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# Golden route of Japan

ALL EXCURSIONS  
A.S PER ITINERARY  
& ENTRANCE FEES  
AS PER PROGRAMME  
INCLUDED

FROM **€5437**

WHEN **8 - 22 JULY**

VISITING

Osaka, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Takamatsu, Naruto, Kobe, Nara, Kyoto, Kanazawa, Matsumoto, Hakone, Kamakura & Tokyo

PRICE INCLUDES

- ▶ Flights with Turkish Airlines to Osaka return from Tokyo via Istanbul
- ▶ Accommodation in 3\* & 4\* similar category hotels
- ▶ 12 breakfasts (a mixture of Japanese & western)
- ▶ 8 dinners as per programme
- ▶ Return ferry to Miyajima
- ▶ All excursions guided with an experienced English-speaking guide as per itinerary
- ▶ All the entrance fees, as mentioned in the programme
- ▶ All transfers
- ▶ Service of a tour leader
- ▶ All taxes
- ▶ Insolvency Fund



## PRICE PER PERSON

Adult in Triple	on request
Adult in Twin (Double rooms not guaranteed)	€5437
Adult in Single	€5999

Minimum group size is based on 20 passengers

Note: A Maltese passport with a validity date of 6 months beyond departure date.

Visa: Please ask at the desk for requirements.

Vaccines: Kindly check with the National Immunisation Service at Floriana Health centre.



**MONDAY, 8TH JULY / TUESDAY, 9TH JULY |** We meet at the Malta International Airport at 4.15pm for our Turkish Airlines flight that leaves Malta at 7.20pm and arrives in Istanbul at 10.45pm. We then board our flight to Japan departing at 2.00am (9th July) and arriving in Osaka at 6.55pm. On arrival we are transferred to our hotel Mystays Shin-Osaka Conference Centre (or similar). Check in, we have dinner and overnight. \*Coach will continue with checked in luggage to Hiroshima – hand luggage to be kept with us.

**WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY |** After breakfast, we make our way to the train station, take the bullet train for a 90 minute ride to Hiroshima. We make our way to Hatsukaichi, then go by ferry to the island of Miyajima (included) and visit the sanctuary of Itsukushima Shrine (included) whose colourful buildings float on the water of the Inner Sea. We then have a brief city tour of Hiroshima by private coach. Visiting the Genbaku Dome (the striking Cupola of a building which remained famously intact after the nuclear attack); and the Peace Memorial park. Later, transfer to our hotel Daiwa Roynet Hiroshima – Ekimae (or similar), check in and dinner at a restaurant.

**THURSDAY, 11TH JULY |** After breakfast we meet our English-speaking guide and take Shimanami Road to Matsuyama, which is a 60 kilometer long toll road that connects Japan's main island of

Honshu to the island of Shikoku, passing over six small islands in the Seto Inland Sea. We will visit the Ishiteji-temple (included), one of Shikoku's pilgrimage temples. Pilgrims dressed in white are a frequent sight at this large temple. We later proceed to Takamatsu where we have some free time at the centre and have dinner. Later check in at our hotel – Rihga Hotel Zest Takamatsu (or similar) and overnight.

**FRIDAY, 12TH JULY |** Today, after breakfast we meet our English-speaking guide and have a brief city tour. Later we go to the beautiful Ritsurin landscape garden (included). We then proceed and have a short stop at Naruto. This is followed by a transfer to Himeji via the 1,629m Naruto Ohashi suspension bridge, famous for viewing whirlpools. In Himeji we discover the city on foot and have some free time for lunch. We later stop at Himeji castle (included), the famous many-tiered white castle, acclaimed as Japan's most beautiful and complete historic citadel, known as the White Egret. Transfer to Kobe, a large port city and walk through the China town district and Kitano-cho, former residential area for foreign merchants. Transfer to our hotel in Candeo Osaka Namba (or similar) in Osaka and enjoy dinner.

**SATURDAY, 13TH JULY |** After breakfast we have a guided tour with our English-speaking guide of Osaka - sightseeing by a private coach. We stop





at The Umeda sky building (included), famous as Floating Garden Observatory; Osaka castle (included) and sparkling district of Osaka Dotombori. Transfer to hotel in Osaka, have some free time. Dinner (extra).

**SUNDAY, 14TH JULY |** Breakfast at our hotel and we proceed with a full day excursion of Nara accompanied by an English-speaking guide. We visit: Todaiji-Temple (included), famous for the biggest bronze statue of Buddha in Japan; the Kasuga Shrine with 3,000 lanterns; Nara Park where about 1,000 tame deer circulate freely. Transfer back to our hotel and dinner.

**MONDAY, 15TH JULY |** After breakfast, we have a full day excursion to Kyoto. Together with our guide we visit Kinkakuji Temple (included), the “Golden Pavilion”, covered entirely with gold leaf and Heianjingu shrine, which was built on the 1,100th anniversary of the foundation of Kyoto as the capital of Japan. Later in the afternoon, we visit Fushimi Inari, a famous Shinto shrine, famous for its thousands of red Torii. Return to our hotel.

**TUESDAY, 16TH JULY |** We start the day with breakfast, meet our English-speaking guide and transfer to Kanazawa. Here we have a half day city tour - we will be visiting Kenrokuen garden (included), justifiably classified as one of Japan’s three most beautiful landscape gardens; and Higashichaya-town, a traditional tea shop district. We later proceed to our hotel and check in at Kanazawa New Grand Prestige Hotel (or similar). Dinner included.

**WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY |** After breakfast this morning we meet our guide and we are transferred to Shirakawago. We will have free time to explore the Shirakawa region, declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 1995. The region is famous for its traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses. The roofs, made without nails, provided a large attic space used for cultivating silkworms. We later proceed to Takayama and walk around the old town. Due to its previously inaccessible location nestled high in the mountainous Hida alpine region, this beautifully preserved old town was cut

off from the rest of Japan, allowing it to develop its own unique culture. Afterwards, we have the transfer to Alpico Plaza in Matsumoto (or similar), check in and dinner.

**THURSDAY, 18TH JULY |** We start our day with breakfast and meet our English-speaking guide and transfer to Hakone. On the way, we will have a short stop at Fujikawaguchiko and Lake Kawaguchi. Later we proceed and enjoy cruising on Lake Ashi where the famous and revered Mount Fuji is reflected in all its glory. Transfer to our hotel in Hakone where we will spend the night at Hotel Kowaki en (or similar). Dinner at our hotel included.

**FRIDAY, 19TH JULY |** We meet our English-speaking guide after breakfast at our hotel and then proceed to Kamakura. Here we will visit Kotokuin Temple (included) to see a giant bronze Buddha statue. Afterwards, we make our way to Yokohama – the second largest city in Japan. Later on, we proceed to our hotel – Monterey Hanzomon (or similar). Today’s lunch and dinner are included.

**SATURDAY, 20TH JULY |** Today we will have a full day excursion to discover the city of Tokyo. After breakfast, we meet our English-speaking guide and together we visit the observatory of the Metropolitan Government of Tokyo Shinjuku (included), which offers a beautiful view of the whole city and also visit Meiji Jingu Shrine located within a stunning inner-city park. Later we will have a photo stop at the Imperial Palace square and afterwards we will visit Asakusa Sensoji Temple, the oldest Buddhist temple in Tokyo dedicated to Asakusa Kannon. Dinner included.

**SUNDAY, 21ST JULY / MONDAY 22ND JULY |** Breakfast. On our last day in this splendid country, we have a day at leisure for personal sightseeing and shopping. Later in the afternoon we are transferred by private coach to Airport. We depart Haneda Airport at 9.55pm and arrive in Istanbul at 5.05am (22nd July). We then proceed to our flight to Malta that departs at 4.50pm and arriving at 8.25pm. Between flights, one can opt to join the sightseeing tour of Istanbul.



# Cuba - a Caribbean Adventure

ALL  
EXCURSIONS  
AS PER  
ITINERARY  
INCLUDED

FROM

€4499

WHEN

16 JULY - 4 AUGUST

VISITING

Havana, Miramar, Viñales, Las Terrazas, Cienfuegos, Parque el Cubano waterfalls, Trinidad, Sancti Spiritus, Camaguey, Santiago, Moncada, Baracoa, Yumuri Valley, Bayamo & Varadero

PRICE  
INCLUDES

- ▶ Turkish Airlines flights to Havana, via Istanbul
- ▶ 17 nights accommodation in 3 & 4 star hotels
- ▶ 17 buffet breakfasts, 16 lunches & 8 dinners
- ▶ All transfers as per program
- ▶ All excursions guided by English speaking guide, as indicated in itinerary
- ▶ Services of Tour Leader
- ▶ All taxes
- ▶ Insolvency Fund



## PRICE PER PERSON

Adult in Triple	on request
Adult in Twin	€4499
Adult in Single	€4873

Minimum group size is based on 20 passengers

Note: A Maltese passport with a validity date of 6 months beyond departure date.

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Vaccines: Kindly check with the National Immunisation Service at Floriana Health centre.



### TUESDAY, 16TH JULY/WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY |

We will meet at the airport at 4.15pm for our flight to Havana via Istanbul. The flight departs at 7.15pm and arrives in Istanbul at 10.45pm. We will then board our flight to Havana which leaves at 2.00am (17th July) and arrives at 7.30am. On arrival, we will be transferred to our Hotel Sevilla (or similar) in Havana, check in and have some rest after a long flight. Later we have a familiarisation walk. Dinner included.

**THURSDAY, 18TH JULY |** After breakfast, we depart with classic cars for a ride over the Malecon, into 5th Avenue, Miramar. We visit the house of Carlos Fuster, next to the cementerio Colon, plaza de la Revolucion and callejon de Hamel. Return to Habana Vieja, drop-off and go for a walk. We will visit the 4 squares and have lunch in La Mina. We will also visit the museum Capitanes El Templete, Fortaleza de la Fuerza Real, Bodeguita del Medio, Convento San Francisco de Asis, Cathedral and the specialty shop of cigar and rum Conde de Villanuevo. Return to our hotel, refresh and evening dinner in El Gijones and afterwards we visit the Cañonazo ceremony in El Morro Fortres.

**FRIDAY, 19TH JULY |** Breakfast and then we start today's excursion with a visit to the house of Hemingway - Casa Vigia, and later visit La Terraza de Cojimar, where he spent most of his time. We will have lunch at Las Brisas restaurant and after that we return to Havana and visit the handicraft market. In the evening, we'll have dinner in Porto Habana followed by a visit to Gato Tuerto for live music and dancing.

### SATURDAY, 20TH JULY |

Breakfast is followed by an excursion to Viñales, enjoying Cuba's best natural scenery. We will visit the Cueva del Indio and Mural de la Prehistoria, have lunch in local agro-restaurant and enjoy the view at the Mirador. We will also visit a Vega de tabaco. Later, we make our way towards Las Terrazas, check in at our hotel La Moka (or similar) and have a free evening. Dinner (extra).

**SUNDAY, 21ST JULY |** Today after breakfast we will start off the day with an early walk in nature, sendero La Serafina a well known paradise with more than 70 bird species on show. We will have lunch at Casa del Campesino (extra) and afterwards have some time for a swim in river San Juan. Dinner (extra).

**MONDAY, 22ND JULY |** After breakfast, we depart to Cienfuegos, starting off with a short visit to the orchid gardens in Soroa. Arriving in Cienfuegos, we will have lunch in local restaurant and this is followed by a city tour where we will spot several fascinating historical sites and visit Teatro Tomas Terry, Palacio del Valle, Casa de la Cultura and the historic centre amongst others. Check in at our hotel - Jagua (or similar) in Cienfuegos and the rest day is at leisure. Dinner included.

**TUESDAY, 23RD JULY |** Today's excursion will take us to Parque el Cubano waterfalls. We will depart after breakfast and upon arrival we will have a walk in nature, enjoy a swim under the falls and have lunch in a local restaurant. We will then proceed to Trinidad via Topes. On arrival, we check in at Brisas Trinidad del Mar Hotel (or similar), dinner and in the evening we visit casa de la Trova for music and dance.





**WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY |** After breakfast we will have a walking tour in Trinidad, Cuba's best preserved colonial town, with the old part of Trinidad being a UNESCO heritage site since 1988. The town remained a major centre for trading sugar and slaves for 200 years. While going around exploring the town founded in 1514 with gorgeous brightly coloured buildings, we will visit plaza Mayor, the museum of Romance and the Cathedral. Return to our hotel for lunch and rest day on the beach. Dinner included.

**THURSDAY, 25TH JULY |** Breakfast and afterwards we depart to Sancti Spiritus, which despite having a wonderful colonial heart is well off the Cuban tourist trail. On the way we visit Manaca Iznaga sugarmill and tower, have lunch in Mexxon, visit the historic centre and later proceed to Camaguey. Check in at our hotel – Gran Hotel Camaguey (or similar) and have a free evening. Dinner (extra).

**FRIDAY, 26TH JULY |** Today's excursion after breakfast takes us to Santiago, the former capital of Cuba, which has a fascinating history as during the Cuban revolution the city was a hotbed of guerilla activity. On the way, we visit El Cobre and then proceed to SCU, have lunch in local restaurant and check in to our hotel Casa Granda (or similar). We later go for a walk in the historic centre and visit some places of interest like museum Ambiente Cubano (house Diego de Velasquez), the museum of carnaval and the rum museum. Evening is free and dinner (extra).

**SATURDAY, 27TH JULY |** This morning, after our breakfast, we will have a city tour visiting Moncada, plaza de la Revolucion, Santa Ifigenia, Granjita Siboney and El Morro. We will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and later return to our hotel. Later that evening we visit Casa de la Trova. Dinner (extra).

**SUNDAY, 28TH JULY |** We depart to Baracoa after breakfast, visiting the eastern tip of Cuba. Baracoa is surrounded by a large mountain range, home to numerous rivers and the Caribbean's highest waterfall, which gives the area an isolated and wild feel. On our way, we visit the Yumuri Valley, which is claimed to be one of the island's most scenic valley, and well known for its flora and fauna as well as a variety of archaeological sites. We will have lunch at a local restaurant and proceed to our hotel Porto Santo (or similar) in Baracoa. Check in and have the rest of the afternoon free. Dinner (extra).

**MONDAY, 29TH JULY |** After breakfast we start our day with an excursion to Juncal Recontra in the parque Humbolt, a park listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its site, altitude range, its wealth of flora and fauna and landform diversity. We lunch at a typical restaurant and then have the afternoon at leisure. Dinner (extra).

**TUESDAY, 30TH JULY |** Today's excursion takes us to Bayamo. After breakfast we make our way to the capital of Cuba's eastern province of Granma. Bayamo has a nearly five century old history since it was the second village in the archipelago founded by the Spanish Governor Diego Velázquez. We will have lunch at a local restaurant and check in at Hotel Royalton (or similar). This is followed by a city tour visiting the historic sites of this elegant and old city, where we will gaze upon the house of Manuel Cespedes and horse drawn carriages all over the town. The evening is free and dinner (extra).

**WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY |** After breakfast we depart to Camaguey, the third largest city in Cuba and a UNESCO World heritage site. The city was founded in 1515 on the coast but was moved inland after 13 years of continuous attacks from pirates. The new city was built with a confusing layout of winding alleys and forked streets that lead to squares and piazzas. On arrival we check in to our hotel Gran Hotel Camaguey (or similar) and lunch at La Campana de Toledo. Late afternoon we will have a tour in bicycle taxi and evening at leisure. Dinner (extra).

**THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST |** Our excursion for the day takes us to Varadero. After breakfast we make our way to one of the largest resort areas in the Caribbean. En-route we stop at Santa Clara to visit the mausoleum and the historic centre. Lunch at a local restaurant and proceed to Varadero. Upon arrival we check in at Hotel Melia Varadero (or similar) and enjoy our free evening. Dinner is included.

**FRIDAY, 2ND AUGUST |** Breakfast and today we have a free day to enjoy the beach in Varadero. Both lunch and dinner are included.

**SATURDAY, 3RD AUGUST/SUNDAY, 4TH AUGUST |** Early in the morning, we are transferred to Havana airport for our flight back to Malta. Our flight leaves at 8.55am and arrives in Istanbul at 8.45am (4th August). Later we have our final flight that departs at 4.50pm, and arriving in Malta at 6.20pm.



# Grand Tour of South Africa

FROM **€4173**

WHEN **21 AUGUST - 6 SEPTEMBER**

VISITING

Hazyview, Kruger National Park, Eswatini-Swaziland, Hluhluwe, St Lucia, Port Elizabeth, Tsitsikamma National Park, Knysna, Oudtshoorn, Franschoek & Cape Town

PRICE INCLUDES

- ▶ Return flights with Emirates to Johannesburg/from Cape Town via Dubai
- ▶ Internal flight from Durban to Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha)
- ▶ 14 nights accommodation in hotels as indicated (or similar)
- ▶ 12 buffet breakfasts, 2 packed breakfasts, 3 lunches and 8 dinners
- ▶ All excursions guided by an English speaking guide as per itinerary
- ▶ All the entrances, as mentioned in the programme
- ▶ All transfers as per programme
- ▶ Services of a tour leader
- ▶ All taxes
- ▶ Insolvency fund

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

MAGNIFICENT PANORAMA ROUTE,  
BOURKE'S LUCK POTHOLES,  
SAFARI EXPERIENCE, SWAZILAND  
MULTICULTURAL EXPERIENCE,  
HLUHLUWE-UMFOLOZI GAME RESERVE,  
FEATHERBED NATURE RESERVE, CAPE  
TOWN CITY, CAPE POINT & PENINSULA  
& A WINELANDS TOURS



## PRICE PER PERSON

Adult in Triple	on request
Adult in Twin	€4173
Adult in Single	€4653

## NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

Isimangaliso Eastern Shore Sunset Drive/Night drive Safari on 26 Aug R520/€29

Close encounter Whale watching R1365/€75

Table Mountain, Cape Town cable car R420/€22

Circle Launces, Seal Island & Sentinel Mountain boat trip R120/€8

Minimum group size is based on 20 passengers

Note: A Maltese passport with a validity date of 6 months beyond departure date

Vaccines: Kindly check with the National Immunisation Service at Floriana Health centre.

## WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST/THURSDAY, 22ND AUGUST

**I** We meet at the airport at 12.30pm for our Emirates flight that leaves Malta at 3.35pm and arrives in Dubai at 1.05am. We then board our flight to South Africa departing at 4.05am and arriving in Johannesburg at 10.15am (22nd August). Transfer to our hotel in Dullstroom & check-in at Walkersons Hotel & Spa (or similar). Welcome dinner included.

**FRIDAY, 23RD AUGUST** **I** Breakfast, check out and then we make our way to Hazyview, visiting the magnificent Three Rondavels, Bourke's Luck Potholes (included) and God's window on the way. This is referred to as the Panorama Route. Our overnight stay in Hazyview is at Hippo Hollow Country Estate (or similar). Dinner - included.

**SATURDAY, 24TH AUGUST** **I** Early wake-up call. We depart at about 5.30am for the Kruger National Park in search of the Big 5. Our safari in open 4x4 vehicle safari-vehicles will end at about 4.00pm back at the hotel. (Today packed breakfast will be provided). The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa, remaining white rhinos, together with other animals such as buffalo, elephants, black rhinos, leopards, cheetahs, African wild dogs & giraffes and one of the few viable lion populations in southern Africa. Our overnight stay in Malelane is at Pestana Kruger Lodge (or similar). Dinner - included.

**SUNDAY, 25TH AUGUST** **I** Breakfast and we check out. We make our way to the Royal Kingdom of Eswatini. At the border we will stop at a cultural village

where we understand the way natives live and enjoy dancing, drumming and singing with them (extra). Entering through Jeppe's Reef Border Post, we will continue to the Ngwenya Glass Works for a quick lunch (extra). Our next stop is at the Swazi Candle Factory with colourful handmade products. We continue our journey and cross over the second border at Golela and travel to Mkuze, a small town situated in Northern KwaZulu-Natal. Overnight at Ghost Mountain Inn. Dinner - included.

**MONDAY, 26TH AUGUST** **I** Early check out with breakfast boxes to meet our rangers in 4x4 safari vehicles this morning at Memorial Gate for a 4-4.5 hour game drive. Enjoy the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve, proclaimed as the oldest reserve in Africa. 96,000 hectares of wilderness, rolling hills and magnificent wildlife awaits you. Lunch (included) at Dumazulu, South Africa's biggest Cultural Village - situated in the heart of Zululand (show not included). Onward journey to St Lucia was primarily known as a fishing destination before the establishment of the iSimangaliso Wetland World Heritage site in 1999. Overnight stay at Elephant Lake hotel (or similar) in St Lucia.

**TUESDAY, 27TH AUGUST** **I** After breakfast, we will have free time for optional excursions. Possible boat trip for whale watching. Lunch opportunity in the town of St Lucia or at the Hotel. Later in the afternoon, we proceed to St Lucia Estuary, also South Africa's first world heritage site, where we will embark on a 2-hour hippo and croc cruise safari. The Estuary is home to 800 Hippos and approximately 1200 Nile Crocodiles





and abundance of bird-life. Dinner – included.

**WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST |** Today, we have breakfast, check out and we are transferred to King Shaka Int Airport, Durban, for our domestic flight. We drive along the Dolphin Coast of KwaZulu-Natal for the Eastern Cape, Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha). Our overnight will be at Radisson Blu port Elizabeth Hotel or The Boardwalk Hotel (or similar). Dinner – included.

**THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST |** After breakfast we will check out. We travel via the coastline to the beautiful Tsitsikamma National Park 'garden of the Garden Route'. One can enjoy a walk along the suspension bridge across the Storms River mouth gorge which offers incredible views. We then proceed to visit Kay & Monty Vineyard in Plettenberg Bay for a wine tasting. Upon arrival at Knysna, we proceed to our hotel – Belvedere Manor Estate (or similar) and check in, Dinner – included

**FRIDAY, 30TH AUGUST |** Breakfast and transfer to Knysna Waterfront where we will board a ferry in order to visit Featherbed Nature Reserve, situated on the Western Head of Knysna, for a 3-hour eco-experience. Return ferry trip - 4x4 vehicle & trailer drive - Reserve Walk followed by lunch (included) under the milkwood trees on this small Island. Dinner (extra) either at the Hotel or overlooking the sunset at Brenton-on-Sea. This afternoon option to enjoy an optional whale watching boat cruise or relax on the beach (weather permitting).

**SATURDAY, 31ST AUGUST |** We enjoy breakfast and later we make our way to Oudtshoorn – the 'ostrich capital' of the world. Oudtshoorn is a small town situated with the Swarberg mountains to its north and the Quteniqua Mountains to its south. We stop at an ostrich show farm in the Schoeman's Valley for a guided tour where we will learn about different kinds of ostriches and have the possibility to buy some ostrich products. Time permitting, we will also visit to the Cango Caves, a cultural and natural heritage of South Africa, for a standard one-hour tour. Dinner – included. Overnight stay in Oudtshoorn at De Opstal Country Lodge (or similar).

**SUNDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER |** Opportunity before breakfast for an optional excursion to enjoy a 1-1.5-hour meerkat experience at Buffelsdrift. Check out and transfer to

Franschhoek situated in the Winelands via Barrydale, on a scenic Route, referred to as 62. Barrydale is a village located on the border of the Overberg and Klein Karoo regions of the Western Cape Province. Upon arrival in Franschhoek, we check in at Protea Hotel by Marriott Franschhoek (or similar). Dinner – included.

**MONDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER |** Breakfast and check out. Today we will explore the Winelands. Our first stop is chocolate tasting at Hugenote Chocolate Factory Shop in Franschhoek. We will then proceed to Tokara Wine Estate for olive tasting as well as their flagship wine tasting. Opportunity for own lunch and shopping in Stellenbosch with all its street cafés, antique shops, art galleries and much more. Transfer to Cape Town for our last overnight at the V&A Waterfront. Dinner included at our Hotel, The Commodore (or similar).

**TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER |** After breakfast we transfer to Table mountain (weather permitting) where we have access (extra) to one of eight natural wonders of the world with a cable car. The panoramic views from the top of its 3,563-foot (1,086-meter) peak are well worth the visit (extra). We will then travel to Constantia where you will enjoy a drumming show followed by lunch. This afternoon at leisure at the V&A Waterfront.

**WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER |** After breakfast, we travel along the Atlantic Seaboard via Sea Point, Clifton and Camps Bay to Hout Bay (optional boat trip to Seal Island). We later continue via Chapman's Peak (weather permitting) to Cape Point and the Good Hope Nature Reserve (funicular included) and then to historic Simon's Town – a village with charming Victorian architecture, a naval base. We will stop at the beautiful Boulders Beach where we can enjoy watching a large colony of penguins waddling along the beach and diving for fish. Today's lunch is included.

**THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER/FRIDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER |** On our last day in South Africa, we have a leisurely breakfast and check out. Transfer to Cape Town International Airport after lunch (extra) for our flight back to Malta that departs at 6.20pm to Dubai, this is followed by the flight from Dubai to Malta departing at 8.00am (6th September) and arriving at 2.05pm.



# Vietnam Discovery

4 STAR HOTELS,  
ALL EXCURSIONS  
MEALS & ENTRANCES  
INCLUDED AS PER  
PROGRAMME

FROM **€2999**

WHEN **25 AUGUST - 7 SEPTEMBER**

VISITING **Hanoi, Ninh Binh, Halong Bay, Hoi An, Saigon & Mekong Delta**

**PRICE INCLUDES**

- ▶ Emirates Airlines flights to Hanoi/from Saigon via Dubai
- ▶ Internal flights from Hanoi to Danang & from Hue to Saigon
- ▶ 11 nights accommodation in 4\* hotels + cruise
- ▶ 10 buffet breakfasts, 1 packed breakfast, 10 lunches and 4 dinners
- ▶ Meals (except for breakfasts) are taken in typical local restaurants based on local food
- ▶ All transfers in a private air conditioned vehicle
- ▶ All excursions guided by English speaking guide as indicated in itinerary
- ▶ Entrance fees and boat fees where applicable as shown on itinerary
- ▶ Fresh water and wet wipes during day tour (two bottles per person per day)
- ▶ Services of tour leader
- ▶ All taxes
- ▶ Insolvency Fund



**PRICE PER PERSON**

Adult in Twin	€2999
Adult in Single	€3399
Visa	€50

Minimum group size is based on 20 passengers

Note: A Maltese passport with a validity date of 6 months beyond departure date.

Visa: Please ask at the desk for requirements.

Vaccines: Kindly check with the National Immunisation Service at Floriana Health centre.

**SUNDAY, 25TH AUGUST/MONDAY, 26TH AUGUST |**

We meet at Malta International Airport at 12.30pm for our Emirates flight to Hanoi. The flight leaves at 3.35pm and arrives in Dubai at 1.05am (26th August). Our next flight departs at 3.30am and we arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam at 1.15pm. Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel – May De Ville Premier Hotel & Spa (or similar) in Hanoi. We check in and have some free time after the long flight. Welcome dinner in a local restaurant included.

**TUESDAY, 27TH AUGUST |**

Today after breakfast we start with a visit to the complex dedicated to Ho Chi Minh - the nation's founder, containing Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (viewed from outside), and house on stilts. This complex also comprises the One Pillar Pagoda, whose origins date back to the foundation of city. Then we visit Tran Quoc Pagoda - Hanoi's oldest pagoda on the bank of West Lake. In the afternoon, we visit the fascinating Ethnology Museum, which is both a research centre and a public museum exhibiting ethnic groups of Vietnam. Then we visit Van Mieu-Quoc Tu Giam (Temple of Literature & Vietnam's first university). Constructed in 11th century, the gardens and well-preserved architecture offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past. Take a cyclo ride around the Old Quarter streets which were named after the specific goods once offered for sale at these places. We stop at Hoan Kiem Lake to learn about legend of the lake and visit Ngoc Son Temple, followed by the Water Puppet show- a uniquely Northern Vietnamese art form depicting scenes from rural life and episodes of national history. Overnight in Hanoi.

**WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST |** Breakfast and we leave our hotel in Hanoi for 2 hour drive to Ninh Binh Province. Our first visit is at Hoa Lu-Vietnam's former

capital before it was moved to Thang Long-Hanoi in 1,010 and the remains of Dinh Le Kings' Temples. In the afternoon, we get on small rowing boats to travel along the canals amongst local villages, green fields. Enjoy the beauty of Tam Coc (3 caves) which is also called "Ha Long Bay on land". Go through the caves and then row back. Upon disembarking, visit Thai Vi Temple, and then take ox-cart ride through countryside, rice fields and green mountain scenery to Tam Coc. Overnight in Ninh Binh Hidden Charm Hotel in Ninh Binh (or similar).

**THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST |**

Breakfast and we depart from our hotel to Halong Bay, one of the World Natural Heritages recognized by UNESCO with over 3,000 spectacular limestone islands rising from the clear, emerald sea in the Gulf of Tonkin. Upon arrival, we board the ship and we check into our cabins. While we pass by many rocky islets, caves, floating villages and beaches, our fresh seafood lunch will be served on board. During the cruise there will be opportunities to disembark, often using smaller boats or possibly kayakers to venture into hidden grottos and caves. Dinner will be served on board & overnight.

**FRIDAY, 30TH AUGUST |**

Breakfast is served while we continue exploring Halong Bay. Transfer to our day trip with private crew and cruise to the bay's most untouched areas. Enjoy swimming on quite beaches, fishing villages or kayaking. Then have lunch and return to the mother boat for the night.

**SATURDAY, 31ST AUGUST |**

In the early morning many of the islands are alive with the sound of various sea birds nesting in the thick green vegetation that engulf the limestone karsts. Early risers may wish to



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start the day with Tai Chi class. Enjoy breakfast (or brunch) onboard whilst the ship turns back to motherland, stopping at points of interest en route. Arrive back at the port in the late morning. Then disembark and are transferred back to Hanoi. We make our way to the airport for our flight to Danang. Upon arrival, we are transferred to our hotel Vinh hung Riverside Resort (or similar) in Hoi An. Today dinner is included.

**SUNDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER |** Breakfast and today we go for a guided walking tour around Hoi An Ancient Town. We visit the Japanese covered bridge, Chinese assembly hall, a typical Vietnamese merchant's house, one of the interesting museums and the local market. There are numerous art galleries, souvenirs and tailor shops where one can get some express made-to-measure clothes. We then visit a craftsman home in the old streets where we have a brief introduction on the history of the lanterns and will go through the stages of making them. We will make a lantern of our own, decorate it and keep it as a souvenir of our time in Hoi An. The rest of the afternoon is free for leisure.

**MONDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER |** This full day excursion offers an unbeatable chance to discover the worldwide famous Golden Bridge with its unique design and breathtaking views and Ba Na Hills - the complex including touristic sites, European Architecture Villas, huge indoor game world, French Wine Cellar, flower yards and pagodas. After breakfast we make our way to Danang transfer to Ba Na Hills cable starting station where we take the cable car to the main cable station to enjoy the time in the Golden Bridge. It has a walkway of 150 meters long and comprises of eight spans, each of which is lined with purple chrysanthemums, the bridge serves as a transit between a replica of a French village and Le Jardin d'Amour flower garden in Ba Na Hills. Free time on Ba Na Hills for a nice walk. In the afternoon, we have the journey downhill by cable car and then transfer to Hoi An.

**TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER |** Today is fulfilled with interesting activities. We will travel to the countryside area, meet the locals and we will have a chance to learn some traditional fishing techniques and how to paddle the unique Vietnamese bamboo basket boats. Exploring the tranquil coconut-palm flanked waterways of a past war. On this tour, we experience an authentic social and cultural insight of the local way of life. As well, we will take part in some hands-on activities that are fun, safe and interesting to people of all ages. The morning excursion offers us a closer look into the countryside life in the outskirts of Hoi An Ancient town. Such an amazing experience going through picturesque villages, rice fields, graveyard, see water buffalos, water coconut gardens, then meet and talk with local villagers as you meet. Continuing with an exciting basket boat rowing

on the water coconut river and learn how to catch crabs. Later on, we take boat ride on a stunning river to see how local fishermen catch fish, reach Tra Que organic village for a mini course of cooking class and enjoy tasty lunch prepared by your host. After lunch, transfer back to hotel.

**WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER |** Packed Breakfast – We are transferred to the airport for our flight to Saigon. Upon arrival, we make our way to the hotel: Central Palace Hotel (or similar). Lunch at a local restaurant and in the afternoon, we visit the moving War Remnants Museum which presents a partial, but riveting view of the American War as it's known in Vietnam. We continue to the Reunification Palace, former residence of the Indochina Governor General and later President of the Republic of Southern Vietnam until the fall of Saigon in April 1975. Overnight in Saigon.

**THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER |** After breakfast, we have a sightseeing tour to Mekong River Delta and Cai Be. We start the tour with a visit to Cai Be Floating Market place. The market is most busy in the very early morning only, which is a very typical floating market in the Mekong Delta region. Our boat will stop for a visit to some local factories making Coconut candies, rice crispy cakes, rice paper making workshop and we will have the chance to visit Ancient houses typical of local landlords in the early 20th century, with a blend of Oriental and Western architectural styles. A delicious lunch will be served at a local house in the cool shade of An Binh Island's orchards. In the afternoon, we take a traditional rowboat and venture deeper into the countryside, floating through narrow canals to enjoy the peaceful surroundings. We also stop at a nursery garden to discover how farmers along the delta produce their world famous fruits and vegetables. The cruise ends at Cai Be pier and then we are transferred back to Saigon.

**FRIDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER/SATURDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER |** Breakfast and we enjoy a 2 hour driver north west of Saigon to visit the incredible network of the underground Cu Chi Tunnels constructed by Vietnamese fighters during the long struggle for independence and reunification. This network of over 200 km of tunnels became legendary during the 1960's when they played a vital part in the American War, allowing the Viet Cong to control a large rural area close to Ho Chi Minh City. In their heyday, the tunnels were functioning underground cities. Then we head back to for lunch at local restaurant. The rest of the day is free at leisure for shopping. Later we are transferred to the airport for our flight back home. We depart at 11.50pm and arrive in Dubai at 4.05am (7th September), followed by the next flight that leaves at 8.00am and arrives in Malta at 2.05pm.



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## PRICE PER PERSON

Adult in Triple	on request
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Visa	€55

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Note: A Maltese passport with a validity date of 6 months beyond departure date.

Visa: Please ask at the desk for requirements.

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**SATURDAY, 31ST AUGUST/SUNDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER |** We meet at Malta International Airport at 12.30pm for our Emirates flight to Dubai. Our flight departs at 3.35pm and arrives at 1.05am (1st September). We then board our flight to Colombo which departs at 2.40am and arrives at 8.35am. Upon arrival we are transferred to Colombo, check in at hotel: Radisson Colombo Hotel in Colombo (or similar). Today, a Sri Lankan lunch is included.

**MONDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER |** After breakfast, we start our first excursion - Colombo Walk. Colombo Walk is a great way to experience the heart of the city in a fun way. Pick up from the hotel will take us to the Old Dutch Hospital where we will start (an approx. 2-3 hour walk). During this walk we will admire Colombo Lighthouse, Portuguese, Dutch and British Colonization, Clock Tower, Queens House (Present President House), General Post Office, Colombo Harbor Pettah Bazaar, Main Street, Red Mosque (Known as Jami Ul Alfar Mosque), 2nd Cross Street, Manning Market, Floating Market, For Railway Station. We taste freshly cut King Coconut, locally known as 'Thambili'. We will end at Colombo Fort area and we are transferred back to our hotel. Later, we leave to enjoy a Sri Lankan lunch (extra) and after some time for shopping. Return to our hotel and overnight.

**TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER |** After breakfast, we proceed to Habarana. On our way we visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage – a caring home for abandoned and wounded elephants. It is currently a home to several elephants which started off with the introduction of five abandoned baby elephants to the premises. Later we arrive and check in our hotel Village by Cinnamon in Habarana (or similar).

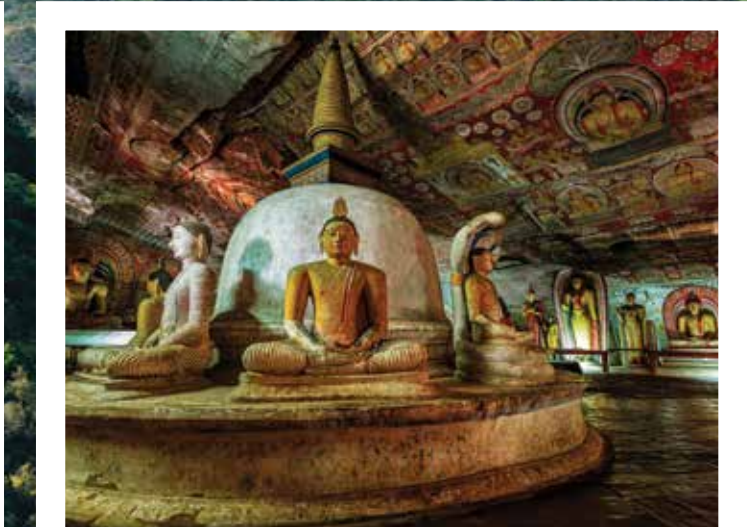
**WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER |** Breakfast and today's excursion takes us to Polonnaruwa Heritage Site. Polonnaruwa, the Capital of Sri Lanka between the 11th and 13th century, offers splendid and spectacular statues. Sri Lanka's splendid medieval capital was established as the first city of the land and Kings ruled the country from here 800 years ago when it was a thriving commercial and religious centre. The glories of that period can be found in the archaeological treasures

that present a good idea of how the city looked like in its heyday. The archaeological park is a delight to explore, with hundreds of ancient structures – tombs, temples, statues and stupas. Later we will enjoy an exciting evening Minneriya Safari - a jeep safari tour of Minneriya National Park that gives us the opportunity to see herds of elephants throughout the year. Return to our hotel and overnight.

**THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER |** Breakfast and then we explore Sigiriya Rock – an ancient rock fortress located in the northern Matale district near the town of Dambulla. It's a historical and archaeological site dominated by a massive column of rock nearly 370m selected by King Kasyapa to build his palace on top and decorated its sides with colourful frescoes. Many locals call it the eight wonder of the World. The main entrance is in the shape of huge lion feet and the views from the top are breathtaking. We experience the authentic rural life during a village tour in Hiriwadunna followed by a local authentic lunch (included). Hiriwadunna is a quaint village in the centre of Habarana, where one finds more trees than people. The village tour is an interesting experience in learning the village life of the country which is laid back unlike the hustle bustle of city life. Encounter a bullock cart ride for a traditional experience. Enjoy the cool breeze and observe scenic views whilst passing through the lush countryside and scrub lined mud paths. There are colourful catamarans lined up at the banks of the artificial lake which is surrounded by jungles and there is a hub of activity by birds and butterflies and you can witness some villagers fishing in their boats or washing their clothes on the banks. Interact with the village folk and indulge in a home cooked meal by them with their own home grown produce. Return to the hotel and overnight.

**FRIDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER |** Today after breakfast we leave for another full day excursion and at the end we will arrive at Kandy. Our first stop being Dambulla Cave Temple, a World Heritage site also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla. Situated in the central part of the country, Dambulla is the largest and best preserved cave temple complex of the country. One finds more than 80 caves in the surrounding area and the main attractions containing statues and paintings are spread





over 5 caves. We will also visit a Spice Garden in Matale. For centuries, spices have been one of Sri Lanka's famous exports. Spices are mostly grown in home gardens (as a home industry) and used not only to flavor food but also in medicine and cosmetics. We later explore Kandy – a beautiful city surrounded by mountains. It also homes significant historical and religious attractions such as the Temple of the Tooth Relic – a jewel in the heart of the old city, captivating and majestic. Later we watch a cultural Kandyan dance show. Overnight at Radisson Kandy Hotel (or similar).

**SATURDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER |** After breakfast we visit Bahirawa Kanda Temple, situated on the hill of Bahirawakanda. It's called the Sri Maha Bodhi Viharaya and it's most well-known for its giant Buddha statue which can be seen from almost any point in the city of Kandy. Built in 1972, the statue shows Lord Buddha seated in the Nirvana pose, which is the position associated with his first Enlightenment. Reaching a height of more than 25 metres, it is one of the tallest statues of Buddha in Sri Lanka. Return to the hotel. Dinner & overnight stay at Kandy.

**SUNDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER |** We start our day with breakfast, check out and we proceed to Nuwara Eliya, often referred to as 'Little England'. Enroute, we visit a Tea Factory, one of the main sources of foreign exchange for Sri Lanka and recognized as Ceylon Tea. It is renowned for its high quality aroma and taste. In the afternoon drive thru the Nuwara Eliya city for a short city tour including the Nuwara Eliya Gold course, Racecourse Grounds, The Nuwara Eliya Post Office which is one of Sri Lanka's oldest post offices and explore the lush green promenades and frolic through the picturesque garden of Victoria Park. Dinner and overnight at Araliya Red Hotel (or similar) in Nuwara Eliya.

**MONDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER |** This morning we leave for a safari at Horton Plains National Park. At a level of over 7000ft above sea level, Horton Plains is the highest plateau in the country and its unique landscape and wilderness attracts numerous visitors. The most famous and stunning feature of the park is the World's End, where the plateau comes to a sudden end, and drops straight down for 880 meters. The scenic plains of the park are excellent walking grounds for visitors. The park is one of the prime locations to observe large number of Sambur (Cervus unicolor). Due to the abundance of extensive grasslands for feeding and adjoining forest patches for protection provide ideal conditions for Sambur population to thrive here at the park. After that we can smell the bloom at Hakgala Gardens that has a history dating back to 1862. This is the exotic pleasure garden where King Ravana kept the depressed Sita, insisting that she marries him. Dinner and overnight.

**TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER |** After breakfast we head to the quaint little town of Ella. Along the way we enjoy breathtaking views and picturesque valleys that stretch for miles. Scenic paths are reachable by steps and a moderate trail offering picturesque views. We visit Ravana Waterfall that is one of the main waterfalls, located just 10minutes away from the city centre. Ravana Waterfalls, a spectacular gap in the southern mountain wall where the land falls away in a dizzy drop of 3000ft to the southern plains and the sea, which is visible in the far distance on a clear day. Later we walk along Nin Arch Bridge, one of the best places to visit while in Ella. A 30 minute walk through woods leads to beautiful

architecture hidden between lush green tea fields. In Ella we have the possibility to go the to the Mega zipline, stretching for more than half a kilometer offering a bird's eye view of the beautiful hills of the island. Get on board at Mini Adam's Peak and fly over iconic tea estates and lush greenery overlooking the famous Ella Gap. Overnight at Heaven's Edge Hotel in Ella (or similar).

**WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER |** We start off with breakfast and then we make our way to Yala. Today an exciting safari awaits us at Yala National Park - the second largest national park in Sri Lanka. Yala is known for holding the highest concentration of leopards in the world. The vast extent of the park is mainly scrub jungle with rocky outcrops and dotted with many salt and fresh water lagoons. Elephant, leopard, sloth bear, crocodile, wild buffalo and sambur thrive here, as well as herds of spotted deer, wild boar, langur and macaque monkeys and many small mammals. Over 215 species of birds can be seen with peacocks being a common sight. Overnight stay at Chaarya Resort Hotel (or similar).

**THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER |** After breakfast, we check out and proceed to Kaluthara. Enroute we visit Galle sites including Galle Dutch fort, light house. Galle Fort, located on the southern coast of the country, is one of the five historical monuments which one must visit when in Sri Lanka. Today it is declared as a UNESCO World Heritage site and it's a stunning blend of architecture, archaeology and history amidst a beautiful tropical setting. The Galle Fort attracts many tourists and locals not just because of its historical appeal but the buzzing life inside the monument with lively cafes, museums, villas, and lifestyle shops to complete your experience. We then proceed to Galle Fort Lighthouse, one of the oldest in Sri Lanka built in 1848. It is one of the most visited attractions of the fort due to its picturesque surroundings, perfect for a serene stroll. Later we arrive at our hotel – Tangerine Beach Hotel (or similar) in Kaluthara.

**FRIDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER |** Today after breakfast we take the opportunity to enjoy a full day at leisure. Overnight in Kaluthara.

**SATURDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER |** After breakfast we explore Bentota, starting from Brief Garden, a Japanese style design that will take you back to colonial days. We then proceed to the turtle hatchery a successful conservation effort established to protect Sri Lanka's turtles from extinction having five out of seven species of turtles in the world. All 5 species have been recorded to nest along specific areas of Sri Lanka's coast. Most vulnerable of all are their eggs, which are left uncovered on beaches all around the coast. Later we have the opportunity to enjoy a Madu River boat safari down the beautiful river, a wetland estuary spreading over 900 hectares of which 770 hectares is covered with water and 64 islands. Whilst our last visit is at Cinnamon island, famous for it's age-old cinnamon plantation where we learn about its process and uses.

**SUNDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER/MONDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER |** This morning we have breakfast and enjoy our last day in Sri Lanka. Later in the afternoon we are transferred to the airport of Colombo for our Emirates flight departing (16th September) at 3.15am and arriving at Dubai at 6.00am. This is followed by our connecting flight departing Dubai at 8.00am and arriving in Malta 2.05pm.



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### MONDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER | TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER

We will meet at the airport at 3.00am for our flight to Rio de Janeiro via Frankfurt. The flight departs at 5.55am and arrives in Frankfurt at 8.40am. Between flights, we will visit Frankfurt and have some free time. We will then return to the airport to board our flight to Rio de Janeiro which departs at 10.15pm and arrives at 5.35am (3rd September). On arrival, we will be transferred to our Hotel Mirador Rio (or similar). Later we explore the landmarks in Rio. We will have a walking tour through Rio's downtown narrow streets and old historical buildings. Visit the Casa França-Brasil and on Gonçalves Dias Street, go to Rio's century-old coffee shop: "Confeitaria" Colombo. Walk by some of the city's most important landmarks like the Candelaria Church, the "Banco do Brasil" Cultural Center, the Paço Imperial, Praça XV, and the "Travessa do Mercado". We end at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Then drive to the Gamboa district near the port, to the Samba City. At the "Acadêmicos da Grande Rio" warehouse, we learn about the famous parade's history and get into the Carnival spirit. After a "caipirinha" tasting, we learn Afro and Samba beats during a percussion and dance workshop and learn how to make costumes.

### WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER

Breakfast and we start the day driving through the Tijuca forest up the Corcovado Mountain. At the top of one of Rio de Janeiro's most privileged belvederes, admire the well-known Christ the Redeemer statue and the stunning views of the "Marvelous City". Afterwards, drive along the city's beautiful beaches to the Urca district. From here, take two glass cable cars to appreciate the beautiful lush views surrounding the iconic Sugar Loaf Mountain. At the top, appreciate the spectacular views of Rio de Janeiro. Later we discover Rio at night as we head downtown to the bohemian area of Lapa. At the Rio Scenarium, an old baronial town house, we immerse in Brazilian culture: music, eclectic antiques and a mix of vintage items. Listed as one of the best bars/nightclubs in the world, locals and tourists enjoy fun evenings to the rhythms of excellent live Brazilian music. Dinner included.

### THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER

Today after breakfast we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Foz de Iguassu and later check in at our hotel Wyndham Golden Foz Suites (or similar). Later we drive to the

Iguassu National Park. From here, walk along the paths and appreciate the lush vegetation, butterflies, and cascades taking the 1.5km path that leads to an amazing panoramic view of the Devil's Throat. From here we can appreciate the incredible panorama of the other iconic sites in Argentina like Two Sisters and Bozzeti waterfalls, the Superior Circuit, and San Martin Island, where the movie "The Mission" was filmed. In the evening, we head to Rafain Barbecue House. We will spend the evening enjoying a great buffet dinner and a typical folk show that includes Samba, Tango, and Paraguayan music.

### FRIDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER

This morning, we make our way to the Iguazú National Park in Argentina. From the visitor's center we take the train and go to the Upper Circuit and appreciate the panoramic views of the falls. Arrive at the Devil's Throat, the park's most impressive and immense waterfalls. Measuring 150m long and 80m high; its horseshoe shape creates a stunning waterfall one will remember forever. From here, we walk along the Iguazú River canyon for about 3km to the lower circuit as we admire the regional fauna and flora and feel the constant presence of the waterfalls. Note: For the border crossing from Brazil to Argentina, travelers need their passports and visas (if necessary).

### SATURDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER

Breakfast and today we visit the Bird Park located before the entrance of Brazilian National Park, an environmental area that combines ecological tourism and preservation. The sanctuary is home to over 500 species and aims to rehabilitate and release them back into nature. We walk along the paths in the subtropical forest, home of butterflies, alligators, snakes, and monkeys. Later we make our way to the airport for our flight to Buenos Aires, the land of tango and the country's capital. Upon arrival, we will be welcomed at the Aeropark Domestic airport and transferred to our hotel - Pulitzer Buenos Aires (or similar).

### SUNDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER

Today, we get in touch with the birth city of the Tango! During your city tour in Buenos Aires we will drive close to the Colon Theatre, one of the world's best known opera houses and the cultural pride of the "porteños" (as the inhabitants of Buenos Aires are called). We visit the famous Avenida de Mayo that runs into the Plaza De Mayo, surrounded





by the Casa Rosada, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Cabildo. At the other end of Avenida de Mayo the cupola of the Congress building can be seen. We then continue to San Telmo, a historical neighbourhood and the eldest district of Buenos Aires. Here we have some time to stroll around Plaza Dorrego with its many antique shops. On Sundays a visit to Plaza Dorrego is a "MUST" for its famous antique market. Our next stop is La Boca, a most colourful area with the famous street Caminito. After driving by the stadium we will stop for a walking tour at Caminito street, full of local painters offering their Tango pictures and tango dancers.

**MONDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER |** Breakfast and later we set off to the Hydrofoil pier to board our ferry to Montevideo. With the Buquebus ferry we cross the Río de la Plata river to Uruguay. For the border crossing travelers need their passports. Upon arrival, we start our city tour. We appreciate the beautiful colonial architecture that surrounds the Plaza de Constitución like the Cathedral, City Hall, and the Solís Theatre. At the Independence Square, we can see a monument honoring José Gervasio Artigas, a national hero. We continue our tour to the Mercado del Puerto, an old market hall now filled with grill restaurants. Near the port market, at the Mercado de los Artesanos one has the possibility to purchase handicraft works of local artists made of typical materials. Enjoy some free time for lunch at the old market hall filled with street musicians and local artists. Afterwards, we drive along the lively 18 de Julio street until we reach the Legislative Palace. We stop at Mercado Agrícola, to discover Uruguay's culinary customs or try fresh pastries like "bizcochos" or "torta frita". Continue our tour around the city and pass by the Battle and Ordoñez Park, the Obelisk, and the Centenario Soccer Stadium that was built for the first World Cup in 1930. We end the tour at the Plaza Virgilio and in the residential area of Carrasco. Appreciate and photograph the stunning views of the city before driving along the coast and its beaches back to the pier.

**TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER |** Breakfast at the hotel and today we visit the North Area of the city, enjoying a guided tour to La Recoleta, one of the city's most glamorous spots. People say this area is "an urban piece extracted from Paris". La Recoleta is a wonderful walking area that combines upscale stores, restaurants, and boutiques. This residential area is famous for its sculptures and French style buildings. Restaurants, cafes, and luxurious stores stretch along Alvear Avenue and on the small square. The Recoleta Cultural Center, the National Museum of Fine Arts and the Palais de Glace shelter a very important part of Buenos Aires cultural activities. During weekends, visitors may enjoy the crafts fair and find a variety of objects as well as outdoor shows. We visit Recoleta Cemetery, occupying six hectares and is one of the most prominent worldwide. It has sculptures and vaults made by famous national and foreign artists. Many Argentina's national heroes, presidents, well-known writers, scientists and artists are buried here. Recoleta visit will include it's parks, Floralis Generica at United Nations Park, Libertador and Figueroa Alcorta Avenues, Fedderativa Brazil Park, Plaza Vicente Lopez y Planes, Plaza Francia. We then drive to the district of Palermo with its beautiful parks and artificial lakes. The City Zoo, Botanical Garden of Buenos Aires, the Argentine Horse Track and National Polo Fields are all located in this area. We will also visit one of the trendiest neighbourhoods in Buenos Aires Palermo Soho & Palermo Hollywood. Later in the day, we set off to the tango house to enjoy a dinner and show. While visiting Buenos Aires, watching a tango show should be on one's bucket list. Originally from the poorer districts and only danced by men, the music included flutes,

violins, and guitars. At the city's tango houses, indulge in exquisite food, and enjoy a live tango show. After the show, return to the hotel around midnight.

**WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER |** Breakfast and later during the day, we will have the opportunity to visit the first home of Diego Armando Maradona and his family in Buenos Aires, in the neighbourhood of La Paternal and a few meters from the stadium that today bears his name from the Argentinos Juniors Athletic Association, the Club of his origins and where he took his first steps as a professional player. The home that Argentinos Juniors, the Soccer Club, gave to Diego for his 18th birthday was recovered by the Board of Historical Studies of the La Paternal and Villa General Miter neighbourhoods through its president, Dr. Alberto Miguel Perez Martin, valued and recognized as a Historical place and in Tribute to the best soccer player in history.

**THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER |** Today, we drive to San Antonio de Areco, the heart of the "gaucho" traditions. Arrive at El Ombu de Areco, a traditional ranch dedicated to agriculture and animal farming. The late-colonial style mansion was built in 1880 by Lieutenant-general Pablo Riccheri and its magnificent "casco" contribute to the ideal setting for an unforgettable time. We enjoy a full day here horseback riding, or walking along the Areco River. Indulge in a delicious and typical BBQ lunch called "asado" that includes fine meats, salads, wine, and dessert. Then, enjoy an intimate folklore show as a gaucho plays the guitar and see a horse skills demonstration.

**FRIDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER |** Breakfast and today we have a full day tour to Estancia Gamboa. The day begins with a reception with a glass of Gamboa sparkling wine and a guided visit to the premises and the vineyard. At noon, we will have wine tasting in the cava with three exclusive wines and a variety of cheese. Afterwards, enjoy a gourmet lunch at Casa Gamboa restaurant (depending on the weather conditions this can be done outdoors). Here you can enjoy "Terruño Experience" which is the gastronomic proposal elaborated with local ingredients, it is a menu designed to share different dishes (family style) in a natural environment and of course, enjoy the conversation and of course, the best wines! Bodega Gamboa is an exceptional vineyard in a small oasis located just an hour away from the city. The experience offers a place to enjoy, have a nice time and create memories in fantastic ambience.

**SATURDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER |** After breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way to San Isidro. In the colonial and aristocratic area, see the mansions and houses by the Río de la Plata. Continue the drive to Tigre, a popular weekend getaway for many "porteños" that boasts many summer homes as well as yacht and rowing clubs. Here we take a 1 hour - boat excursion (shared) along the Paraná Delta and its channels, rivers, streams, and numerous islands, appreciating the lush vegetation. After our cruise, enjoy lunch (included) at a local restaurant before driving back to Buenos Aires city.

**SUNDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER/MONDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER |** Breakfast and we enjoy our last hours in Argentina. We then are transferred to the airport for our flight back to Malta. Our flight leaves at 4.45pm and arrives in Frankfurt at 11.00am (16th September). Later we have our final flight that departs at 1.35pm and arrives in Malta at 4.10pm.



# Egypt & Nile Cruise

ALL EXCURSIONS  
AS PER ITINERARY  
& ENTRANCE FEES  
AS PER PROGRAMME  
INCLUDED

FROM **€2429**

WHEN **GROUP 1 14 - 23 SEPTEMBER**

**GROUP 2 9 - 18 NOVEMBER**

VISITING **Cairo, Luxor, Edfu, Kom-Ombo, Aswan & Abu Simble**

## PRICE INCLUDES

- ▶ Turkish Airlines flights to Cairo via Istanbul
- ▶ Domestic flights Cairo/Luxor & Aswan/Cairo
- ▶ 4 nights in 5\* hotel in Cairo
- ▶ 4 nights on Nile Cruise 5\*
- ▶ Daily breakfast, 7 lunches & 4 dinners
- ▶ Transfers with private A/C vehicle
- ▶ All entrances for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- ▶ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary
- ▶ English speaking Guides for all excursions
- ▶ Service of a tour leader
- ▶ All taxes
- ▶ Insolvency Fund



PRICE PER PERSON	SEPTEMBER	NOVEMBER
Adult sharing in Twin/Double	€2429	€2699
Adult in Single	€2893	€3367

## NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

Egypt entry visa

Tips for drivers, guide, representatives and porters (approx. USD60 per person – to be collected upon arrival)

Minimum group size is based on 20 passengers

Note: A Maltese passport with a validity date of 6 months beyond departure date.

Visa: Please ask at the desk for requirements.

Vaccines: Kindly check with the National Immunisation Service at Floriana Health centre.

**SATURDAY |** We meet at Malta International Airport at 8.00am for the flight to Istanbul, departing at 10.35am and arriving at 2.00pm. Later have the flight to Cairo, departing at 6.20pm and arriving at 7.50pm. Upon arrival we will be greeted and transferred to the hotel, Movenpick Media City 5\* (or similar) in Cairo, check in and overnight.

**SUNDAY |** Breakfast at our hotel in Cairo. We start our tour by visiting the Egyptian Museum, then the Citadel. Today lunch is included in a local restaurant. Overnight in Cairo.

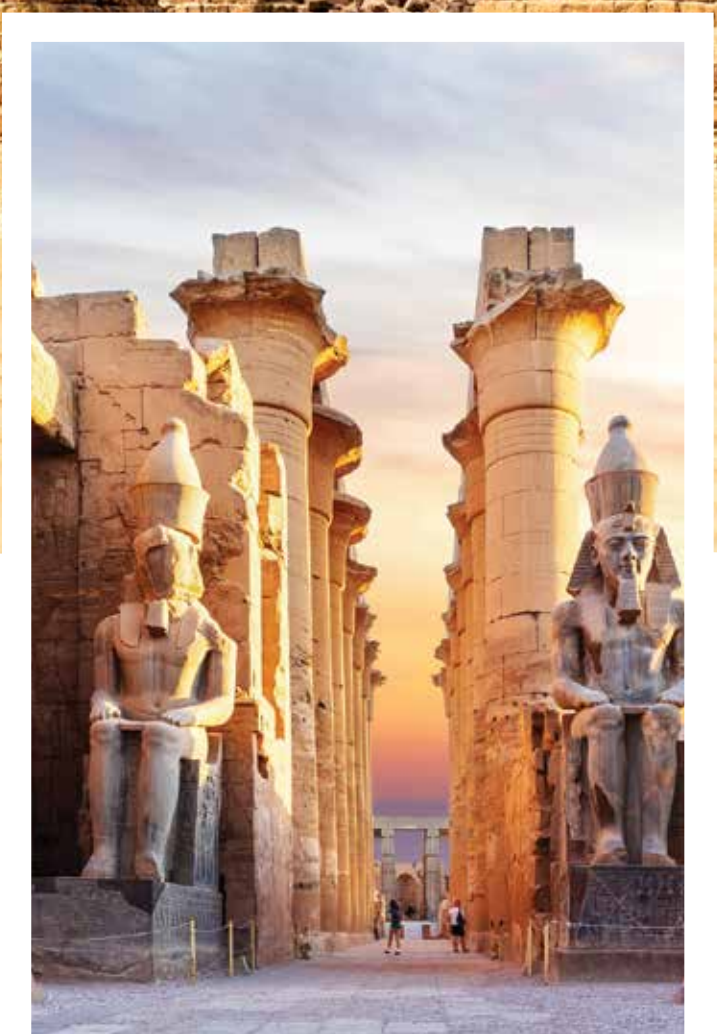
**MONDAY |** Breakfast. Early morning, we will transfer to Cairo airport for the flight Cairo to Luxor. Later we proceed with visits of the East Bank of the Nile including the Temple of Karnak & the Temple of Luxor. Afterwards we are transferred to our cruise – MS Royal Princess (or similar) for embarkation. Lunch and dinner will be on board of the cruise. Overnight in Luxor.

**TUESDAY |** Breakfast on board of the cruise. Finish with the visits of the West Bank of the Nile including The Valley of Kings, The Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El-Bahari. We sail to Esna Lock. Lunch will be during the sail. Later sail to Edfu. Dinner on board of the cruise and overnight on board Edfu.

**WEDNESDAY |** Breakfast on board of the cruise. Visit the Temple of God Horus (Edfu) son of Osiris one of the most complete architectures in Egypt. Sail to Kom-Ombo and lunch on board of the cruise during the sail. Arrival at Kom-Ombo and we visit the Temple of Kom-Ombo, dedicated for Gods and Sobek and Haroeris. Continue sailing to Aswan and the dinner will be during the sail. Arrive Aswan and overnight on board of the cruise.

**THURSDAY |** Breakfast and today we set off and discover Abu Simble – a historic site comprising two massive rock-cut temples in the village of Abu Simbel, upper Egypt, near the border with Sudan. It





is situated on the western bank of Lake Nasser, about 230km southwest of Aswan. Dinner and overnight on board of the cruise in Aswan.

**FRIDAY |** Breakfast on board the cruise and disembarkation. We later proceed with the visits of Aswan including the Temple of Philae and we end the visit with the High Dam. Afterwards, we are transferred to the airport for our flight from Aswan to Cairo. Arrival in Cairo, we are transferred to our hotel Concorde El Salam (or similar).

**SATURDAY |** Breakfast at the hotel and then we start the day by visiting the Great Pyramids and Sphinx, then visit the Sakkara. Next is a close-up look at Sphinx. Today, lunch at a local restaurant is included. Overnight in Cairo.

**SUNDAY/MONDAY |** After breakfast, we start a full day excursion – Old Cairo Islamic and Coptic Cairo. Visit the Hanging Church, Church of St. Barbara, Church of Aby Serga and Amr Ibn El As Mosque. Our next visit is Khan El Khalili. Lunch at a local restaurant (included). Later in the evening, we are transferred to Cairo airport for our flight to Istanbul, departing at 1.10am (Monday) and arriving at 4.40am. This flight is followed by our final flight to Malta, departing Istanbul at 8am and arriving at 9.30am.



# Incredible India

ENTRANCE FEES  
AT MONUMENTS  
INCLUDED IN THE  
PRICE AS PER  
PROGRAMME

FROM **€2537**

WHEN **23 OCTOBER - 7 NOVEMBER**

VISITING **Delhi, Mandawa, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Pushkar, Jaipur, Fatehpur Sikri, Agra & Varanasi**

PRICE INCLUDES

- ▶ Emirates flights to/from Delhi via Dubai
- ▶ 14 nights accommodation in hotels listed (+ late check out on the last day)
- ▶ 14 buffet breakfasts & 14 dinners
- ▶ All transfers as per program
- ▶ All excursions guided by English speaking guide, as indicated in the itinerary
- ▶ Entrance fees as per program
- ▶ Services of tour leader
- ▶ All taxes
- ▶ Insolvency fund



## PRICE PER PERSON

Adult in Twin	€2537
Adult in Single	€3037
Visa	€25

Minimum group size is based on 20 passengers

Note: A Maltese passport with a validity date of 6 months beyond departure date.

Visa: Please ask at the desk for requirements.

Vaccines: Kindly check with the National Immunisation Service at Floriana Health centre.

### WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER/THURSDAY, 24TH OCTOBER |

We meet at Malta International Airport at 12.30pm for our Emirates flight to Dubai. Our flight departs at 3.35pm and arrives in Dubai at 1.05am (24th October). We then board our flight to Delhi which departs at 3.55am, and arrives at 9.05am. Upon arrival we are transferred to Hotel ITC Welcom Dwarka (or similar) in Delhi and we check in. This capital city is one of the most important metropolitan in India, as it is the city of power. It offers a combination of both modern, as well as ancient culture. It's strategic location, mixture of modern and Indian culture, rich history, medieval market, beside the modern ones are the main reasons for being chosen as the seat of power. Delhi is a city waiting to be explored – in the afternoon we will have a short orientation tour.

### FRIDAY, 25TH OCTOBER |

After breakfast we enjoy a full day combined city tour of Old & New Delhi visiting Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated, the Red Fort, made by Mughal Empror Shahjahan, and Jama Masjid - the largest in India. It has three great gateways, four angle towers and two minarets constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble. We also visit Chandni Chowk, a main street of Old Delhi and offers colorful shopping bazaar. We also admire Laxmi Narayan Temple, dedicated to Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune and the war memorial India Gate, a 42ms high stone of triumph. It bears the names of 85,000 Indian army soldiers, who died in the campaigns of WWI. During our excursions we also see the palace like building Rashtrapati Bhawan that is the official residence of the President of India. We end the day by visiting Bahai Temple, or the Lotus Temple, a marvel of modern architecture.

### SATURDAY, 26TH OCTOBER |

After breakfast, we check out and depart to Mandawa. Upon arrival, we check in at Hotel Mandawa Castle (or similar). We discover Mandawa, a small town in the heart of Shekhawati region – a place known for its havelis but also for Fort Palace. The structure of the palace shows the cultural and social importance of this region in the past. Of the havelis, the most important are the Chokhani, Ladia, Binsidhar Newatia, and Gulab Rai Ladia Haveli. Another haveli, the Binsidhar Newatia Haveli, is known for its curious paintings.

### SUNDAY, 27TH OCTOBER |

Today, we enjoy breakfast and then set off to Bikaner. Upon arrival we check in at Hotel Lalgarh Palace (or similar). The city of Bikaner has seen several ups and downs in its eventful history. Bikaner is also called the camel country, being renowned for the best riding camels in the world. It is also the birthplace of the world famous Bikaneri bhujia and namkeen (a salted snack made of lentils). Being a desertscape, the summers are very hot in Bikaner. In the afternoon we enjoy a city

tour visiting the majestic forts, Mata Karni Temple where rats are considered sacred and worshipped. Some of the major attractions around the city are Junagarh Fort, Lalgarh Palace, Camel Breeding Farm and Gajner Palace.

### MONDAY, 28TH OCTOBER |

Breakfast and then we are transferred to Jodhpur, set at the edge of the Thar desert. Our hotel for the stay at Jodhpur is Park Plaza Hotel (or similar). The imperial city of Jodhpur echoes with tales of antiquity in the emptiness of the desert. It once was the capital of the Marwar state. The graceful palaces, forts and temples scattered throughout the city bring alive the historic grandeur, exquisite handicrafts, folk dances music and the brightly attired people lend a romantic aura to the city. The jumbles of wide winding streets are flanked with pavement stalls. Later we enjoy a city tour visiting Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada – a cluster of royal cenotaphs in white marble built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. We also visit Umaid Bhawan Palace - the only 20 th century palace built under the famine relief project that gave employment to famine struck population.

### TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER |

Today we explore Udaipur. After breakfast, we check out and set off. Udaipur is a fascinating blend of sights, sound and experiences. Right from the medieval times, the city has been an inspiration for poets, painters and writers. Founded in 1559 and named after Maharana Udai Singh, Udaipur became the capital of the Sisodia dynasty whose earlier capital was Chittor. According to legend, the Maharana was out hunting one day when he met a holy man meditating on a hill overlooking the Lake Pichola. The hermit blessed the Maharana and told him to build a palace at that very spot, as it would be well protected. The Maharana followed the holy man's advice and Udaipur came into being. Later check in at Hotel Inder Residency (or similar).

### WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER |

After breakfast we have a full day city tour. The city is famous for its palaces, lake, museums, temples, and gardens. The City Palace and Museum is considered as the largest palace complex in Rajasthan and its museum has stunning collection of objects collected by different Maharanas of Udaipur over the centuries. The Picholia Lake, Udai Sagar, and Pratap Sagar are some of the most beautiful lakes in the state. Some other attractions in the city are the Jagdish Temple, Saheliyon Ki Bari, Jag Mandir, Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandir, Pratap Memorial, and Ahar Museum.

### THURSDAY, 31ST OCTOBER |

Breakfast and afterwards we make our way to Pushkar. Upon arrival, we check in at Hotel Aaram Bagh Resort/Pushkar Fort (or similar). In the afternoon we explore Pushkar - one of the frequently visited tourist destinations of Rajasthan. Characterized by a picturesque valley, mountainous regions, uncommon scenic spots, and several pilgrimage sites of importance,





Pushkar is known all over. It also makes one of the revered Hindu pilgrimage sites of India and houses the only temple dedicated to Lord Brahma in the world. Their colourful veils, turbaned heads, and colourfully dyed skirts, with sounds of the ektara and the soulful tunes of the Rajasthani folk songs make the nights of the Pushkar very pleasing.

**FRIDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER |** Today after breakfast we proceed to Jaipur, a city color washed in pink - the color associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. This beautiful city along with Agra and Delhi form what is known as the Golden Triangle of Indian tourist circuit. There is a timeless appeal to Jaipur's colorful bazaars where one can shop for Rajasthani handlooms and trinkets. Beautifully laid out gardens and parks, attractive monuments and marvelous heritage hotels, once the residence of Maharajas are worth admiration. Not to mention the ambling camels and cheerful people in multi-hued costumes that make your trip to the pink city a memorable one. Overnight at Hotel KK Royal & Convention/Ramada Plaza (or similar).

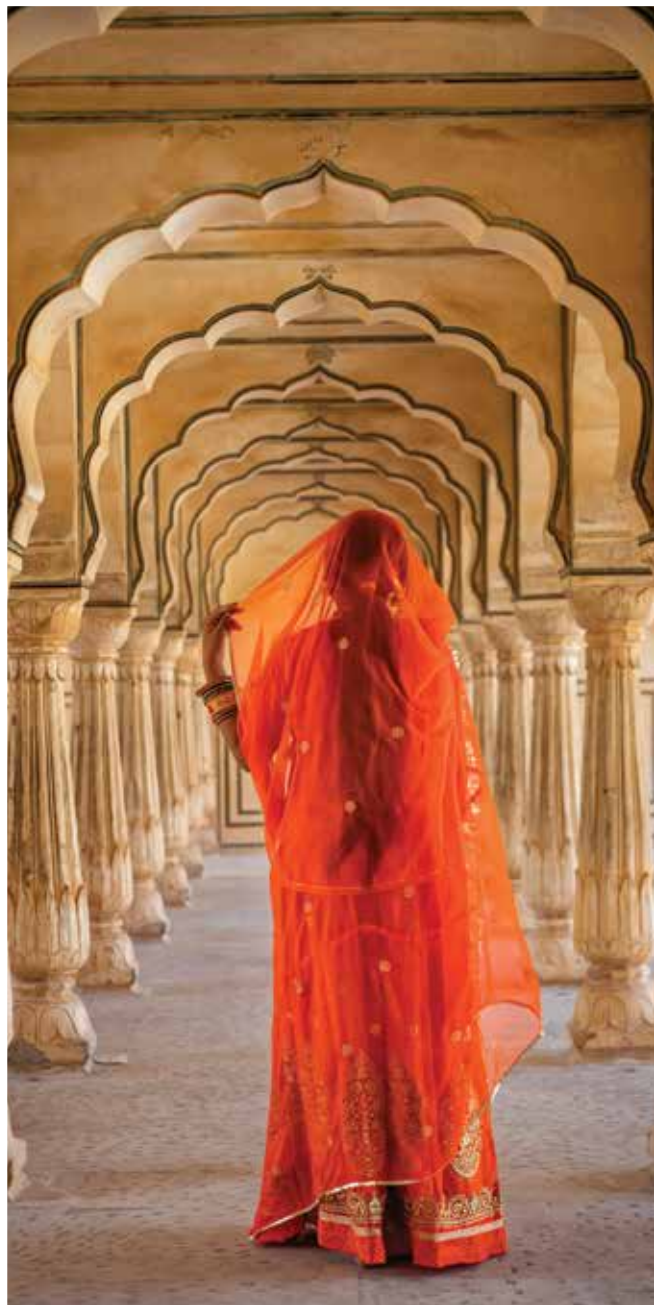
**SATURDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and then enjoy full day city sightseeing tour of Jaipur - the picturesque capital of Rajasthan. Morning excursion to Amer Fort. The fort is built with white marble and red sandstone and look even more attractive because of the Maota Lake in the foreground. The fort in itself is a beautiful sight to behold but as one looks on the fort with its clear reflection on the lake in the front, one cannot help but wonder if it is a dream or a beautiful illusion. Afternoon city tour visiting City Palace, Jantar Mantar and the Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds - constructed for the royal ladies to watch the royal processions without being seen. Other attractions include the Jaigarh Fort, Birla Mandir, and Sisodia Rani Ka Bagh.

**SUNDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER |** After breakfast we depart to Agra and enroute we visit Fatehpur Sikri. On arrival, we check in at the Hotel Clark Shiraaz (or similar). Later we enjoy a city tour visiting the world known - Taj Mahal, built by the Moghul Emperor Shahjehan in 1630 for his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. Besides the Taj, the Agra Fort (also called the Red Fort) makes an interesting sight. Besides the historical monuments, one can also explore Agra's rich heritage of handicrafts in its markets.

**MONDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER |** Today, we are transferred to Delhi airport to board flight for Varanasi. Upon arrival, we proceed to Hotel Amaaya (or similar) and check in. The city of Varanasi is situated along the west bank of the Ganges in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. Called Banaras by the British, Varanasi is an important pilgrimage centre for the Hindus. Right from the ancient times, Varanasi has stood as a symbol of Hindu renaissance and preserved the rituals and traditions of Hindu philosophy. Down the ages, pilgrims from distant lands have come to Varanasi in search of divine blessings. In the evening we enjoy a boat ride and the glittering Aarti ceremony at the Ganges.

**TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER |** We start our morning on a delightful note in our trip to Varanasi with visits to a number of ghats by sailing on boats. The early morning boat ride is perhaps the best way to get an insight into the Hindu pilgrimage as we get to see pilgrims bathe that literally wash off their sins. Have a quick walk in the by lanes of Varanasi after the boat ride to get a glimpse of a typical day's proceedings. Later, city tour of Varanasi visiting temples form the major source of attraction in this ancient city. Some of the other interesting places to visit around the city are Alamgir Mosque, Durga Temple, Vishwanath Temple, Bharat Mata temple, Tulsi Manas Temple, Banaras Hindu University and the Archaeological Museum. We visit Kashi Vishwanath Mandir and Varanasi tour.

**WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER/THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER |** Today we head to the airport to fly back to Delhi and upon arrival we are transferred to Hotel ITC Welcom Dwarka (or similar). Today we have the rest of the day at leisure. Later in the evening we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Malta, departing at 4.10am (7th November). This is followed by our connecting flight departing Dubai at 7.35am and arriving in Malta 1.15pm.





# Peru

FROM

€5387

ALL  
EXCURSIONS  
AS PER  
ITINERARY  
INCLUDED

WHEN

23 OCTOBER - 9 NOVEMBER

VISITING

Lima, Cuzco, Sacred Valley, Indian market of Písaq, Ollantaytambo, Urubamba Valley, Aguas Calientes, Sacsayhuaman, Qenqo, Tambomachay, Puerto Maldonado, Madre de Dios River, Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica, Amazon Basin, Lake Sandoval, Tambopata National Reserve, Inkaterra Canopy Walkway, Anaconda Walk, Aguajales swamps, Butterfly House, Uros Island, Puno, Colca canyon, Toca, Pata Pampa, Chivay, Cruz del Condor, Pinchollo, Antahuilque, Choquetico, Yanque & Arequipa

PRICE  
INCLUDES

- ▶ KM Malta Airlines flights to Paris/AirFrance flight to Lima
- ▶ Internal flights with Latam Airlines: Lima/Cuzco, Cuzco/Puerto Maldonado, Puerto Maldonado/Cuzco and Arequipa/Lima
- ▶ 2 nights accommodation in 3 star hotel in Paris
- ▶ 14 nights accommodation in 3 & 4 star hotels in Peru
- ▶ 16 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 2 dinners
- ▶ All transfers as per programme
- ▶ All excursions guided by English speaking guide as indicated in itinerary
- ▶ Entrance fees to places of interest as shown on itinerary
- ▶ All taxes
- ▶ Insolvency fund



## PRICE PER PERSON

Adult in Triple	€5387
Adult in Twin	€5499
Adult in Single	€6299

Paris city tax of €5.20 per person not included (to be paid at the hotel)

Minimum group size is based on 20 passengers

Note: A Maltese passport with a validity date of 6 months beyond departure date.

Visa: Please ask at the desk for requirements.

Vaccines: Kindly check with the National Immunisation Service at Floriana Health centre.

**WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER |** We meet at the airport at 3.30am for our flight to Paris departing at 6.00am and arriving at 9.00am. Upon arrival we are transferred to the majestic capital of France and enjoy a city tour. Later we are transferred to our hotel Campanile Paris Est Porte de Bagnolet (or similar) and check in. Lunch & dinner (extra).

**THURSDAY, 24TH OCTOBER |** Early breakfast and we proceed to the airport for our flight to Peru, we board Air France flight to Lima arriving at 3.50pm. On arrival we are transferred to our hotel and check in at San Agustin Exclusive Hotel (or similar) in Lima. Dinner (extra).

**FRIDAY, 25TH OCTOBER |** We start our holiday in Peru with breakfast followed by a city tour including the Plaza Mayor, which has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. We will then continue our way towards the Cathedral, with its splendid carved stalls, silver covered altars surrounded by fine woodwork, the Government Palace, the City Hall and the Archbishop's Palace. We will also visit the San Francisco Monastery which houses the largest exhibition of Colonial religious art in America. Another visit will be at the Monastery of Santo Domingo where we see one of the masterpieces of the Maltese artist Melchior Gafa' – Santa Rosa di Lima. We will have time for lunch (extra). Later in the afternoon we do a visit to Parque de las Agua (entrance included). Return to the hotel and dinner (extra).

**SATURDAY, 26TH OCTOBER |** After breakfast we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Cuzco. Transfer to Costa del Sol Picoaga Hotel (or similar). In the afternoon we start our excursion with a city tour, visiting the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas, the Santo Domingo Temple and Koricancha, the Dominican Church and convent built on the foundations of the Koricancha, which are the Incas principal religious building dedicated to the worship of the sun. Then we continue with the visit to Sacsayhuaman fortress overlooking the ancient capital of the Incas, Qenqo and Tambomachay. Qenqo is a vast rocky hilltop carved into staircases, holes and channels, probably built to store the chichi (fermented maize beer) used in Inca rituals. Tambomachay is another fine example of Inca architecture made up of platforms, niches and

fountains which still function today, as water flows down through them from a spring higher up in the hills. Lunch and dinner (extra).

**SUNDAY, 27TH OCTOBER |** After breakfast we make our way to the Sacred Valley to visit the Indian market of Písaq where the local Indians meet to sell their merchandise as they have done for centuries. We stop for a buffet lunch. In the afternoon we visit Ollantaytambo, the great Inca fortresses and sacred areas in the Urubamba Valley. We board the train to Aguas Calientes. Check in at the hotel – Casa Andina Machu Picchu (or similar). Dinner (extra).

**MONDAY, 28TH OCTOBER |** Today after breakfast we visit the ruins and tour the citadel – Machu Picchu with a private guide. In the afternoon we return to Cuzco on board the Vistadome train. Cuzco is South America's archaeological capital and is now one of Peru's most important and most frequented tourist attractions. Nevertheless, it has maintained its vivid legacy as the hub of the Inca Empire: Quechua-speaking Inca descendants can still be found multitudinously in the centuries-old stone-walled city streets. Cuzco also boasts magnificent repositories of colonial art – fine examples can be found in the Cathedral and Museum of Archaeology. Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel, check in and overnight in Cuzco. Lunch and dinner (extra).

**TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER |** After breakfast we go to the airport for the flight to Puerto Maldonado. Here we experience the enchantment of the rainforest, as we take a 45-minute boat ride along the Madre de Dios River to arrive at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica lodge. After a short briefing, we settle into the beautiful cabaña and enjoy lunch. Some free time followed by refreshing tea and get ready for the afternoon excursion. After gathering with our Inkaterra Explorer Guide, we choose from the various excursions available at Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica. We recommend a guided walk along the Trail system, into the Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica natural area, where we discover the Amazon Basin. This trail offers an excellent introduction to the jungle environment, winding past impressive trees such as the Shihuahuaco, and the strangely beautiful strangler fig, offering excellent opportunities for bird watching





and observing exotic insects. The Twilight River excursion is also recommended - a guided afternoon boat ride on the Madre de Dios river. Witness the transformation from a diurnal to a nocturnal world: animals and birds of the daytime give way to species specially adapted to the night. As we enjoy this paradise, we learn about their habits, while searching for nightjars, owls, capybaras and big caimans. After dinner, we can relax in our cabaña. Overnight at reserva Amazonica by Inkaterra in Puerto Maldonado.

**WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER |** A full buffet breakfast is served from 5.30am to 9.30am. This morning we go on the Lake Sandoval excursion into the Tambopata National Reserve. We glide in a wooden canoe, across a beautiful, mirror-like oxbow lake that is home to the endangered giant river otter, as well as red howler monkeys, redbellied macaws, anacondas, side-neck turtles and black caimans. Return to the Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica for lunch and afterwards we have the opportunity to visit the remarkable Inkaterra Canopy Walkway and Anaconda Walk. For more than a quarter of a mile, we will literally walk through the rainforest canopy on a suspension bridge network linking eight observation platforms. During this hour-and-a-half expedition, we have to be on the lookout for bright toucans, woodpeckers, trogons, monkeys and the three-toed sloth. We then cross the lush eco system, you may observe the various species of amphibians, birds, mammals, abundant flora, trees and there is a possibility to see snakes of this flooded marshland. The walk finishes by returning to the lodge. Once at the lodge, we enjoy the daily nature presentation in the Eco Center. In the evening, we enjoy dinner and overnight in Puerto Maldonado.

**THURSDAY, 31ST OCTOBER |** Enjoy a full breakfast before departure. A 45-minute return trip by boat on the Madre de Dios River takes us to Puerto Maldonado, where we visit the Butterfly House. Peru boasts the greatest variety of butterflies in the world, with 3,700 known species. Many of these can be seen at the Butterfly House, a showcase for the variety, beauty and adaptability of these fascinating insects. Transfer to the airport and take a plane back to Cuzco via Lima. Overnight stay at the hotel in Cuzco. Lunch and dinner (extra).

**FRIDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER |** After breakfast we will be transferred in a private bus from Cuzco to Puno. On the way we will be visiting Raqch'i, Pukara and Andahuaylillas. Raqch'i is an Inca archaeological site in Peru located in the Cusco region, 3480 meters above sea level. It is also known as the Temple of Wiracocha. Pukara is a site of military ruins in Peru situated in the Cusco Region. This fort is made of large walls, terraces, and staircases and was part of defense of Cuzco in particular and the Inca Empire in general. The name probably comes from the red colour of the rocks at dusk. The main attraction of Andahuaylillas is its baroque church dedicated to Saint Peter the Apostle. The church is nicknamed "the Sistine Chapel of America" because of the magnificent frescos that adorn its walls. Lunch and entrance fees are inclusive. Check in and overnight stay in Puno at Taypikala Lago Hotel (or similar). Dinner (extra).

**SATURDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER |** Today after breakfast we embark on a cultural journey and explore the island of Uros, learning about their indigenous people and traditions. We head out across Lake Titicaca toward Uros, a group of man-made floating islands constructed entirely out of reeds. The friendly Uru people are always happy to welcome tourists to their islands, and will share with us their history, culture and traditions. We

take a boat out to the islands and learn how the Uru built their floating homes entirely out of totora reeds and rope. The islands initially acted as a defensive mechanism, and were easily moved in case a threat arose. The bottoms of the islands rot away fairly quickly, so reeds are being constantly added on top, allowing each island to last for years. Later return to our hotel in Puno. Lunch and Dinner (extra).

**SUNDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER |** After breakfast we start our journey to Colca canyon. On the way we stop to visit Toca over the 4,500mts observe the lakes with the migrant's birds, and take spectacular pictures of the Altiplano with llamas and with hick Guanacos, to Pata Pampa (Pata-High, Pampa-Land) which is the highest point of our tour 4,820 meters, where we will be able to see the Ampato (6,300m), the Sabancaya Volcano Smoking, the Hualca-Hualca, the Cordillera de Chila and the Mismi - the source of the Amazon River. We arrive to Chivay at 3,651mts. Overnight stay at the El Refugio hotel (or similar) in Colca. Lunch and dinner (extra).

**MONDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER |** Early start on this day. After breakfast we go to the Canyon, visit to Cruz Del Condor. Here we can observe the condors and have a look at the depth of the Canyon. We return to Chivay, visiting Pinchollo the Cabana town and then arrive at Antahuilque Viewpoint, where a wonderful 1,500-year-old terracing constructed by the Collaguas culture, before the Inca time, can be observed. We visit Choquetico viewpoint with the Tumbas colgantes - hanging tombs, and the litomaqueta - the terrace model drawing in the rock. Later on, we continue to Maca, a destroyed Andean community by an earthquake in November 1991. We visit Yanque with the most beautiful church in the valley where we can appreciate the mestizo style in the sillar, a volcanic stone. Arrive to Arequipa. Check in at the hotel - El Fundador (or similar). Lunch and dinner (extra).

**TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and today we go on a city tour of Arequipa which is a great way to get to know the impressive beauty of "La Ciudad Blanca", the White City. The tour includes sites such as the church and square of San Francisco, dome of La Compañía de Jesus, colonial homes, the Plaza de Armas and the unforgettable Convent of Santa Catalina, characterized by its narrow streets and different styles famous in the 16th century. The Convent of Santa Catalina, perhaps the most fascinating colonial religious building in the country, was until recently home to almost 450 nuns. Overnight stay in Arequipa. Lunch and dinner (extra).

**WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER |** Today is a free day for personal sightseeing, enjoying walking around and exploring or shopping. Overnight stay in Arequipa. Lunch and dinner (extra).

**THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER/FRIDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and later in the afternoon we are transferred to the airport where we board our flight: Arequipa to Lima, followed by the flight Lima to Paris Charles de Gaulle departing at 10.05pm and arriving at 4.15pm (8th November). Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel and overnight.

**SATURDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER |** Early morning, transfer to the airport for our final flight from Paris departing at 9.50am and arriving in Malta at 12.45pm.



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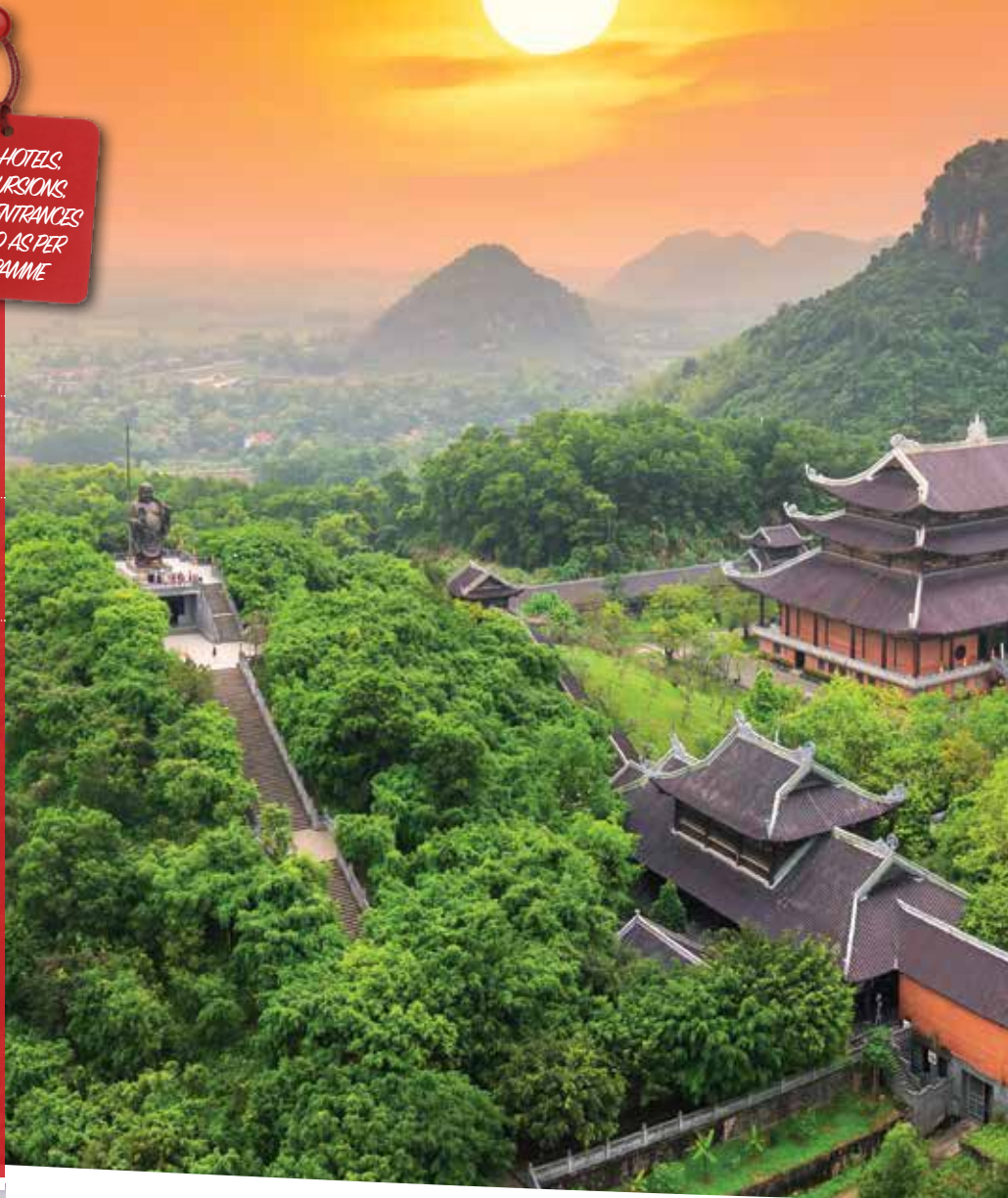
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VISITING Hanoi, Ninh Binh, Halong Bay, Hoi An, Saigon & Mekong Delta

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- ▶ All taxes
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## PRICE PER PERSON

Adult in Twin	€2999
Adult in Single	€3399
Visa	€50

Minimum group size is based on 20 passengers

Note: A Maltese passport with a validity date of 6 months beyond departure date.

Visa: Please ask at the desk for requirements.

Vaccines: Kindly check with the National Immunisation Service at Floriana Health centre.

**TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER/WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER |** We meet at Malta International Airport at 12.30pm for our Emirates flight to Hanoi. The flight leaves at 3.35pm and arrives in Dubai at 1.05am (13th November). Our next flight departs at 3.30am and we arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam at 1.15pm. Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel – May De Ville Premier Hotel & Spa (or similar) in Hanoi. We check in and have some free time after the long flight. Welcome dinner in a local restaurant included.

**THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER |** Today after breakfast we start with a visit to the complex dedicated to Ho Chi Minh- the nation's founder, containing Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (viewed from outside), and house on stilts. This complex also comprises the One Pillar Pagoda, whose origins date back to the foundation of city. Then we visit Tran Quoc Pagoda - Hanoi's oldest pagoda on the bank of West Lake. In the afternoon, we visit the fascinating Ethnology Museum, which is both a research centre and a public museum exhibiting ethnic groups of Vietnam. Then we visit Van Mieu-Quoc Tu Giam (Temple of Literature & Vietnam's first university). Constructed in 11th century, the gardens and well-preserved architecture offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past. Take a cyclo ride around the Old Quarter streets which were named after the specific goods once offered for sale at these places. We stop at Hoan Kiem Lake to learn about legend of the lake and visit Ngoc Son Temple, followed by the Water Puppet show- a uniquely Northern Vietnamese art form depicting scenes from rural life and episodes of national history. Overnight in Hanoi.

**FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and we leave our hotel in Hanoi for 2 hour drive to Ninh Binh

Province. Our first visit is at Hoa Lu-Vietnam's former capital before it was moved to Thang Long-Hanoi in 1,010 and the remains of Dinh & Le Kings' Temples. In the afternoon, we get on small rowing boats to travel along the canals amongst local villages, green fields. Enjoy the beauty of Tam Coc (3 caves) which is also called "Ha Long Bay on land". Go through the caves and then row back. Upon disembarking, visit Thai Vi Temple, and then take ox-cart ride through countryside, rice fields and green mountain scenery to Tam Coc. Overnight in Ninh Binh Hidden Charm Hotel in Ninh Binh (or similar).

**SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and we depart from our hotel to Halong Bay, one of the World Natural Heritages recognized by UNESCO with over 3,000 spectacular limestone islands rising from the clear, emerald sea in the Gulf of Tonkin. Upon arrival, we board the ship and we check into our cabins. While we pass by many rocky islets, caves, floating villages and beaches, our fresh seafood lunch will be served on board. During the cruise there will be opportunities to disembark, often using smaller boats or possibly kayaks to venture into hidden grottos and caves. Dinner will be served on board & overnight.

**SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast is served while we continue exploring Halong Bay. Transfer to our day trip with private crew and cruise to the bay's most untouched areas. Enjoy swimming on uite beaches, fishing villages or kayaking. Then have lunch and return to the mother boat for the night.

**MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER |** In the early morning many of the islands are alive with the sound of various sea birds nesting in the thick green vegetation that





engulf the limestone karsts. Early risers may wish to start the day with Tai Chi class. Enjoy breakfast (or brunch) onboard whilst the ship turns back to motherland, stopping at points of interest en route. Arrive back at the port in the late morning. Then disembark and are transferred back to Hanoi. We make our way to the airport for our flight to Danang. Upon arrival, we are transferred to our hotel – Vinh hung Riverside Resort (or similar) in Hoi An. Today dinner is included.

**TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER** | Breakfast and today we go for a guided walking tour around Hoi An Ancient Town. We visit the Japanese covered bridge, Chinese assembly hall, a typical Vietnamese merchant's house, one of the interesting museums and the local market. There are numerous art galleries, souvenirs and tailor shops where one can get some express made-to-measure clothes. We then visit a craftsman home in the old streets where we have a brief introduction on the history of the lanterns and will go through the stages of making them. We will make a lantern of our own, decorate it and keep it as a souvenir of our time in Hoi An. The rest of the afternoon is free for leisure.

**WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER** | This full day excursion offers an unbeatable chance to discover the worldwide famous Golden Bridge with its unique design and breathtaking views and Ba Na Hills - the complex including touristic sites, European Architecture Villas, huge indoor game world, French Wine Cellar, flower yards and pagodas. After breakfast we make our way to Danang transfer to Ba Na Hills cable starting station where we take the cable car to the main cable station to enjoy the time in the Golden Bridge. It has a walkway of 150 meters long and comprises of eight spans, each of which is lined with purple chrysanthemums, the bridge serves as a transit between a replica of a French village and Le Jardin d'Amour flower garden in Ba Na Hills. Free time on Ba Na Hills for a nice walk. In the afternoon, we have the journey downhill by cable car and then transfer to Hoi An.

**THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER** | Today is fulfilled with interesting activities. We will travel to the countryside area, meet the locals and we will have a chance to learn some traditional fishing techniques and how to paddle the unique Vietnamese bamboo basket boats. Exploring the tranquil coconut-palm flanked waterways of a past war. On this tour, we experience an authentic social and cultural insight of the local way of life. As well, we will take part in some hands-on activities that are fun, safe and interesting to people of all ages. The morning excursion offers us a closer look into the countryside life in the outskirts of Hoi An Ancient town. Such an amazing experience going through picturesque villages, rice fields, graveyard, see water buffalos, water coconut gardens, then meet

and talk with local villagers as you meet. Continuing with an exciting basket boat rowing on the water coconut river and learn how to catch crabs. Later on, we take boat ride on a stunning river to see how local fishermen catch fish, reach Tra Que organic village for a mini course of cooking class and enjoy tasty lunch prepared by your host. After lunch, transfer back to hotel.

**FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER** | Packed Breakfast – We are transferred to the airport for our flight to Saigon. Upon arrival, we make our way to the hotel: Central Palace Hotel (or similar). Lunch at a local restaurant and in the afternoon, we visit the moving War Remnants Museum which presents a partial, but riveting view of the American War as it's known in Vietnam. We continue to the Reunification Palace, former residence of the Indochina Governor General and later President of the Republic of Southern Vietnam until the fall of Saigon in April 1975. Overnight in Saigon.

**SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER** | After breakfast, we have a sightseeing tour to Mekong River Delta and Cai Be. We start the tour with a visit to Cai Be Floating Market place. The market is most busy in the very early morning only, which is a very typical floating market in the Mekong Delta region. Our boat will stop for a visit to some local factories making Coconut candies, rice crispy cakes, rice paper making workshop and we will have the chance to visit Ancient houses typical of local landlords in the early 20th century, with a blend of Oriental and Western architectural styles. A delicious lunch will be served at a local house in the cool shade of An Binh Island's orchards. In the afternoon, we take a traditional rowboat and venture deeper into the countryside, floating through narrow canals to enjoy the peaceful surroundings. We also stop at a nursery garden to discover how farmers along the delta produce their world famous fruits and vegetables. The cruise ends at Cai Be pier and then we are transferred back to Saigon.

**SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER/MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER** | Breakfast and we enjoy a 2 hour driver north west of Saigon to visit the incredible network of the underground Cu Chi Tunnels constructed by Vietnamese fighters during the long struggle for independence and reunification. This network of over 200 km of tunnels became legendary during the 1960's when they played a vital part in the American War, allowing the Viet Cong to control a large rural area close to Ho Chi Minh City. In their heyday, the tunnels were functioning underground cities. Then we head back to for lunch at local restaurant. The rest of the day is free at leisure for shopping. Later we are transferred to the airport for our flight back home. We depart at 11.50pm and arrive in Dubai at 4.05am (25th November), followed by the next flight that leaves at 8.00am and arrives in Malta at 2.05pm.



# Madagascar

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- ▶ All transfers as per programme
- ▶ All excursions guided by English speaking guide as indicated in itinerary
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### PRICE PER PERSON

Adult in Triple	€3467
Adult in Twin	€3637
Adult in Single	€4223

Minimum group size is based on 20 passengers

Note: A Maltese passport with a validity date of 6 months beyond departure date.

Visa: Please ask at the desk for requirements.

Vaccines: Kindly check with the National Immunisation Service at Floriana Health centre.

**FRIDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER/SATURDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER** | We will meet at the airport at 4.45pm, for our Turkish Airlines flight to Istanbul that leaves at 7.45pm and arrives at 12.10am (16th November). We later proceed with the next flight to Madagascar, to Antananarivo, departing at 2.20am and arriving at 3.05pm. On arrival we are transferred to our hotel and check in at Le Louvre Hotel (or similar).

**SUNDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER** | Breakfast and today we will enjoy a city tour of Antananarivo, also known by its colonial shorthand form Tana. Built on a narrow, rocky ridge, Antananarivo occupies a strategic point at the centre of the island of Madagascar. Two forts watch over the city from the east and southwest, while within the city limits lay royal palaces, embassies, some fifty churches and a mosque. At the capital and largest city in Madagascar, we will discover the upper city, where one finds the main construction and the most attractive buildings in the city in terms of architecture and location "the Rova" also called the "Queen's palace". In the upper town, brightly traditional painted columned houses of the Merina people are stacked up on the hillsides which also offer a great panoramic view over the city and its surroundings. Afternoon – time at leisure.

**MONDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER** | After breakfast, we start the trip to the south, drive to Antsirabe. Short stop at Ambatolampy, mainly known for its forging and foundry industry, famous for its production of kitchen utensils made of aluminium. We arrive at Antsirabe approximately by lunch time. Antsirabe, the third largest city in Madagascar and the capital of the Vakinankaratra region was founded by Norwegian missionaries attracted by the cool climate and the healing properties of the thermal springs. The name means the place of much salt. It is the agricultural and industrial centre of Madagascar, best known as the centre of beer. The town is also the capital of pousse-pousse (a

rickshaw pulled by a man) and most of the people earn their living on taking housewives to the market, kids to school or taking tourists around town. The rickshaw men or pousse-pousse drivers are the lifeblood of the town. The areas immediately south of Antsirabe are very fertile and steep slopes are neatly terraced and irrigated and with rice shots at different stages of maturation, provide an intricate patchwork of vivid greens. In the afternoon we have a short city tour and visit of the small handicraft fabrics. After that, check in to the hotel – Arotel (or similar).

**TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER** | Breakfast and today, we will head to the south, with main stop at Ambositra, the centre of Madagascar's woodcarving industry and the Arts-and-crafts capital of the country. Upon arrival, we have a short city tour and then some time for lunch. Afterwards, we continue to the south east and late in the afternoon arrive at the village of Ranomafana. The ride to Ranomafana from the crossroad before Alakamisy Ambohimaha takes about 45 minutes (36km) on a good paved road. Along the way, we see kids selling crawfish from the nearby stream. Piles of charcoal sacs for sale are also seen along the road and most of the Tanala people, the ethnic group from this region, earn their leaving on making charcoal for cooking. Overnight at Thermal Hotel (or similar)

**WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER** | We enjoy breakfast and today, we will have a day expedition into the Ranomafana National Park to spot the best of wildlife species. During the walks, we will be on the lookout for a wealth of other wildlife, rare and exclusive species of birds such as the brown mesite, the Pitta-like ground roller and the velvet asity amongst others. Hike up to the higher level of the forest to see the Milne Edward's Sifaka, the red-bellied lemur, the golden bamboo lemur, and more. In the afternoon, we head to Vohiparara forest to see other species of endemic birds like the





Madagascar flufftail, the criptic warbler (newly discovered) and the Madagascar rail. Reptiles such as the leaf-tailed gecko and some mantilla frogs can be seen in the forest. In the evening, we will have a nocturnal visit.

**THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and we will leave Ranomafana and drive on passing through the town of Fianarantsoa. Then Ambalavao where we will have lunch and spend some free time. Ambalavao is a beautiful and peaceful little town with half traditional and half colonial architecture of its houses with their varangue balconies made of carved wood, very attractive two storey brick houses with painted doors and windows with vertical ladders to connect floor to floor. Exterior balconies store dried corn or rice used for fodders. In Ambalavao, one can see the process from the silkworms to the finished product; view weavers and spinners in action; dyers run back and forth preparing and drying the next colours for some exquisite liners en scarves. Visit the local paper factory, which allows visitors to learn more about this famous paper "Antemoro paper". Then another visit at the Anjã reserve, a community-run park located 15 minutes drive from Ambalavao with superb scenery and intriguing plants. It is a protected area that is managed by local farmers in association with the WWF. The park shelters several clans of fairly easy to-see ring-tailed. This is a wonderful example of local people helping to protect their local wildlife. Apart from lemurs, one can also see plenty of birds, reptiles like chameleons, snakes, etc - a good opportunity to look for another bizarre Malagasy inhabitants "the pink-flated leaf bug". After these visits, we continue and reach Ranohira Isalo, the main village at the entry of the national park. We arrive at the destination by the end of the day and overnight at Le Jardin Du Roy Hotel (or similar).

**FRIDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER |** Today, we will have a day expedition into the Isalo National Park. This is among the best and most visited park in Madagascar, with astonishing landscapes made of natural massive rock uniform dating from the Jurassic era, with a typical and amazing wildlife species. Isalo is a combination of sandstone rocks, rare endemic plants such as the pachypodium rosulatum or "elephant foot" and dry weather. The sandstone of the Isalo Mountains in the park provides some of the most beautiful and breathtaking scenery in Madagascar. The visit begins by a morning trekking into the park, then to the natural pool. Then hikers continue over an undulating plateau with varied views of rock formations. Guests taking this must fit sure-footed, strong with endurance in hot conditions. The landscape includes several trails to view the sweeping colours of this Jurassic scenery. Isalo's wildlife includes Sifaka, brown and ringtailed lemurs as well as over 500 species of plants. Late in the afternoon, we drive back to the lodge with a short stop at the sandstone window of Isalo to enjoy the sunset. A real post card that deserves the detour.

**SATURDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER |** On this day, we will have another half day

expedition in the park with different itinerary. Afterwards we return to the hotel and have some time at leisure.

**SUNDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and then we leave Isalo in the morning and start off the day. We pass through the sapphire-rush town of Ilakaka. Along the road, we pass many mining small towns where local miners descent everyday into the bowels of mines in order to find one stone. We also see dramatic plains, small villages, zebu herds and baobab trees. The zebu or hump-backed cattle occupies an important place in the traditional Malagasy culture. The social status, the fortune and the wealth of the Bara people are measured in their cattle which symbolizes beauty, pride and happiness. Later on, we arrive in Tulear, the last town of the southwest part of the country. Upon arrival, visit the arboretum of Antsokay, a botanical garden established by a prominent Swiss-born botanist in 1980 which spread large endemic and specific plants of the south region. After lunch, we head on to the north to reach Ifaty, a small coastal beach village. Overnight at Dunes D'Ifaty Hotel (or similar).

**MONDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and we will have a morning drive to the spiny forest of Reniala for expedition. The forest is one of the most important in the region also for botanical species. We will see Baobab trees and succulents along the main trail and we will have bird watching in the same time as this forest is a unique spot for the long tailed ground roller, sub desert mesite and other interesting bird species including the Green Capped Coua, some geckos and snakes, warty chameleons can also be spotted in the forest. This forest is also rich in medicinal plants. After the visit, back to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon, we go for a dugout session to spot the everyday life of local people in this village. After the tour, return to the hotel.

**TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and today we enjoy a visit of mangrove, honko community reserve followed by a visit of a turtle village reserved for the protection of endemic turtles of Madagascar. We return to our hotel for lunch and rest of the day at leisure.

**WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER |** After breakfast we leave Ifaty and drive to Tulear for a city tour and a visit to the shell market. Lunch at a local restaurant (included) before we are transferred to Tulear for our flight back to Antananarivo. Upon arrival, we are transferred to our hotel Relais des Plateaux (or similar).

**THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER/FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and free time. Later in the evening, we are transferred to the airport for our return flight. Departure at 4.25pm and arriving in 5.40am in Istanbul (29th November). Then, we have our final flight to Malta departing at 8.20am and arriving at 8.50am.



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- ▶ Entrance fees of the mentioned visits in programme + boat trip in Xochimilco
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## PRICE PER PERSON

Adult in Triple	€3399
Adult in Twin	€3459
Adult in Single	€3799

Departure tax in Cancun - approx. USD 16 per person is not included.

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Note: A Maltese passport with a validity date of 6 months beyond departure date.

Visa: Please ask at the desk for requirements.

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### SUNDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER / MONDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER

We will meet at the airport at 4.45pm, for our Turkish Airlines flight to Istanbul that leaves at 7.45pm and arrives at 12.10am (18th November). We later proceed with the next flight to Mexico City, departing at 2.25am and arriving at 8.15am. On arrival we are transferred to our hotel and check in at Regente City in Mexico City (or similar).

**TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER** | Breakfast at the hotel and afterwards we make our way to the Anthropology Museum that is considered one of the world's finest museums. Its most famous exhibit is the Aztec sun stone, a cosmological calendar. We then are transferred to Xochimilco and take a 1 hour tour in trajinera (little boat). Nahuatl name means field of flowers and is a set of channels that exist from pre-Hispanic times. You can still see chinampas, which are artificial crops created on the lake. Lunch at the trajinera (extra). We then continue to downtown and see the National Palace, Metropolitan Cathedral and Zocalo Square.

**WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER** | After breakfast, we depart to Guadalupe Shrine and Three Culture Square: The Basilica of Guadalupe is a shrine in Mexico City that is an important Catholic pilgrimage site and one of the most visited churches in the world. Tlatelolco Square in Mexico City, D. F. (now

Three Cultures square) holds a special place in the history of Mexico, and in the hearts and minds of her people. Later, continue to Teotihuacan and visit the site: Teotihuacan is one of the most impressive urban architectural complexes in ancient America, and one of the most spectacular archaeological sites in the world. Teotihuacan's name, "the place where men become gods" expresses what the city meant to the Aztecs.

**THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER** | After breakfast and then we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Tuxtla Gutierrez. Upon arrival, we make our way to the Grijalva River Pier to observe the geological wonder that gives the place the well-known name of the "Cañon del Sumidero" (sinkwell canyon), whilst enjoying the diversity of flora and fauna characteristic of the area. Later we proceed to the colonial city of San Cristobal de Las Casas. Overnight at Dmonica Hotel (or similar).

**FRIDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER** | Today we have an early departure to visit Agua Azul waterfalls where we admire the turquoise-coloured waters. These are a series of waterfalls found on the Xanil River in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. After this visit, we continue our journey to Palenque. Upon arrival, we check in at our hotel Tulija Palenque (or similar).





**SATURDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER |** In the morning after breakfast, we visit Palenque site, a Maya archeological site containing some of the finest architecture and sculptures. Later we continue to Campeche and visit San Miguel Fort, built in the late eighteenth century for fear of being attacked by pirates. The city of Campeche earned its United Nations World Heritage designation primarily for its network of city walls, bastions, and forts, and visiting them is high on travelers' lists. Most have been meticulously restored. We proceed to hotel Francis Drake (or similar) and overnight.

**SUNDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast – Today we visit a small village of Becal, located just at the border of Yucatan and Campeche states. We visit 17-century colonial church and learn about the process of making Panama hats from palm fiber, watch a demonstration by local artisans who have been working inside caves for generations. Afterwards we continue to Uxmal, an ancient Maya city of the classical period. Lodging at the hotel Uxmal Resort Maya (or similar).

**MONDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and in the morning we visit Uxmal Site - a large pre-Columbian ruined city of the Maya civilization in the state of Yucatán, Mexico. The place name is Pre-Columbian and it is usually assumed to be an archaic Maya language phrase meaning "Built Three Times". We later visit the city Merida, known as the White City, nowadays one of the most tranquil and safest cities in Mexico. The remote Mayan roots, superb colonial monuments and its splendour go back to the XIX century architecture, and has made Merida a captivating mixture of cultural influences. Overnight at Residencial (or similar).

**TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast at the hotel. Today we visit Celestun, a beautiful estuary of pink flamingos. The estuary is a natural breeding ground for flamingos and other birds. Watch numerous birds flock on shore as they eat the shrimp-like crustaceans that give the flamingos their unique pink colour. The

declared Biosphere Reserve is one of the only places in the world to view such numbers of these fascinating birds in the wild!

**WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER |** Today, after we have breakfast, we set off to Izamal, considered as a colonial jewel because all the buildings are painted with an intense yellow colour. The Ex-Franciscan convent that was built over the Mayan pyramids using the stones of them for its construction. We then continue to visit Chichen-Itza, the most famous archaeological site in Mexico for its extraordinary architecture and its beautiful geographical location. Later continue to Ik kil, a wonderful park that is surrounded by exotic plants and trees, the main attraction of Ik kil is the majestic cenote, as you enter and go down the stone steps a platform that gives you access to the crystal clear and fresh water. Where one can swim, the rental of a life jacket is included. Continue to Valladolid and overnight at Meson Del Marques (or similar).

**THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast. Today we visit Valladolid. Discover the altarpiece carved in wood and strewn with gold, the Franciscan frescoes that reveal the evangelization process of early converts to Catholicism, and the extensive gardens. We continue and visit Tulum. The ruins of TULUM were an essential part for the Mayans. We see the only Archaeological Zone located in front of the Caribbean Sea. In Tulum we will have the opportunity to walk on the Ancient Paths just as the Mayan Priests did. Later continue to Cancun and spend the night at hotel Ambiance (or similar).

**FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER |** Breakfast and some free time. Later we are transferred to the airport for our return flight. Departure at 2.30pm and arriving at 10.35am in Istanbul (30 th Nov). Then, we have our final flight to Malta departing at 6.25pm and arriving at 6.55pm.



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<b>Hospital Benefit</b>	€25 for every complete 24 hours – maximum €700		
<b>Baggage And Passport</b>	€700	€2,500	€3,500
<b>Personal Money</b>	€1,000	€1,250	€2,000
<b>Personal Liability</b>	€1,250,000	€1,250,000	€1,250,000
<b>Delayed Departure</b>	€50 for the first completed 12 hours delay and €25 for every additional completed 12 hours delay – maximum €250		
<b>Missed Departure</b>	€250	€750	€1,500
<b>Hijack</b>	€120 for every complete 24 hours restraint from travel - maximum €500		
<b>Hire Vehicle Excess</b>	Not Insured	€500	€500 (may be increased at an additional premium)
<b>Cancelled Services (due to adverse weather and natural phenomena)</b>	Not Insured	€1,500	€2,000
<b>Coronavirus</b>	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable

The above table is just a summary of the benefits and limits available. Please refer to the Policy wording for full details.

For claims support, please call **Atlas** on **2343 5363**.

## Britannia Services Ltd is a Tied Insurance Intermediary for Atlas Insurance PCC Ltd

Speak to us today for all your insurance needs



### Why choose Atlas for your travels?

- Excellent claims service
- Available for business trips, skiing, driving holidays and cruises
- 24/7 international medical assistance service
- Up to €750,000 medical expenses
- Cancellation due to bad weather conditions or natural disasters is included

### Atlas travel insurance keeps your mind at rest when you're away from home

- You're protected from the moment you book your trip & purchase travel insurance until you return to Malta
- Protects you if you are liable for any injuries or damages to others
- Cover for cancelled holidays, loss of passports, luggage and money
- Different levels of cover available to suit your needs
- Cover for Coronavirus is included for cancellation, emergency medical expenses, hospital benefit and missed departure (certain terms and limits apply)

### Save with Atlas

- Group discounts for Standard and Premier plans: groups of over 10 people travelling together
- Nominal charge to remove excesses
- Reduced price for children under 16 years of age



Britannia's reputation has been built on client satisfaction because we go that extra mile, striving to ensure that you, our client, get value for money. We want you to enjoy your holiday to the full and return to Malta feeling both satisfied and relaxed. We therefore invite you to please read these booking conditions.

## GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

The holidays in this programme have been planned and are operated by Britannia Services Limited of Britannia House, 652, St. Joseph, High Street, Hamrun to ensure maximum client satisfaction. These terms and conditions have been laid out according to Maltese legislation and international rules, and cover every aspect of your holiday, from the moment you book until the moment you return home. The general conditions clearly spell out our obligations to you, and your commitments when you book your holiday with us. In these Terms & Conditions, the term "you" and its derivatives include you and all other persons travelling with you, in whose name you have made the booking.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

### 1. BOOKING AND DEPOSIT

After you have paid your deposit (€400 per person on any package, €800 per person on long haul holidays, €400 per person on cruises) and a receipt has been issued by us, the booking is considered confirmed. Payment of the initial deposit also confirms that you have read and understood these Terms and Conditions. However, your participation in the tour is only confirmed, and can only be ensured, once you have paid the full amount due.

When making a booking, it is important that the name you give us is exactly as shown on the passport or other valid travelling document. If you fail to do so, you may be denied boarding on the tour altogether, or we may be constrained to affect a name-change, in which case, an administrative fee of €50 will be levied, together with any additional fees which our suppliers may impose. This also applies should you require a transfer of the booking to a different traveller. The notice for change or transfer is to be given within a reasonable time, at the latest seven days prior to your intended departure. Should you wish to change your holiday arrangements in any way, we will try our best to meet your wishes to the best of our ability. We reserve the right to charge you a handling fee of €50 for any such change to your booking, in addition to any actual costs incurred in respect of such a change.

Where the price varies depending on the number of persons booked into the accommodation and you wish to change that number of persons, you will need to pay the price on the basis of the new party size as shown in this brochure. Any increase in the price per person, which would be due by you and payable as a result of a part cancellation (eg: for a hotel room under-occupancy, changing from twin room to single room), is not a cancellation charge.

### 2. PRICE POLICY

The prices indicated in this brochure are set at the time of its publication and are the price per person. Children's rates apply provided the children share the room with 2 or 3 adults. The actual costs relative to your holiday may vary from the date of booking due to:

- An increase in cost of fuel prices, imposed by the airlines or the cruise ship companies, or any other increase relative to other power sources that affects the price directly or indirectly;
- An increase in taxes or fees imposed by third parties, such as government authorities, including but not limited to, any increase in tourist taxes, landing taxes, embarkation or disembarkation costs;
- Changes in Visa Costs;
- Change in the exchange rates or currency fluctuations.

### 3. PAYMENT OF BALANCE

The balance due for the holiday must be settled by not later than six (6) weeks prior to departure in the case of packages, and eight (8) weeks prior to the departure in the case of cruises or long hauls. If the booking is made less than eight (8) weeks prior to the departure of your cruise or long haul, or six (6) weeks prior to the date of departure of any other holiday, the full payment is due immediately. Payments may be made in Cash, by Personal Cheque, Banker's Cheque or Bank Transfer. Since it may take up to 7 working days for cheques to clear, payment by Personal Cheque will not be accepted in the last 10 working days before the date of travel.

### 4. CANCELLATION

If, for whatever reason, we do not receive your payment in time as indicated above, we reserve the right to cancel the booking and impose a cancellation fee. You are entitled to cancel your booking with us at any stage prior to your departure, subject to a cancellation fee. A cancellation can only be accepted once this is communicated in writing to us by any of the persons listed on the booking form or by the Travel Agent through whom the booking was made. The cancellation will be effective from the date it is received and duly stamped by our offices. The stamp constitutes irrefutable proof of the date of receipt of the cancellation. The cancellation fee which you must pay shall be:

- If you cancel more than 43 days before scheduled departure – a sum equivalent to your deposit
- If you cancel between 29-42 days before scheduled departure – a sum equivalent to 50% of the total price of your package inclusive of extras if previously booked by you
- If you cancel between 15-28 days before scheduled departure – a sum equivalent to 75% of the total price of your package inclusive of extras if previously booked by you
- If you cancel between 14 days or less before departure – a sum equivalent to 100% of the total price of your package inclusive of extras if previously booked by you

In the case of a cancellation of a cruise package, should the cancellation be affected more than 65 days before scheduled departure, only the deposit shall be lost. Should, however, the cancellation be affected less than 65 days before the scheduled departure, a cancellation fee equivalent to 100% of the total price of your package will be imposed. In the event of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances at the holiday destination, which would significantly affect your

trip, you may cancel your booking, without paying the cancellation fee, and receive a full refund of any payments made to us. We reserve the right to cancel the tour if there are not at least 30 people booked on the tour you have reserved, or if sales of that holiday are so low as to make it economically not feasible for us to operate it. In this event, we may offer you an alternative holiday to purchase, of comparable standard, if available, with no obligation on your part to purchase such alternative package. If you choose not to purchase an alternative holiday, we will refund you all the money you have paid us for your cancelled holiday.

In case of cancellation by us, you will be informed at least:

- 20 days before the departure date of said cancellation, if your tour was planned to last longer than 6 days;
- 7 days before the departure date of said cancellation, if your tour was planned to last between 2-6 days
- 48 hours before the departure date of said cancellation, if your tour was planned to last less than 2 days.

Furthermore, we reserve the right to cancel the tour at any time should this be necessitated by force majeure or unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances. In the latter event, we shall contact you to inform you about the cancellation without undue delay. No compensation will be due by us in the event that the cancellation results because of:

- reasons attributable to you;
- unforeseeable and unavoidable reasons attributable to third parties unconnected with the provision of services included in the package that we are supplying, such as government authorities;
- force majeure;
- unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances.

### 5. OUR ASSURANCE ON STANDARDS, DUTIES & OUR OBLIGATIONS

We take all reasonable steps to ensure that proper arrangements have been made for all the holidays which are advertised in this brochure. We are not responsible for any prejudice, extra costs or consequential loss that you may suffer, directly or indirectly, if you choose to make any independent arrangements with third parties in relation to your holiday, separately to the services included in our package. You will appreciate that we have no direct control over the provision of services to you by suppliers. We cannot be held responsible if any activities are cancelled due to force majeure or due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, such as adverse weather, strikes or the indisposition of the protagonist in a show or entertainment event. We always try our utmost to communicate your specific requests to our suppliers; however, we can never give a guarantee that these will be definitively confirmed since adherence to said requests is always subject to availability.

We assure you that should any of the travel services included in our package not be performed in accordance with the package booked with us, we shall seek to remedy the lack of conformity, unless this is impossible or entails disproportionate costs. We plan our holidays to give you the maximum enjoyment. In order to do so, we may occasionally have to change your holiday arrangements, and we reserve the right to do so in the unlikely event that this should become necessary. Such changes may be necessary, for example, as a result of force majeure, government or local authority action, essential maintenance or cleaning, lack of support or demand, religious or local holidays or changes made by our suppliers, and include, changes in flight times, hotels closing down, hotel overbookings, or inclement weather imposing a change in itinerary.

We may not be held responsible for changes in the programme resulting from said third party interventions. However, we shall inform you within a reasonable time of any changes to the programme once the relative change is communicated to us. Touring itineraries may also have to be changed, sometimes at short notice, due to weather, road or traffic conditions, mechanical breakdowns, police activity etc. Whilst we strive to make sure that everything goes according to the plan set out in this brochure, we cannot be held liable for said changes when these are caused by force majeure or unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances. Changes to the programme may have to be made:

- Before Departure - Should we be compelled to make any changes, we will inform you or your Travel Agent of all the details relative to said changes within a reasonable time prior to the departure. Should the changes to the travel programme be significant, or increase the price of the package booked with us by more than 8%, and you are not satisfied with the new arrangements, you will be entitled to cancel your booking without incurring any cancellation fees, provided that your instructions to cancel your booking are made within a reasonable time, which shall, under no circumstance, be longer than seven days from the date that we would have informed you about the change, or later than seven days before the scheduled departure, whichever is the earlier.
- After Your Holiday Has Commenced - Occasionally, it may be necessary, due to unforeseen circumstances, to change a hotel or some other part of your holiday arrangement after your holiday has commenced, in which event we will do our best to maintain the overall standard of the holiday arrangements. Should, however, the alternative arrangement be of a lower quality or cost than the one originally planned, you shall be entitled to an appropriate reduction.

### 5.1 FLIGHTS

Details of the airlines we anticipate using are shown in the programme. The choice of airline is exclusively at our discretion. We reserve the right to substitute alternative airlines and/or aircraft if necessary; however, we shall immediately inform you should such change be made. Flight schedules are subject to changes and confirmation by the airline. Our reservation system will show the latest schedules as advised to us. Please check your flight tickets as soon as you receive them, as they will show the confirmed time for your flights. Some flights may have intermediate stops en route and this is not always known before departure date. In such cases, we cannot notify you in advance. Flights are subject to the granting of permits and licenses by authorities both in Malta and overseas. We cannot be held responsible for any prejudice or consequential damage that you may suffer from such changes. However, we are committed to inform you as soon as the change is made known to us. Should the change lead to a delay which results in an overnight stay abroad, we will cover the costs for reasonable meals and refreshments in a reasonable relation



to the waiting time, the hotel accommodation should overnight stays be necessary, transport between the airport and place of accommodation, and also 2 telephone calls or emails. Transport of any kind is subject to the conditions of carriage of the company providing that trip. These conditions applicable to you are likely to embody the provisions of the law of the country where the company concerned is situated.

## 5.2 ACCOMMODATION

Our brochure descriptions are based on the information obtained from hoteliers and other service providers at the time of printing. Check-in at hotels is not done before 3p.m. and check-out from rooms must take place by 9a.m. We kindly ask you to respect such times and abide by the instructions provided by your tour leader or the accommodation manager/s.

Hotel rooms and ship cabins may be small or even very small when compared to standards which you may be accustomed to, including any adjoining en-suite or bathroom. We only work with hotels that have single or twin rooms. Triple or quadruple rooms are hardly ever available. A third and/or fourth person wishing to share a twin room will most probably be given either a small extra folding 'camp bed', a bunk bed or a sofa bed, which may make accommodation quite uncomfortable. In America, three or four persons wanting to share a room will always be given just two double beds (single beds for each person will not be available). Therefore, we are not to be held liable should a room or cabin be smaller than what you expected. The assignment of rooms is handled directly by the hotel and at no stage are we involved in said assignment. At the time of booking, you may inform us whether you wish two single beds or a double bed, or whether you wish rooms next to each other or with a specific view. Although we will strive to obtain your desired arrangement, we do not have any control as to whether the accommodation-provider adheres to the submitted request.

Swimming pools may only be heated in colder weather and the general standard of hygiene, public utilities, drainage, plumbing and services in general may not be of the same standard as in Malta. Breakfast is always continental unless otherwise specified. Lunches and dinners are always served in three courses. No choice of food will be provided unless you have informed us upon booking that you suffer from a particular food allergy, or health condition, in which case, we will inform the catering establishment of said dietary requirements. Please note that portions served abroad are moderate, and sometimes may be considered small when compared to local customary food portions. When buffet meals are provided, a choice is available. Any drinks ordered, including water and soft drinks, are not included in the package price and are to be paid for separately. The use of the mini-bar, telephone and pay-tv, when available, is not included in the package price, and must be paid by you separately. Policies vary from one hotel to the other - therefore, if in doubt, you should enquire with the hotel management directly of any charges to which you may be liable, before making use of the service.

## 5.3 ENTRANCE FEES & EXCURSIONS

Unless otherwise specified, entrance fees to museums, shows, boat or train trips, and the use of cable cars are charged separately whilst you are on holiday. Excursions that are listed as 'optional' are also charged separately whilst you are on holiday, and unless otherwise stated, do not include the service of a local guide, but do cover the cost of the coach transfer. The prices for optional excursions are clearly listed in the price box on the programme. Only items listed in the section 'Price Includes' are included in your package price. Prices of entrance fees are subject to change.

We are only responsible for Optional Excursions which are included in this brochure, even if you decide to take them whilst you are already on holiday. The price for these Optional Excursions is extra and unless clearly specified, they only include transportation costs by coach. These are clearly marked in the price box printed at the end of each programme in this brochure. We are not responsible for any additional excursions, and their relative costs, organised by yourself, your Britannia tour leader or any other third party while you are abroad, if said excursions are not indicated in this brochure, and are not carried out with the written consent of Britannia Services Limited management in Malta.

## 5.4 SERVICES OF A TOUR LEADER

Each group tour is escorted by a Maltese-speaking tour leader who will be responsible for the implementation of the programme. The tour leader is under no circumstance responsible to provide any service over and above the official programme, and is not obliged to accompany members of the group around shops, flea markets or theme parks even if the relative visits are included in this brochure. In cases of emergency, namely if you should suffer any injury or fall victim to a crime, the tour leader will use his best endeavours to offer you emergency assistance necessary to approach local health services, authorities and consular assistance, and assist you in making alternative travel arrangements should you so require. We reserve the right to charge you for the cost of such assistance.

If you have a problem, you should immediately inform your tour leader, ideally also in writing, so that, if possible, the problem can be dealt with promptly.

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a valid passport or other valid travel document, and any appropriate visas. Be sure to check passport, travel document and visa requirements with your Travel Agent, well in advance, particularly if you are a non-Maltese passport holder. You are responsible for any charges, fines etc. that may be levied by authorities in Malta or overseas for non-compliance with regulations in this area and any such amounts will be charged to you.
- Health facilities, hygiene and risk of disease vary worldwide. It is your responsibility to check if you are healthy enough to travel.
- You must seek all necessary advice regarding your health and specific requirements from your trusted medical adviser, as soon as possible. You must also take any inoculations you may need depending on the country you are going to travel to, and ensure that any medication, such as Malaria pill, can be taken within the stipulated time (this varies and could be necessary months prior to departure) in order for such treatment to be effective on the departure date. You may phone the National Immunisation Service in Floriana on 21250492 for advice on these matters.
- Please ensure that you have a valid European Health Insurance Card so that you may use certain medical services in Europe.

- Airline regulations state that if you are more than 28 weeks pregnant, at the time of return travel, you must have a medical certificate of fitness to travel.
- It is your duty to purchase Travel Insurance. We provide the service to sell Travel Insurance, although you are under no obligation to purchase such cover from us.
- You must be responsible for a reasonable standard of behaviour. We reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a client if their behaviour is, in our opinion, or in the opinion of the airline pilot, ship captain, hotelier or accommodation owner or manager or other person in authority, likely to cause distress, danger, damage or annoyance to other customers, employees and to other people or to property. We shall be under no liability to pay any refund or compensation to, or costs incurred by, any person whose behaviour is considered unacceptable and is made to leave any of the aforementioned premises or facilities.
- All children travelling on a reduced-price holiday must not have reached their 12th birthday by the end of the holiday. Our staff do not normally check passports to verify dates of birth. If a child has reached his or her 12th birthday by the end of the holiday, and was declared as a child on the booking form, the airline will refuse boarding to the child.
- Disabled persons are welcome on Britannia Tours Holidays. However please note that our personnel cannot provide the services of a personal assistant or carer. Please advise us about any requirements or preexisting medical conditions that you think may be important for us to know about. Otherwise, we cannot guarantee the provision of adapted services and facilities.
- We also welcome senior citizens and point out that insurance companies impose special conditions for clients 70 years and over. Please check with your insurance company and travel advisor to ensure that the level of activity on your chosen holiday, and the cover you have chosen, are suitable.

## LIABILITY

We are not responsible for anything that may happen to you outside the hotel we booked for you, or for the quality of any services not offered directly by the hotel where you will be staying. Nor are we responsible for any theft that you may suffer throughout your holiday, even if this occurs in the hotel or on the coach. We cannot be held responsible for any injuries you may suffer during activities or excursions.

## INSOLVENCY

Britannia Services Ltd is a participant in the Insolvency Fund. This fund protects you when purchasing a package holiday. You are to ensure that a certificate is issued as this is the only legal document that will provide you with the necessary protection.

## COVID-19 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

You and us acknowledge the ongoing Covid-19 global crisis and accept the obligation to comply with all health protocols issued by governments or local authorities in Malta and whilst on holiday. Please note that we have no liability for any refunds, compensation, costs, expenses or other losses of any kind incurred by you (including where applicable the cost of medical treatment), in the following circumstances: if within 14 days of your departure, you or anyone under your booking, test positive for Covid and have to quarantine for a period of time, you must contact us as you may no longer be able to travel. We will offer you the possibility and subject to availability:

- postpone your holiday to a later date. You may have to pay full cancellation charges on some elements of your holiday, such as flight if we do not manage to recover all refunds;
- you will have the right to transfer your booking to another person nominated by you;
- cancel your holiday and may be subject to cancellation charges as shown in article 4 above. You may be able to claim these costs from the recommended Covid Travel Insurance. Similarly, you may fail any tests, checks or other measures imposed by our suppliers (airport authorities, airline, bus company, hotels etc) and you are denied boarding or entry. You acknowledge that suppliers have to comply with health protocols imposed by their governments and local authorities and therefore you have to respect these measures such as wearing a face mask according to local protocols, social distancing, mandatory hand sanitation, etc. These measures will not impede the enjoyment of your holiday but are measures to secure safety for you and for the persons around you.

## FORCE MAJEURE OR UNAVOIDABLE AND EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Force Majeure or unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances shall be a defence to the non-performance of the package. If a cruise liner misses a port of call, for the benefit of the passengers' safety or due to Force Majeure, passengers will be transferred, possibly by air (at no extra cost) to another port. In such cases, no port tax refunds will be issued.

## IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT

We do our best to give you an enjoyable, trouble-free holiday, but occasionally even the best laid plans can go wrong. If you have a problem or complaint relating to the overseas part of your holiday, you must contact our tour leader, representative or agent in your resort at the earliest opportunity, and ideally register your complaint in writing, in order that it may be investigated, and we may have the opportunity to resolve the matter on the spot. In addition, you must notify us in writing within seven (7) days of the date of your return from your holiday of any difficulties which you may have experienced while overseas. Given the difficulties of investigating a complaint too long after the event, we cannot accept liability in respect of claims received after the seven (7) day period, and/or which have not been reported in writing to the Tour Leader during the holiday. All disputes arising from this package will be subject to Maltese law and adjudicated by the Maltese Courts. In the case of cruises, complaints must be submitted in writing within 2 months after the incident. We shall strive to address your complaint to your satisfaction, but should you disagree with our conclusions, you can lodge an appeal to the MCCA, in line with your rights as a passenger.

**Disclaimer:** These terms and conditions have been set-out in accordance with the current Maltese and EU legal provisions and are subject to change should there be any amendments to the relative law.



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12th - 25th November	Vietnam Discovery	22/23
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## Your peace of mind

Britannia Tours has been organising worldwide group travel since 1982. We have gained a reputation for quality, service and great value for money. We hold an I.A.T.A. license (International Association of Travel Agents) and are part of the Insolvency Fund. This means that your money is protected when you book with us. We are sure that you will be absolutely delighted with our service and attention to detail when you book a Britannia Tours holiday.

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