.



THE CHARLES HOTEL
Munich, Germany

The Rocco Forte Collection's Charles Hotel opened in October 2007. Located in tranquil gardens in the historic center of Munich, the hotel is within walking distance of the famous Theatinerstrasse and Maximilianstrasse shopping areas and historical buildings. Featuring original paintings by Munich's celebrated 19th-century artist Franz von Lenbach, the hotel provides guests with individual design, elegant comfort, excellent levels of service and a luxurious spa and wellness club.



HOTEL SACHER WIEN
Vienna, Austria

Located in the heart of the city, directly opposite the state opera, the privately owned Hotel Sacher Wien has been an Austrian institution since its opening in 1876. The harmony of exclusive atmosphere and the unique character are incomparable, attracting guests from all over the world. All 152 rooms and suites are individually designed, offering state-of-the-art comfort, award-winning restaurants and a rejuvenating spa.



HOTEL SACHER SALZBURG
Salzburg, Austria

The Hotel Sacher Salzburg is located in the heart of the city on the quiet Salzach promenade, offering an impressive view of the old town and the fortress Hohensalzburg. Salzburg's grand hotel combines elegant luxury and tradition with a high standard of service. After a major refurbishment, the entire hotel features the most up-to-date technological standards; all 112 rooms and suites are individually decorated with original paintings, antiques, precious rugs and silk wallpaper.



LE MÉRIDIEN BUDAPEST
Budapest, Hungary

The hotel is located in the fashion district of the city, only a few minutes' walk from the Danube. This impressive building has 218 rooms including 26 suites with interactive LCD TV system, self-setting air conditioning and en suite bathrooms with bath and separate shower. Enjoy the high quality French cuisine of Le Bourbon and the welcoming ambience of Adria Palace Bar with live music every night. Relax in the health club which features a pool with natural daylight, Jacuzzi, sauna, steam bath, massage and gym.



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GRESHAM PALACE BUDAPEST Budapest, Hungary

Four Seasons is located on the steps of the Danube with glorious views over the Buda castle district and just minutes from the shopping and cultural sites. The hotel is the rebirth of the city's century-old Gresham Palace with its soaring winter gardens, grand staircases, stained glass, mosaics and ironwork and is renowned as one of the finest examples of art nouveau design in Europe. The hotel offers gracious hospitality and legendary service in its 179 guest rooms (including 17 suites), spa and fitness facilities as well as its indoor pool.



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL PRAGUE Prague, Czech Republic

On the banks of Vltava River, steps from the Charles Bridge and in the heart of the Old Town, Four Seasons interweaves brilliant architecture with highly personalized service and impeccable hospitality. Its 161 stunning rooms, including 20 exceptional suites, are among the city's largest, with marbled bathrooms, separate walk-in showers and the Four Seasons' renowned beds. Allegro, the only Michelin-starred restaurant in the Czech Republic and Central Europe, offers a fine dining experience with the summer terrace affording magnificent views of Prague Castle.



Hotel Portfolio: Russia

A selection of recommended hotels



HOTEL ASTORIA
St. Petersburg

The Rocco Forte Collection's Hotel Astoria is ideally located in the center of St. Petersburg, overlooking the landmark St. Isaac's Cathedral and within easy walking distance of the world-famous Hermitage Museum and Mariinsky Theater. Originally opened in 1912, Hotel Astoria today combines traditional character with elegant modern design. Guest rooms and suites are accented in a graceful blend of Russian antiques and contemporary pieces, complemented by modern technological amenities.



TALEON IMPERIAL HOTEL
St. Petersburg

Located in the heart of St. Petersburg, the Taleon Imperial Hotel is the only hotel in the city providing accommodation in a historical palace. Its interiors combine the latest advances of modern technology with the grandeur and charm of past centuries. The Taleon offers 89 magnificent rooms and suites individually decorated and featuring complimentary butler service; Continental, Russian and Georgian cuisine restaurants; the SPA and roof top swimming pool.



GRAND HOTEL EUROPE

St. Petersburg

Indulge in the luxury of the 19th-century landmark Grand Hotel Europe, located on Nevsky Prospekt and surrounded by some of the world's greatest cultural treasures, including the Russian Museum and Mussorgsky Theater. Offering a superb collection of historical ambience and modern facilities, the hotel has just opened 10 historic suites, including the Romanoff, Fabergé and Amber suites. Gastronomic traditions are lavishly brought to life at the hotel's six restaurants. At center stage is the Caviar Bar, offering an extensive selection of caviar served with ice-cold vodka — the true taste of Russia. The Planet Health Club and Beauty Room is equipped with cardiovascular exercise machines, a sauna, plunge pool, tanning and massage rooms, a full-service hair salon and a full range of spa beauty treatments. Additional services include a BMW limousine fleet, private boat catering, butler service, the hotel's own box in the Mariinsky and Mikhailovsky theaters and a chocolate factory.



THE RITZ-CARLTON MOSCOW

Moscow

Located just off Red Square, next to the Kremlin, in the heart of the cultural and business center of Russia's capital, The Ritz-Carlton, Moscow features the largest guest rooms and suites providing cutting edge technological amenities. The hotel offers a string of luxurious amenities including world-class dining options, a rooftop bar with magnificent views of the Kremlin and Red Square, a beauty salon, fitness center and spacious full-service spa by ESPA, featuring 14 treatment rooms, as well as a heated indoor pool, hot tub, sauna and steam rooms.

Canal & River Cruising in Europe



EUROPE AT LEISURE

A canal or river cruising holiday in Europe is one of the most relaxing and enjoyable holidays possible. For a leisurely vacation in beautiful surroundings, far from the usual tourist circuits, canal and river cruising simply has no equal.

In 2010, Abercrombie & Kent offers 24 hotel and charter vessels on individual itineraries throughout England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Holland & Belgium and Germany, Austria & Hungary. Barges and river cruisers range from small charter barges carrying four passengers to larger river cruisers carrying 88 passengers.

ALL-INCLUSIVE VALUE

Canal and river cruising is a great value in today's European travel market. There is no need to pull out your wallet while aboard a canal or river cruise. Pricing includes everything you need to make your holiday complete, from accommodations to three delicious meals daily with wine. Even guided sightseeing, entry fees, transfers and bar drinks are included on most vessels. Only optional activities (such

as hot air ballooning) and gratuities, which are best left to personal discretion, are excluded from the selling price.

CANAL VS. RIVER CRUISING

The inland waterways of Europe, no longer the mainstay of economic transport, have been reborn as living waterways for leisure travellers, offering relaxed environments from which to experience the local history and culture. Some are unique ecosystems in their own right, and some include architectural achievements worthy of UNESCO designation as World Heritage Sites.

Canal cruises are in countryside areas, generally away from larger towns. The actual miles travelled on a canal cruise are few, with frequent opportunities for spontaneous waterside activities such as walking and cycling along towpaths or independent village rambles.

River cruises cover greater distances more quickly. They also offer a relaxed on-board atmosphere, but with a more comprehensive itinerary that includes both town and country.



HOTEL VS. CHARTER DEPARTURES

If you're travelling solo or as a couple and enjoy meeting new people, a **hotel departure** may be best for you. Shared experiences and good conversation over gourmet meals create a perfect setting for the development of new friendships. Many of our travellers make lifelong friendships while relaxing on a leisurely barge cruise.

If you're planning a holiday with family or a group of friends, you may prefer a **charter departure**. With these departures, all cabins on board are reserved for the exclusive use of your party, and sightseeing stops and activities can often be tailored to your specifications.

DAY BY DAY

You are welcomed aboard by a smiling, English-speaking crew member and handed a glass of wine or champagne to toast your arrival. You are then shown to your comfortable cabin (with private bath en suite). Later, there is time to get acquainted with your fellow passengers.

Each day, enjoy a wonderful buffet breakfast and *al fresco* lunch (weather permitting) with activities that may include guided sightseeing at magnificent châteaux, owner-led tours of wine estates (including a sampling of the local vintages) or opportunities to relax in a lounge chair on deck, watching the lovely countryside pass by. At day's end, the vessel moors for the night to host a lavish gourmet dinner prepared by the on-board chef.

NEW FOR 2010

A&K is pleased to announce a new barge for 2010: newly refurbished '**Enchanté**' travels the historic Canal du Midi in the south of France. Carrying just eight passengers, it offers the utmost in comfort with fine gourmet cuisine.

'Enchanté' can cruise in tandem with 'Anjodi' to accommodate larger groups of up to 16 passengers.

For more details regarding these and other programs, consult A&K's 2010 *Canal & River Cruising in Europe* brochure.

The Royal Scotsman



Relax and unwind on a rail journey of Edwardian splendor and modern elegance.

Step into the world of luxury train travel, reminiscent of a romantic age when the time spent travelling was savored and enjoyed. The Royal Scotsman luxury train is a private haven of both Edwardian splendor and modern luxury and travels through ancient mountains and mysterious highland *lochs*, golden glens and charming villages.

The majestic landscape of Scotland seduces all who visit, with its sweeping hills, stunning coastlines and rugged moorland. The Scottish Highlands area is a tranquil, unhurried corner of the world where time seems to stand still.

Aboard The Royal Scotsman, one of the luxury products of Orient-Express, you feel like an honored guest at a private party, which, indeed, you are. With a maximum of only 36 guests, there is plenty of personal attention on board. Enjoy the company of your fellow travellers, sit idly with a good book or merely gaze at the beautiful countryside outside your window.

Experience not just an exceptional restaurant on rails, but one that is comparable with the best in Britain.

From the moment the piper welcomes you aboard in Edinburgh, to the moment you return to this historic city, you are in the very best of hands, on the very best of trains.

CLASSIC

This is the quintessential Royal Scotsman experience and one of the most popular journeys. Beginning and ending in Edinburgh, it includes a private *ceilidh* (traditional musical evening) at Strathisla and a personal invitation to visit the magnificent house and gardens of Ballindalloch.

Duration: 4 nights Price: \$ 6,620 per person, double occupancy

WESTERN

The landscapes along the West Highland Line are stunning, offering one of the world's most scenic railway journeys. This itinerary takes you through dramatic Rannoch Moor to Mallaig and from Wemyss Bay across to the Isle of Bute for a private viewing of Mount Stuart, Britain's most spectacular Victorian Gothic house.

Duration: 3 nights Price: \$ 5,250 per person, double occupancy



HIGHLAND

Experience the drama and wild beauty of the Scottish Highlands as you travel north on the Highland Line through Aberdeen and Keith to Inverness. At Rothiemurchus Estate, try your hand at clay pigeon shooting, venturing out with the estate's rangers on a Highland safari.

Duration: 2 nights Price: \$ 3,610 per person, double occupancy

GRAND TOURS

Combine the scenic Western and traditional Highland itineraries for a 5-night Grand West Highland tour.

Duration: 5 nights Price: \$ 7,970 per person, double occupancy

Combine the favorite Classic and scenic Western itineraries for a 7-night Grand North Western tour.

Duration: 7 nights Price: \$ 10,680 per person, double occupancy

SPECIAL DEPARTURES

Country Homes & Gardens and Grand Tour of Great Britain
Special terms and conditions apply. Please ask for details.

ADDITIONAL ORIENT-EXPRESS TRAIN JOURNEYS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM: THE BRITISH PULLMAN AND THE NORTHERN BELLE

“Step on board, and the real world evaporates behind you” is a sentiment often voiced by travellers on the British Pullman train. Together with its sister train, the Northern Belle, magnificent period carriages enable guests to experience all the magic of the Orient-Express without leaving Britain.

The British Pullman offers day excursions, and the Northern Belle offers both day trips and “Timeless Weekends” to and from London and other UK cities. To sit in these parlor cars is to travel in a work of art: the British Pullman consists of restored vintage carriages, while the Northern Belle features exquisite marquetry panels.

When visiting Britain's greatest cities, gardens, castles and sporting events aboard these luxury trains, the journey is as exciting as the destination.

**For more information, contact your travel professional,
call an A&K specialist at 800 652 8403 or visit us at abercrombiekent.com.**

Special Interest Group Travel



Gather your group for a one-of-a-kind journey

A JOURNEY FOR EVERY INTEREST

Abercrombie & Kent's group travel department creates rewarding journeys for any interest, from art and architecture to history and contemporary culture. We work hand in hand with your alumni society, museum group, wine and food group or employee rewards program. The result is a carefully crafted distinctive journey perfectly tailored to your unique interests:

- A journey for your historical society to the Middle East, where expert guides weave history, archaeology and storytelling into a unique and enriching experience
- A food-lover's journey with a private visit to a *gelateria*, a picnic on a Provençal hilltop or fresh seafood served on an ice-carved table atop a glacier

- A visit to Peru, where your group adopts a school and works directly with the children, or assists the local residents as they work their fields
- A chance for your environmental group to help anti-poaching efforts in Masai Mara or replant bamboo in the Wulong Panda Reserve in China
- An artistic journey with a private visit to a Chinese opera academy or a private choral concert in a beautiful cathedral

LET US ARRANGE THE DETAILS

Your journey begins with a phone call to one of our group specialists, who oversees your program from beginning to end. With Abercrombie & Kent's 48-year reputation, we can arrange for special access and opportunities for your group that no other travel company can match.

**Contact your travel professional or an
Abercrombie & Kent Group Specialist at 866 572 1665.**

Celebrate with Abercrombie & Kent



Mark the milestones with the gift of travel

A CELEBRATION UNIQUELY YOURS

Whether a honeymoon, anniversary, family reunion or a special birthday, Abercrombie & Kent can make any event flawless and unforgettable. A dedicated Celebrations Specialist sees to every detail, from the perfect place to stay to memorable meals, children's activities and adult adventures.

- Celebrate your birthday with a day of shopping in London's boutiques, accompanied by your own fashion consultant
- Mark your anniversary by renewing your vows with a Hindu *pandit* (priest) in the Shiva Temple in Jaipur
- Gather the family for a reunion in China, where you visit the Terra Cotta Warriors and fly a kite from the ramparts of the Great Wall

THE ABERCROMBIE & KENT GIFT REGISTRY

Travel is the perfect gift, and Abercrombie & Kent makes giving it a pleasure. Our Gift Registry works just like the registry from a fine department store. Choose the dates and destinations for your itinerary on our web site; then use our email alert feature to notify friends and family of your desired gift. We'll even help you send responses with our simple, personalized email "thank you cards."

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Abercrombie & Kent Gift Certificates are another great way to give the gift of travel. Gift certificates can be purchased online in denominations as low as \$500; they have no blackout dates and never expire. Whether you want to contribute toward a best friend's honeymoon or send your top earners on safari, the starting point is your imagination and the options are endless.

**Speak to your Travel Professional or a Celebrations Specialist at
800 595 0169 to begin planning the celebration of a lifetime.**

Marco Polo Club



Taken by Katharine Villard, 2007 1st place Marco Polo Club photo contest winner

The world's finest travel community

Abercrombie & Kent's Marco Polo Club was created in 1984 as a way to thank — and reward — our most dedicated and loyal travellers. Membership is open to anyone who enjoys the company of like-minded travellers eager for inspiring adventures in exotic destinations.

INVITATIONAL TRAVEL

The cornerstone of Marco Polo Club membership is the Invitational Program, a specially arranged journey only offered to Club members. These are often the first A&K journeys offered to emerging destinations — Marco Polo Club members were the first A&K travellers to visit Madagascar and North Korea. Invitational Programs are led by A&K's finest guides, men and women whose presence makes any journey unforgettable — and whose dedication has earned them recognition in *and* other publications.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

For a nominal membership fee, Marco Polo Club members enjoy numerous privileges and benefits, including:

- Exclusive Invitational journeys — around 25 every year
- Priority waitlist access to sold-out programs
- Savings of five percent on A&K travel after your first trip*
- Waiver of \$300 Tailor Made planning fee
- Chance to win credit for future travel in the Club's photo contest
- Exclusive offers from our partners

* Some restrictions apply.



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to join the world's greatest community of travellers.

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The Passenger Travel Protection Plan



One more reason to travel with A&K

Abercrombie & Kent knows the value of planning for every travel contingency. Circumstances can force you to cancel your trip at the last minute, return home early or seek emergency medical treatment overseas. That's why we've developed our unique Passenger Travel Protection Plan in conjunction with America's number one travel insurance provider, Travel Guard.

The option to buy is included on your departure invoice. There are no forms to fill out; simply pay the amount shown and you are enrolled automatically.

Passenger Travel Protection is designed to give you broad coverage that includes*:

- Coverage for pre-existing medical conditions
- Medical coverage for illness or injury sustained while abroad. Optional upgrade is available for primary coverage
- Baggage loss, theft, delay or damage coverage including an option to upgrade to primary coverage for an additional \$20
- Toll-free 24/7 assistance with medical, dental or legal emergencies, lost travel documents, emergency cash transfers and more

Enjoy the world with greater peace of mind – with Abercrombie & Kent's passenger travel protection plan.

*Insurance is underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., a Pennsylvania Insurance Company (NAIC #19445), currently authorized to transact business in all states and the District of Columbia. The policy will contain reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. Not all coverages are available in all states.

Abercrombie & Kent / EXTREME ADVENTURES



EXPLORE A NEW FRONTIER

Defying expectations has always been a hallmark of Abercrombie & Kent travel. With Extreme Adventures, A&K once again finds itself pushing the envelope – beginning our expeditions where others end.

At A&K, we understand that experiencing nature's most demanding landscapes can reveal exactly who you are, testing your physical, psychological and maybe even spiritual selves. The fifteen journeys in our Extreme Adventures portfolio cover a breadth of activities and range from mildly demanding to profoundly challenging. They take you from the world's highest peaks to its most remote terrains, from the polar ice caps to the sun-bleached deserts of Africa and all points between. Brave the planet's

Choose your Extreme Adventure from the six categories below.

MAN AND MACHINE EXTREME

Experience the rush of speed, from the driver's seat of a Formula One racer to the cockpit of a supersonic fighter jet.

TO THE EDGES OF THE EARTH

Reach the South Pole on skis or find the polar bear in its Arctic habitat on these rugged polar adventures.

EXTREME SAFARI

See Africa's wildlife by canoe, on foot or even from a helicopter on unique safaris led by the continent's most intrepid guides.

South Africa—Seeking the Ultimate Thrill



Norway—On the Trail of the Polar Bear



Tanzania—The Selous on Foot





harshest environments, come face-to-face with its most exotic wildlife and blaze paths where humans rarely venture. Return from your journey a different person from when you embarked, with new insight into the power of nature and your ability to overcome it. How many people can say they set out for the South Pole at the point where the great explorer Ernest Shackleton turned back? Only A&K Extreme Adventures give you the chance to find out.

Visit akextremeadventures.com for more details.

MOUNTAIN TREKKING

Reach Mount Everest Base Camp or the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, two of the world's most challenging mountain treks.



Kilimanjaro—Lemosho & the Western Breach

UNDERSEA ADVENTURES

Dive into the waters off Belize for up-close encounters with its extraordinary sea life, including the elusive whale shark.



Belize—Diving the Blue Hole

DESERT EXPEDITIONS

Experience life in the unforgiving desert, following the path of Lawrence of Arabia in Jordan or exploring Egypt's White Desert.



Jordan—Following the Steps of Lawrence of Arabia

Terms & Conditions

INCLUDED IN ESCORTED PROGRAMS: Prices are valid to December 2010, (2011 pricing details will be subject to final confirmation), and include all accommodations as noted in the itinerary; meals as specified; arrival and departure transfers (regardless of arrival and departure days); fully-guided sightseeing as noted in the itinerary (including park and entrance fees); bottled water supplied during sightseeing; selected beverages with group meals; services of an A&K Tour Director* (please see condition noted below); handling of two pieces of baggage per person for international flights (other conditions/restrictions may apply for internal routes; please refer to Baggage section); hotel taxes; gratuities throughout, except to your Tour Director** (please see separate section on Gratuities for more details).

PLEASE NOTE: *ON GROUP PROGRAMS: If a minimum number of passengers is not reached, A&K may provide local guides in each location, in place of an A&K Tour Director. Services may also be modified to accommodate a smaller group.

ON PROGRAM EXTENSIONS: All extensions are locally guided.

****GRATUITIES ON ESCORTED PROGRAMS:** Gratuities are included for hotel/restaurant staff, portage and local guides/drivers. Gratuities are not included for the A&K Tour Director, which are at the traveller's discretion and should be based on the level of satisfaction with the service received. Recommended guidelines for each area visited are provided in A&K's pre-tour documentation.

****GRATUITIES INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS (SIGNATURE AND TAILOR MADE):** Gratuities are not included in the program price and are at the discretion of the traveller. Recommended guidelines are provided in A&K's pre-tour documentation.

NOT INCLUDED IN ESCORTED PROGRAM PRICES: Passenger Travel Protection Program; international and internal airfares, unless otherwise noted; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes, unless otherwise noted; excess baggage charges; gratuities to the A&K Tour Director on Escorted Programs; meals other than specified in the itinerary; room service; beverages other than noted in your "Pre-Tour Documentation," sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability).

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES: All departures are guaranteed, with some dates being subject to a minimum number of passengers to operate; (excepting only cases of *force majeure*, which could include any major world event that adversely affects international travel patterns and other circumstances beyond A&K's control). Should the minimum number of passengers not be met, A&K will offer one of the following options: modify the services of the original program to accommodate a smaller group or offer an alternative program. Should no alternative be suitable, A&K will offer a full refund of all monies received.

ITINERARIES: Accommodations (hotel or vessel) and arranged sightseeing are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K's control. Every effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. A&K also reserves the right to withdraw a program or any part of it, to make such alterations to the itinerary or the program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and to pass on to program members any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control. SIGNATURE WATERWAYS OF THE CZARS cruise itinerary is subject to change, depending on weather and water conditions. Sightseeing is subject to change on individual departures, depending on museum opening times.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Specific requests such as adjacent or connecting rooms, bedding requests, smoking or non-smoking rooms and special dietary needs should be advised at time of booking. Please note that every effort will be made to secure your special requests; however, they cannot be guaranteed.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS: Quoted program prices include planning, handling and operational charges, and are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of June 2009. A&K reserves the right to increase program prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes

received after prices are published, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. A&K is under no obligation to give breakdown costs involved in any Escorted or Tailor Made program. Modification of program content to accommodate a smaller group size will not affect published program price.

IMMEDIATE CHECK-IN: On programs where immediate check-in has not been included in the program price, A&K does request that hotels do their utmost to facilitate this service; however, it is not guaranteed. Most hotels allow check-in to take place during the mid-afternoon. Should you wish to have your room ready for immediate check-in upon arrival, A&K can arrange this for an additional charge. Please ask for details and prices.

EARLY ARRIVAL: A&K recommends that you arrive a day or two before the start of your program to allow time to relax and refresh after your journey and to prepare for the start of your program. A&K has negotiated special overnight rates at many hotels contained within this brochure. Please ask for details at time of booking. Departing early from the U.S. is also recommended in the winter months, due to possible flight disruptions and cancellations caused by inclement weather conditions.

ACTIVE ELEMENTS: On specified programs some active elements have been incorporated into the itinerary. To enjoy the program as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. A&K will require notice if any participant has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or herself or to other members of the selected program. A&K reserves the right to decline to accept anyone that it considers unsuitable due to fitness level. A&K also reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the participant's own expense, anyone whose condition is such that it could create a hazard to himself or herself or others, or otherwise impact the enjoyment of other passengers on the trip. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program please ask for details at time of booking.

BAGGAGE: Program prices include the handling of two pieces of baggage per person. Weight restrictions on some routes on internal air flights may apply; details will be provided with preliminary tour documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at owner's risk throughout the travel program. Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions applicable to your international flights.

A&K'S PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM: Our specially designed travel protection program, which provides cancellation coverage, medical coverage and protection against lost or damaged luggage, is not included in the tour price and it is strongly recommended. Please see page 127 for more details.

CHILD POLICY: On non-family programs, unless otherwise indicated on the individual program page, a minimum age of 10 years is required. On family programs, unless indicated on the individual program page, there is no minimum age requirement. However, some activities contained within a program may have a different age restriction than the overall minimum age requirement. Details will be provided at the time of booking. Please Note: A&K reserves the right to marginally exceed the published maximum group size on family programs to accommodate a family.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Valid passports are required for travel to

the destinations in this brochure. Check with your travel agent or A&K for the latest visa requirements. Please note that non-U.S. passport holders are responsible for obtaining the required documentation applicable for entry. Please note also that passports must be valid for six (6) months after the return of your journey and should also have sufficient blank pages for visas and immigrations stamps. A&K cannot be held responsible should you be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements. A copy of your valid passport must be submitted to A&K in order to confirm air reservations.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE: For all programs in this brochure (except for SIGNATURE WATERWAYS OF THE CZARS), a deposit of \$1,250 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 90 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of the request in order to secure confirmation.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE: For SIGNATURE WATERWAYS OF THE CZARS, a deposit of \$1,250 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 120 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of the request in order to secure confirmation.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: For all programs except SIGNATURE WATERWAYS OF THE CZARS, cancellations received by A&K 90 days or more prior to departure will be subject to a \$500 per person/per program cancellation fee; 89-60 days, will be subject to 20% of the program price; 59-30 days will be 50% of program price and 29 days or less will be subject to 100% of program price.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: For SIGNATURE WATERWAYS OF THE CZARS, cancellations received by A&K 120 days or more prior to departure will be subject to a \$750 per person/per program cancellation fee; 119-90 days, will be subject to 20% of the program price; 89-30 days will be 50% of program price and 29 days or less will be subject to 100% of program price.

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR EXTRA SERVICES: Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in connection with A&K programs are subject to the following: Cancellations received 31 or more days prior to the service will be refunded in full; cancellations received 30-15 days in advance will be charged 50% of the price; cancellations received less than 15 days in advance will be charged 100% of the price.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International airfares are not included in program cost. Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC has special agreements with many carriers and can offer quotations from any gateway. Please ask your tour consultant about our special fares. All international and internal air quotes are subject to change and can carry penalties and surcharges, until final payment has been received by A&K. Flight confirmation is based on availability. PLEASE NOTE THAT CERTAIN AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO A SERVICE FEE. Air reservations will not be confirmed until a passport copy is received by A&K.

Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or



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UNITED STATES TOUR OPERATORS ASSOCIATION



Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC, as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post \$1 Million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travellers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC customers in the unlikely event of Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC's bankruptcy, insolvency

or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the \$1 Million posted by Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC. Complete details of the USTOA Travellers Assistance Program may be obtained by writing to USTOA at 275 Madison Avenue, Suite 2014, New York, NY 10016, or by email to information@ustoa.com or by visiting its Web site at www.USTOA.com.

ASTA TOP TOUR OPERATOR PROGRAM



Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC is also a member of the American Society of Travel Agents TOP Program, open only to select tour operators.

TRAVEL AGENTS

A travel agent can enhance your trip by providing information and advice not contained in this brochure. A&K has long-standing relationships with the industry's best travel agents and would be pleased to work with yours.

conveyances. These programs may use the services of any IATA carrier. International air carriers are subject to international air conventions limiting their liability. The limitations of liability are contained on the reverse side of the airline ticket or e-ticket receipt, or on the carrier's web site, and form part of the terms and conditions of this package. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these travel programs and/or passage.

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

PHOTOGRAPHY DURING TRAVEL: Abercrombie & Kent reserves the right to take photographs during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes. By booking a program with A&K, program members agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs. Program members who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to their Tour Director at the beginning of their program.

A&K TAILOR MADE TRAVEL PROGRAMS: Terms and Conditions for the A&K Tailor Made Travel programs and Tailor Made Portfolio hotels may vary from those shown above. Please ask for details.

****GRATUITIES ON INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS (SIGNATURE AND TAILOR MADE).** Gratuities are not included in the program price and are at the discretion of the traveller. Recommended guidelines for each area visited are provided in A&K's pre-tour documentation.

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services whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means of transportation or for failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

There are many inherent risks in adventure travel of the type involved here, which can lead to illness, injury, or even death. These risks are increased by the fact that these trips take place in remote locations, far from medical facilities. Passenger assumes all such risks associated with participating in this trip.

TRAVEL ADVISORIES AND WARNINGS: It is the responsibility of The Traveller to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the U. S. State Department's travel website at www.travel.state.gov/ or by phone at 1-888-407-4747. In the event of an active State Department Travel Warning against travel to the specific destination location(s) of the trip, should The Traveller still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, The Traveller assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

ARBITRATION AGREEMENT: Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the Limits on Abercrombie & Kent's Responsibility clause, to the brochure, to any information relating in any way to the trip, to the trip itself, or to any products or services related to the trip, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, except that (a) in lieu of a personal appearance at arbitration, the arbitration may be conducted by telephonic means, (b) arbitration is the exclusive forum for dispute resolution (no court actions), and (c) except as otherwise provided by statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses and an equal share of the arbitrator and administrative fees.

TRAVELLERS REPRESENTATIONS: The Traveller represents that neither he nor she nor anyone traveling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or herself or other members of the program. A&K reserves the right to decline to accept anyone on a trip. A&K reserves the right to remove from the trip, at his or her sole expense, anyone whose condition is such that he or she could create a hazard to himself or others, or otherwise impact the enjoyment of other passengers on the trip.

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