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Welcome to Explorations Central™

Why book your shore excursions with
Holland America Line?

Experts in Each Destination

- Working with local tour operators, we have carefully curated a collection of enriching adventures. These offer in-depth travel for first-timers and immersive experiences for seasoned alumni.

Seamless Travel

- Pre-cruise, on board the ship, and after your cruise, you are in the best of hands. With the assistance of our dedicated call center, the attention of our on-board team, and trustworthy service at every stage of your journey, you can truly travel without a care.

Our Best Price Guarantee

- Save time and money. After booking your cruise, log in to purchase your shore excursions. If you purchase a tour and find a better price on an identical tour offered elsewhere, we'll refund 110 percent of the price difference in the form of an on-board credit (conditions apply).



Which Shore Excursions Are Right for You?

Choose the tours that interest you by using the icons as a general guide to the level of activity involved, and select the tours best suited to your physical capabilities. These icons will help you to interpret this brochure.



Easy Activity: Very light activity including short distances to walk; may include some steps.



Moderate Activity: Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or steps.



Strenuous Activity: Requires active participation, walking long distances over uneven and steep terrain or on steps. In certain instances, paddling or other non-walking activity is required and guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty breathing.



Panoramic Tours: Specially designed for guests who enjoy a slower pace, these tours offer sightseeing mainly from the transportation vehicle, with few or no stops, and no mandatory disembarkation from the vehicle during the tour. As vehicles outside the United States are rarely lift-equipped and ramps are seldom available, a very small amount of walking will be necessary. The pace is gentle and taking your time is encouraged.



Limited Capacity: The number of people able to participate in this tour is strictly limited. Reasons for limiting capacity may include the number of transportation seats available, or the need to maintain a safe ratio of guides for hikes, fishing and water activities. Tours require a minimum number of participants in order to operate.



Snack: This tour includes a small snack or tasting of local specialties. The snack is not a meal.



Meal: This tour includes a meal—lunch on daytime tours, dinner on evening tours.





Guests Using A Mobility Aid Device or Wheelchair

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I wear?

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for all shore excursions. When you visit places of worship, we recommend dressing conservatively (no shorts or sleeveless tops), but casual clothing is perfectly acceptable. Dress in layers and have a jacket along. Bring an umbrella or raincoat, a hat and sunscreen.

What about meals?

Most tour departures complement the ship's meal service hours. In-room dining is available on board.

How will I know what time each tour departs?

The on-board Shore Excursions Order Form in your stateroom will show departure times. This information will also be printed on your shore excursions tickets, which you will receive on board. Approximate tour departure times are posted on our website at hollandamerica.com.

I am traveling with friends. Can we be accommodated on the same motorcoach?

The departure location for each tour is printed on

your shore excursions tickets. If you wish to travel with friends, please arrive at the designated meeting place together. This will enable the staff to allocate space for you on the same vehicle.

Tour durations

The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. To allow our Shore Excursions Managers flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the Shore Excursions Order Form on board. For more information, please attend the Shore Excursions Presentation or visit the Shore Excursions Desk.

Tour descriptions

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the Shore Excursions section of our website, which can be found online at hollandamerica.com. Significant changes will be noted on the Shore Excursions Order Form on board. Tour schedules are subject to change.

I have a disability. How do I know which tours will best suit me?

The tours are graded according to the relative level of activity they entail. The activity icons that appear at the beginning of each tour description provide a general idea of the level of activity to expect. Please see page 1 for specific information or speak to a Shore Excursions specialist (1.888.425.9376). It is important to keep in mind that tour operators are subject to the laws of their own country with respect to accommodating the needs of guests with disabilities. In most foreign countries, the laws are not as stringent as those in the United States.

Will I encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship when it's in port?

Please see the on-board Shore Excursions staff to help determine whether you can expect to encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship in a particular port of call. The decision whether or not to carry or provide other mobility assistance to a guest and their device (wheelchair, walker, etc.) up or down a ship's gangway, or on or off a tender boat, is at the sole discretion of the Captain, made based on his evaluation of guest and crew safety. We encourage you to bring a collapsible wheelchair as space limitations may restrict the ability of some tour operators to accommodate motorized mobility aid devices.

The Collections of Holland America Line

What fascinates you? A cooking class with a local chef? A private car, complete with driver and/or guide? A chance to encounter wildlife or view natural wonders up close? The Collections represent a small subset of the shore excursions you will find in this brochure. Each collection offers its own particular focus and is available only in select ports.



World Wonders Collection

Natural treasures, architectural marvels, technical wonders: to the Seven Wonders of the World we add our own nominations based on decades of leadership in global travel—the sandstone city of Petra, the *moai* statues of Easter Island, and the Great Wall of China, among others. What they have in common is the ability to inspire awe.



Encore Collection

Been there, done that? Think again. The Encore Collection, designed especially for repeat guests, lets you discover what lies beyond the well-known attractions you've already seen. Barbecue with Argentine gauchos, bike the tree-lined boulevards of Barcelona, ride an Icelandic pony across a windswept beach near Reykjavík. These tours showcase hidden gems, unusual angles and inside stories that will bring you back time and again.



Overland & Overnight Collection

A passion for new experiences, goodwill toward others, or immersion in life elsewhere—whatever drives you to travel, Overland Adventures and Overnights take you further. Dig deeper, make connections, leave a part of your soul in great places, and bring home a wider knowledge of our planet and those with whom we share it.



Cruise with Purpose Collection

For every global citizen who has ever dreamed of either giving back or paying it forward, the innovative Cruise with Purpose Collection is about improving our planet one voyage at a time. Assist in scientific research, bring supplies to an orphanage, participate in a fair trade scheme or cultural exchange, replant a forest or restore fragile habitat—your footprint will be light and your soul enriched.



Medallion Collection

This series of exclusive experiences is designed to accommodate our most discerning guests. Each Medallion Collection tour is carefully chosen to provide an in-depth perspective, often exclusive to Holland America Line. They offer unparalleled access to events and sights not normally readily available to the public. First-class style, smaller groups, elite activities for a privileged few—this is the Medallion Collection.



The Signature Collection

Explore at your leisure with a private vehicle and English-speaking driver and/or guide at your service. Choose your companions and visit only the landmarks that interest you so that you maximize your time ashore.



Signature Collection

This exclusive touring option for independent-minded travelers lets you completely customize and maximize your time ashore by reserving private transportation (along with an English-speaking driver and/or guide) in advance. Whether you travel by car or minivan, customized boat, classic floatplane or stretch SUV limousine, you choose the companions, sights and pace that perfectly suit you.

To Whom is the Signature Collection Suited?

The Signature Collection is for solo travelers, couples, families, friends and special interest groups traveling together. This may also be an excellent choice for non-ambulatory guests. Value and flexibility are just two of the advantages of first-class touring and luxury transportation. Privacy, comfort, safety, and personalized guide service are also yours to enjoy.

Itinerary Planning

If you need help planning your personal itinerary, the Shore Excursions Manager can assist you and will gladly answer your questions. This can be very helpful in many destinations where travel time, location, holidays, and opening hours of attractions need to be taken into consideration in order to maximize the efficiency of your time ashore.

Booking on Board

The Signature Collection may be available for booking once you are on the ship, but this cannot be guaranteed. Please check with the Shore Excursions Office on board.

About the Signature Collection Transportation

Each type of transportation will be of the highest grade available in that port. Not all modes of transportation are available in all locations. For information about the transportation sizes and availability, please see our website at hollandamerica.com.

Online Reservations

The fastest and easiest way for you to reserve and pay for your Signature Collection experience is online at hollandamerica.com. Please note the cost will be per mode of transportation (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to make the reservation. The price shown on the website is the total cost for the transportation, driver and guide (not a per-person price). In many ports, availability is extremely limited. We encourage you to reserve as early as possible.

Also Included

The cost includes the service of a English-speaking guide and/or driver, unlimited mileage, road tolls, parking fees and bottled water.

Not Included (Unless Otherwise Noted)

Guests' entrance fees for attractions are not included in the price due to the wide range of attraction possibilities, uncertain number of attractions to be visited, and varying number of guests participating. We strongly recommend that you bring some local currency to cover such costs as credit cards are not readily accepted in some ports. Lunch will not be included on any tour as many guests prefer to select their own dining venue.

Payment & Tour Vouchers

Your credit card will be charged after your reservation is confirmed. Next, start planning what you'll do with your Signature Collection experience in each port. On board the ship, you will be given a tour voucher and a form to advise the Shore Excursions staff of the itinerary you have chosen.





Shore Excursions Bookings & Confirmation

Now you can choose your tour times, book your tours, and receive confirmation of your tour reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at hollandamerica.com.

Book online now, up until three days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your approximate tour departure times.

You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information. And remember, online tour reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling.

Please see the Reservations & Online Reservations paragraph in the General Information section for terms and conditions.

Expand the Experience

Make the most of your time in each port by combining different half-day tours to complete a full day of sightseeing. You might want to consider a morning cooking class and an afternoon walking tour; a morning stroll through a mosaic-lined church and an afternoon of sampling local wine at a vineyard; or even a bike ride and an evening cultural performance—all in one day! Whatever your interests, and whichever pace suits you best, there's a huge variety of tours to mix and match in this brochure. Please consult with a Shore Excursions specialist at 1.888.425.9376.

Best Price Guarantee

Find a better price on any tour we offer and we'll refund to you 110 percent of the price difference in the form of an on-board credit (conditions apply). After booking your cruise, log in to www.hollandamerica.com to purchase your shore excursions.



Scarborough, Trinidad and Tobago - Sunday, January 7, 2024: Fort King George presides over Scarborough, the main city on Tobago, but many of the island's other interesting sights are found in the township itself - in watching a slice of life in busy Carrington Street, in the colorful canvas stalls of Burnette Street and in shady James Park, a respite from the hum of Tobago activity. Don't miss the opportunity to dive or snorkel at Pigeon Point, a world-class location. Crystalline waters and a profusion of tropical fish in splashy colors make for an entertaining aquatic experience.

Club Pigeon Point Beach Trip



Departs: 10:30 AM
 Approximately 5 Hours
 Adult \$49.95; Child \$29.95

It's a short drive to Pigeon Point Beach, where an orientation to the amenities and optional activities will be provided. **Club Pigeon Point Beach Resort** features a restaurant, bar, and restrooms. Beach chairs and umbrellas are not included but may be available for rent (at your own expense).

There will be a shaded beach hut for your shared use. Food and beverages can be purchased at the beach (at your own expense). Spend some free time relaxing on the **beach** and enjoying this beautiful environment.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk.

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Tobago Glass-Bottom Boat & Buccoo Reef



Departs: 10:00 AM
 Approximately 3 Hours
 Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

Take a 15-minute transfer along the Claude Noel Highway to **Buccoo Bay**.

Hop aboard a **glass-bottom boat** and head out to **Buccoo Reef**. On the way, your skipper will pass over the Coral Gardens and point out the fish and coral life. Anchor over the reef and hop into the water to swim or snorkel and explore the marine life up close.

Continue to the **Nylon Pool** -- a sandbank out at sea where you can swim in a protected pool-like area.

You'll pass the lagoon as you head back to the landing at Buccoo Bay.

Notes:

Minimum age is 5 years. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. If you wish to snorkel, it is recommended that you bring your own snorkel equipment

Tobago Highlights & Folkloric Show



Departs: 9:00 AM
 Approximately 3½ Hours
 Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

A **panoramic drive through Scarborough**, the capital of Tobago, leads you to **Fort King George**. The fort was built in the 1770s and occupied until 1854. Admire the panoramic views from the cliff, and time will be allowed to visit the museum that displays weapons and other pre-Columbian artifacts.

View the **Mysterious Tombstone** and head to the small fortification of **Fort James**, which also affords a panoramic vista.

Pass many upscale hotels and drive through the picturesque grounds of the Mt Irvine Bay Hotel and Golf Course on the way to Store Bay. You'll stop at the **Canaan/Bon Accord Cultural Centre**, where a beverage is provided as you watch a fascinating and colorful **folkloric** show.

Tobago Island Explorer



Departs: 8:30 AM
 Approximately 7 Hours
 Adult \$159.95; Child \$119.95

Board air-conditioned transportation for a **panoramic drive through Scarborough to Fort King George**. The fort was built in the 1770s and was occupied until the late 1800s. Today it features fantastic views and a **museum** that displays weapons and pre-Columbian artifacts.

Continue along the Windward Coast Road, passing through several villages, to the **Pembroke Heritage Park** for a guided tour.

On the way to a quaint beachside restaurant, you will stop at a scenic overlook. Savor a typical Caribbean **lunch** at the **beach** before returning to the ship.

Tobago Rain Forest Adventure



Departs: 8:30 AM
 Approximately 5 Hours
 Adult \$114.95; Child \$84.95

Transfer to a rain forest trailhead for a **three-hour hike**. Your local naturalist guide will point out plants and trees used for food and medicinal purposes.

After your walk in the shade of some beautiful

flora, return to the starting point and transfer back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Minimum age is 10 years.

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Tobago South



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$49.95

A drive along the Claude Noel Highway brings you to the **Mysterious Tombstone** and then to the small fortification of **Fort James**. Take in the panoramic view from on high.

Pass by the hotel district, Mt Irvine Bay, and the golf course on the way to the town of **Store Bay**.

At **Fort King George**, dating back to the 1770s, an interesting **museum** displays weapons and pre-Columbian artifacts. The views from here are simply outstanding.

Rejoining the Claude Noel Highway, you will pass through the main shopping area of Scarborough en route back to the ship.

Alter Do Chao, Brazil - Friday, January 12, 2024: Rimmed by white sand beaches and lapped by the deep blue waters of Rio Tapajos, this Amazon village boasts one of the most beautiful beaches in Brazil. It sits beneath two rolling green hills, one of the hills is shaped like a church altar, which is where the area gets its name.

From the beach, it's a leisurely half hour stroll to the top of the larger hill, which offers spectacular views of the Tapajós and Amazon rivers. Nearby, the Center for the Preservation of Indian Art houses an extensive collection of indigenous art from all over the Amazon Basin, and a fair trade gift shop. Hike into the jungle to explore or shop in the local open-air market for bargains.

Best of Santarem



Departs: 11:45 AM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Price \$79.95

After Manaus and Belém, **Santarém** is the Amazon's most vital port, boasting a history that dates back to 1661. The town is a local trading center rather than a tourist spot, making today's excursion a chance to glimpse **day-to-day life in the Amazon**.

Hop on a local intercity bus at the main square in Alter do Chão and travel for approximately 45 minutes to Santarém. On a drive along the bustling waterfront, you will see a variety of watercraft carrying everything from fresh produce to people on their way into or out of the city. Boats are the region's primary mode of transportation.

Stop at the **market** to see a wide variety of fish species and tropical fruits.

In the town center, visit the **Cathedral of Our Lady of Conceição** -- the oldest building in Santarém (1761). At **Fishermen's Square**, **free time** is allocated for **shopping**.

Visit the **Manioc Flour House** -- an open-air

facility featuring rubber and Brazil nut trees -- to find out what foods are essential to the locals and how tapioca is made.

Head back to **Alter do Chão**, featuring lovely white-sand beaches on the clear Tapajos River. This charming town, with about 2,000 year-round inhabitants, is Santarém's weekend resort.

Your tour ends with **free time** to browse in town or head to the riverfront Ilha do Amor Beach with fine sand and no waves. The river water is dark, warm and transparent.

Guests choosing to stay in town or go to the beach must make their own way back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. To reach the beach from the village, you must enlist the services of a boatman. Your guide can explain this to you. If you wish to go to the beach independently, wear your swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel. The fish

market is active in the morning and is therefore at its best during that time -- afternoon visits to the fish market are purely informational. This tour is also offered from the port of Santarém. Local buses are used for transportation; they are not air-conditioned.

Tapajos National Forest



Departs: 11:30 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$74.95

Depart the pier in Alter do Chão for a one-hour drive through the outer districts of Pindobal and Belterra.

Your destination is the **Tapajós National Forest** -- a section of the Brazilian Amazon that is a significant resource of tropical hardwoods. The protected Tapajós National Forest covers an area of 1,482,660 acres.

Leave your transportation to walk in the forest. A two-hour **hike** showcases the many species that grow here, and 'jungle men' accompany you to help you identify the flora and fauna. Brazil nut and rubber trees grow prodigiously here, among other fascinating species.

Notes:

Minimum age is 12 years. Drive times may be longer due to traffic conditions. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Wear light clothing, including trousers, a long-sleeved shirt and a hat. Bring insect repellent and binoculars. Bring bottled water. Guests who are pregnant or have a heart, back or neck condition are not allowed to participate. Tour operates subject to meeting a minimum number of participants. Basic buses are used for transportation; they are not air-conditioned.

Manaus, Brazil - Sunday, January 14, 2024: This jungle capital sprang up during the great rubber boom of 1896. Its splendid opera house, the centerpiece of this "Paris of the Jungle" where wealthy rubber barons enjoyed performances of Verdi and Puccini, has been magnificently restored. Witness the "Meeting of the Waters" where massive dark and light rivers meet and run parallel for miles without blending.

Best of Manaus



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 6½ Hours
Price \$229.95

Leave from the floating port of Manaus, designed to move with the river tide of the Rio Negro.

As you travel, you will pass the Customs House -- prefabricated in Liverpool and shipped to Manaus a hundred years ago. Watch for the Palacio Rio Negro -- it started out as the private residence of a German rubber baron and eventually became the Governor's office.

Meet the inhabitants of the Amazon region at the Bosque da Ciencia -- an **open-air museum and Amazonian Research Station**. The facility's most famous project is the species revival of the **Amazon River manatee**.

Observe these strange creatures, in danger of extinction, as they swim in a glass tank. Part of the museum is open-air, with access via trails. The other part is an indoor exhibit of scientific projects under development. See the world's largest and smallest leaves, both found in the Amazon. Otters, electric eels, alligators, orchids and bromeliads are also housed here.

Visit the **Military Zoo**, where wildlife and Amazonian fauna are housed and stop for

lunch at a barbecue restaurant.

Finally, the city's most famous landmark awaits you. The lavish pink-and-white Opera House, known as the **Teatro Amazonas**, will be the highlight of your tour. Built in 1896, this marvel of architecture features a dome of 36,000 vitrified ceramic tiles imported from Europe, set in a mosaic of the colors of the Brazilian flag. The fantastic painting that graces the inside of the dome is a recreation of the view you would have if you stood under the Eiffel Tower and looked up. The dazzling auditorium boasts perfect acoustics, and performances here range from single guitar concerts to entire ballet companies and philharmonic orchestras. As stunning as the building is, perhaps its most extraordinary element is the fact that it is located in the heart of the Amazon jungle, in the city of Manaus -- homage to the affluence that accompanied the rubber boom of 1896.

Notes:

Shade is limited and temperatures are always high; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Bring a light, waterproof outer layer. The Military Zoo is somewhat primitive, with some animals kept in cages rather than in a natural habitat. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent and a hat. The rainy season in the Amazon extends

from December through March. Bring a light waterproof outer layer on tour with you. Your guide will do his/her best to speak English, but please keep in mind that the limited tourism infrastructure of Manaus is part of the city's charm, and bear with any language difficulties he/she may encounter. Tour does not operate on Mondays.

Cruise the Amazon Waterways & Rain Forest



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 4½ hours
Price \$99.95

Take a closer look at the **Meeting of the Waters** from a water-level perspective on board a local boat. This is where the Rio Negro and Solimoes run side by side for many miles clearly delineated by their respective colors.

You'll take an approximately one-hour **riverboat** ride down the dark waters of the mysterious **Rio Negro** and see the huts of the *ribeirinhos* (river people) clustered on the riverbanks.

Your **Amazon River cruise** takes you to **Lake January**. At a landing platform, board a motorized, ten-seater **canoe** for a close-up view of the local vegetation and trees. With luck, and river conditions permitting, you may be able to admire the Victoria Regia water lilies, the leaves of which can measure

up to three feet across.

Back at the landing stage, you'll have a little **free time** to purchase Native arts and crafts before re-boarding the riverboat.

Notes:

The riverboat is equipped with restroom facilities, although these may be basic. There are ten wooden steps to negotiate if you wish to be seated on the upper level of the riverboat. The upper level is only half-covered. Shade is limited and temperatures are always high; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Bring a light, waterproof outer layer. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring sunscreen and a hat. It takes approximately one hour (or more in certain water conditions) from the port to reach the Meeting of the Waters, another 60 minutes (approximately) to reach the canoe station, and then a further 60 minutes to return to the port. The river trip in the canoe is approximately 60 - 75 minutes. Tour involves some effort during (dis)embarkation of the motorized canoes. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Do not book 'The Meeting of the Waters' in addition to this tour, as the two tours are somewhat similar. The Meeting of the Waters can also be viewed from your cruise ship while

approaching Manaus. The water level in the Amazon basin fluctuates seasonally. Some tours involving these waterways may occasionally be rescheduled or modified at very short notice. Minimum age is 5 years.

Exploring the Amazon by Private Speedboat



Departs: 9:45 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 3¾ hours
Price \$999.95

From the pier, board a regional speedboat for a **private sightseeing cruise** along the **Amazon River**, accompanied by a pilot and a bilingual guide.

First, head downstream to the **Meeting of the Waters**. This is where the Rio Negro and Solimoes run side by side for many miles to create a curious natural phenomenon of a two-colored river, marking the start of the mighty Amazon. En route, observe the **Ribeirinhos**, or river people, carrying out their day-to-day activities. You'll also pass floating markets -- a chance to observe commercial life on the riverbanks.

Your private boat enters **Lake January** -- an ecological park situated between the two rivers. Disembark and continue on foot along raised walkways. With luck, and river conditions permitting, you may be able to admire the Victoria Regia water lilies, the leaves of which can measure up to three feet across. Exotic birds, monkeys and wild orchids are also found here.

Back at the landing stage, you'll have a little **free time** to purchase local Native arts and

crafts before re-boarding the speedboat.

Your exploration now heads upstream as you pass by the floating port of Manaus and underneath the immense **Ponte Rio Negro**. This 2½-mile-long bridge was opened in 2011 to link Manaus to the fertile lands south of the river. It has become an iconic symbol of the Amazon region and its expansion.

Continue to the **Ponta Negra** neighborhood with its upscale residences and golden beaches. The local floating pontoon on the grounds of the Tropical Hotel allows you to step ashore and stretch your legs. Return to the boat for the ride back to the ship.

Capacity: 6 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

A private regional speedboat is ordered per boat (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to book the tour. Shade is limited and temperatures are always high; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Bring a light, waterproof outer layer.

Flora & Fauna of Manaus



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 3½ hours
Price \$74.95

Meet the inhabitants of the Amazon region with a visit to **Bosque da Ciencia**. This **open-air museum** is an **Amazonian Research Station** whose most famous project is the species revival of the Amazon River manatee. Observe these strange creatures, in danger of extinction, as they swim in a glass tank. Part of the museum is open-air, with access via trails. The other part is an indoor exhibit of scientific projects under development. See the world's largest and smallest leaves, both found in the Amazon. Otters, electric eels, alligators, orchids and bromeliads are also housed here.

You'll also visit the **Military Zoo**, where wildlife and Amazonian fauna are housed.

Notes:

Shade is limited and temperatures are always high; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Bring a light, waterproof outer layer. The Military Zoo is somewhat primitive, with some animals kept in cages rather than in a natural habitat. Tour does not operate on Sundays and Mondays.

Manaus Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$599.00



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the

number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Manaus Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$699.00



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 8 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party

needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Off the Beaten Track: Amazon Jungle Trek & Survival Guide



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 4 hours
Price \$94.95

Leave Manaus by regional **riverboat**, crossing the **Rio Negro** and heading into the jungle.

Your Native guide and bilingual interpreter will tell you about life in the wild -- how to obtain water and make fire, how to grow crops and hunt animals, how to get your bearings, and how to hike easily in the jungle to avoid unnecessary fatigue. You will learn about building shelters and traps and some other basic rules of jungle survival.

Notes:

Minimum age is 12 years. Tour involves some effort during (dis)embarkation of the motorized canoes and during the 2.5 hours in the jungle. The water level in the Amazon basin fluctuates seasonally. Some tours involving these waterways may occasionally be rescheduled or modified at very short notice. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. The trek is an opportunity to learn about jungle survival. Depending on the number of participants, speedboats rather

than riverboats may be used in the transfer to and from the start of the jungle trail. Pregnant women or guests with heart or back conditions are not allowed to participate. Bring a light, waterproof outer layer.

Pink Dolphin Encounter



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$199.95

Board a **speedboat** at the pier and set out on an approximately 90-minute scenic cruise upstream on the Rio Negro.

You're headed to a community on the shores of **Lake Acajatuba**. Some years ago, two local girls began feeding the resident, and now very famous, **pink dolphins** from a floating pier. These beautiful cetaceans have since become very accustomed to having human visitors. Today you'll have the opportunity to see and touch dolphins as you stand on a submerged platform, and your guide hand-feeds these amazing creatures.

Check out the village lifestyle as you browse for local **handicrafts** before returning to the pier by boat.

Notes:

The speedboat ride is 1.5 hours each way. Eat a hearty meal before you depart, as this tour does not include a snack or meal. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Bring insect repellent. Bring a light, waterproof

outer layer. Do not wear jewelry, as this can injure the dolphins' skin. The rainy season in the Amazon extends from December through March. Your guide will do his/her best to speak English, but please keep in mind that the limited tourism infrastructure of Manaus is part of the city's charm, and bear with any language difficulties he/she may encounter. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Due to the potentially bumpy boat ride, guests with back, neck or heart conditions are not allowed to participate. Pregnant women are not allowed to participate.

Rubber Reality & Indigenous Village



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Price \$99.95

Take a regional **riverboat** up the Rio Negro to visit an **indigenous village**. Upon arrival, you'll be treated to a reception that includes rituals performed by the shaman (priest) and the tribe.

Continue by boat to **Seringal Felicidade**, located on the left bank of the Tarumã Mirim Creek part of the river. Your guide offers a brief introduction to the rubber industry here; then, you'll have time to walk the trails and learn firsthand the history of the rubber boom, which took place around the turn of the 20th century. Discover how the Golden Era began and hear about the incredible money made at the expense of the *seringueiros*, or rubber tappers, who lived

and worked in appalling conditions and faced genuine danger from snakes and other predators. You will also learn about the simple economic principles that eventually brought the Brazilian rubber industry to its knees.

The **Rubber Museum** opened in 2002. Set in the middle of the jungle, it is a replica rubber estate inspired by Portuguese writer Ferreira de Castro's best-selling book *The Jungle*. The facility has been used as background scenery for many wide- and small-screen productions depicting the rubber boom era. The plantation also features some Brazil nut trees and is richly decorated with articles and equipment used in the rubber industry heyday.

Your tour ends with a boat ride down the Rio Negro back to the ship.

Notes:

Minimum age is 12 years. Eat a hearty breakfast, as this tour does not include a snack or meal. Shade is limited and temperatures are always high; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Bring a light, waterproof outer layer. You will board the riverboat by way of a gangplank. There may be a couple of steps to negotiate in order to board the boat. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. The boat does not have restroom facilities on board; however, there are restrooms at the Rubber Museum. The rainy season extends from

December through March. Tour duration may vary depending upon the river's water level, as this affects navigation. In November, the duration is normally 5.5 - 6 hours. In March, the duration is normally 4.5 - 5 hours.

Parintins, Brazil - Monday, January 15, 2024:

Steeped in tradition, Parintins celebrates its centuries-old Indian culture each June at the Boi-Bumba Festival, a lavish event that rivals Rio's Carnivale, re-enacted for visitors at a local club.

Parintins by Triciclo



Departs: 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM
Approximately 1 ½ Hours
Price \$44.95

Cruise along the colorful streets of Parintins by **triciclo**. This compact form of transportation translates as "tricycle," but it's not a trike. Each *triciclo* takes one or two guests, and it's like riding in a tuk-tuk in Asia. The South American version is every bit as zippy, and it's a point of pride in Parintins for each *triciclo* to be decorated by its owner.

Meet the locals and experience regional culture on a **90-minute ride** past the city's major highlights. You will stop for photos at the Caprichoso Pavilion, Liberty Square and the Bumbódromo, where the annual Boi Bumba festival is held.

Step inside the **cathedral** before you head along the shoreline back to the pier.

Notes:

Each *triciclo* holds one or two guests. This is a truly local tour, and the standard of vehicles and drivers may vary; your understanding is appreciated. Please keep in mind that the limited tourism infrastructure here is part of the city's charm. Your driver does not speak English. A guide is posted at each stop to answer your questions. The *tricyclos* are covered by canvas as a sunshade. However, shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up.

Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. It is usual practice to tip the *triciclo* operator (at your own expense).

The Boi Bumba Festival Show



Departs: 2:30 PM
Approximately 1 ½ Hours
Price \$99.95

The must-see **Boi Bumba** is one of the greatest folk festivals in Brazil. It is a world full of magic, bright colors, music, dance and folklore -- a feast for the senses. The luxurious costumes and floats, comparable to those seen at Rio's Carnival, are a spectacle.

Performers will **dance and sing**, celebrating the joy of life in a mesmerizing display of revelry. The captivating story of disputing families -- the Cids and the Monteverdes -- will unfold before you. The show features approximately sixty dancers and musicians and will be performed at a local club or at the Convention Center.

A local **Caipirinha drink** will be served during the 60-minute show.

Notes:

There is a walk of approximately 85 feet from the pier to the Parintins Convention Center across the street. If your ship is at anchor, patience will be required for the tendering operation. This is a spectacular performance - - loud, rhythmic music can be expected.

Seating is partially stadium-style (about 50% of the seats are on one level). There may be an opportunity to purchase souvenirs outside the Convention Center. Tour is not guided.

Santarem, Brazil - Tuesday, January 16, 2024: A lively trading center on the Amazon (Henry Ford invested millions in rubber here in the 1920s). Here, see rubber and Brazil nut trees; learn how the locals make tapioca, staple of the Amazon; swim in the clear blue waters of the Rio Tapajos.

Maica Lake & Piranha Fishing



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3½ hours
Price \$89.95

board a regional boat for a cruise to the **meeting of the waters**, where the amazon and tapajós rivers come together and flow side by side for many miles before their distinctive colors meld.

continue to **maica lake** -- a natural tributary outlet of the amazon that more closely resembles a stream in a floodplain. as the boat meanders through the floodplain, the beautiful landscape of this area showcases the **amazon basin**. keep an eye out for the local inhabitants, as well as many species of birds and possibly even a freshwater dolphin.

before returning to santarém, you'll stop to **fish for the famous piranha** -- a remarkable fish whose bite is infinitely worse than its bark. its nasty reputation is duly earned, and this is an exciting foray into the habitat of the meat-eating fish that is the stuff of legends.

those who prefer not to fish can simply relax on board and listen to the birdcalls.

notes:

the water level in the amazon basin fluctuates seasonally. occasionally, tours that involve waterways may be rescheduled or modified at short notice. wildlife sightings are likely but

are not guaranteed. air-conditioned vehicles are not available in santarém.

Santarem & Alter do Chao



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 5 hours
Price \$79.95

Depart the pier for a drive to **Mercado 2000**, where you will visit a **fish and fruit market** to see a wide variety of fish species and tropical fruits consumed by the inhabitants of the Amazon area.

Pass through the **town center** for a stop at the **Cathedral of Our Lady of Conceicao** -- the oldest building in Santarém, dating back to 1761. Then, you'll stop at **Fisherman's Square**, where **free time** is allocated for **shopping**.

Heading out of town, you will visit the **Manioc Flour House**. Locally known as Casa da Farinha, this open-air facility allows visitors to see rubber and Brazil nut trees. You'll also find out what foods are essential to the locals and how they make the staple called tapioca.

A route through rural Brazil leads you to **Alter do Chão**, located on the clear Tapajos River and featuring lovely white-sand freshwater beaches. This charming town is Santarém's weekend resort and has about 2,000 year-round inhabitants. Explore the **beach** and **swim** if you wish.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel. In case of a high water level, the beach area can only be reached by local canoes, which can be rented for a minimal charge. Minimum age is 10 years. The fish market is active in the morning and is therefore at its best during that time -- afternoon visits to the fish market are purely informational. Tour involves walking over uneven ground for approximately 200 yards during the visit to the Casa da Farinha; around 20 minutes in the town hall museum, 10 minutes in the cathedral, plus 8-12 steps. Transportation is by local bus. Air-conditioned vehicles are not available in Santarém .

Santarem Highlights



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3½ hours
Price \$69.95

This tour provides a glimpse into the life and times of **Santarém** -- one of the Amazon's most vital ports after Manaus and Belém -- with a history that dates back to 1661. While Santarém's most important function is that of a local trading center rather than a tourist hotspot, it offers visitors some interesting sights and locales.

Begin your tour with a **drive** along the **bustling waterfront**. Boats are the primary mode of transportation in the Amazon. You will see cargo, produce and passenger vessels in various shapes and conditions.

In the town center, you'll stop at the **Municipal Market** and at **Fisherman's Square**. Visit the **Cathedral of Our Lady Conceicao** -- the oldest building in Santarém. The church boasts a crucifix donated in 1846 by German scientist Frederic Von Martius, a member of the Munich Academy of Science.

Next, visit the **Joao Fona Museum**, housed in the old Town Hall. It is surrounded by the narrow streets of the Old Town and, inside, features a fine collection of ancient Tapajos ceramics. There are also various 19th-century artifacts and publications on display here.

From a nearby **lookout point**, you can observe the **Meeting of the Waters**, where the muddy Amazon River and the blue waters of the Rio Tapajós flow side by side for many miles before their distinctive colors eventually combine. This natural phenomenon is an excellent euphemism for the city's character, where different cultures co-exist discretely but harmoniously.

A short drive into the **countryside** brings you to an **old manioc flour factory**. You'll see a variety of native trees, including rubber trees, and a brief **demonstration** shows you how

latex is extracted.

Head back to Santarém and the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Afternoon visits to the fish market are purely informational. Minimum age is 10 years. Tour involves walking over uneven ground for approximately 200 yards during the visit to the flour factory; around 20 minutes of walking in the Town Hall Museum; and 10 minutes in the cathedral, plus 8-12 steps. Transportation is by basic local bus. Air-conditioned vehicles are not available in Santarém .

Tapajos National Forest



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Price \$84.95

Depart the pier in Santarém, driving for 40 miles on Route 163. This is the **Santarém-Cuiabá Highway** -- the only way to reach southern Brazil by road.

Your destination is the **Tapajós National Forest** -- a section of the Brazilian Amazon that is a significant resource of tropical hardwoods. The Tapajós National Forest covers an area of 1,482,660 acres and is protected by federal law.

Take a **forest walk** lasting about two hours --

ideal for those interested in the **primary forest flora**. Jungle men will accompany you to help identify many different species of trees, including Brazil nut and rubber trees.

Notes:

Minimum age is 12 years. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Wear light clothing -- preferably trousers, a long-sleeved shirt, a hat, and biodegradable sunscreen. Bring insect repellent. Bring binoculars. Not advisable for guests with a heart, back or neck condition, or for pregnant women. Tour operates subject to meeting a minimum number of participants. Transportation is by basic local bus. Air-conditioned vehicles are not available in Santarém .

Saint Georges, Grenada - Saturday, January 20, 2024:

The heady scents of nutmeg, cinnamon and cloves turn breathing into an exotic experience. Here, too, find mountain waterfalls, white sand beaches and lagoons of mottled blues.

Easy Grenada Market, Spices & Grand Etang National Park



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$169.95

This **accessible Grenada shore excursion** combines the local spice market, a rum factory and a scenic National Park.

Meet your driver-guide and accessible van at the cruise pier. A short panoramic drive brings you to the center of St George's. Explore the hub of the town and Market Square's colorful **Spice Market** with the scent of nutmeg, cocoa and vanilla.

Head to the must-see **Clarke's Court rum factory** in the Parish of St George -- the island's largest distillery and one of its most interesting historical sites. Don't miss the unique barrel furniture and a sample of the award-winning rums.

Laura Herbs & Spice is for nature lovers and outdoor seekers. Follow a trail paved with nutmeg shells to learn about many varieties of herbs and spices.

A scenic **panoramic drive** through the beautiful rain forest offers views of lush volcanic mountains and tropical flora, spice, cocoa and banana plantations and perhaps even some Mona monkeys. Mesmerizing Grand Etang National Park is your destination. In the Visitor Center, learn about how the Caribbean Islands were formed, the

local weather, plants, and the volcanic Crater Lake.

Notes:

This tour is designed to be accessible to all guests. The tour route avoids steps and stairs. Accessible bathrooms with wide doors to accommodate wheelchairs are present along the tour route. An accessible vehicle with a wheelchair lift or ramp is used for transportation. Guides are not allowed to push wheelchairs. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses, wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water.

Grenada Island Drive



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$59.95

A scenic **island drive** by coach heads through the quaint capital of St George's, past Government House, through St Paul's and to the parish of St David's, where plantations of cocoa and spices abound.

Visit the **Laura Herb & Spice Garden** -- 6.5 acres of trees, plants, and green grassy fields. Treat your taste buds to a range of herbs and spices -- cocoa, cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, turmeric and tonka beans in their natural state. The gift shop sells small packets to take home.

Continuing up the island's eastern side, you'll pass through the seaside villages of Marquis and Soubise. Watch for the brightly-painted fishing boats that dot the beaches of Grenada.

Turn inland to ascend the central peaks up to the **National Park Nature Center** at **Grand Etang**. Here, a gorgeous crater lake nestles within an extinct volcano 1,900 feet above sea level. The breezes up here are heavenly.

On the descent, you'll pass through magnificent hanging carpets of green mountain ferns and the quaint villages of Vendome, Snug Corner and Beaulieu en route back to the pier at St George's.

Grenada Mountain Rain Forest



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 3¼ Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$69.95

Travel through **St George's**, Grenada's capital city. You'll probably find that 'city' is a slight misnomer for this quaint town with its red-tiled roofs and aromatic spice markets.

Visit the **Laura Herb & Spice Garden** -- 6.5 acres of trees, plants, and green grassy fields. Treat your taste buds to a range of herbs and spices -- cocoa, cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, turmeric and tonka beans in their natural state. The gift shop sells small packets to take home.

Your next stop will be at **Grand Etang**, located in the central part of the island. This cobalt-blue lake lies in the crater of an extinct volcano, a breathtaking 1,900 feet above sea level. Enjoy a refreshing drink at the **Visitor Center**.

The descent brings you past magnificent hanging carpets of green mountain fern and through the quaint village of Vendome to **Annandale**. Disembark the coach for a short but walk to a green paradise of rushing water and hanging ferns. You'll see some of Grenada's 450 species of flowering and medicinal plants here.

Continue through Snug Corner, Beaulieu, and Tempe villages, and up Marrast Hill to **Fort Frederick**, 800 feet above sea level. This vantage point offers a panoramic view of the horseshoe-shaped harbor, Fort George, the picturesque city, and Richmond Hill Prisons. The large underground cisterns that held water for Her Majesty's troops are still in use today.

Return to the St George's pier via Lowther's Lane.

Highlights of St George's



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 2 Hours
Adult \$49.95; Child \$44.95

Take a two-hour **panoramic drive** through the **Parish of St George's** to discover Grenada, with very little walking required.

A **panoramic drive** takes you through the town of St George's via the Old Fort Road. Head up to Morne Jaloux Ridge, watching for Fort Frederick en route. Continue over the ridge, through Woburn and the Grand Anse Valley, to True Blue. This is where St George's University is located.

From True Blue, it's not far to Point Salines International Airport, built in 1979 by the Cubans but completed in 1984 by the British and Americans -- a truly international project. You'll pause for refreshments here before your drive continues through Morne Rouge to Grand Anse.

Stop at Quarantine Station for photos; then, head back to the port via the picturesque Carenage Harbor area.

Isle of Spice Snorkeling



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 2¾ Hours
Adult \$74.95; Child \$54.95

Travel along Grenada's picturesque coastline aboard *Star Wind 5* -- a spacious, 60-foot **catamaran** sloop designed and built specifically for day charters in these waters.

Your day begins with a short **walk** to the boat, just steps away from the cruise terminal. Hop aboard for a journey that will showcase the picturesque island and all the beauty that Grenada has to offer, above and below the water's surface.

From historic St George's Harbor, you will sail north along Grenada's west coast to Molinere Sculpture Park. Spend some time **snorkeling** in the breathtaking underwater world of the Caribbean.

Further south is one of Grenada's beautiful **white-sand** beaches, where you'll **swim** or simply relax and enjoy paradise. Eventually, *Star Wind 5* will make its way back to the port in St George's.

Notes:

Minimum age is 8 years. Beverages are provided throughout, including rum punch, fruit punch and soft drinks. The boat has a shade awning that covers roughly two-thirds of the boat while at anchor. You must walk in ankle-deep water to (dis)embark the boat. Wear aqua shoes. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Snorkel and mask are provided. Do not drink alcohol before snorkeling. Guests with a heart condition, epilepsy, diabetes or asthma are not allowed to participate in snorkeling. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

Rhum Runner Pleasure Cruise



Departs: 8:30 AM
3 Hours
Adult \$74.95; Child \$54.95

The *Rhum Runner* **boat** awaits you at the jetty for a fun- and sun-filled cruise. Climb aboard to the beat of a **steel band**, and the smiling crew greets you with a cold **rum punch**.

Kick off with an interesting and informative commentary about the island's history, geography, architecture and customs as the *Rhum Runner* loops around the Carenage -- the inner harbor that skirts the scenic coastline and hugs the shoreline to Long Point Shoal.

From Long Point, it is a ten-minute ride to the clear blue waters and white sands of **Morne Rouge Beach**. The purpose-built craft allows you to disembark directly onto the sand for 1.5 hours of relaxation. The rum punch flows steadily, and all the boat's facilities remain available for your convenience.

As you weigh anchor for the return trip, the band and crew introduce the **Rhum Runner Limbo Competition**. Compete in the limbo dance to win prizes of t-shirts and bottles of rum punch. The dancing continues all the way back to port. Rum punch, soft drinks, fresh fruits, crackers and cheese are served.

Notes:

There are freshwater showers on board, as

well as restroom facilities. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk.

River Tubing



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 2¾ Hours
Price \$79.95

Fed from sources located deep in the island's interior, the **Balthazar River** snakes through tropical rain forests teeming with flora and fauna.

Your adventure begins with a 45-minute drive from St George's, through the scenic hilly interior of the **Grand Etang Rain Forest Reserve** to **Balthazar Estate** and the tubing launch site.

Listen to a safety briefing, put on a life vest and grab a modified **inner tube**. Paddle for a while before getting into the river. A wet, wild and wonderful journey awaits as you and your guide gently spin and swirl in the river's currents, taking in the exotic scenery of tropical vegetation and wildlife. This is a thrilling ride down the river, stopping in the pools along the way to catch your breath.

After your journey, you will enjoy a much-deserved **rum punch** or glass of local **fruit juice** before returning to the ship.

Notes:

Minimum age is 6 years. Maximum weight is

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250 lbs. Guests who are pregnant or have a back or neck condition or mobility limitations are not allowed to participate. Tour operates river conditions permitting. Wear aqua shoes. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk.

The Best of Grenada



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 7 Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$109.95

Depart from St George's and journey to **Fort Frederick**, 800 feet above sea level. This vantage point offers a panoramic view of the horseshoe-shaped harbor, Fort George, the picturesque city and Richmond Hill Prisons. The construction of Fort Frederick was started by the French in 1779 and finished by the English in 1783.

Continue uphill -- passing through the villages of Tempe, Beaulieu and Snug Corner on the way to Grand Etang. You'll encounter magnificent hanging carpets of green mountain ferns in the central part of the island. **Grand Etang** is a cobalt blue crater lake situated at a breathtaking 1,900 feet above sea level in an extinct volcano. Enjoy a refreshing drink at the **Visitor Center**.

At **River Antoine Estate**, you will view the oldest functioning water wheel in the Western Hemisphere and experience the age-old **rum-making** process. Make sure you **sample** some of the finished product at the end of the guided factory tour.

Next up is a true Grenadian moment -- relaxing and dining at **Belmont Estate**. This is one of the oldest functioning plantations in Grenada, dating back to the 1700s. After **lunch**, you can explore the estate with a tour of the **cocoa fermentary** and the museum.

Pass through the towns of Sauteurs, Chantimele and Union before arriving in Victoria. Tour the **Nutmeg Museum** here to learn how the spices are treated and made ready for export.

Down the west coast, you'll pass through some small villages, including Brizan and Beauséjour Bays, where the United States frogmen came ashore during the military intervention in 1983. You'll also drive through Happy Hill and Grand Mal before reaching the port.

Willemstad, Curacao - Monday, January 22, 2024: Amsterdam-like canals, gabled Dutch colonial buildings, an exotic floating market. This bustling duty-free port has it all. Plus the world-famous Curaçao Liqueur Distillery and an intriguing coral reef teeming with parrotfish and queen angelfish.

A Taste of Curacao



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$79.95

This colorful tour starts with a ride by comfortable air-conditioned coach past the Renaissance Hotel, Rif Fort and the Queen Emma Floating Bridge of **Curaçao**. Take in the spectacular elevated views from the Queen Juliana Bridge and **drive through the downtown** Punda area.

Leave the coach at Wilhelmina and **walk** to the **Public Market**, where the locals purchase their groceries, and to the **Marshe Biew food court** where aromatic spices, meats and fresh vegetables meld to tempt even the most jaded gourmand.

At Chobolobo Plantation House, **taste the famous Curaçao liquor**.

Ride to **Mambo Beach Boulevard** and step inside the Green House restaurant. Take a seat on the terrace for **delicious food samples** packed with Curaçao flavors.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water.

Authentically Curacao



Departs: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$44.95; Child \$39.95

Board an air-conditioned motorcoach at the pier and set out on a relaxing **panoramic drive** through the Otrobanda section of Willemstad.

Founded in 1707, Otrobanda is the newer section of the city and its name translates to 'other side.' You'll see a lovely array of historic mansions as you drive past the Queen Emma Bridge -- the famous floating bridge that connects both sides of Willemstad. Traveling over another famous bridge, the Queen Juliana Bridge, is an exhilarating experience. This is the tallest bridge in the Caribbean, you'll find yourself 185 feet above sea level with expansive views of the city and harbor below.

Stop at **Chobolobo** -- the Dutch colonial country estate where the famous **Curaçao liqueur** has been distilled since 1946. It is created from the peel of the Valencia oranges planted by the Spaniards when they first arrived. The family has been producing Blue Curaçao since 1886. During a **guided tour of the distillery**, you will gain an understanding of the process and will have an opportunity to sample the liqueur, distilled in 100-year-old barrels, and purchase a souvenir bottle to take home.

Continue to the eastern part of the island to visit the **Aloe Vera Farm**. You hear an explanation about the process of making a number of healthy aloe products and have an opportunity to **taste aloe juice**. Some tempting and interesting products are available in the gift shop.

Next up is the **Chichis' Workshop**. Chichi is a nickname for the women of Curaçao. At the workshop, local women make sculptures and paint them in charming tropical colors, so that every sculpture is unique. During your brief visit, you will form a good impression of the work of these Curaçao women and this particular aspect of Curaçao culture.

Your tour ends with a short drive though Punda -- the oldest part of Willemstad -- before you return to the ship.

Notes:

The Chichis' Gallery is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays; a visit to Fort Nassau will be substituted. Named for the House of Orange-Nassau, 16th-century Fort Nassau lies on small next to St Anna Bay in the city of Willemstad. It provides a charming 360 view over a large part of the island.

Caves & City Highlights



Departs: 8:30 AM, 11:15 AM
Approximately 2¾ Hours
Adult \$54.95; Child \$44.95

This tour allows you to experience two highlights of Curaçao -- the Hato Caves and the famous city center.

A short drive brings you to the **Hato Caves** -- home to beautiful limestone formations, including the famous Madonna statue and a colony of seldom-seen long-nose fruit bats. The caves contain an impressive array of stalagmites and stalactites. Join your guide in recognizing animals or figures in the various stone formations. From here, drive back to the city center, where your walking tour through begins.

Pass the beautifully colored merchant houses on the quayside. These buildings represent Curaçao's lively history of trade and the mansions here are postcard-perfect models for Curaçao vacation pictures.

Now, you're on your way to **Fort Amsterdam** -- a beautiful Caribbean palace and home to the governor of the Netherlands Antilles. The last part of your walk will be across the floating bridge that connects the two sides of the city. If the bridge is open due to ship traffic, you will use the ferry. The downtown core is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Your guide will escort you back to the ship

through the **Riffort** area, complete with many shops and hotels.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

Notes:

Participants must climb 50 steps to reach the caves.

Cooking with a Caribbean Chef: In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 5½ Hours
Price \$179.95

Chef **Helmi Smeulders** is passionate about rethinking the local flavors of Curaçao. She has dubbed herself the Caribbean Spice Girl and her mission is to challenge and upskill the cuisine of the Caribbean, which is very traditional, having been passed from generation to generation. Now, there's a food revolution underway on Curaçao with Helmi leading the charge -- living like a local in paradise and cooking like one, too, but with a twist.

Step into **Helmi's kitchen**, where the Caribbean Spice Girl welcomes you with refreshments. She'll introduce you to her fresh philosophy on Caribbean cuisine, which she wrote about in her cookbook, *Modern Caribbean Flavors*. Her next book, *Island Vibes: The Joy of Caribbean Cooking*, takes the concept further still.

At Helmi's kitchen counter, she will show you all kinds of Caribbean fruits and vegetables and let you taste them, too. You will learn tips and tricks about preparing food. What is the easiest way to peel a mango? How do you correctly fillet a fish? Then, pick up the pots and pans to prepare lunch in a **hands-on cooking class**. You will use the flavorful spices, delicious fruits, healthy vegetables and fresh fish of the region to create new and exciting dishes. In groups of two, you will learn to prepare ceviche with lime-tequila dressing, jerk chicken with mango mayonnaise, funchi fries with pika mayonnaise, and more. Helmi and her assistant are on hand to help guide you during this fun and immersive experience.

When the cooking is done, head outdoors to sit down as a group at a beautifully-decorated table. Enjoy the fruits of your labor -- a delicious home-cooked **lunch** -- accompanied by a **glass of wine**.

You'll head back to the ship with a host of new recipes, as well as a newfound appreciation of Caribbean cuisine.

Notes:

The menu is subject to change seasonally. Ice water, lemonade, coffee and tea are available during the cooking class. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Curacao Beach Express



Departs: 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Price \$69.95

Travel to the **west side of Curaçao** on a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted tropical bus. The **Beach Express** takes you to the 'other side' of the island where nature reigns and the beaches are unspoiled.

Enjoy the scenery as your host provides you with interesting information about Curaçao. You'll pass by historic plantation houses, panoramic mountain views, wildlife, salt flats and flamingos.

A local beach is the place to enjoy **swimming** in the beautiful Caribbean waters, **snorkeling**, or just relaxing.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Snorkeling equipment and beach chairs are provided. Bathrooms and showers are available. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Minimum age is 2 years.

Curacao Cocktails with Amazing Views



Departs: 2:00 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Price \$99.95

Enjoy a **real island-style afternoon and or evening in Curaçao**. Sip a delicious **welcome drink** and hop on the bus for a **panoramic drive**. En route to several viewpoints and local bar hideouts, your guide keeps you entertained, sharing all kinds of fun facts about island life.

Hop off the bus in the **historic district** for a **walk** through its charming, picturesque streets, pausing at watering holes along the way for a beverage. You'll have a chance to appreciate some stunning harbor and ocean views.

Signature **local drinks** are served, including cocktails, beer or wine, and national liquor tastings.

Take advantage of a fun photo stop at the iconic Dushi and Curaçao sign, and snap a pic of the city skyline -- great memories to share with friends at home.

Notes:

Three alcoholic beverages are included, and there are additional liqueur tastings. Minimum age is 18 years with a companion aged 21 years or older. Bring valid photo ID. Bring cash or credit/debit card for purchases.

Curacao Country Drive



Departs: 8:45 AM, 9:45 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$39.95

This outing perfectly captures the beauty of **Curaçao** and the island's outstanding natural charms.

Drive through Willemstad, heading westward through the city and out into the countryside. Along the way, you'll see several plantation homes and old slave houses.

Visit the **Kas di Pal'i Maishi (Slave House) & Museum**. Your guide will explain the way of life on Curaçao in the old days. You will learn about the uses of the abundantly available cactus plants, hear a local song and watch a traditional dance. You can try on the typical island headwear -- a great vacation picture waiting to happen. Your guide will show how to carry a bucket on your head in the way the locals do -- try it yourself and you will find it is quite a skill.

Boka Tabla, your next stop, is a **National Park**, where the wild sea meets the coast and the waves explode against wild rock formations -- a testament to nature's raw power. At West Point, snap a few photos from the coach and enjoy the beautiful view over the Caribbean Sea at Playa Forti.

The last stop is at the most beautiful tropical **beach** on the island, with its unforgettable azure blue sea and stunning white beach.

On the way back to Willemstad, make the

most of a short pause for photos from the coach at the **Jan Kok salt lakes**, where you might be lucky enough to spot some flamingos.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Not recommended for individuals with mobility issues.

Curacao Highlights & Beach



Departs: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$64.95; Child \$54.95

Offering the best of both worlds, this popular tour showcases some famous aspects of Curaçao and includes free time at the beach.

Driving through Willemstad, you will see the Otrobanda area, the colorful buildings of Sint Anna Bay, and the Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge -- 'the Old Swinging Lady.' After crossing Queen Juliana Bridge, drive through the Jewish Neighborhood to see the famous Wedding Cake House build in 1917.

You'll stop at the **Chobolobo Plantation House**, where the famous and very tasty **Curaçao liqueur** is made, including the authentic Blue Curaçao.

You're headed to **Mambo Beach** for two hours of fun in the sun. Nearby are several restaurants, bars, and the exclusive shops of the Boulevard.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk.

Curacao Land & Sea



Departs: 8:30 AM, 9:30 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$49.95

Board the *Seaworld Explorer* **semi-submarine** and sit in air-conditioned comfort five feet below the surface of the water. View sea life through large windows, and enjoy the dramatic effect of passing over a wall that drops sharply several hundred feet. See tropical fish such as yellowtail snapper, sergeant majors, parrotfish and queen angelfish, as well as delicate colonies of coral. Watch through your private window as a diver is surrounded by hungry fish that he feeds by hand.

Back on land, you'll cross the **Queen Juliana Bridge** for a view of Willemstad from 200 feet above the town -- a magnificent vista of the capital and the famous Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge, which provides a pedestrian link between the Otrobanda and Punda districts.

Continue to the **Chobolobo Liqueur Factory** for a taste of the world famous Curaçao liqueur.

In the **Punda district** in Willemstad, your guide will point out the major landmarks -- you've seen them on all the postcards and now they're right in front of you.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

Notes:

Participants must be able to negotiate 10 steps down into the semi-submarine. The vessel does not submerge. In the event of adverse weather or sea conditions, alternative viewing sites will be substituted. Minimum age to sample alcoholic beverages is 21 years.

Discover Curacao



Departs: 8:45 AM, 1:00 PM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$64.95; Child \$44.95

Board an air-conditioned motorcoach for a scenic drive past the colorful sights of Willemstad.

Your destination is the **Curaçao Museum** in the Otrobanda neighborhood. Founded in 1946, the museum, housed in a colonial-style building dating back to the 1800s, showcases contemporary and traditional art from both local and international artists. There is a lovely permanent collection that features antique furniture, maps and charts from the Caribbean region, pre-Columbian Indian artifacts, and mahogany woodwork that dates back to the 18th and 19th centuries. Special exhibits are installed regularly, so there is always something new to discover, and the outside grounds are shaded and are perfect for a stroll.

Continue with a guided driving tour through

the island's **northern countryside**. This is your opportunity to see the area's stark landscape with small traditional villages and dramatic salt marshes. Watch for bright-pink flamingos.

At **Hato Caves**, join a knowledgeable guide for a **walking tour** through the dramatic underground grottos. Marvel at the imposing stalactites and stalagmites, which produce unusual shadows in the caves' eerie lighting. Your guide will point out the Pirate's Head, the Sea Turtle and the Giant. Within the caves you will find unexpected crystal-clear pools and waterfalls that form in the limestone's depths. The caves are also a haven for a colony of rarely-seen long-nose fruit bats. The cave was originally used as a hiding place for runaway slaves and prior to that as a shelter for island natives. Outside the caves you can see the famous Madonna statue.

Cross the Queen Juliana Bridge. At 185 feet above sea level, this is one of the highest bridges in the Caribbean and affords magnificent panoramic views of the city and the harbor. At **Chobolobo** -- the Dutch colonial country estate where the famous Curaçao liqueur is distilled. Valencia oranges used in the processed were planted here by the Spaniards when they first discovered Curaçao. Chobolobo has been producing **Blue Curaçao** since 1946, using the peel from the fruit. But it almost wasn't so -- the different climate and soil conditions changed the normally juicy oranges into a kind of bitter, almost inedible produce. It was not until decades later that someone discovered that the peels of this orange contained an essential oil with an extraordinarily pleasing fragrance.

During a guided tour of the distillery, you will gain a good understanding of the process. **Sample** the liqueur and purchase bottles to take home.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

Notes:

At Hato Caves, participants must climb 50 steps. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Minimum age for liqueur tasting is 21 years. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Fascinating Curacao & Folkloric Show



Departs: 9:00 AM
3¼ Hours
Adult \$64.95; Child \$44.95

Experience some unique **Curaçao culture** on this introduction to the Netherlands Antilles. Stop at Riffort Village for photos and view the famous "swinging lady" Emma Bridge, the colonial-style merchant mansions, and Fort Amsterdam from here. Your guide explains the history behind what you see.

Drive to the **Chichis Gallery & Workshop**. Chichis is a nickname for women from Curaçao. At this factory, local women make sculptures in typical island form and paint them in charming tropical colors. Each and every sculpture is unique. You'll gain an impression of the jobs created through this social project, providing an income for poor families.

Next up is the **Dinah Veeris Herb & Historic Garden**. Legendary traditional herbalist Dinah -- the 'herb medicine woman' -- or a member of her team will lead you through this wonderful garden. In a colorful and entertaining way, you will learn about the trees here and the enormous variety of herbs and their various uses. Enjoy the serene gardens. You will find small cottages at the back of the garden, which showcase how people lived in the old days. In the **shop**, numerous natural products and herbs for sale. A healthy, botanical **refreshment** will be served.

Move to the shaded area of the garden to watch a charming **folkloric show**. Dancers in costume demonstrate the Tumba and Wapa -- the rhythmic dances of the island. They'll also teach you some local songs and, if you are up for it, feel free to join in the dancing. A brief 'workshop' is included -- a great opportunity to meet the local population and tune into some Caribbean vibes.

A scenic drive returns you to the ship -- watch for some slave houses and estates along the way.

Notes:

The Chichis Gallery is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays; a visit to Fort Nassau will be substituted. Named for the House of Orange-Nassau, 16th-century Fort Nassau lies on small next to St Anna Bay in the city of Willemstad. It provides a charming 360 view over a large part of the island.

Hato Caves & Mambo Beach



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$69.95

Visit Curaçao's **Hato Caves** to see rare long-nose bats, beautiful limestone formations and romantic pools of limpid water. Follow your guide into the cave for a 40-minute **walk** among beautiful formations.

A **panoramic sightseeing drive** takes you across the Queen Juliana Bridge with a 360-degree view of Willemstad.

Mambo Beach offers 1.5 hours to enjoy the sand and sun from a beach chair (included) or to shop on the Boulevard with its upscale shops, restaurant and bars.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk.

Historic Curacao & Street Art



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$49.95

This tour is a perfect combination of visiting historic city landmarks, exploring fantastic street art by known artists, and local tastings at beautiful viewpoints.

Set out by air-conditioned coach to take

photos from atop the wall at the Rif Fortress. A **liqueur tasting** makes for a fun start to the tour.

Walk through the historic district to view the city skyline with your ship as the backdrop, and check out the colorful and whimsical street art, including the iconic Rainbow Stairs, Three O'clock Love, and the Naked Chicken. Watch for the Governor's Mansion and the wedding-cake building. Stroll about these senescent streets, where old Amsterdam meets the Caribbean, and try some typical Curaçao sweets. View the oldest synagogue in the Antilles (ask your guide to tell you its story) and snap some fun photos at the iconic Dushi sign.

Guests wishing to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so but must make their own way back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Minimum age to drink alcohol is 18 years with a companion aged 21 years or older.

Historical Willemstad, Hato Cave & Beach



Departs: 8:30 AM, 1:30 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

This excursion includes relaxing on a tropical beach, appreciating history and culture, and taking in some beautiful natural landmarks.

Start with an interesting **panoramic drive**

through **UNESCO World Heritage Site** downtown **Willemstad**, with plenty of facts for culture lovers.

Drive out of the city to visit the magnificent **Hato Caves**, which are more than 200,000 years old. As you **walk** with your guide, you'll see beautiful stalagmites and stalactites and learn all about the history of the caves.

Head to one of the island's most beautiful western **beaches**. Here, you will have some **free time** to relax on a beach chair, hang out at the beach bar or **swim** in the amazingly blue water.

En route back to the ship you will pass the natural salt flats, where you might spot some wild flamingos.

Notes:

The beach is secluded, natural and may be rocky in areas. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. There are many stairs at the Hato Caves. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Made in Curacao



Departs: 8:45 AM, 9:45 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$49.95; Child \$39.95

Curaçao offers some very interesting and tasty products. Today you will learn about and sample some of them.

Depart the pier and drive to **Integra Natural**, where you can shop for locally made products and get to know the story of these hard-working local entrepreneurs.

Your next stop is the **Aloe Vera Farm** where a local guide will tell you about the plantation, the farm and the healing effects of aloe vera. You will see the process of extracting the aloe juice from the plant and, in the shop, you can purchase products containing this natural product if you wish.

Head to the **Chobolobo** mansion -- the original **distillery for Blue Curaçao liqueur**. The machinery on site is still used today to make the delicious range of Curaçao drinks, and your guide will tell you how the distillation process works. You will also have a chance to **taste** it for yourself. There is a shop where you can buy the liqueurs, which make a fun and multi-colored souvenir.

Your tour ends with a **panoramic drive** through **Willemstad's** city center, past fascinating buildings and colorful mansions built in the old Dutch colonial style. Drive through the heart of the historical **Scharloo district** in the city center. This is the historical former Jewish Quarter and boasts many

beautifully-restored mansions that are part of a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Passing over the bridge, take in the perfect view over the harbor and the city center.

Notes:

Minimum age to sample liqueur is 21 years.

Mini-4x4 Adventure & Beach Break



Departs: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM
Approximately 3¾ Hours
Price \$129.95

Discover the wild side of Curaçao, beginning with a 15-minute coach transfer to the buggy shop. The route takes you over the Queen Juliana Bridge and shows off some of the highlights colorful **Willemstad**.

Get behind the wheel of an award-winning **off-road vehicle** and follow your tour guide caravan-style. The goal is to explore some very cool spots you would be unable to reach by yourself in a conventional vehicle.

Your local guide leads you on a **desert-style trail** where different types of cacti grow. You may even spot an iguana or the local prikichi parrot. Visit a natural attraction called the **blowhole** -- a wonderful photo opportunity and a bit of island geology explained by your guide.

Drive along the coast and enjoy hearing the waves of the Caribbean Sea crashing on the **north shore**, creating a spectacular show. At a lovely **beach**, there's time to take a refreshing **swim** in the crystal-clear water or relax in the

shade of a coconut tree.

Return to Willemstad. Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship.

Notes:

Tour is sold per person. Guests traveling solo may be required to share the vehicle with another guest. If you wish to have your own vehicle, you must purchase two tickets. Wear a scarf or bandana. Goggles and bottled water are provided. Minimum age to drive is 18 years with a valid driver's license. Minimum age as a ride-along passenger is 4 years. Maximum weight is 275 lbs. Maximum height is 77 inches. Pregnant women and guests with back and neck injuries are not allowed to participate. Wear closed-toe shoes that can get dirty. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Beach chairs are available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis (US\$4 to \$16). Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Minimum age is 4 years.

Ostrich Farm & Aloe Plantation



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$44.95

Learn about two of Curaçao's fascinating industries.

Leave the ship and head to Riffort village for a photo stop. From the coach, you will have a perfect view over Curaçao's city center and the harbor entrance. You can see the famous 'Swinging Lady' Queen Emma Bridge, as well as the renowned Dutch colonial-style merchant houses and Fort Amsterdam. The latter is the home of the Governor of Curaçao.

At the **Ostrich Farm**, hop aboard a former school bus and set out to explore this spectacular farm -- these massive birds are quite impressive and you will have the opportunity to handfeed them. With any luck you may even see an egg hatching. In the souvenir **shop**, look for authentic African art and souvenirs.

Nearby, you'll find the **Aloe Vera Farm**, where you will learn all about the process of extracting aloe juice from the plant and discover the amazing healing powers of this natural product.

Drive back to the city of **Curaçao** to explore its beautiful **downtown core**, including the area that used to be the residential part of town back when Curaçao was a major trade center. The magnificent mansions that

belonged to the merchants at the time have now been meticulously restored and are now part of a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Ultimate Curacao, Beach & Turtle Snorkel with Lunch



Departs: 8:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$99.95

Journey to the best hidden spots on the **west side** of Curaçao, through the countryside and past historical plantation houses.

Travel to the national park and take a light **hike** on the rugged **north coast**, where wild waves crash into the natural coves and make for spectacular views.

Visit the **beach** and viewpoint at **West Point**, where you'll hear about the fisherman's village and church. You can **swim** here, or even join your guide for **snorkeling** in the bay. Look for sea turtles in their natural habitat.

At **Knip Beach**, perhaps the island's most beautiful, you'll have **free time** to enjoy a light boxed **picnic lunch** and then **swim** or stroll along the sand.

On the way back, stop briefly at the **salt flats** - the domain of wild flamingos.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. The turtles are

wild and are free to come and go as they please. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Willemstad Trolley Train



Departs: 8:30 AM, 9:45 AM
Approximately 1 ½ Hours
Adult \$44.95; Child \$39.95

Transfer by pre-paid taxi across the **Queen Juliana Suspension Bridge**, 200 feet above Willemstad.

In the **Punda** section of town, you will board the **trolley train** for a memorable 50-minute outing that takes you past the Queen Emma pontoon bridge.

See **Scharloo**, a former Jewish residential neighborhood lined with picturesque homes built in the 1800s. A highlight of your Scharloo overview is a stop at the recently renovated Bolo di Bruid, known as the 'wedding cake house' -- it is the city's most photographed building.

Step inside at the **Pietermaai Cathedral** -- the largest and most impressive on the island. You will also view Queen Wilhelmina Park, which serves as the setting for frequent cultural events, and the Waterfort Arches, an imposing fortress that was the site of the Willhem III Barracks.

Visit **Fort Amsterdam**. Built in 1635 to guard the entrance to the harbor from enemy ships, the fort is one of many structures that lend a sense of history and atmosphere to the city, which is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

Notes:

You may enter the cathedral if it is open. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Participants are welcome to remain on the trolley at any of the stops.

Quepos, Costa Rica - Friday, January 26, 2024: The lively center of Quepos is lined with art galleries, shops and eateries. Nearby, Manuel Antonio National Park is home to a large population of the endangered Squirrel Monkey. Walk from Cathedral Point along a slender land bridge that separates the park from Playa Espadilla Sur and Playa Manuel Antonio, a beach that must be experienced.

Carara National Park & Tarcoles River Cruise



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$159.95

Departing from Quépos, you will take the scenic route into **Carara National Park** -- a low mountainous area of about a thousand acres. This is a transitional climate zone, going from the dry north to the very humid Pacific coast.

Your experience of the park is interactive. Follow the main path specially designed to offer an easy and interesting introduction to the forest. It features a wide range of technology to facilitate ease of access for guests with mobility limitations. **Walk** into the forest to encounter audiovisual resources, animal sculptures, haptic maps and Braille signs, as well as rest areas and park information booths.

More than **110 species of bird** are found in the National Park, including aninga, surgeon ducks, pied-billed grebes, great blue and tri-color herons, and boat-billed herons. Endangered species include scarlet macaws, yellow-billed cotingas, laughing falcons, several species of monkey, other mammals, and impressive reptiles and amphibians.

On the **Tarcoles River**, a relaxing **boat trip** along the riverbank showcases its fascinating

residents. In one of Costa Rica's largest crocodile colonies, some crocs are almost ten feet long. Iguanas, Jesus Christ lizards, herons, egrets, and ducks are readily seen hunting for food. Learn about the importance of mangroves and why they must be preserved to save all living species on Earth.

Head to Hacienda Nosavar for a delicious **lunch** .

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Costa Rican Rainforest Spices Exploration



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$124.95; Child \$69.95

On this highly interactive tour, visit an organic, artisanal Costa Rican spice farm and see firsthand the planting, growing, and harvesting of rainforests spices known the world over.

Depart the pier on a 30-minute bus ride to the **Villa Vanilla Spice Farm** located near the rural village of Londres. Start at the post-harvest warehouse where you will witness the how they dry, process, and package the spices. Next, you will enjoy a gentle walk through the distinctive "Epiphyte Trail" winding through

the farm. Use all your senses to navigate the farm while identifying an interesting variety of spices such as vanilla, true Ceylon cinnamon, cacao, black pepper, allspice, turmeric, and a variety of indigenous fruits and medicinal plants.

Then, pass the pond on the way to the viewpoint where you will experience the '**Flavors of the World**' tasting including **homemade treats** highlighting spices that grow on the farm while looking out into the lush tropical rainforest. Lucky guests may receive a visit from the farm's permanent inhabitants-- hummingbirds, scarlet macaws, toucans, and squirrel monkeys.

Before returning to the ship, make the most of a chance to browse in the souvenir shop.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Bring insect repellent. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear biodegradable sunscreen.

Fun, Fabulous, Filthy: A 4x4 Safari from River to Sea



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 5½ Hours
Price \$149.95

Ready to stir up some mud and get thoroughly splashed? Great! Hop on a **Honda buggy-type 4x4** and ride through the forest on this unforgettable adventure.

Transfer by air-conditioned minibus to Punta Leona, where your 4x4 awaits you. Listen to some safety information and take an easy test drive; then, for the next hour, cross rivers and creeks, drive through mud and across sand banks, and appreciate sightings of some of Costa Rica's amazing wildlife en route to Playa Agujas.

Wind down with riverside and rain forest trails as you descend towards **isolated Bochinche Beach**. Enjoy a refreshing **snack and beverage** and enjoy some **free time** surrounded by lush forest and ocean vistas.

Return to base and switch drivers for round two of this fabulous, fun and filthy 4x4 foray.

Notes:

No prior 4x4 experience required. Drivers must carry a current driver's license. Vehicle capacity is 4 guests. One person from each couple will get to drive. Waiver must be

signed and medical conditions disclosed. Average speed is 16 mph. You will get muddy and wet. Vehicles ride caravan style behind the lead vehicle.

Mangrove Wildlife & Boat Cruise



Departs: Noon
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$89.95

A ride through the **mangroves** is like visiting another world. Transfer 25 minutes from the pier to a place that is ideal for boarding a **riverboat**. As you explore from a waterside perspective, your guide will tell you about this special habitat.

Mangroves grow best in brackish waters, where the ocean and river meet, creating a very fragile ecosystem. They develop an aerial root system -- as the tide goes out, the roots are exposed to the air, creating a perfect hiding place for small crabs and large crocodiles.

In the upper canopy of the forest that lines the shore, you will see monkeys and a great variety of birds, including herons, egrets, and spoonbills, among others.

Keep a sharp eye out as your **naturalist guide** identifies any shoreside wildlife and points out the creatures that lurk in the water beneath you.

Enjoy some delicious **refreshments** before returning to the village and heading back to the ship by coach. Guests wishing to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so but must make their own

way back to the ship.

Notes:

Tour schedule and duration are subject to tidal conditions and may vary. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Manuel Antonio National Park



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$119.95

Manuel Antonio National Park is the jewel among Costa Rica's large number of National Parks. Its fragile rainforest ecosystem shelters an abundance of wildlife, including easy-to-spot monkeys and a great variety of tropical birds.

A 1½-hour guided **walk** through the dense rain forest takes you along small trails and your **naturalist guide** acquaints you with some fun forest facts. Manuel Antonio National Park protects almost 1,500 acres of tropical rain forest and more than a thousand different species of flora. This walk is one of the most popular in Costa Rica -- a great opportunity to experience the forest that kisses the beach.

Another hour of leisurely walking brings you back to the park exit with a high likelihood of spotting wildlife.

There is time at leisure for **sunbathing** inside the park.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore on their own are welcome to do so,

but must return to the ship on their own.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour does not operate on Tuesdays. Due to park regulations, tour is non-refundable beginning four days prior to the call of Quepos.

Rainforest Aerial Tram & Canopy Zipline Adventure



Departs: 7:00 AM, 7:30 AM
Approximately 7½ Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$149.95

Ranked in 2015 by *National Geographic* in the World's Top Ten Adventure Destinations, this special outing offers two of Costa Rica's most intriguing activities in one convenient package. Zip, glide, fly and soar on an exciting zip-line and aerial treetop tram ride.

A one-hour **panoramic drive** from Quepos brings you to a **private nature reserve** on 222 acres just five minutes from the famous Jaco Beach.

Your experience begins with a safety briefing at ground level; then, gear up for the zip-line. Listen to a safety briefing and enjoy an introduction to the tropical dry forest. Then, a 30-minute **aerial tram ride** transports you to a high elevation.

Hook onto the zip-line and fly above the ground using an intricate system of twin cables, double harnesses, double pulleys and a braking system that eliminates the need to grab the cable. You'll find yourself soaring

across magnificent views of the mid-Pacific coast of Costa Rica on eight different cables up to 720 feet long. Your responsibility is to enjoy and appreciate the 360-degree views of lush green landscape and absorb the gentle sound of nature.

A traditional Costa Rican **lunch** is your chance to indulge in some tasty local cuisine at the Nature Café. You'll also have some **free time** to **shop** at the Rainforest Shop for a variety of local and handmade arts, crafts, designs, and Costa Rican souvenirs.

Notes:

Maximum weight is 260 lbs. Minimum age is 8 years.

Rainforest Horseback Riding and Cascades



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$119.95

Your **horseback ride** takes place at a property at Londres -- a 30-minute drive from the pier. On the way, your guide offers a concise and interesting briefing about the history of Quepos.

Once you reach Londres, listen to riding instructions and safety tips; then participate in some practice time before heading out to explore the **rain forest**. Uncover the exotic secrets that lie within this secondary forest, whose maximum elevation is 1,900 feet above sea level. You will ride through the mountains, without reaching the mountain top, for about 2½ hours round trip. The ride

is highlighted by amazing valley views, verdant vegetation and numerous wildlife species such as birds and reptiles.

At the end of the trail, you will come to a beautiful **waterfall**, where you will be able to rest for about 30 minutes. Relax on the grass or take a **swim**.

After the break, you will return by way of the same trail.

Notes:

Minimum age is 6 years. Maximum weight is 222 lbs. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat.

Rainmaker Conservation Park and Hanging Bridges



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$79.95

The **Rainmaker Conservation Park** offers visitors a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit one of the most biologically diverse rainforests on the planet. Located in the heart of the Quepos Biological Corridor, the 1,400-acre nature reserve represents what has made Costa Rica one of the world's greenest countries.

Begin with a 30-minute drive through the palm plantations and into the wondrous mountains overlooking the Pacific Ocean. After a brief orientation, you will be lead on a guided nature walk through--and over--the

magnificent Costa Rican rainforest.

Walking along a river's edge using handrails and footpaths, pause at **observation platforms** to observe beautiful waterfalls and photograph the rich biodiversity. Morpho butterflies, many species of birds, the colorful poison dart frog, and thousands of unique plant species make this area home. Depending on the time of year, your guide may point out incredible reptiles making their way down to the river's edge. At the end of the walk, a pristine waterfall pool beckons you to enjoy a **refreshing swim or dip in the water**.

Next, traverse our world-famous **Canopy Bridge system**. The system consists of six sections spanning 800 feet of hanging bridges attached to massive hardwood trees. From viewing platforms, you will experience the majesty of the forest canopy from a bird's eye view.

Upon the completion of your exciting walk, you will have a chance to learn from forest researchers and biologists, who will tell you more about the delicate rainforest ecosystem. Your visit concludes with organic tropical fruits and the opportunity to browse the **souvenir shop**.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing and comfortable closed toes shoes; bring a towel, insect repellent, hat, and biodegradable sunscreen. A shorter, moderate walk to the riverbank is available for guests not wishing

to use the hanging bridges. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Savegre River Floating Adventure



Departs: 9:00 AM, 9:15 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$169.95

Depart Quépos on a 1¼-hour **panoramic drive** by air-conditioned motorcoach. You will pass through the rural town of El Silencio and see teak and Melina plantations en route.

You'll stop briefly to look for toucans and macaws; then, continue toward the town of Santo Domingo, where a group of qualified bilingual guides await you.

The next part of your adventure is an amazing two-hour **river float**. Your personable guide offers an orientation to the river and its natural environment, which is considered one of the most beautiful rivers of Central America. The scenery and wildlife along the **Rio Savegre** are legendary, your opportunity to enjoy beautiful landscapes, including some native African oil palm plantations, white ibis, cormorants, egrets, and herons. You'll have times of exhilarating action and times of relaxation.

Notes:

Maximum weight is 235 lbs. Minimum age is 12 years. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

Tropical Forest Aerial Tram



Departs: 8:00 AM (Waitlisted), 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 7 Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$139.95

This tour visits a place that National Geographic has ranked one of the Top Ten Adventure Destinations in the World. The **Aerial Treetop Flight Tram** offers an amazing opportunity to enjoy Costa Rica's only **tropical forest** and to discover a fantastic private reserve.

The preserve has won Costa Rica's prestigious Ministry of Environment Blue Ecological Flag Award as well as the Ministry of Tourism's highest recognition for sustainability.

Hop into a comfortable **gondola** with a maximum of only nine passengers. The one-hour ride is your chance to take in the surroundings and silently glide through the forest canopy of the forest. Verdant plant life, hanging gardens and pretty waterfalls are part of the exhilarating aerial views over this 222-acre conservation park. Watch for wildlife and for views of the Pacific Ocean right from your seat.

This is also one of the few areas in Costa Rica where scarlet macaws sometimes majestically soar above the treetops or sit in the trees. Keep an eye out for this elusive bird.

Next, a guided nature **walk** on an all-access path exposes the first layer of the forest floor.

Visit the **Butterfly Garden** and the Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Garden.

Your excursion includes a traditional Costa Rican **lunch** of local cuisine at the Nature Café. Any spare time you may have can be spent at the Rainforest Gift Shop among a variety of local and handmade arts, crafts and designs, as well as Costa Rican souvenirs.

Manzanillo, Mexico - Monday, January 29, 2024: Like the movie that was filmed here, Manzanillo scores a perfect "10" for the beauty of its beaches and the charm of its town. Farther afield: the Pyramids of La Campana, dating back to the first century, and the charming colonial towns of Colima and Comala, where tropical gardens and the sounds of mariachi bands make for a *muy tranquilo* afternoon.

Colima & Comala



Departs: Noon (Waitlisted)
Approximately 6¾ Hours
Adult \$114.95; Child \$104.95

This excursion is designed to showcase Old Mexico and begins with a scenic 1- to 1.5-hour drive to the **Plaza Principal** -- the main square of **Colima** city.

Continue to the **Pyramids of La Campana** -- small, tiered pyramids and **archaeological ruins** dating back to the first century. You will have some time here to explore.

Next is **Comala** -- a charming, 500-year-old community in the shadow of two volcanoes. A Mexican *botana* (**snack lunch**) and a **beverage** are served at a **sidewalk café** next to the central plaza.

El Colomo Exploration & Beach



Departs: Noon
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$49.95; Child \$44.95

Head to **Manzanillo's** downtown area and visit the **main plaza**.

El Colomo is a farming village. You will drive in an open-air vehicle through some dusty acres of banana and papaya plantations. Your tour guide will explain all about the flora and fauna of the area.

At **Las Brisas Beach**, a **cold drink** awaits you at a small beach hotel.

Use some **free time to swim** in the calm ocean or simply relax at the pool. Soak up the sun and work on your tan on the beach or poolside, or enjoy the shade of charming beach umbrellas.

Lunch can be purchased at your own expense at the beachside restaurant.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Lunch is not included. You will have time to purchase lunch at your own expense during the tour.

Fruits, Folklore & Orchids



Departs: Noon
5 Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$59.95

Designed for those wishing to discover the authentic treasures of Manzanillo, this tour will take you into the agricultural hinterland. Bananas, papaya, yacas, watermelon, mangoes, and star fruit are all grown here.

Travel north by air-conditioned motorcoach

with views of Manzanillo and Santiago Bays. You'll pause at the **El Mirador viewpoint** for a photo opportunity.

Visit the El Central community, home to the **Orchidarium** -- Mexico's foremost orchid producer. You will learn all about the varieties and growing techniques and how they are selected, packed and shipped all over Mexico and USA.

Afterward, head to **Rancho Peña Blanca** for a taste of **local fruit**, refreshments and a light **snack**. Students from the nearby school perform **charming folkloric dances**. You'll have time to stretch your legs and enjoy the surrounding flora and bird life.

Make the most of a quick **shopping** stop for souvenirs at the **Miramar Beach handicrafts market** en route back to the ship.

Notes:

Minimum age is 10 years. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water.

Magical Pueblos



Departs: Noon
Approximately 7 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$99.95

Discover the magical *pueblos* (old towns) of Mexico. Start with a scenic drive to famous **Nogueras**, where you will feel as if you have stepped back in time. The vegetation and narrow streets of this very picturesque small village are quite stunning.

Visit the **Nogueras Museum**, housed in an old, colonial-style Mexican *hacienda*.

A drive through the famous Magic Zone is an uncommon experience. From a distance, you will see the impressive active Fire Volcano and the dormant Nevado de Colima (weather permitting).

Next up is **Comala** -- a mixed-race town where the fusion between the pre-Hispanic culture of the West and that of the colonists has jointly influenced the inhabitants' lifestyle. This intriguing blend has been preserved and enriched for more than five centuries.

Comala is a **Historical Monument**. Enjoy a Mexican *botana* (**snack lunch**) and two beverages here.

Notes:

Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a light jacket. This is a trip into old Mexico and is quite simple, with no commercial shopping opportunities.

Manzanillo Beach & Shopping



Departs: Noon
Approximately 6½ Hours
Adult \$49.95; Child \$44.95

Your tour begins with a visit to the **main plaza** of the **downtown area**.

Start your **walk** through the **marketplace** to **shop** for Mexican souvenirs and trinkets not typically found in large shopping areas.

You will drive through the port of Manzanillo, one of the largest ports of the Pacific Coast, along the main boulevard towards the **Peninsula de Santiago**. Take in the view over the magnificent Twin Bays of Manzanillo, winding narrow streets and whitewashed homes and resorts.

At the **Miramar Flea Market**, you will find a large variety of arts and crafts, pottery, clothing, leather goods, onyx, and various other handcrafted goods to purchase and take home.

Time on a **beach** that is a serene golden strand is the perfect tranquil place to catch some sun and relax while you work on your tan.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing;

bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk.

Manzanillo City & Shopping



Departs: Noon
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$49.95; Child \$44.95

The city of **Manzanillo** has long been recognized as Mexico's gateway to the Pacific Rim.

Drive through the busy port facility and along the Santiago Peninsula for views overlooking Las Hadas, the marina, the twin bays, and the beach where the movie *10* was filmed.

Stop at a restaurant overlooking the Bay for a beverage and time at the shopping bazaar for typical Mexican crafts.

Manzanillo's Old Town **plaza** is your last stop. Spend a few minutes walking through the square or shopping in the local stores.

Guests wishing to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so but must make their own way back to the ship.

Manzanillo's Many Talents: Salt, Fruit & Clay Bricks



Departs: Noon (Waitlisted)
Approximately 5¼ Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$59.95

This wonderful journey into the countryside surrounding Manzanillo follows a route between lush green coconut plantations and the Cuyutlan Lagoon.

The captivating scenery of the Sierra Madre mountains and tropical fruit plantations brings you to the **salt flats**. Watching is one thing; **harvesting salt yourself** is another, so grab a *gata* -- a special tool to scratch salt from the flats -- and start raking. Your guide will tell you about the uses of salt, ancient and modern -- it's not just for seasoning your food!

Next, visit a **sour lime or papaya plantation** to learn what it takes to grow these local fruits. You'll also taste them right here on the farm. A *ranchero* (worker) tells you about cultivation techniques.

In the community of Armeria, you'll visit the Los Obradores **clay-brick factory**, where the bricks are mixed from clay in an age-old process, molded, dried and baked in the ovens. Finally, they are cooled and sold to the local construction industry, where they are in high demand. Clay is a favorite building material because of its insulating properties, which help to keep homes cool in the relentless heat.

Head to a local **beach restaurant** with a great view over the Pacific Ocean. A light **snack** is

served as you enjoy the breeze.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour operates only from December through June.

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico - Tuesday, January 30, 2024: No longer the well-kept secret of the artists, writers and Hollywood stars who first "discovered" it in the 1960s, "PV" (as it is affectionately known) still retains the essence of the quaint fishing village it once was. Here is Viejo Vallarta, the quaint Old Town, An enticing mix of red-tiled buildings, cobbled streets, chic shops and bustling open markets. Here are Mismaloya Beach, Gringo Gulch and Conchas Chinas, the Beverly Hills of Vallarta.

Nearby: the rugged canyons and luxuriant jungles of the Sierra Madre.

A Walk through Puerto Vallarta & Elizabeth Taylor's Gringo Gulch



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$49.95

Explore Vallarta's most historic residential area -- the one that Elizabeth Taylor fondly referred to as **Gringo Gulch** at a time when the term was not considered edgy. For better or for worse, the name has stuck well into the 21st century.

Travel by air-conditioned coach to the center of **Puerto Vallarta** as your guide tells you the area's history.

Step off the coach in the central square downtown to begin an interesting **walk** through history. Your trek begins at a slow pace as you make your way up the winding cobblestone streets among enormous colonial-style homes with breathtaking views of the city below.

Watch for the former home of Elizabeth Taylor, complete with a bridge to the pool house to which Richard Burton was banished after their first divorce.

Walk down a wide staircase, and you're suddenly in the tropical paradise of **Cuale**

Island, where you can purchase refreshments (at your own expense).

Take advantage of a quick stop for some shopping before heading directly back to the ship.

Notes:

Tour requires approximately 90 minutes of walking with an uphill section at the beginning. Water is provided at rest stops. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

All-Inclusive Beach Resort Getaway



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$69.95

Travel in air-conditioned comfort just 25 minutes from the pier. Your destination is a beautiful **beach** with four hours of all-inclusive fun in the sun.

The resort boasts **swimming pools**, hot tubs, and miles of soft, sandy beach. **All food and drinks are included**, as is the use of the ocean **boogie boards**. Lounge chairs and beach umbrellas are provided.

Participate in organized activities or simply

while away the day doing nothing. There's a quiet pool reserved just for adults.

A host is available to ensure you enjoy your day at the beach.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen (no other kind is allowed in the water), light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Lunch is included.

All-Inclusive Dolphin Encounter



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$79.95

This **interactive program** allows you to learn more about the **Pacific bottlenose dolphin**. Standing waist-deep in the water, meet the beautiful dolphins in a **hands-on close encounter** lasting approximately 15-20 minutes. They are as curious about you as you are about them. Pet them gently and learn how to ensure their preservation in the wild.

See photos of your experience and enjoy **lunch** and a **beverage** at the dolphin facility before returning to the ship.

Notes:

Do not wear sunscreen or jewelry as these can injure the dolphins' skin. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel and a hat. To avoid sunburn, bring light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Cameras are not allowed in the pools. Photo service images are available for purchase. Pregnant women or guests with back, neck or heart conditions are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Minimum height is 4 feet. Minimum age is 5 years. Children who don't meet the height requirement may be carried in the arms of an adult. All children under 18 must be accompanied in the water by an adult. Guests who are pregnant are not allowed to participate. Observer rates can only be booked on board.

All-Inclusive Retreat at La Dulce Vista



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$89.95

Enjoy a 35-minute scenic drive to the spectacular grounds of **La Dulce Vista**. This luxury retreat with views of the river canyon and Sierra Madre mountains is home to

endemic species of birds and natural hot springs. Upon arrival, explore the pristine facilities with ample amenities, including **botanical gardens**, a refreshing unheated pool, a jacuzzi, and hammocks for relaxing. Mountain bikes and volleyball are available if you're feeling energetic.

As you unwind in this tranquil environment, sip **unlimited margaritas** and savor a flavorful **Mexican parrillada lunch** -- a mix of charbroiled meats and vegetables served at the family table. Sample artisanal, small-batch tequila in a guided tasting session, which includes the newer premium Tequila Rose.

Notes:

Minimum age to drink alcohol is 21 years. The road up to the hacienda may be muddy, dusty and/or bumpy. Not suitable for pregnant women or guests with back or neck conditions. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat.

All-Inclusive Sea Lion Encounter in the Water



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$69.95

Sea lions are lovable rascals -- comical, mischievous, playful and very friendly. They are also fast, agile and adorable, and their inclination to engage in play and include humans in the game makes this **sea lion encounter** so exhilarating.

A trainer will brief you on sea lion physiology and behavior before you **enter the water** and have an opportunity to **play, pet, shake a flipper**, and possibly receive a big fishy kiss. You are sure to cherish this encounter for years to come.

See photos of your experience and enjoy **lunch** and a **beverage** at the sea lion facility before returning to the ship.

Notes:

Maximum group size of eight people in any one session. Do not wear sunscreen or jewelry as these can injure the sea lions' skin. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel and a hat. To avoid sunburn, bring light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Cameras are not allowed in the pools. Photo service images are available for purchase. Pregnant women or guests with back, neck or heart conditions are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Minimum height 4 feet. Minimum age is 5 years. Children must be accompanied by a participating adult in the water.

All-Inclusive Swim with the Dolphins



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$119.95

This **dolphin adventure** is a magnificent experience you will cherish forever. It takes place at one of the few dolphin education centers in the world. The interactive program

is designed to promote a deeper understanding of dolphins and their environment.

Dolphin swim groups are small, with no more than five guests per dolphin, providing the best opportunity for contact and interaction as you swim alongside these lovable creatures.

See photos of your experience and enjoy **lunch** and a **beverage** at the dolphin facility before returning to the ship.

Notes:

Do not wear sunscreen or jewelry as these can injure the dolphins' skin. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel and a hat. To avoid sunburn, bring light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Cameras are not allowed in the pools. Photo service images are available for purchase. Pregnant women or guests with back, neck or heart conditions are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Life jackets are provided and must be worn during the program. Minimum age is 4 years. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult in the water.

Best of Puerto Vallarta: Cathedral, Fiesta, Tequila Factory & Buffet



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$39.95

Drive through Puerto Vallarta's beautiful **downtown area** to see its highlights -- the famous waterfront Malecon, the ever-popular statues, and the beautiful **Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral**. You will also enjoy some **free time** for some **shopping**.

Next, head to **Hacienda Doña Engracia** -- a pretty ranch offering a genuine **Mexican fiesta**. Colorful displays, piñatas, Mexican music, a tortilla-making contest, a traditional Mexican folkloric ballet, and a dancing horse provide entertainment.

A guided tour of the **tequila factory** explains the tequila-making process. Try a sample and enjoy a delicious **Mexican buffet and drinks**.

Notes:

Modest attire is required for visiting the cathedral; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered. Depending on tour timing, the meal will be lunch or dinner.

Colonial San Sebastian



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$54.95

Nestled in the heart of the **Sierra Madre mountains, San Sebastian** boasts a remote location and historic appeal. This outing offers fantastic scenery and typical scenes of rural Mexican life, making the journey into the mountains both thrilling and relaxing. The town is like a living museum, untouched by time.

You'll have time to wander about this beautiful mountain village of 600 residents, whose prosperity peaked in the 1700s. San Sebastian retains the essence of its colonial heritage, with its quaint cobblestone plaza lined with dignified white-washed buildings, a classic Porfirian bandstand, an 18th-century church, and many old-world haciendas.

Enjoy a traditional **lunch** in town before returning to the coast.

Notes:

The elevation of San Sebastian is 4,850 feet above sea level. Minimum age is 4 years.

Hidden Beaches by Speedboat with Horseback Ride (A Small-Group Tour)



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Adult \$144.95; Child \$89.95

Set out with a small group (maximum 28 privileged guests) for a more personalized experience on this **outstanding day of discovery and adventure**. Board a comfortable, all-weather, **inflatable speedboat** with an expert eco-guide -- the ultimate way to discover two traditional fishing villages and their spectacular **beaches**. Lush forest provides a spectacular backdrop to this area, which is accessible only by sea.

From the charming fishing village of **Yelpa**, take an interesting and insightful **horseback ride** to some beautiful **creeks**. Enjoy a **swim** in the refreshing river water if you wish.

Pizota village is the next stop -- a tiny settlement well off the radar of most travelers. The pace of life here is distinctly relaxed, and the spectacular **beach** provides a marvelous **snorkeling** and **kayaking** location.

Notes:

Snorkel gear, kayak use, lunch, soft drinks, bottled water, and alcoholic beverages after activities are included. Snorkeling is dependent upon the condition of the day. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen (no other kind is allowed in the water), light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat.

Participants must be able to swim; not suitable guests who cannot swim confidently. Swim at your own risk. Bring local currency, as many vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars. Minimum age is 10 years. Maximum weight is 250 lbs. Guests who are pregnant are not allowed to participate. This is a very active tour. Not advisable for guests with mobility limitations. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

Las Caletas Family Getaway, Beach & Snorkel



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 6¾ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$89.95

Journey by comfortable motor **catamaran** for one hour across the bay to **Las Caletas** -- former hideaway of movie director John Huston. Caletas is an idyllic paradise of small beaches and enchanting coastal havens.

Kayaking, cooking lessons, paddleboarding and snorkeling for all abilities are offered with the assistance of qualified instructors. Take a nature walk before you enjoy a buffet **lunch** and **an open bar**.

The **Kids' Adventure Park** offers **zip-lines** and a donkey ride; the **Teen Adventure Cove** offers a challenging obstacle course.

Lunch and cooling beverages are included.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen (no other kind is allowed in the

water), light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Minimum age to participate in snorkeling is 8 years. The Kids' Adventure Park is for children ages 4 to 11 years, minimum height is 3'2" (1m). At the Teen Adventure Cove, minimum age is 12 years. Tour does not operate on Sundays.

Luxury Sailing



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 5½ Hours
Price \$119.95

Relax aboard a **luxury sailing vessel**, swim in clear tropical waters and explore the natural wonders of Banderas Bay. Be as involved as you wish -- learn how to sail and take the helm or sit back and relax on one of the many cushioned mattresses and let the crew pamper you.

Swim and **snorkel** in Banderas Bay, and if weather permits, stop at a beautiful **beach** to enjoy the protected waters of a secluded cove.

Keep an eye out for a glimpse of wild dolphins, humpback whales (seasonal), manta rays or turtles.

Enjoy a **light lunch** of seasonal ingredients and an **open bar** along the way as your crew attends to your every need to ensure that your sailing experience is the adventure of a lifetime.

Notes:

Minimum age is 10 years. Shoes must be removed before you board the yacht. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen (no other kind is allowed in the water), light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Minimum age is 10 years. Shoes must be removed before boarding the yacht. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, a cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Majahuitas Cove Catamaran Snorkel & Yelapa Bay Beach



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Adult \$94.95; Child \$44.95

Kick back aboard a **spacious, modern catamaran** as you cruise the pretty coastline of **Banderas Bay**.

Jump into the beautiful blue Pacific to **snorkel** or **kayak** at gorgeous **Majahuitas Cove**, accessible only by sea. Among gorgeous landscapes, warm water and gentle surf, eco-conscious visitors watch abundant sea life. From November through March, the bay attracts sea turtles, dolphins, giant manta rays and humpback whales.

Yelapa, a charming Mexican fishing village set on a natural cove, is another must-see destination and a true escape from

civilization. **Hike** through the jungle to the **Cola de Caballo** (Horse Tail Waterfall), or simply relax on the sandy **beach**.

As you cruise back to Puerto Vallarta, an onboard **fiesta** wraps up a day of fun in the sun with an **open bar**, dancing, music, and entertainment provided by the crew.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen (no other kind is allowed in the water), light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Bring a light sweater or jacket. Snorkel and kayak gear is provided. Minimum age for water activities is 8 years. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Marina Vallarta, Old Town, Cathedral & Tequila Distillery



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$44.95; Child \$19.95

This half-day excursion combines the charms of Mexico old and new, beginning with a drive through **Marina Vallarta** village. Then, you will travel north to the countryside, driving through the quaint town of Ixtapa -- one of the few remaining farming areas around Puerto Vallarta.

Visit the **Hacienda Doña Engracia tequila factory** and learn about the process of converting the blue agave cactus into world-class tequila. **Sample** various grades and

flavors of Mexico's favorite liquor.

Browse for souvenirs en route to central **Puerto Vallarta**.

In the **downtown** area, your guide leads you **on foot** through charming cobblestone streets to the beautiful and popular **Malecón** (waterfront promenade). You will visit the **Cathedral of our Lady of Guadalupe** and the Old Town City Hall, with its magnificent waterfront views.

Guests wishing to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so but must make their own way back to the ship.

Notes:

Modest attire is required for visiting the cathedral; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered; shorts are not allowed. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Walking over cobblestones is required. Minimum age to taste tequila is 21 years.

Puerto Vallarta Highlights & Mexican Cooking Class



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$34.95

Always wanted to know the secret ingredients of your favorite Mexican dish? Spice up your cooking skills on this fun day out in Puerto Vallarta. Bring your appetite and roll up your sleeves for some **hands-on food fun**.

Before beginning your culinary adventure,

head to the center of **Puerto Vallarta** for a guided **walk** through this charming resort town situated on the Bay of Banderas. See the ever-popular Malecon (boardwalk area), the sea horse sculpture, incredible ocean views and the magnificent Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral. Explore **River Cuale Island**, nestled in the heart of downtown Puerto Vallarta, where you'll have time to **shop** for souvenirs.

Drive into the countryside to **La Dulce Vista** - a hacienda next to the Mascota River and the venue for your **cooking lesson**. Enjoy a welcome **margarita** as you prepare a Mexican salsa molcajete, tasty guacamole, pork tostadas and chicken enchiladas -- Mexican classics made with the freshest ingredients. The chef will select a variety of tequilas -- blanco, reposado and añejo -- from the local Hacienda Doña Engracia tequila factory to pair with your food.

After enjoying the meal that you had a hand in preparing, take some time to relax. **Swim** in the unheated pool or jacuzzi, explore the grounds and **botanical gardens**, enjoy views of the Mascota River or while away the day in a hammock.

Notes:

Minimum age to drink alcohol is 21 years. The road up to the hacienda may be muddy, dusty and/or bumpy. Guests who are pregnant or have a back or neck condition are not allowed to participate. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at

your own risk. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Puerto Vallarta Highlights: Old Town & Cathedral



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately. 4½ Hours
Adult \$44.95; Child \$19.95

Experience the ride along the main highway to the beautiful **Old Town of Puerto Vallarta**.

You'll pass along the Malecon -- a mile-long walkway along the expansive coastline of beautiful Banderas Bay. Watch for the famous *Sea Horse* statue by artist Rafael Zamarripa.

Continue past El Palacio Municipal (City Hall). The central plaza in the historical area features cobblestone streets and red-tile roofs.

Follow your guide on a **walk** to the **Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, which dominates the downtown skyline with its eclectic mix of architectural styles.

Stop by the lively and colorful **marketplace**, selling food, artisanal candies, snacks and cold beverages. There's time to **shop** here and enjoy a **margarita** (included).

Guests wishing to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so but must make their own way back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water.

Puerto Vallarta Private Touring - Half Day (Van)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional
Price \$449.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle and English-speaking driver-guide at your service. This exclusive tour allows you to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle and the personalized attention of your English-speaking driver-guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your interests. Take in the famous sights at your own pace or go beyond to create intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for single/solo travelers, couples, family, friends, and special-interest groups traveling together. Private vehicles can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 10 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private vehicles are ordered per vehicle (not

per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle and English-speaking driver-guide within Puerto Vallarta city limits - from Nuevo Vallarta in the north, to Mismaloya in the south. Travel outside of Puerto Vallarta city limits will be subject to additional charges by the tour operator. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Puerto Vallarta Sights: Old Town, Cathedral & Tequila



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$39.95

Travel by air-conditioned coach to visit the must-see places of **Puerto Vallarta**. Whether it's your first visit or your fourth, no problem -- there's something new for everyone.

Explore the colorful sights and sounds of the city on the cheerful and lively **malecón**. This modern **oceanfront promenade** is perfect for strolling, shopping and sightseeing.

Visit the iconic **Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, whose impressive Renaissance-style towers pay homage to its religious significance. At the **Cuale Island Market**, vendors and visitors haggle cheerfully over colorful souvenirs and produce.

Back on the coach, you'll continue to the historic **Old Town**. Admire the designs and patterns at **Mosaic Tile Park**, and shop for

jewelry and handicrafts at **Taxco Exporta**.

Finally, you'll visit a beautiful, **old-world Mexican hacienda** in the rural countryside. Participate in the great Mexican tradition of **tequila tasting**. Unlimited samples to help refine your palate. Some free time for a stroll through the lush, tropical grounds reveals a photographer's paradise.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Minimum age is 8 years. Minimum age to drink alcohol is 18 years, with a companion aged 21 years or older.

Rare Spirits of Puerto Vallarta at La Dulce Vista



Departs: 8:45 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 6 Hours
Price \$64.95

Puerto Vallarta blooms with artistic color and Mexico's warm charm. It's also one of the best places to experience tequila and find out how this spirit's legacy goes far beyond the margarita. See some of this seaside city's highlights, taste one of its most famous exports, and sample other rare spirits that are hard to find anywhere else.

Your tour begins with a short **panoramic drive** through downtown to the Malecon -- the waterfront. Set out on a one-hour **walking tour** to view the many sculptures along the waterfront and take in ocean views.

Visit the **Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe** and, in complete contrast, a local candy

factory and shop.

From here, drive to **La Dulce Vista**, a boutique villa hidden in a mountainside river canyon known for growing its own fruits, vegetables and herbs. An acclaimed **local chef** shows off some serious culinary skills.

In the adjacent Palapa Bar, meet the **mixologist** and taste a few cocktails with the house brand of **raicilla** -- a sweet spirit that is the funky cousin of tequila. Creative cocktails and delicious infusions incorporate exotic flavors.

An authentic Mexican **lunch** features fresh guacamole made with "Olé!" by a table-side chef.

Purchase some raicilla if you wish, **swim** in the gorgeous swimming pool or sit in the jacuzzi before heading back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk.

Sierra Madre Outdoor Challenge: Rappel, Mule Ride & Zip-Line



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$99.95

Experience the thrill of the **Sierra Madre jungle** on this **outdoor challenge** course designed for maximum fun.

Your adventure begins with an **APEX boat ride** and an **off-road adventure** to an unspoiled forest of rich ecological habitats. Learn a variety of wilderness lessons -- **ride a mule**, splash through streams, **rappel through a waterfall** into a natural river pool, and soar 250 feet above the ground over the jungle foliage on a series of eight **zip-lines**, a double cross, two hanging bridges, two waterslides, and a 10-minute hike. Guides help you to use the equipment and show you the required techniques. This is an educational wilderness adventure among the extraordinary landscape, flora and fauna of the Sierra Madre mountains.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen (no other kind is allowed in the water), light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes (athletic shoes or boots). Zip-line elements are between 10 and 250 feet above the ground. This tour is physically demanding; not suitable for guests who are not physically fit. Guests who are pregnant are not allowed to participate. Not

recommended for those with heart, seizure or balance disorders, or back, neck or shoulder conditions, or a fear of heights. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Maximum weight is 250 lbs; minimum age is 10 years; minimum height is 4'0". Tour operator reserves the right to refuse participation. Cameras are not permitted for safety reasons. Photo service is available for purchase. Bring a change of clothes; wear insect repellent. Tour does not operate on Sundays.

Tequila Tasting, Mayahuel Show & Lunch



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$79.95

Delve into the cultural significance of Mexico's national drink on this interactive adventure.

Begin with a motorcoach drive through Puerto Vallarta's lively downtown area, followed by a walk along the oceanfront **Malecon**. Take a moment to photograph the Church of Our Lady Guadalupe and *The Boy Upon the Seahorse* statue.

Gain a deeper understanding of tequila and its complexity from agave field to cocktail glass as a tequila master explains the manufacturing process and holds a **tasting session**.

Watch the visually stunning **Mayahuel Show** - adrenaline-fueled entertainment celebrating Aztec culture through music, dance, costume, and circus-style acrobatics.

Conclude with a **beachside lunch** of tacos. Learn the preparation secrets of this authentic Mexican treat.

Notes:

Minimum age is 18 years.

Tropical Forest Canopy Zip-Line Adventure



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 5½ Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$69.95

Just 60 minutes from the pier, discover a stunning profusion of Mexico's tropical flora and fauna in the heart of the tropical forest of the **Sierra Madre mountains**.

This truly thrilling **ecological experience** has you gliding through the treetops on a network of cables in **Puerto Vallarta's tropical forest**, offering a breathtaking view of the complex biological community below. With the assistance of an experienced guide, sail from tree to tree and platform to platform on a **zip-line network** of pulleys and cables mounted between 30 and 90 feet above the ground. There are 14 platforms, 10 horizontal traverses, a Tarzan swing, two hanging bridges, and two thrilling vertical descents.

Notes:

Wear closed-toe boots or tennis shoes. Bring insect repellent. Maximum weight is 250 lbs. Minimum age is 8 years Minimum height is 4 feet. Climbing and walking are required. Pregnant women, guests with back or neck

conditions, and those suffering from vertigo or with a fear of heights are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Cameras are not permitted on the tour. Photo service available for purchase. Tour does not operate on Saturdays.

Whale Photo Safari



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$79.95

Board an **APEX speedboat** and journey to the heart of **Banderas Bay**. A magical moment awaits you here as you encounter **wild dolphins and majestic humpback whales** in their natural habitat. Freedom of choice for the wildlife is the essence of this tour, as the marine mammals are free to come and go at will.

Seek, and hopefully find, the wildlife of the bay for some truly precious moments watching the whales and dolphins play, eat, and nurture their newborn calves. They are often seen breaching and performing peduncle slaps and tail slaps. Your expert guide will explain these behaviors.

Notes:

Minimum age 10 years. Guests who are pregnant or have a back or neck condition are not allowed to participate. Not advisable for guests with mobility limitations. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Whales, Wild Dolphins & Marietas Islands Snorkeling



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$39.95

Banderas Bay offers a sanctuary for a great profusion of nature and sea life. A **motorized catamaran** carries you out to the sheltered waters of the **Marietas Islands** -- an ideal habitat for year-round dolphin encounters. These friendly, adorable mammals like nothing more than to swim alongside the boat and show off their athletic prowess.

The catamaran will stop long enough to allow you to explore the **rocky caverns** and **archways** of Marietas Island. **Snorkeling, kayaking** and **paddleboarding** gear is provided, or you can take an eco-tour around the islands.

Humpback whales are regularly sighted in the bay from December through March, leaping out of the water or noisily slapping their enormous tails on the surface. Keep an eye out for giant manta rays, sea turtles and multi-colored fish as well.

Lunch is served on board the boat.

Notes:

Tour operates approximately mid-December through April. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen (no other kind is allowed in the water), light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk.

Guests with a heart condition are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. You will not swim or snorkel with wild dolphins on this tour. You will not land on the islands. Tour does not operate on Mondays.

Kona, Hawaii, US - Tuesday, February 6, 2024: Once the playground of Hawaii's royalty, Kona is synonymous with the famous coffee that grows on the slopes of dormant Hualalai. Here, too, is Parker Ranch, the largest privately owned ranch in the U.S.

A Taste of Kona



Departs: 10:30 AM
4 Hours
Price \$319.95

Awaken your senses with fresh island-grown products found in Kona's tropical agricultural environment. On this 'tasteful' tour, you'll visit unique **island farms** and learn how they transform their crops from field to finished product.

The slopes of Hualalai feature rich volcanic soil that nourishes the crops to yield vibrant tastes. At **Kokoleka Lani Farms**, explore a grove of cacao trees and see ripe pods sliced open to reveal the raw beans. Learn about the cacao-to-cocoa transformation and sample the flavor of locally made 70% dark chocolate.

Next stop -- the **Kona Natural Soap Company**. The owners will explain the intricacies underpinning their processes. Local ingredients such as Kona coffee, rainwater, cacao and kukui nut oil create a line of handcrafted soap and skin care products.

The brisk aroma of fresh coffee greets you at a farm high on the slopes of Hualalai -- the award-winning **Kona Joe Coffee**. Learn how 100% Kona coffee is grown and processed, and don't miss the on-site roasting facility. Before leaving this idyllic spot, you'll relax with a cup of gourmet Kona coffee and a

special coffee bean treat. Enjoy the magnificent scenery from the ocean-view lanai and take home a Kona Joe coffee mug as a souvenir.

End your outing with a scenic journey down Ali'i Drive, along the coastline and through the heart of lively, historical Kona town.

Atlantis Submarine Dive



Departs: 1:00 PM
Approximately 1 ¼ Hours
Adult \$239.95; Child \$119.95

Your adventure begins with a **seven-minute shuttle boat ride** from the Kailua-Kona pier along the scenic coastline of historical Kona town.

Climb aboard an **Atlantis submarine** -- the most technologically advanced passenger submarine line in the world.

The submarine will descend more than 100 feet beneath the surface of Kona's crystal-clear waters to explore 25 acres of **coral reef gardens**. The reef was formed from lava that flowed into

the ocean 18,000 years ago. Inhabited by hundreds of species of tropical fish, corals and other sea life, it is one of the most popular sites to view Hawaiian marine life.

This unforgettable journey aboard Atlantis' 48-passenger submarine has been featured in

National Geographic specials. The friendly crew will share their love of the ocean with you on this excursion. With a spacious air-conditioned interior, large viewports and comfortable seating, this one-of-a-kind submarine is your ticket to Hawaii's sea life.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Wear clothing suitable for boat transfers and navigating the submarine ladder. Dive time is approximately 45 minutes. Minimum height is 36 inches. Participants must be able to safely navigate a near-vertical, twelve-step ladder into and out of the submarine without assistance.

Captain Zodiac Rafting & Snorkel Adventure



Departs: 10:30 AM
Approximately 3 ½ Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$139.95

If you have a little pirate in your heart then step aboard, matey, and explore the scenic Kona Coast by **24-foot Zodiac ocean raft** in an intimate, small-group format.

Your captain/naturalist will "talk story" about Hawaii's history and the beautiful scenery on your 12-mile exploration of the coast. Seek out pods of dolphins, sea turtles, whales (January through March only), and other marine life along the way.

You're headed to **Kealakekua Bay** -- site of the **Captain Cook Monument**, accessible only by boat and an area of unsurpassed importance in Hawaiian history. Listen to snorkeling instructions (all gear is provided); then, hop into the waters of the Kealakekua Bay Marine Preserve -- home to hundreds of varieties of tropical fish and coral formations. Its calm, pristine waters make it the perfect snorkeling spot.

Enjoy a tropical **snack** of fresh local fruit, chips, soft drinks, water and cookies while the skipper tells tales of Captain Cook's encounters with the Hawaiians and the history of the bay.

Photo opportunities abound as you get close to the coastline's many **lava formations**, sea caves and blowholes. This tour is full of fun, adventure and education.

Notes:

Minimum age is 4 years. Maximum weight is 300 lbs. Ride will be bumpy. Pregnant women as well as guests with back or neck problems or recent surgeries are not allowed to participate. Waiver must be signed. Participants must be able to step from the dock down into/up onto (depends on the tide) the Zodiac. You will view the Captain Cook Monument from the boat only, as going ashore at Kealakekua Bay is strictly administered by National Park Service lottery and permit system. Wildlife sightings are

likely but are not guaranteed. It is recommended that guests dress in cool, loose layered clothing and wear flat, comfortable shoes. Guests should also bring a towel, hat and sunglasses.

Coffee Farm & Kealakekua Bay Snorkel



Departs: 10:30 AM
Approximately 7½ Hours
Price \$339.95

Captain James Cook, perhaps the most famous and prolific explorer and cartographer of all time, met his untimely death here on the Big Island of Hawaii. After sailing thousands of previously-uncharted miles around the globe, Cook met his end at the hands of a Hawaiian warrior here on the Big Island. A concurrence of seemingly unrelated but entirely relevant events caused the great man to make ill-advised decisions that sealed his fate. Follow in the great explorer’s footsteps on this **small-group adventure** by land and sea.

You will first head deep into Kona coffee country to explore **Bay View Farm** -- a working 24-acre Kona coffee farm nestled on the slopes of Mauna Loa volcano. The farm has been known for producing fine Kona coffee since 1984. You’ll see coffee berries growing on the trees and learn about the various steps and processes in growing, harvesting, and even brewing coffee – all of which happen right here on the farm. **Sample 100% Kona coffee** at a gorgeous overlook. Below are stunning views of Kealakekua Bay and the poignant and beautiful monument to Captain Cook, which stands on the only sliver

of non-embassy British land remaining in the United States.

Before there was coffee, there was kapu (taboo) -- the ancient system of Hawaiian laws. Should a person break a kapu and face almost certain death, (s)he could make his/her way to the Place of Refuge and be absolved. **Pu’uhonua o Honaunau National Historic Park** is one such place. Explore this historical 420-acre park with your National Park Service guide. See temple platforms, fishponds, and the remnants of ancient life in Hawaii.

Finally, take to the sea on a high-speed Zodiac-style raft. Explore the **sea caves and lava tubes** along the rugged Kona Coast. Keep an eye out for marine life all around you.

Reaching the sheltered and pristine waters of **Kealakekua Bay**, you’ll see the monument to Captain Cook from sea level. Enter the water for some snorkeling that ranks among the best in Hawaii -- ideal for both beginners and experienced snorkelers.

Notes: Notes: Minimum age is 5 years. Maximum weight is 275 lbs. Wear closed-toe shoes (mandatory). Terrain is uneven in places. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Guests with neck, back, or heart conditions are not allowed to participate. Participants must be able to swim in the open ocean. You are not allowed to go ashore when snorkeling at Kealakekua Bay, as visiting the Captain Cook monument is

strictly by permit.

Historical Kona Foodie Walk



Departs: 12:30 PM, 1:30 PM
2½ Hours
Price \$239.95

Set off from the pier on a **walking tour** to experience the **best restaurants** in Kona, some of which were featured on the show Diners, Drive-ins and Dives! Kona is a foodie’s paradise; immerse yourself in the Kona food scene, with stops at restaurants on beautiful Ali’i Drive. Each restaurant will be serving a **delicious dish** that will delight your senses. The focus is on local, fresh ingredients, with an emphasis on the fresh fish that Kona is known for.

Enjoy wonderful **drink pairings** with your tastings, featuring Hawaiian cocktails, local beer and fabulous wine.

In addition to tasting fabulous food and drinks, you will also learn about Kona’s fascinating and colorful history, focusing on the powerful Kings and Queens of the past and the interesting stories behind the origins and successes of the restaurants you will visit.

Your tour will end approximately one mile from the pier, allowing you time to explore on your own as you make your way back to the ship at your leisure.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses

and sunscreen. Bring a hat and a valid ID. Total walking distance is approximately 1 mile each way. Umbrellas are provided to protect from rain or sunshine.

Kona Coast Whale Watching



Departs: 1:00 PM
2½ Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$169.95

Every year between December and April, more than 8,000 humpback whales journey over 3,500 miles to Hawaii where they congregate to breed, calf, and nurse their young.

Set off on a 2½-hour **whale watching cruise** offering a rare opportunity to view and experience this incredible phenomenon. The catamaran offers plenty of shade on the upper deck as well as comfortable seating inside. Along the way, enjoy **light snacks** and beverages.

Onboard **naturalists** will help you spot the signature fluke and teach you about this fascinating migration. Hear singing humpback whales through the underwater **hydrophones**, and you may also see spinner dolphins, pilot and sperm whales, manta rays, sea turtles, and more.

Climb aboard for this amazing whale watching cruise and experience an unforgettable Hawaiian adventure!

Notes:

Wear sunglasses and sunscreen. Bring a hat. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Bring cash/credit cards for additional purchases.

Kona Coffee, Gold Coast & Cloud Forest Adventure



Departs: 10:30 AM, 2:30 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$209.95

Tour the slopes of **Hulalalai Volcano** from the mountain to the sea--a rare chance to visit the endangered tropical cloud forests high above Kona. You'll also experience one of the region's most prestigious Kona Coffee farms and explore the ancient fish traps of Kaloko Honokohau National Historical Park.

A ranger guide will escort you through the 70-acre **Cloud Forest Sanctuary**. Walking under a canopy of 30-foot tall tree ferns, ohia trees and bamboo, learn about the tropical flora, birds and the endangered cloud forest.

Tour an award-winning **Coffee Farm** and taste one of the most sought-after coffees in the world, grown right here on the volcanic slopes of Kona.

A scenic drive brings you to **Kaloko Honokohau National Historical Park**. Set out with your guide on a **short hike** to see the ancient heiau--sacred temples--and **petroglyphs** carved by the native Hawaiians who once lived here.

Walk to the sandy shore where ancient Hawaiians stored their stocks of fish in traps

and ponds. Hawaiian green sea turtles (honu), the very rare Hawaiian monk seal, dolphins and whales are sometimes also seen here.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. This activity entails a significant amount of walking on uneven terrain and is thus not suitable for individuals with walking limitations. Additionally, it should be noted that the incline at the cloud forest is quite steep and may prove challenging for inexperienced hikers. The closed toe shoes are mandatory. Guests suffering from neck, back or heart conditions are not allowed to participate. Children 7 years and under require a car seat, per Hawaii state law; the tour operator can supply a child safety or booster seat at no charge with advance notice to the Shore Excursions office on board.

Kona Highlights (A Small-Group Tour)



Departs: 1:30 PM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Price \$144.95

Make the most of your day on the Big Island by upgrading to this **small-group outing** with a maximum of 25 privileged guests.

Visit Kona's **Painted Church**, set in a quiet country village and known for its dramatic murals.

Travel to Pu'uhonua o Honaunau, or the **Place of Refuge**. This well-maintained **National Historical Park** was a refuge where absolution would be granted to ancient

Hawaiian lawbreakers and vanquished warriors if they were fortunate enough to get here ahead of their pursuers. Today, the park features attractive grounds and interesting displays of Hawaiian artifacts.

Stop along the way at the **Royal Kona Coffee** store for a **sample** of coffee before returning to the pier.

Kona Highlights (Wheelchair Accessible)



Departs: 1:00 PM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 3½ Hours
Price \$109.95

Visit Kona's **Painted Church**, set in a quiet country village and known for its dramatic murals.

Travel to Pu'uhonua o Honaunau, or the **Place of Refuge**. This well-maintained **National Historical Park** was a refuge where absolution would be granted to ancient Hawaiian lawbreakers and vanquished warriors if they were fortunate enough to get here ahead of their pursuers. Today, the park features attractive grounds and interesting displays of Hawaiian artifacts.

Stop along the way at the **Royal Kona Coffee** store for a **sample** of coffee before returning to the pier.

Notes:

The content of this tour is identical to Kona Highlights. Only guests using a wheelchair can book this tour, as it ensures accessible transportation. Due to the specialized nature

of some lift-equipped vehicles, priority is given to guests using a wheelchair and one companion only; additional companions may be required to travel on the transportation provided for the Kona Highlights tour. Bookings not marked with an accessibility requirement will be removed from the tour's inventory.

The lift on the vehicle can accommodate a maximum weight of 500lbs; maximum wheelchair lift width is 30 inches. Kona is a tender port.

Kona Highlights



Departs: 1:00 PM
3½ Hours
Price \$109.95

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Stop along the way at the **Royal Kona Coffee** store for a **sample** of coffee before returning to the pier.

Kona Joe Coffee Farm & Roasting Experience



Departs: 10:45 AM
3 Hours
Price \$289.95

The most complete coffee experience available anywhere. Become a roast-master and coffee expert!

A scenic 30-minute drive from the pier brings you to the lush, tropical realm of **Kona Joe Coffee**, a farm set on a hilltop with a 270-degree view of the Kona coast. Kona Joe's patented growing process for crafting coffee results in truly remarkable brews, legendary here in Hawaii and around the world.

Enjoy a 30-minute **guided tour** with an agronomic engineer and a short video presentation offer insights into Kona Joe's unique approach, which combines traditional practices with modern technologies. Of course, you will get to **taste** Kona Joe's superb coffees and enjoy a selection of the farm's almost equally famous **chocolate delicacies**.

On a small version drum-roaster, roast 10 ounces of coffee to your personal taste, package and **take it home** with you! A one-of-a-kind coffee experience only available at Kona Joe Coffee.

Feel the breezes and drink in the views on the sun-kissed lanai, a perfect spot to enjoy a delectable cuppa Joe. Be sure to browse the **gift shop** and showroom for an opportunity to purchase Kona Joe products, original artwork, signature clothing and custom jewelry before returning to the pier.

Notes:

Wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes, sunglasses and sunscreen. Bring a hat. The walking tour is all on flat terrain. Minimum age to participate in the roasting experience is 16 years; guests under 16 will be an observer only.

Pelagic Wildlife Excursion



Departs: 10:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$119.95

Enjoy a **wildlife-watching** tour with an experienced naturalist captain and crew who will share their passion and respect for the ocean and its inhabitants with you. Kona is one of the few coastlines in the world with numerous species of wildlife year-round.

Climb aboard a military-grade, 24-foot Zodiac Hurricane to explore the diverse habitat provided by Hawaii's deep underwater geography -- an ocean safari for the true adventure-seeker. Keep an eye out for 17 resident whale and dolphin species, turtles, sharks, Hawaiian monk seals and other species.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Minimum age is 4 years. Maximum weight is 300 lbs. Shade is limited. To avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses. Wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Ride will be bumpy.

Pregnant women, guests with back or neck problems or recent surgeries are not allowed to participate.

Hilo, Hawaii, US - Wednesday, February 7, 2024:

On the lush side of the Big Island find world-class botanical gardens, macadamia-nut plantations and, of course, the molten lava flows of Kilauea, home of Pele, hotheaded goddess of fire.

Explore Hilo's Highlights



Departs: 8:30 AM, 12:30 PM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$109.95

A **panoramic drive** down Banyan Drive -- Hilo's Walk of Fame -- brings you to the **Liliuokalani Garden**. This is the most extensive Japanese-style garden outside of Asia, and a drive through it sets a very pretty picture indeed.

Your trip continues to **Big Island Candies** -- the source of perhaps the most enticing cookies and chocolates on the island of Hawaii. Your unwavering commitment to researching the quality of candy globally is the perfect excuse to make a purchase here.

Next up is the majestic **statue of King Kamehameha** overlooking Hilo Bay. This is quite meaningful to Big Island residents, as Kamehameha was the man responsible for unifying the Kingdom of Hawaii -- a somewhat brutal endeavor but a lasting legacy, nonetheless.

Visit the **Farmer's Market** in the heart of downtown Hilo and take photos during a stop at nearby **Rainbow Falls**.

At the **Mauna Loa Macadamia Visitor Center**, seize the opportunity to purchase Hawaii's most recognizable delights and indulgences.

Your last stop is at the **bayfront black-sand beach in Hilo**. See the sands and flows left by

exploded lava along the coast. With a bit of luck, you may also spot green sea turtles on the beach, working on their tans and whiling away the day in an earnest state of slumber.

Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden



Departs: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$119.95

Explore the magnificent Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden, located north of Hilo on the **Hamakua Coast**.

You will have 1½ - 2 hours to **stroll on your own** through a slice of tropical rain forest, complete with orchids, heliconias, ginger, waterfalls, a fern garden, exotic birds and ocean shoreline.

More than 2,000 different species of plants are all labeled, including a very large display of orchids.

En route back to the ship, relax on a guided panoramic mini-tour of Hilo's Old Town.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair.

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park & A Taste of the Big Island



Departs: 8:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Approximately 6½ Hours
Price \$269.95

Awaken your senses with some of the finest culinary treats on the **Big Island**, including **100% Hawaii-grown coffee**, wine, and handmade chocolates made exclusively on the island. You'll also explore **Kilauea Volcano**, taking the road-less-traveled in a small group of no more than 12 travelers.

Enjoy visiting the famous **Mauna Loa Mac Nut Factory** for a tasting and shopping stop.

Upon arrival at **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park**, enjoy a leisurely **stroll** with your small group and your experienced guide. You'll appreciate the incredible changes the landscape has undergone since the May 2018 eruption. The Kilauea Volcano has been highly active and has changed the island in extraordinary ways. Witness how its explosive power has expanded the **Halema'uma'u Crater**. Walk across new lava formations and see the regeneration of the native Hawaiian rain forest in its first stages of life. Embrace this natural wonder named a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 1982.

Then get ready to visit Hawaii Island's only winery, Volcano Winery. Nestled on the slopes of Kilauea volcano, you will have the opportunity to enjoy an exclusive wine event that provides a glass of Volcano Winery's

signature wines.

No gourmet adventure would be complete without a stop at **Big Island Candies**, known for their handmade macadamia nut shortbread cookies dipped in chocolate.

Notes:

Elevation at the National Park is 4,000 feet. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Outer layer should be waterproof and windproof. Wear comfortable closed-toe walking shoes. Participants must negotiate stairs and/or uneven surfaces. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Minimum age is 10 years. Minimum age to drink alcohol is 21 years. Natural sulfur gases may affect those with respiratory conditions. The terrain consists of paved paths and unpaved trails. Walking on the lava formations is optional -- it is uneven terrain.

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park & Gardens



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$169.95; Child \$159.95

Visit Hawaii's Volcano National Park, and the world's most active volcano **Kilauea**. Volcano National Park was recognized in 1980 as a designated international Biosphere Reserve and **UNESCO World Heritage site**.

See the home of Pele the goddess of fire and volcano at **Halema'uma'u Crater**. Visit the Visitor Information Center and learn about Kilauea. See the steam fields. Your experienced guide will provide information and narration as you drive through the "Hilo Walk of Fame" known for all the banyan trees planted by celebrities.

Visit **Liliuokalani Gardens**, the largest ornamental Japanese garden outside of Japan. See the Lava Rock Beach and hilo bay. See large green sea turtles sunbathing on the rocks. Truly a site to see in Hilo.

Notes:

This tour is not suitable for those in wheelchairs or whom have walking difficulties there is about a 100 yard walk from the bus to the Crater Look Out.

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park & Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Factory



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Price \$119.95

Hawaiian lore claims that the Big Island was shaped by Pele -- the legendary goddess of fire. Today you will head to Pele's home -- **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park** -- at 4,300 feet above sea level. The ever-changing landscape around you includes the impressive, headline-grabbing **Kilauea Volcano**. You will see the results of Hawaii's newest eruptions from Kilauea Iki and step inside the **Visitor Center** to learn about the

forces at work here. **Walk** along the volcanic ridge and explore the natural steam vents that are a tangible and fascinating reminder of the forces at work beneath you.

Sit back and enjoy a drive through macadamia nut orchards as you approach the **Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Factory**. While at the Visitor Center, enjoy free time to shop for an array of island treats and gifts, including the exclusive selection of Mauna Loa products found nowhere else.

Notes:

You will not see molten lava on this tour. Wear closed-toe shoes; bring a sweater or jacket.

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park & Waterfall Explorer



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Price \$259.95

Enjoy the best of the Big Island through **easy interpretive nature walks**, from volcanic landscapes to waterfalls. Your small-group tour begins with a trip along the lush Onomea Bay Scenic Drive to the famous **Akaka Falls**. View this breathtaking 440-foot waterfall set among the beautiful valleys of Hawaii's Hamakua Coast. See **Rainbow Falls** -- a cascading 80-foot waterfall right in the heart of Hilo.

Continue your journey down the southern part of the island to enter **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park**. With your ranger-trained



guide, you will stop by the **Kilauea Visitor Center** to browse among the informative displays and park information. Your guide will reveal the park's highlights as you learn about the active volcanic craters, sulfur banks and steam vents.

Finish up your Big Island exploration with a brief stop for **shopping** on **Banyan Drive**. A picnic-style **lunch** is included along the way.

Notes:

Participants must be able to negotiate stairs to view Akaka Falls. While this is not a hiking tour, please be aware that the longest nature walk is about a half mile each way. Guests with a heart condition are not allowed to participate. Children 7 years and under require a car seat, per Hawaii state law; the tour operator can supply a child safety or booster seat at no charge with advance notice to the Shore Excursions office on board. Wear sturdy, closed-toe walking shoes (mandatory).

Hilo's Exclusive Farm-to-Glass Experience



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$249.95

Ola Brew Company is one of Hawaii's very first agricultural breweries focusing on working with farmers, using locally grown crops and turning them into delicious hard seltzers, ciders, teas, and beers. Ola's products are quite innovative. Learn how the **liliko'i, vanilla, lychee, lemongrass** and other delicious flavors come to life in their zesty libations. Take a walk through the farm fields

and sample the flavors being grown right before you, learning about the processes that bring the final product to market.

O.K. Farms is one of the many farms that Ola Brew works with, and the famous Wailuku River borders it. The 1000-acre estate features many waterfall views, vast gorges and premium views of the bay. Visit the enchanting **Kaimukanaka waterfall**, where two major rivers come together and join into a breathtaking confluence waterfall. End your time on the farm by taking in the iconic views of **Rainbow Falls** from a private, secluded lookout. This unique vantage point allows for a once-in-a-lifetime look at the falls that public access does not provide.

Returning to **Ola Brew's taproom**, sample some fabulous locally made **American-Asian fusion food** paired with **flights of their stylish beverages**, bringing the experience full circle from farm to table.

Notes:

Minimum age is 10 years. Wear closed-toe shoes; bring a light rain jacket. Water, food, drink samples, umbrellas and rain ponchos are provided.

Wear comfortable walking shoes. The factory at Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut is closed on Sundays and is seasonal, however, a video of the working factory is shown. The gift shop and snack bar are open daily. After the tour, there is an optional drop-off at Hilo Hattie's for shopping.

Hilo's Waterfalls & Gardens



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$159.95

The **Hilo Walk of Fame** is comprised of a series of banyan trees planted by celebrities. You'll drive through this leafy labyrinth en route to **Liliuokalani Gardens**. The latter is the most extensive ornamental Japanese garden outside of Japan.

View one of Hawaii's most important statues of King Kamehameha -- the man who unified the islands into a kingdom.

Enjoy expert commentary from your guide as you pass through the town of Hilo to **Wailuku State Park**. This is where you will find picturesque **Rainbow Falls**.

Continue to the majestic **Akaka State Park**, where two gorgeous waterfalls tumble into an eroded gorge. The first is the 100-foot Kahuna Falls, and the second is the towering Akaka Falls, which plummets 422 feet down the cliff.

Take in the brilliant colors and tranquil surroundings at the **Pana'ewa Zoo and Gardens**. More than 100 varieties of palms, orchids, tropical rhododendrons, flowering and fruit trees, as well as birds and animals, are on display. Take a seat and enjoy a boxed **lunch** on the grounds of this tropical paradise.

Notes:

Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes.

Historical Hilo & Akaka Falls



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$115.95

Discover four of Hilo's favorite attractions, beginning with **Rainbow Falls**, one of the Big Island's loveliest sights -- a cascade of water that often makes its own rainbow.

Next, enjoy **free time** to explore the historical town of **Hilo**, featuring centuries-old wooden storefronts and a variety of shops, restaurants, galleries and cultural sites. Be sure to venture into the colorful **Farmer's Market**. Here, you'll find locally produced items, including coffee, chocolate and exotic tropical fruits, as well as many Hawaiian handicrafts.

Departing Hilo, see the breathtaking **Akaka Falls** -- the longest unbroken waterfall in the state, plunging 442 feet over a volcanic cliff. **Walk** along the one-mile natural pathway through lush tropical forest to view the falls.

No visit to the 'Big Island' would be complete without a stop at **Big Island Candies**. View the creative process of candy-making and stock up on world-famous handmade Hawaiian treats before returning to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour does not operate on holidays. If tour operates on a Sunday, Big Island Candies will be open but

guests may not see active candy production.

Jungle Falls Bike Adventure



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 6½ Hours
Price \$169.95

This exciting day out begins with a **panoramic drive** along the beautiful Hamakua coastline to the rain forest at **Botanical World Adventures**.

Hop on a **bicycle** and head off on an incredible ride through the **Hamakua Coast** region, historically dominated by Hawaii's sugar industry. You will bike a segment of the **Old Mamalahoa Highway**, surrounded by green rolling pastures and lush scenery. This once well-traveled road takes you back in time, through old plantation villages, over bridges from the early 1900s, and through an abundance of greenery. View beautiful streams and waterfalls originating from the slopes of Mauna Kea as you cross over each bridge.

Enter the **botanical gardens** to discover flora from all over the world -- fruit trees, orchids, grasses, brightly-colored tropical flowers and seasonal jewels and gems.

A transfer by van brings you to a **waterfall** on the property for one last fantastic photo opportunity.

En route back to the pier, you'll stop at the **Low Store** (1925) -- a family-owned treasure selling tropical smoothies and Hawaiian shaved ice (at your own expense). At Onomea Bay, visit **Big Island Candies**, famous for the

ultimate temptation of macadamia nut shortbread cookies dipped in chocolate.

Notes:

Minimum age is 12 years. Minimum height is 4'6". Participants must be comfortable riding a bike uphill, downhill, and over uneven terrain. Wear comfortable, layered clothing. Wear closed-toe shoes (mandatory). A helmet is provided and must be worn. Tour operates rain or shine but may be canceled by the operator in the event of extremely bad weather or unsuitable conditions. Minimum age is 12 years. Tour does not operate on Tuesdays.

Maunakea Summit Adventure



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Price \$279.95

Welcome to **Maunakea** the world's tallest oceanic mountain. Maunakea is 13,804 feet tall and is Hawaii's tallest volcano. It's home to the most productive ground based telescopes in the world.

More discoveries and Nobel prize winners are all made from these observatories. Viewing our beautiful island from the summit is a once in a lifetime adventure. Visit the Maunakea visitor information center and get you or your loved ones a wonderful gift.

See one of the most endangered plants in the world the **Maunakea silversword** (ahinahina). Learn about Maunakea and its observatories.

Rainbow Falls is a beautiful 80 ft tall waterfall along Hawaii's longest river, the Wailuku River. Rainbow Falls gets its name because if the sun is in the right position it casts a Rainbow through the mist of the waterfall. This beautiful waterfall lies within a mango Grove and it is truly a sight to see.

Notes:

Weather changes can occur quickly and the access road to the summit can close without warning, therefore we cannot guarantee access to the summit or favorable conditions. Please wear pants and comfortable shoes. We will provide parkas and gloves for you. The temperature can dip below freezing when at high elevation on the mountain. Guests should be able to walk on uneven or rocky terrain. Because of high altitude this tour is not advised for those with respiratory, circulatory or heart conditions, pregnancy or poor health. Scuba divers should be aware of altitude dangers.

Rain Forest Zip-Line & Waterfall Adventure



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$279.95

Enjoy a scenic, narrated drive along the beautiful **Hamakua coastline** from the cruise ship pier to the rain forest at **Botanical World Adventures**.

This is an **eight-stage zip-line course**, surrounded by nature's beauty. Hike from one line to the next in this tropical wonderland

and cross a **suspension bridge** that cuts through the jungle with several small waterfalls below your feet!

After your zip-line course, you have time to stroll through the **gardens**. The gardens surround you with an entourage of foliage from all over the world, as there is fruit in the trees above you, orchids blossoming beside you, and a carpet of grass below you.

Finally, view beautiful streams and waterfalls originating from the slopes of **Mauna Kea** as you cross over each bridge.

Notes:

Minimum age is 10 years. Minimum weight is 70 lbs; Maximum weight is 265 lbs. Children between the ages of 4-10, weighing over 35 lbs, can participate with 24 hours' notice. You may be weighed. Participants must be able to walk short-to-medium distances on well-maintained trails, up approximately 68 stairs and have an adventurous attitude about soaring to heights of over 200 feet. Not suitable for pregnant women or for guests with medical conditions such as heart disease or back and neck conditions. Tour operates rain or shine but may be canceled by the operator in the event of extremely bad weather or unsuitable conditions. All gear and accessories are provided. Wear comfortable clothing. Wear sturdy, closed-toe walking shoes. Bring a light jacket or sweater. Participants must be able to walk on rocky and uneven terrain and be capable of a moderate four-mile walk. Significant elevation changes occur on the descent into and ascent out of the crater.

Lunch, bottled water and all gear and accessories are provided. Wear comfortable clothing, sturdy, closed-toe walking shoes, and a light jacket or sweater is recommended. You must be able to walk on rocky and uneven terrain and be capable of a moderate four-mile walk. There are significant elevation changes on the descent into and ascent out of the crater. Minimum age is 8 years; maximum weight is 265 lbs.

The Land of Frozen Fire



Departs: 8:30 AM, 12:30 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$179.95

"Go with the flow!" is the mantra on Hawaii, where the local people are used to daily volcanic eruptions as Pele (the volcano goddess) demonstrates the raw power of nature. Volcanoes such as Kilauea can both destroy and create -- a plurality that is spectacularly on display in the lower east rift zone of the Big Island. Here, the 2014 and 2018 eruptions created the island's newest black-sand beach.

You'll also stop at one of **Puna's most iconic landmarks**, the Painted Church.

Enjoy a shopping stop in charming downtown **Hilo** to sample and purchase local goods before returning to the pier.

Notes:

Closed toe-shoes are mandatory. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with

mobility limitations. Tour requires walking unaided up to 200 yards over uneven terrain. Participants must negotiate stairs and/or uneven surfaces. Minimum age is 5 years. In the case of closures due to maintenance or volcanic activity, alternative sites may be substituted. Tour operation and sequence is Civil Defense or USGS permitting. This tour is intended to showcase the latest volcanic events; changes on the day of your tour may reflect this.

Tropical Farm, Fruit, & Falls



Departs: 8:30 AM, Noon
Approximately 3 Hours
Price \$199.95

Explore the hundreds of acres that make up O.K. Farm and the surrounding natural areas. Entice your senses with a walk on the **Spice Road** as you smell, taste and feel the diversity of the spice crops growing on the Hawaiian-owned farm. O.K. Farm grows an abundance of tropical crops ranging from cacao (chocolate), coffee, macadamia nuts, lychee, longan, rambutan, cinnamon, nutmeg, and heart of palm.

Taste a variety of fresh fruits in season and learn how to crack a macadamia nut. Walk through the **coffee and cacao orchard** to see how coffee and chocolate are grown and processed.

The famous **Wailuku River** borders O.K. Farm, whose 1000-acre estate features many waterfall views, vast gorges and premium views of the bay. Visit the enchanting **Kaimukanaka waterfall**, where two major rivers come together and join into a

breathtaking confluence waterfall. End your time on the farm by taking in the iconic views of **Rainbow Falls** from a private, secluded lookout. This unique vantage point allows for a once-in-a-lifetime look at the falls that public access does not provide.

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Notes:

Minimum age is 10 years. Wear closed-toe shoes; bring a light rain jacket. Water, food, drink samples, umbrellas and rain ponchos are provided. Tour does not operate on Sundays.

The factory at Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut is closed on Sunday and is seasonal, however, a video of the working factory is shown. The gift shop and snack bar are open daily.

Volcano Winery Tasting Experience



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Price \$239.95

Wine tasting in paradise is just a sip away at **Volcano Winery** -- America's southernmost winery. Take a tour of this facility, perched 4,000 feet above sea level in the middle of volcano country. The terrain created exceptionally fertile soil and unique growing conditions.

Taste local **wines** inspired by volcanic fire and the bounty of the island. Tropical fruits such as yellow guava and the exotic jaboticaba

berry are blended with traditional wine grapes and transformed into vibrant creations that capture the playful spirit of Hawaiian paradise. Of course, no winery tour would be complete without a **premium wine tasting paired with gourmet cheese and crackers** .

Notes:

Minimum age is 21 years. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Corkage policy: Wine purchased on this tour is exempt from the onboard corkage fee (offer limited to one bottle of wine per person).

Volcanoes National Park & Rainbow Falls (Small Group Tour)



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 4½ Hours
Price \$169.95

Your journey by air-conditioned minibus begins with a drive from Hilo, climbing through a lush rain forest. Upon arrival at the **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park**, your minibus will travel along portions of Crater Rim Drive and Chain of Craters Road for breathtaking views. See otherworldly landscapes of twisted lava rock flows, sulfur banks and lava beds. Near the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, you will see panoramic views of Kilauea's caldera and Halema'uma'u Crater. You will stop at the **Visitor Center** to see exhibits explaining the history and geology of Hawaii's volcanoes.

At the **Thurston Lava Tube**, take a short walk through a prehistoric-looking tree-fern forest to a cave-like tube. This lava tube was once

filled with red-hot molten lava hundreds of years ago.

Before returning to the pier, you'll visit **Rainbow Falls**. This iconic waterfall features an 80-foot-tall cascade and is surrounded by tropical flora. Look for the eponymous rainbow effect produced by the spray.

Notes:

Participants must negotiate stairs and/or uneven surfaces. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Tour sequence may vary. This tour does not view molten lava flows. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Bring a rain jacket or umbrella in case of showers.

Volcanoes National Park & Rainbow Falls



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Price \$159.95

Your journey begins as you board your air-conditioned minibus and drive from Hilo, climbing through a lush rain forest, to Volcanoes National Park. Upon arrival at the **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park**, your minibus will travel along portions of Crater Rim Drive and Chain of Craters Road for breathtaking views of the park's incredible sights. See otherworldly landscapes: twisted lava rock flows, sulfur banks and lava beds. According to Hawaiian legend, it is bad luck

to take home pieces of lava rock (and many disbelievers have found this out, as rocks are mailed back to Hawaii each year). Located near the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, you will see panoramic views of Kilauea Caldera and Halema'uma'u Crater. We will also make a stop at the **Visitor Center** where you'll see exhibits explaining the history and geology of Hawaii's volcanoes.

Before returning to the pier, visit **Rainbow Falls**, an iconic waterfall featuring an 80-foot-tall cascade surrounded by tropical flora. Look for the rainbow effect produced by the spray that gives the waterfall its name.

Notes:

Participants must negotiate stairs and/or uneven surfaces and is therefore not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Tour order may vary. This tour of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park does not view molten lava flows. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, rain jacket and umbrella in case of showers

Waterfall, Pana'ewa Zoo & Black-Sand Beach



Departs: 8:30 AM
6 Hours
Price \$229.95

Join this exploration of Hilo's famous waterfalls, Pana'ewa Zoo and Gardens, and black-sand Punalu'u Beach with a deli-style picnic lunch.

At **Hilo Coffee Mill**, tour the farm and learn about the process of making some of the

richest coffee in the world.

Next up is the **Pana'ewa Zoo and Gardens**, situated on 12 acres within the Pana'ewa Forest. The zoo was completed in 1978, currently houses almost 200 animals, and receives approximately 125 inches of rain a year.

Picturesque **Punalu'u Beach** is lined with swaying coconut palm trees and is one of the best black-sand beaches on the island. Stroll along the beach to look for honu (green sea turtles) feeding just offshore or sun-worshipping on the sand.

In quaint **Hilo town**, you'll drive along the historical waterfront to the **Boiling Pots**. Impressive photo opportunities are often found here when the river "boils" up through depressions in the rocks.

You will follow the Wailuku River to **Rainbow Falls**. This iconic waterfall features an 80-foot twin waterfall system. Look for the rainbow effect that gives the waterfall its name.

There's time to shop for macadamia nuts, local crafts and products, Kona coffee and more on your way back to the port.

Notes:

Minimum age is 5 years. Maximum weight is 275 lbs. Wear closed-toe shoes (mandatory). Participants must be able to walk over uneven terrain and climb stairs without assistance. Not suitable for guests with heart, neck or back conditions.

Waterfalls & Highlights of the Hamakua Coast



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 6½ Hours
Price \$259.95

Explore the famed **Hamakua Coast** -- home to magnificent country reminiscent of Old Hawaii. Sparsely populated Hamakua is studded with breathtaking waterfalls, stunning valleys, and eccentric, eclectic towns.

Travel north from Hilo to stop at **Tex Drive-In**, famous for made-to-order **malasadas**. These fried Portuguese sweet treats were initially brought to Hawaii by immigrants who worked in the cattle industry. They've been a local favorite ever since. Watch the treats and coffee being made through the window, both of which are available for purchase.

Waipio -- the Valley of the Kings -- is a place of impossibly steep cliffs carved by plunging waterfalls. The cliffs and the falls cascade more than a thousand feet to the valley floor below. Waipio Valley has been home to taro farmers for a thousand years. From the overlook, if you're lucky, you may catch a glimpse of the wild horses that roam the terrain below.

Turning off the highway, you'll descend to **Laupahoehoe Point**. Laupahoehoe village was located here until the 1946 tsunami forced displaced townspeople to move to higher ground. Look for the monument naming those who lost their lives here.

Next, visit **Akaka Falls State Park** -- site of the largest readily accessible waterfall on the island. You'll traverse a paved **walking** path right through the center of the lush rain forest to reach **Akaka Falls**. This stunning waterfall plunges 442 feet down into the water below.

Travel to historical Hilo Bay to enjoy a **deli-style sandwich**. Spend time here relaxing, swimming, snorkeling or rent a kayak (at your own expense) to explore the bay. Continue your adventure with stops at two iconic locations -- **Rainbow Falls** and the **King Kamehameha statue**.

Complete your day with a **shopping** stop to browse for Hawaiian macadamia nut samples, Hawaii island crafts, local products and Kona coffee.

Notes:

Minimum age is 5 years. Maximum weight is 275 lbs. Wear closed-toe shoes (mandatory). Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Terrain is uneven with stairs. Not suitable for guests with heart, neck or back conditions.

Waterfalls Spectacular: Akaka Falls & Rainbow Falls



Departs: 8:30 AM, 12:30 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$179.95

On this **small-group excursion**, you will discover two of the Big Island's tallest and most beautiful waterfalls.

Start with a drive through an oceanfront rain forest and the scenic highlights of Hilo on the way to **Rainbow Falls**. Take a stroll through the banyan trees or enjoy the view of the falls before heading along Onomea Bay Scenic Drive.

Stop for breathtaking views and photos of the waves crashing in the bay below you.

Continue to the majestic **Akaka Falls** -- 440 feet tall -- before a short **shopping** stop on Banyan Drive.

Notes:

Wear sturdy, closed-toe walking shoes (mandatory). Guests with back or neck conditions are not allowed to participate. Children 7 years and under require a car seat, per Hawaii state law; the tour operator can supply a child safety or booster seat at no charge with advance notice to the Shore Excursions office on board.

Honolulu, Hawaii, US - Thursday, February 8, 2024: Classic Hawaiian allure: pineapple plantations, surfing beaches, hula shows, luaus and high-energy discos. Quieter moments await at the *Arizona* Memorial.

Atlantis Submarine & Waikiki On Your Own



Departs: 10:00 AM
5¼ Hours
Adult \$269.95; Child \$139.95

An Atlantis submarine ride is an eye-opening experience that takes you well beyond the classroom as you learn about coral, reef life and submersibles.

Your adventure begins a transfer from the ship to Waikiki's Hilton Hawaiian Village, where you will be escorted to the Atlantis pier. Board the Atlantis transfer vessel for a short **boat** ride with scenic views of Waikiki and Diamond Head.

At the Atlantis dive site, climb aboard an **Atlantis high-tech passenger submarine**. Being in a submarine and descending to **100 feet underwater** is an adventure in itself. With a spacious air-conditioned interior, large view ports and comfortable seating, the submarine allows you access to Hawaii's sea life -- a "must-do" for anyone that hasn't been to the bottom of the sea before.

Sunken shipwrecks, an airplane and other artificial reefs are on the route, and the friendly crew will share their love of the ocean with you. Marine life you will see up close will likely include Hawaiian fish, coral, rays, and turtles.

Enjoy two and a half hours of **free time** in the **Waikiki** area to explore on your own, **shop** or

hit the beach before reboarding your combined transfer back to the ship.

Notes:

Minimum height is 36". Participants must be able to safely navigate a nearly vertical, 12-step ladder into and out of the submarine. The transportation is shared with guests booked on Wakiki On Your Own.

Behind-the-Scenes Exclusive at Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum & Battleship Missouri



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$439.95; Child \$349.95

Stand on the hallowed grounds of the Pearl Harbor battlefield as you learn the incredible in-depth history behind the events of December 7, 1941. This exclusive behind-the-scenes experience is not available to the public.

Visit the hangars that withstood the attack, still marked with bullet holes, and enjoy a guided tour of the **Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum**.

Your outing includes exclusive access to the historic **Ford Island Control Tower**, not open to the public.

See video footage of American and Japanese aircraft engaged in aerial combat as you hear about the little-known but extremely harrowing battle over the small Hawaiian

island of Niihau. It is the story of a determined Japanese pilot and the Hawaiian heroes that thwarted his escape. Learn of the C-47 and B-17, known as the Swamp Ghost.

You will stand on the Surrender Deck of **USS Missouri**, where World War II finally ended. Hear the story and see the impact of the *kamikaze* attack on Mighty Mo. Explore the below decks to see what Navy life was really like.

Lunch is served along the way.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour requires walking approximately 1.5 miles on uneven terrain. The visit to the Control Tower requires climbing 50 steps. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water in a clear plastic bottle only. This tour is on an active-duty military base with a strict no-bag policy; lockers are available to rent. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Beyond the Call to Duty: Pearl Harbor Museums & Memorials



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 9 Hours
Price \$419.95

Revisit key historic moments from World War II -- from Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor to its surrender aboard the battleship USS Missouri -- on a full-day tour that pays homage to Hawaii's central role in the events that shaped history.

Your day begins when you journey by small, luxury **mini-coach** along the Nimitz Highway. Listen to an informative World War II narration and tips on making the most of your visit -- a day of reflection and discovery with a small group and a knowledgeable navigator.

At the **Pearl Harbor Visitor Center**, an introductory video presentation highlights the events leading up to the Pearl Harbor attack, with actual footage filmed in 1941.

Step into the life of a sailor at the **USS Bowfin Submarine Museum** and Park. The Balao-class submarine, launched one year after the December 7 attack and dubbed the Pearl Harbor Avenger, is one of the most celebrated war vessels in United States history. It is the best-preserved submarine from World War II and is a designated National Historic Landmark.

After touring the submarine, visit the adjacent

museum, which houses an extensive collection of artifacts within its 10,000 square feet of galleries.

Continue your travels to Ford Island and climb aboard the USS Missouri battleship -- Mighty Mo. Explore beneath the decks to see what it took for this grand ship to operate her massive gun turrets, and imagine the moment when the Japanese signed the surrender documents on board, ending the war.

Before leaving Pearl Harbor, visit the hangars of the **Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum** for a look at the aviation history of the United States. A documentary on the Pearl Harbor attack is narrated by pilots. A host of fighter planes, including the Curtiss P-40E Warhawk, are on display, and you will be intrigued by the fascinating exhibit on Amelia Earhart.

Enjoy **lunch** at the museum.

Back on the mini-coach, relax and watch the sights go by as you conclude with a drive through the lively streets and past some of Honolulu's top landmarks -- the statue of King Kamehameha the Great, Iolani Palace and Kawaiaha'o Church. Watch for Punchbowl Cemetery -- the final resting place of more than 35,000 Americans (including 776 who perished at Pearl Harbor) who gave their lives in service of their country.

Return to the pier after this incredible day of history, patriotism and pride.

Notes:

Due to increased security measures, the

following items are prohibited, along with any other items that allow concealment: backpacks, diaper bags, fanny packs, camera bags, purses, luggage, shopping bags, and large cameras. Baggage storage will be available at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center for a nominal fee.

Deluxe North Shore Eco-Adventure



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 9 Hours
Price \$379.95

Enrich your time in Hawaii with knowledge and education provided by our highly-trained expert navigators.

Journey to the North Shore to experience some of Oahu's famous beaches and natural beauty. Enjoy coffee samples at the Green World Coffee Farm, Stand-up paddle board or kayak along the Anahulu River or choose to shop and explore historic Haleiwa town. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious lunch at Tsue's Farm, complete with local favorites and shaved ice.

Next, visit a Hawaiian botanical garden and explore the beauty of Waimea Valley as you learn about the native flora and the rich Hawaiian history on your way to Waimea Falls. Here you can swim in the waterfall. After your time at Waimea Valley, you will journey along the rest of the North Shore to see Hawaii's world famous surfing beaches . Complete your eco-tour by witness the stunning views from the Nu'uaniu Pali Lookout.

Notes:

Not suitable for guests with a heart or back condition. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, a cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Wear a rash guard if you wish to swim at the waterfall. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Explore & Taste Oahu's North Shore



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 6½ Hours
Adult \$239.95; Child \$209.95

Step aboard a comfortable air-conditioned motor coach with a knowledgeable tour guide to embark on a scenic journey exploring the North Shore of Oahu. Throughout the tour, your driver/guide will share fascinating stories, historical facts, and personal anecdotes about Hawaii.

Marvel at the stunning Ko'olau Mountain range as you traverse the windward side of the island. The first stop is the enchanting Valley of the Temples, where you can visit the awe-inspiring **Byodo Temple** nestled at the foot of verdant cliffs.

Continue to the famous Kualoa Ranch for a brief stop and photo opportunity. You'll know Kualoa Ranch when you see it, as its one of the areas used for the movie, Jurassic Park. Re-boarding the motorcoach again, you'll travel further and be treated to breathtaking views of the wild and rugged eastern-Oahu coastline at Malaekahana Bay.

Journey onward to **Kahuku**, renowned for its world-famous shrimp farms and unique bird and sea life sightings. Admire the iconic North Shore beaches from the comfort of your motorcoach. Some of the famous beaches you'll see include Sunset Beach, Haleiwa, and Pipeline, which form the Triple Crown of Surfing.

During **lunch**, indulge in the locals' **favorite food trucks**, savoring delicious garlic shrimp or other delectable options.

After passing through the lively and historically significant town of Haleiwa, you will encounter expansive pineapple fields before reaching your final stop, the historic **Dole Plantation**. Here, you'll stop for a brief visit and souvenir shopping before heading back to the port.

Re-join the motorcoach after a long day, sit back, relax, and enjoy the return journey back to your ship, accompanied by entertaining and informative commentary from your local guides.

Please note: This is a sightseeing tour. You will visit Byodo Temple and tour the site, but most of this tour will be conducted from the motorcoach. Lunch will be at a local food truck and will be picnic style. We suggest wearing comfortable walking shoes, bring a hat, and sunscreen

Famous Oahu Sights, Bites & Sips



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 6¼ Hours
Price \$249.95

Enjoy a Oahu day tour that will stimulate your visual and culinary senses while exploring this beautiful Island. Your local guide will take you on a sightseeing venture to beautiful lookouts nestled over our dramatic **southeastern coast line** to ones perched along the **Pali mountains** where one of Hawaii's most infamous battles occurred.

While you take in the sights that make Hawaii known throughout the world for being so special, immerse your senses to the culinary side of Hawaii as well. You will visit a restaurant featured in "**Dinners, Drive-Ins, & Dives**", where you will experience some local favorites.

Then relax with a local chocolate and artisanal wine tasting. You will return to the ship feeling filled with the best sights, bites, and sips in Oahu.

Notes:

Minimum age allowed is 10 years old.

Grand Circle Island by Motor Coach



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$119.95

This 120-mile **trip around the island of Oahu** passes majestic vistas, scenic shorelines and world-famous surfing beaches.

Depart the pier and pass through Honolulu as you drive east toward Diamond Head. Continue past the scenic Makapu'u Point and Sandy Beach on your way to Nuuanu Pali Lookout. From there, you'll head north to visit the **Dole Pineapple Pavilion**.

Then, enjoy **lunch on your own** in the laid-back surf town of Haleiwa, with free time to explore its charming shops and boutiques.

A drive along the North Shore showcases Oahu's famous surfing beaches, such as the Pipeline and Sunset Beach. Continue along the windward coastline to **Byodo-In Temple** - a reproduction of the famous Kyoto Temple of Equality.

Return to the Pier via the H3 highway -- one of three freeways on Oahu.

Hop-On, Hop-Off Trolley - Blue Line



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 1¾ Hours
Price \$89.95

Riding the Waikiki Trolley is an entertaining and enjoyable experience. Top-rated, qualified historian-entertainer tour-guide drivers put a smile on your face as you explore the Blue Line, known as the Coastline/Diamond Head Line. It showcases coastal sights, including **Diamond Head** -- one of Hawaii's most iconic natural landmarks. It also follows the Kalia Highway, famous for its rugged cliffs and dramatic seascapes.

The endpoint destination on the Blue Line, via the South, South-Eastern coastline, is **Sea Life Park Hawaii** -- a fascinating and fun destination for all ages.

Enjoy unlimited boarding and re-boarding privileges for the whole day.

Notes:

The Blue Line stops include Honolulu Zoo/Waikiki Beach, Waikiki Aquarium, Kapiolani Regional Park, Diamond Head, Kahala Mall, Halona Blowhole Lookout/From Here to Eternity (photo stop only), Sandy Beach (scenic drive by), Sea Life Park, Koko Marina Center, Kahala Mall, and Waikiki. Schedules may vary slightly due to weather or traffic conditions. Guests who spend the day at Sea Life Park are advised to return, at the latest, on the 2:58pm trolley pick-up from the Sea Life Park location to ensure sufficient

return time. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Wear comfortable shoes, and bring a hearty appetite!

This tour includes a meal--lunch on daytime tours, or dinner on evening tours.

Hop-On, Hop-Off Trolley



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 1 Hour
Price \$74.95

4 Lines, 43 Stops, Unlimited Rides!

Explore Honolulu's highlights through a trolley and double-decker bus system. Discover historical sites, beautiful scenery, world-class shops, and delectable restaurants with five lines and 43 convenient stops -- a fun way to get acquainted with the downtown area.

The Red Line: Honolulu Coffee Experience Center, Honolulu Museum of Art, the State Capitol, Iolani Palace, King Kamehameha Statue, Kawaiahao Church, the Hawaii State Library, Hawaii Mission Houses, Foster Botanical Gardens, Izumo Taisha, Downtown/Chinatown, Aloha Tower, Ward Center, Ala Moana Shopping Center and Waikiki

The Blue Line: Hanauma Bay (photo stop only), Halona Blow Hole/From Here to Eternity (photo stop only), Sandy Beach (drive through only), Sea Life Park, Hawaii Kai Lookout (photo stop only), Kahala Mall and Waikiki

The Green Line: Honolulu Zoo, Kapiolani Park, Waikiki Aquarium, Diamond Head Surf Lookout (photo stop only), Diamond Head Crater, Diamond Head Crater Lookout (photo stop only), Kahala Mall, KCC Farmer's Market (Saturday only), Monserrat Avenue and Waikiki

The Pink Line: Duty-Free shopping (T-Galleria), Duke Kahanamoku Statue, Waikiki Beach, International Marketplace, Ala Moana Shopping Center, Hilton Hawaiian Village and Saratoga Road (Eggs & Things)

Notes:

Plan to arrive at all trolley stops early. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Entrance fees to attractions are not included. Some lines are modified or unavailable on certain holidays. Tour does not operate on some holidays.

Iconic Diamond Head Adventure Hike



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Price \$219.95

This exciting, fun and educational tour of the world-famous **Diamond Head Crater** begins with a short introductory talk by your guide. Learn about the fascinating volcanic creation of Diamond Head, Hawaiian history, European discovery, the origin of the famous name, and modern-day military use of the Gibraltar of the Pacific.

Set out with your guide on a **walk** to the 763-

foot **summit of Diamond Head**. Along the way, you will stop at several points to rest and photograph the crater.

Walking up stairways, entering a dark **200-foot tunnel** and climbing a **spiral staircase** impart a sense of adventure.

Upon reaching the summit, you will encounter an incredible **panoramic view of Waikiki Beach**, the emerald-green mountains and the sparkling aquamarine water of the Pacific Ocean below. Enjoy the scenery at the summit for 20 minutes, then you'll stroll back to the crater floor.

You will also learn about Hawaii's native bird and plant species.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring a hat and sunscreen. Minimum age is 5 years. Participants must walk on uneven but maintained paths, negotiate a lighted, 235-foot-long tunnel, and climb two steep stairways (77 steps and 99 steps, respectively) to reach the summit of Diamond Head. The round-trip walk is approximately 1½ miles and features an elevation gain of 561 feet. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Monarchs & Missionaries: Hawaii's Royal History



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$189.95; Child \$159.95

Step back in time on this unforgettable visit to the historical highlights of the one-thousand-year-old **Kingdom of Hawaii**, once a sovereign nation.

Travel into the lush Nu'uauu Valley through a tropical rain forest en route to the world-famous **Pali Lookout**. The Nu'uauu Pali was the site of the Battle of Nu'uauu -- one of the most critical battles in Hawaiian history, when King Kamehameha I conquered the island of Oahu, bringing it under his rule.

After driving through a spectacular tree tunnel, you'll arrive at Hawaii's sacred **Royal Mausoleum** -- Mauna 'Ala -- the final resting place of six of the kingdom's last eight ruling monarchs.

Royal history would not be complete without understanding the role Christian missionaries played in shaping the islands. At the **Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site & Archives** (HMH), you will visit three restored houses, two of which are the oldest houses in Hawaii. Here, you'll learn about the research archives, which provide a unique glimpse into 19th-century Hawaii, both on site and online. HMH was designated a **National Historic Landmark** in 1965.

Next, walk to the Kawaihāo Church and the statue of legendary King Kamehameha. A self-guided tour inside a true Hawaiian

treasure -- **Iolani Palace** -- follows. This is the only royal palace in the United States and was the official residence of the Hawaiian Kingdom's last two monarchs -- King Kalakaua, who built the palace in 1882, and his sister and successor, Queen Lili'uokalani.

Notes:

Minimum age is 5 years. A moderate fitness level is required. Participants must be able to walk 500 yards on flat sidewalks and inside venues. More than 2.5 hours of standing and/or walking is required on tour. Wear comfortable shoes. Tour does not operate on Sundays and holidays.

Oahu's Scenic Shores



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$109.95

Enjoy this scenic, narrated drive along the south and east shores of the **Island of Oahu**.

Start with a journey past world-famous **Diamond Head**, Hawaii's most recognized landmark. This extinct volcano was named by sailors in the 1800s that, from a distance, mistook the glitter of calcite crystals in the lava rock for diamonds.

From there, drive through the residential area of Kahala and out to **Hanauma Bay**, a curved bay formed when the side of a crater collapsed thousands of years ago. During the months of December through May, as you pass the bay, keep an eye out for humpback whales that frequent the waters along this coastline.

You'll also travel past **Halona Point** - a famous blowhole where a geyser of seawater erupts from a submerged lava tube. From there, the ride takes you around **Makapu'u Point**, rising 647 feet above the ocean. Makapu'u (meaning "bulging eye" in Hawaiian) was created as the result of several lava flows and is the site of a prominent lighthouse.

A stop is next - with restrooms, a gift shop and time to enjoy a tasty, cool island treat.

Continue now to the higher altitudes of the **Ko'olau Mountains** and to the **Pali Lookout** - where you will find breathtaking views of the island's lush windward side. In Hawaiian history, this was the site of the bloody "Battle of the Leaping Fish." It was here, in 1795, that King Kamehameha I forced hundreds of his opponents to jump to their deaths from the cliffs.

As this visually compelling adventure comes to an end, sit back and contemplate the beauty of Oahu on your scenic and relaxing ride back to the ship.

Notes: There are about 300 yards of walking over uneven terrain on this tour, so please wear flat, non-slip footwear. Scenic driving tour with two stops at Diamond Head Crater and Pali Lookout.

Pali Coast Scenic Drive



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Price \$99.95

Drive along Ala Moana Boulevard to the resort area of Waikiki. You will view the two dormant volcanoes of **Diamond Head** -- Oahu's most prominent landmark -- and **Koko Head**.

Journey past **Hanauma Bay**, a natural marine preserve with extensive underwater life.

Take in views of Sandy Beach, famous for body surfing, and continue through the homestead area of Waimanalo.

At the famous **Nuuanu Pali Lookout**, brace for a spectacular view of the windward coast of Oahu. The Pali is where King Kamehameha the Great vanquished his enemies and unified the Kingdom of Hawaii. Following your scenic tour of the island, return to your ship in the glistening waters of the harbor.

Pearl Harbor & USS Missouri



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 5½ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$129.95

Enjoy your day in Honolulu as you visit the city's most iconic attractions and journey back in time to December 7, 1941.

At the **Arizona Memorial Visitor Center**, view a 23-minute film depicting the events of the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack.

Don't miss this chance to visit the battleship USS Missouri -- the grand ship also known as the **Mighty Mo**. This is the very place where the Japanese signed the surrender document that ended World War II in the Pacific. The spot is marked by a memorial star set into the ship's immaculately tended wooden deck.

You will have 1½ hours on your own to wander the decks and passageways of the Mo, with a map to guide you and assist you in interpreting the historic ship's points of interest. This floating museum is a testament to a remarkable piece of American history.

Notes:

Due to increased security measures, the following items are prohibited along with any other items that allow concealment: backpacks, diaper bags, fanny packs, camera bags, purses, luggage, shopping bags, and large cameras. Baggage storage will be available at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center for a nominal fee.

Pearl Harbor History & Honolulu Highlights (Wheelchair Accessible)



Departs: 10:00 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 5½ hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$119.95

Visit the famous and infamous **Pearl Harbor**. At the **Arizona Memorial Visitor Center**, you will view a 23-minute film depicting the events of the 1941 pearl harbor attack and the aftermath.

Embark on a tour of metropolitan Honolulu,

taking in the downtown area, City Hall, and the authentic **Chinatown district**. Other sights include the **Iolani Palace** (the only royal palace on American soil), **Kawaiahao Church**, the impressive statue of king **Kamehameha**, the Hawaii state capitol, the governor's mansion, and the quaint homes of the early missionaries.

Experience the serenity of the national memorial cemetery of the Pacific as you drive through **Punchbowl Crater**.

Visit the famous **Nuuanu Pali Lookout** for a spectacular view of the windward coast of Oahu. **Pali** is where King Kamehameha the Great vanquished his enemies and unified the kingdom of Hawaii.

After the tour, there is an optional drop-off at **Hilo Hattie** for shopping.

Notes:

The content of this tour is identical to Pearl Harbor History & Honolulu Highlights. Only guests using a wheelchair can book this tour, as it ensures accessible transportation. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, priority is given to guests using a wheelchair and one companion only; additional companions may be required to travel on the transportation for the Pearl Harbor History & Honolulu Highlights tour. Bookings not marked with an accessibility requirement will be removed from the tour's inventory. The lift on the vehicle can accommodate a maximum weight of 500 lbs; maximum wheelchair lift width is 30 inches. Please be advised that all purses, handbags,

backpacks, fanny packs, camera bags, diaper bags, luggage and/or any type of bag that exceed the measurement of 1.5" x 2.25" x 5.5," and can conceal an object are NOT PERMITTED inside Pearl Harbor, the visitor's center, and especially on the tour bus to ford island to visit the USS Battleship Missouri or any other attractions on site. Security measures are strictly enforced at all visitor destinations on pearl harbor.

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Approximately 5½ Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$119.95

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Pearl Harbor on Your Own & City Sights



Departs: 8:00 AM
4 Hours
Price \$69.95

The sights and sounds of December 7th, 1941, come alive on this **this visit to Pearl Harbor**, where you can explore at your leisure. You'll also enjoy a fully-narrated tour by a top-rated, fully credentialed tour guide en route to Pearl Harbor and throughout your tour of downtown Honolulu with a photo stop.

During the drive to Pearl Harbor, your tour guide sets the stage on the history of this historical attraction and points out significant places along the way.

Once you're at Pearl Harbor, your tour guide will escort you into the Pearl Harbor Visitor's

Center and brief you on all the activities in the park, including the center's many exhibits, multimedia re-enactments and replicas, the Road to War Museum, the Attack Gallery and free time on the park grounds. There you will have **three hours** to explore on your own and you may try to get a walk-up ticket to the Arizona Memorial (at no extra charge) or visit the USS Missouri (at your own expense). Don't miss the gift shop for one-of-a-kind mementos, books, flags flown on the Pearl Harbor National Memorial and other interesting items.

The experience continues as you visit downtown Honolulu. Your tour guide will craft a story rooted in history as you tour the city, sharing anecdotes that paint a picture of living in Honolulu during World War II. Watch for Iolani Palace, the State Capitol, the King Kamehameha Statue, the Aloha Tower and various other points of interest on your way back to the pier with a **photo stop** in the heart of the city.

Notes:

This tour does not include the visit to the Arizona Memorial. Guests may try to obtain a walk-up ticket to the Arizona Memorial, which are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Arizona Memorial experience is 75-minutes long, and your time at Pearl Harbor is three hours (all free time). If you can secure tickets, it will have to work within the allotted time, as the bus must leave at the designated departure time, and guests who miss the bus must find their own transportation back to the ship. Security measures prohibit items such as

backpacks, fanny packs, camera bags, and purses in the memorial. Limited storage is available at the memorial for a small fee, and no personal items may remain on the bus. Strollers are not allowed in the movie theater, on the Navy shuttle boat or at the USS Arizona Memorial. Modest attire is required for the cruise around the USS Arizona memorial; sandals are permitted, but short shorts, tank tops, swimsuits, clothing with inappropriate slogans, etc., are not allowed.

Pearl Harbor, Honolulu & the Mighty Mo (A Small-Group Tour)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 6½ Hours
Adult \$209.95; Child \$169.95

Make the most of your day in Honolulu by upgrading to this small group touting with a maximum of 25 privileged guests. At the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, view a 23-minute film depicting the events of the 1941 pearl harbor attack.

Don't miss this chance to visit the battleship USS Missouri -- the grand ship also known as Mighty Mo. This is where the Japanese signed the surrender document that ended World War II in the pacific. The spot is marked by a memorial star set into the ship's immaculately tended wooden deck.

You will have 1.5 hours on your own to wander the decks and passageways of Missouri, with a map to guide you and assist you in interpreting the historic ship's points of interest. This floating museum is a testament to a remarkable piece of American history.

Enjoy a panoramic drive past the Highlights of Metropolitan Honolulu, including the

famous Punchbowl Crater, on your way back to the ship.

Notes:

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Pearl Harbor, Honolulu & the Mighty Mo



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 6½ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$125.95

Re-live history with a visit to Pearl Harbor and view the battleship, USS Missouri. At the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, view a 20-minute film depicting the events of the 1941 pearl harbor attack.

Don't miss this chance to visit the battleship USS Missouri -- the grand ship also known as Mighty Mo. This is where the Japanese signed the surrender document that ended World War ii in the pacific. The spot is marked by a memorial star set into the ship's immaculately tended wooden deck.

You will have 1.5 hours on your own to wander Missouri's decks and passageways, with a map to guide you and assist you in interpreting the historic ship's points of interest. This floating museum is a testament to a remarkable piece of American history. Enjoy a drive by the Highlights of Metropolitan Honolulu, including the famous punchbowl crater, on your way back to the ship.

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Private Car with Driver - Full Day Honolulu



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Price \$2,219.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle and English-speaking driver at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your English-speaking driver, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle and English-speaking driver. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Due to the recent passage of Hawaii Bill 38. This bill restricts all commercial vehicles from visiting State Parks and many of the county beach parks. Please check with the shore excursion desk 48 hours prior to arrival regarding any sightseeing inquires to state parks or county beach parks. Also, there will be an additional \$15.00 fee to visit the Pali Lookout.

Private Car with Driver - Half Day Honolulu



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$1,109.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle and English-speaking driver at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your English-speaking driver, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your

own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Stars & Stripes: Pearl Harbor & Battleship Missouri



Departs: 8:30 AM
5½ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$129.95

Revisit key historic moments from World War II -- from Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor to its surrender aboard the battleship USS Missouri -- on this full-day tour that pays homage to Hawaii's central role in the events that were to shape America's history.

At the **Pearl Harbor Visitor Center**, an introductory video presentation highlights the events leading up to the Pearl Harbor attack, as well as actual footage filmed in 1941.

Continue your travels to Ford Island and climb aboard the **USS Missouri battleship** -- the Mighty Mo. Explore beneath the deck to see what it took for this grand ship to operate her massive gun turrets, and imagine the moment when the Japanese signed the surrender documents ending the war.

Return to the ship at the end of your tour.

Notes:

Due to increased security measures, the following items are prohibited along with any other items that allow concealment: backpacks, diaper bags, fanny packs, camera bags, purses, luggage, shopping bags, and large cameras. Baggage storage will be

available at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center for a nominal fee. **This tour visits the Pearl Harbor Visitors center but this tour does not include tickets to view the USS Arizona.**

Tropical Rain Forest Nature Walk



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$219.95

Travel to the enchanting, lush rain forest deep within the beautiful **Valley of the Rainbows**.

Nestled beneath towering jungle trees, **Lyon Arboretum** is one of the world's premier botanic gardens.

Join an eco-tour in this exotic **rain forest paradise** where **5,000 species of plants**, including the most extensive collection of palm tree varieties on Earth, bathe in the eternal, fragrant mist provided by more than 185 inches of rainfall each year. As you explore the 200-acre garden, colorful blossoms, including bromeliads, hibiscus, orchids, and anthuriums surround you, and tropical birds sing nearby.

The arboretum is also home to many rare and endangered native Hawaiian plants, and a special area is devoted to the most important species used by the ancient Polynesians. Your guide will discuss the garden's interesting history and efforts to save some of the rarest plants in the world, and describe the ancient Hawaiians' use of many important species.

In the **heart of the valley** below Pu'u Pia, emerald, cloud-swept hills have witnessed a steady procession of uses, from taro farming

to cattle ranches, coffee plantations and Japanese rice paddies. With the arrival of New England missionaries, Victorian mansions were built, and the University of Hawaii was founded. Traveling through the ancient valley, which offers excellent photographic opportunities, you will learn about the fascinating local history and mythology.

Visit **Pu'u Uala'kaa** -- the hill of the rolling sweet potatoes -- at an elevation of 1,048 feet above the glistening waters of Waikiki. From this lofty vantage point, where Elvis Presley had a picnic lunch in the movie *Blue Hawaii*, you will experience a breathtaking 180-degree **panoramic view** of Oahu's scenic southeast coastline and sometimes a glistening double rainbow arching across the **Valley of the Rainbows** far below.

Notes: Minimum age is 5 years. Two hours of walking is required over approximately a half mile. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Tour does not operate on Sundays. Please be advised that guests should bring a rain jacket or poncho and sunscreen.

Waikiki Beach Break



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Price \$149.95

Enjoy views from your VIP spot along the shores of Duke's Lagoon, facing world-famous **Waikiki Beach** and **Diamond Head Crater**. Your exclusive shoreside location includes a chaise lounge and a shared umbrella adjacent to the renowned Hilton Hawaiian Village. For an additional fee, take a **Surfing Lesson**, pedal a Water Trike, or try

Stand-up Paddle Boarding in the protected salt-water Lagoon. This half-day beach adventure is a truly relaxed Hawaiian experience.

Put on your swimsuit, bring your sunglasses and towel, then meet your beach transport at the Pier. Waikiki Beach Break is only a short ride away and with three full hours on VIP sands, you'll have ample time to laze in the sun, cool off in the sea and learn to surf where it all began. There's a convenient rental kiosk offering all sorts of equipment. Learn to surf or stand-up paddle taught by authentic Waikiki Beachboys.

Guests wishing to stay at the beach independently are welcome to do so but must make their own way back to the ship

Notes:

Alcohol is not allowed on the beach. Be vigilant with your personal belongings. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring **towel** & bottled water. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing. Surfing Lesson, Water Trike, or Stand-up Paddle Boarding are not included in the price of this program. These items can be purchased at an additional cost on the day of operation at Duke's Lagoon, directly with the operator.

Waikiki on Your Own



Departs: 10:00 AM
5¼ Hour
Price \$39.95

This **transfer** may suit you if you would like to **explore on your own**. It consists of a motorcoach transfer from the ship to **Waikiki**. You will be dropped off at a central location, and the coach escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have approximately 4 1/2 hours to shop and explore independently.

Notes:

Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It is your responsibility to be at the pick-up point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motorcoach to answer questions en route. Travel time to Waikiki is approximately 30 minutes each way.

Whale-Watching Cruise



Departs: 10:30 AM
4 Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$139.95

Hawaii is the only state where humpback whales breed and calve their young. Your chance to get close to this amazing marine mammal begins today aboard the **150-foot vessel *Majestic***. With its sleek, modern design, the *Majestic* boasts three different levels separated by stairs, each offering an excellent viewing experience. *Majestic's* open-air deck is located on the top level,

offering 360-degree views ideal for spotting the activity of whales and other marine life. The lower-level air-conditioned cabins are lined with large panoramic windows, providing excellent whale sighting opportunities.

This is a dedicated whale-watching experience, so **humpback whale** enthusiasts will enjoy a 2½-hour **cruise** in the habitat of these beautiful, protected marine mammals. State-of-the-art Seakeeper technology provides a comfortable ride, and an expert naturalist shares insights and information with educational commentary on the humpback whales' behavior and biology.

Notes:

This tour is not exclusive to Holland America Line guests. Tour operates from mid-December to early April. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Food is available for purchase on board. Approximately 15 minutes transfer to and from the ship to board your whale watching cruise.

Guam (US Territory), Guam - Sunday, February 18, 2024: Evidence of Guam's strategic value lies beneath its waters: sunken Spanish galleons and wrecks from two world wars. On land, watch for the taotaomonas: apparitions of Chamorro ancestors.

Highlights of Guam



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted), 1:00 PM
 Approximately 3¼ Hours
 Price \$149.95

Depart the pier for the scenic **panoramic drive** to **Latte Stone Park**, where you will see some fascinating latte stone pillars. Constructed by the Chamorro people around the 2nd century AD, these pillars are thought to have been elevated house foundations. Continue to **Plaza de España**, one of Guam's most important historical sites and once the seat of government for the Spanish, American and Japanese administrations.

Next, you'll proceed to the beautiful **Two Lovers Point** -- Guam's most famous visitor attraction -- at the northern end of Tumon Bay. Its profile rises 368 feet from the reef below, offering views of the island's eastern and western sides. From here, you'll grasp the island's topography, from the mountainous volcanic geography of the south to the level limestone plateau of northern Guam.

From **Asan Bay Overlook**, the view has changed little since World War II. Entrenched Japanese soldiers looked out over waves of American troops storming the beach to reclaim the island. The stone walls here are lined with bronze sculptures depicting the events in Guam during the Japanese World War II occupation.

Notes: Terrain includes steps, slopes and

about 20 stairs at Two Lovers Point. Wear sturdy, comfortable walking shoes. Bring a hat; wear sunscreen.

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Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands - Monday, February 19, 2024: With its pleasant beaches and famously sweet mangoes, Saipan encourages you to take it easy. Reminders of WWII can be found at Marpi, where the "Peaceful Goddess of Mercy" stands watch.

Cultural Experience with Local Family



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 2 Hours
Price \$99.95

Community-based tourism is an optimal way to truly immerse yourself in the culture of a destination. Your two-hour adventure brings you to a family home, where you'll be welcomed by friendly residents. Here, you will have the opportunity to fully experience the way of life and the artistic heritage of the Saipanese people.

Sample some coconut juice. This nut is also used for handicrafts; learn how to create a beautiful rose from coconut leaves. You'll also learn the process of making pure coconut oil, with many therapeutic benefits for the hair and skin.

Finally, try your hand at the unique Mariana Island tradition of using banana leaves to make stamps and colorful paintings.

After this artistic adventure, bid goodbye to your new friends and leave with a lovely souvenir of your day.

Notes: Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water.

Kayak, Paddleboard & Snorkeling Adventure



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Price \$129.95

The largest of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan is home to beautiful white-sand beaches and picturesque coastlines. The crystalline, warm waters invite snorkeling enthusiasts to explore their depths in search of a captivating undersea world.

A **4x4 vehicle** brings you to the shore for some aquatic fun. Choose either a **kayak or a paddleboard** as your mode of travel, and set off to the coral reefs, enjoying all the ocean views and surrounding landscape as you paddle among sun-drenched vistas.

Slip into the warm waters for **snorkeling**. Saipan is a premier diving and snorkeling site due to its excellent visibility and abundance of colorful marine life.

Return to the pier refreshed after this lovely day.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Saipan Northern Highlights



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted), 9:15 AM, 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 1:15 PM, 1:30 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Price \$119.95

The sheer rock formation of **Suicide Cliff** is home to many endangered species and is a protected conservation area. Its unfortunate name derives from an event during World War II when the advancing Japanese executed a Banzai charge at the US Military. Saipan civilians jumped to their death to avoid being captured. Monuments here are a tribute to peace and those who lost their lives.

The area resounds with place names famously associated with the Pacific Theater -- Hara-Kiri Gulch, Paradise Valley, Hill 767 and **Marpi Point**. At 880 feet above sea level, the cliffs here overlook a roiling sea.

Head into **Garapan Village**, **stopping** at the **American Memorial Park** en route back to the ship.

Notes: Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Saipan Southern Highlights



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted), 9:15 AM, 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 1:15 PM, 1:30 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Price \$119.95

Explore the sights and sounds of the south side of Saipan. Seventy-three years ago, troops landed on Red Beach, Green Beach, Blue Beach and Yellow Beach. Today, you can only imagine the chaos and confusion as the Sherman tanks crossed the island.

Your first stop will be at the old Japanese Jail, where it is now believed that aviator **Amelia Earhart** was held captive. The hills to your left are **Captain Oba** hid out for 15 months after the island was secured.

Turn down Quartermaster Road to view the point of the Red Beach invasion and, later, the Green Beach invasion.

Visit the pillbox at **Agigan Point** and, at **Garapan**, the American Memorial Park en route back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Sherman Tank Snorkel on Green Beach



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 1 ½ Hours
Price \$119.95

For those interested in both history and aquatic adventure, this 1.5-hour excursion takes you on a guided **snorkeling** expedition in the crystal-clear waters of **Green Beach**. You'll discover relics from the Battle of Saipan -- one of the costliest battles of World War II.

US forces invaded Saipan's beaches to take control of its airbase. The beaches were color-coded, and Green Beach is the starting point for your **kayak and snorkel experience**. Kayak out into the smooth waters, then swim with your guide among schools of tropical fish. You'll find a **Sherman tank** just offshore, complete with its gun turret. The tank is submerged in approximately 5 feet of water on a normal tide and on a super tide its submerged 10 feet under the water.

Back on shore, refresh with some fruit and take a moment to ponder the area's military history and view some of its most significant sights.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Snorkel at Managaha Marine Sanctuary



Departs: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM
Approximately 2 Hours
Price \$119.95

Unspoiled, unhurried, and untouched by the 21st century, uninhabited **Managaha Island** may measure less than ten miles, but its small size proves that big surprises come in small packages. Located in the Saipan Lagoon, this treasured isle is part of the **Managaha Marine Conservation Area**, designed to protect and preserve 240 species of hard coral, 31 species of soft coral and sea fans, and more than 100 fish species and green sea turtles. It's also an ideal destination to snorkel in the pristine waters and discover the wonders down under.

Once aboard the boat, take a life jacket, mask, and fins. Just 15 minutes later, you'll arrive at Managaha, where you can stroll on the beach or slip beneath the waves and swim among schools of exotic marine life, such as unicorn fish, giant clams, mushroom corals and green sea turtles.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Ishigaki Island, Japan - Friday, February 23, 2024:

Highlights of Ishigaki



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$189.95; Child \$119.95

This tour will introduce you to the highlights of **Ishigaki Island**.

The **Tamatorizaki Observatory**, located on the Hirakubo Peninsula, is famous for its picturesque scenery. The color of the sea may differ depending on distance and time of day, but the natural gradation of color does not disappoint those who visit.

Drive to **Yoneko-yaki Pottery** for an introduction to Shisa. This is Ryukyu's mythical creature -- a cross between a lion and a dog -- and is believed to protect against evil. You can spot pairs of them by the gates or on the rooftop of Okinawan houses.

At the **Shisa Garden**, you will find many colorful Shisa with different expressions. Find your favorite and take a photo! At the gift shop, you can purchase a Shisa to bring home.

Next, stop at a local **crafts studio** to learn about the famous **Minsa textiles**. Women weave these textiles with a specific pattern representing eternal love for a prospective husband. Today, this cloth is used in a variety of traditional items. Feel free to purchase Minsa textiles in the form of bags, shirts and handkerchiefs.

Kabira Bay is one of the finest sightseeing

spots in Japan, with a top rating in the Michelin Green Guide for its beautiful emerald-colored water and white-sand beach. Beautiful corals and more than 90 different kinds of tropical fish live in this area. The **black pearls** from Kabira Bay are quite famous. A souvenir outlet here offers a limited number of Japanese-made black pearl products, difficult to find in other places.

Lunch is served at a local restaurant along the way.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Traffic can be unpredictable. The driver will do his/her best to keep moving safely. Your patience is greatly appreciated. Delays occasionally extend tour duration. Bring local currency, as many vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars.

Ishigaki Culture & Crafts



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$124.95; Child \$109.95

Depart from the pier and head to **Kabira Bay**, a picture-perfect landscape with powder-white sand, dense vegetation, and waters in mesmerizing shades of turquoise and emerald. Small boats float just offshore, perfectly enhancing the scene. No wonder the bay has been designated as a Place of Scenic Beauty and awarded a coveted three stars by the Michelin Guide.

Continue to **Ishigaki Pottery Studio**, where you will see fine examples of **yutekitemoku**. This type of pottery is characterized by a pattern of irregular dots on a dark surface. The lustrous effect is often described as oil drops on water or glittering stars in the night sky. Browse in the gift shop and purchase unique ceramics decorated with natural ocean-colored Okinawa glass.

Next, visit a **local craft studio** to learn about **minsa** -- a vibrant cloth that has been a tradition in Ishigaki for many centuries. Women have long woven minsa textiles for prospective husbands in a pattern representing eternal love. You may recognize the customary pattern with horizontal lines and groups of small rectangles. Colors vary from blues and blacks to ochres and yellows. Try **hand-dyeing a handkerchief** or scarf, etc, using the dye from plants that grow wild on Ishigaki. Get in touch with your inner artist, as the pattern is up to you.

Following your cultural experience, return to the pier.

Notes: Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour sequence may vary. Bring local currency, as many vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars.

Ishigaki Half Day



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$79.95

Discover **Banna Park**, a sprawling nature reserve located just a couple of miles north of Ishigaki City. Positioned around a hill, Banna is divided into four zones and includes a skyline area. All are linked by paths and roads.

Kabira Bay is one of the finest sightseeing spots in Japan, given a high rating in the Michelin Green Guide for its beautiful emerald-colored water and white-sand beach. You will visit, weather permitting.

The **black pearls** of Kabira Bay are quite famous. A **souvenir shop** here offers a limited number of Japanese-made black pearl products, difficult to find in other places.

Ishigaki Island's retail hotspot is the **Euglena Mall**, with more than 100 shops. Souvenir shops, snacks, Ishigawa specialties -- whatever you're looking for, you'll enjoy some time **shopping** here.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Traffic can be unpredictable. The driver will do his/her best to keep moving safely. Your patience is greatly appreciated. Delays occasionally extend tour duration.

Ishigaki Natural Wonders



Departs: 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$124.95

Discover the natural wonders of Ishigaki from bay to cave.

Depart from the pier and head to **Kabira Bay**, a picture-perfect landscape with powder-white sand, dense vegetation and waters in mesmerizing shades of turquoise and emerald. This splendid bay is a designated Place of Scenic Beauty, awarded a top three stars by the Michelin Guide.

Discover the bay's underwater treasures by **glass-bottom boat**, enjoying the opportunity to see brilliantly-colored fish, giant clams and coral reefs in the transparent waters.

Next, drive to **Ishigaki Yaima Village**, where old traditional houses have been moved from elsewhere on the island and reassembled to create an **open-air museum**. Then, strolling through the village, you will get a true sense of Japan's cultural heritage and, depending on timing, witness a **folkloric music performance**.

Then, it's on to the amazing **Ishigaki Limestone Cave**. Spacious caverns, formed over a period of more than 200,000 years, create a vast network of tunnels and chambers with fascinating geological formations. A well-maintained path meanders through about 2,100 feet of the cave's total length of 10,500 feet. Gaze spellbound at the cavern's walls and ceilings dripping with formations

and illuminated by well-placed lights.

After exploring the cave, rejoin your motorcoach and return to the pier.

Notes:

Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Participants must negotiate stairs and/or uneven surfaces. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Glass-bottom boat operates weather permitting; in the event of unsuitable conditions, a visit to Yonekoyaki Pottery Studio will be substituted. There is no narration from your guide during the glass-bottom boat ride or in the cave. Tour sequence may vary. Bring local currency, as many vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

Naha, Japan - Saturday, February 24, 2024:

Scene of one of the most bitter World War II battles in the Pacific, the isle of Okinawa is now known for its rolling green landscapes, tranquil fishing villages and temples dedicated to the gods of the sea.

Battle of Okinawa



Departs: 8:45 AM
5½ Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$149.95

Visit two of the most historical places in Okinawa.

Peace Memorial Park is located in the southern part of Okinawa's "mainland," where the last conflicts of the Battle of Okinawa occurred. The **Peace Memorial Museum**, established in 2000, interprets a range of individual war experiences. Its purpose is to pass on the message about the devastation of war and the importance of human life.

Next, you'll visit the **former Japanese Naval Headquarters**, set in an underground shelter. At the end of the war, Commander Minoru Ohta and other officers committed suicide in the shelter. It remains unaltered to this day.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. There are more than 100 steps at the former Japanese Navy Headquarters in the underground shelter. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Traffic can be unpredictable. The driver will do his/her best to keep moving safely. Your patience is greatly appreciated. Delays occasionally extend tour duration.

Gyokusendo Cave & Peace Memorial Museum



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$139.95

Walk through the amazing **Gyokusendo Cave**, located in the Okinawa World theme park. It is a two-mile-long cave renowned for its intricate limestone formations and is the largest cave of its kind in Asia. With 900,000 stalagmites and stalactites and underground streams, the cave offers exquisite and mysterious scenery along its dimly-lit path.

Continue to the **Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum**. In 1945, a fierce battle took place on these islands. The "typhoon of steel" lasted 90 days and disfigured mountains, destroyed much of the local cultural legacy, and claimed the lives of more than 200,000 people.

The **Battle of Okinawa** was the only ground battle fought on Japanese soil and was also the largest-scale campaign of the Asia-Pacific War. Even Okinawa's civilians were fully mobilized. A significant aspect of the Battle of Okinawa was the great loss of civilian life. The Okinawan experience of war gave rise to the construct of the "Okinawan Heart" -- a term that describes resilience and personal dignity. Okinawans reject acts of war and cherish their own culture. The Cornerstone of Peace monument stands as a symbol of their loss. At **Memorial Park**, you will glimpse the numerous marble memorials dedicated to

those who lost their lives in the Battle of Okinawa.

Notes:

Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. There are 130 steps (up and down) at the Gyokusendo Cave, with no elevators or ramps. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Photography is not permitted inside the Peace Memorial Museum. The museum presents information about the War in the Pacific from a Japanese perspective; while some portrayals may be at odds with American sentiment, it is nonetheless an interesting visit. Bring local currency, as many vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars.

Naha Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,999.95



Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour allows you to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and

privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your interests. Take in the famous sights at your own pace or go beyond to create intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for single/solo travelers, couples, family, friends, and special-interest groups traveling together. Private vehicles can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private vehicles are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

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Capacity: 2 guests

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Naha Private Touring - Full Day (Van)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$2,199.95

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Capacity: 6 guests

Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Naha Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,699.95

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Capacity: 2 guests

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Naha Private Touring - Half Day (Van)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,799.95

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Okinawa in Depth



Departs: 8:30 AM
8 Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$149.95

Discover Okinawa's embattled past with a visit to the **Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum**. In 1945, a fierce battle took place on these islands -- a "typhoon of steel" that lasted 90 days and decimated the island's physical landmarks, rich cultural legacy and 200,000 people. The Battle of Okinawa was the battle fought on Japanese soil and was the largest-scale campaign of the Pacific Theater of World War II.

The **Cornerstone of Peace** is located on Mabuni Hill, where one of the fiercest battles occurred. It is a symbol of the loss of life here.

At **Memorial Park**, you will glimpse the numerous marble memorials dedicated to those who lost their lives in the Battle of Okinawa.

You will **walk** through the amazing **Gyokusendo Cave**, located in the Okinawa World theme park. It is a two-mile-long cave renowned for its intricate limestone formations and is the largest of its kind in

Asia. With 900,000 stalagmites and stalactites, and cool underground streams, the cave offers exquisite and mysterious scenery along its dimly-lit path.

Visit the **Shikinaen Garden**, originally built in 1799 for Ryukyu royalty. The restored gardens feature simple wooden buildings and pavilions with tile roofs, artfully situated among traditionally landscaped grounds. Manicured paths connect small forests, a central pond and the Rokkaku-do Pavilion, built in a classic Chinese style. The gardens blend Japanese and Chinese architectural styles and flora and are a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Enjoy a brief introduction to Naha's commercial heart with a drive along **Kokusai Street**. You'll pass hotels, department stores, restaurants and theaters. Enjoy **free time** to stroll through this area that combines cosmopolitan flavor with genuine folk appeal. You will find souvenirs and other goods for sale in the local stores.

Notes:

Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. There are 130 steps (up and down) at the Gyokusendo Cave, with no elevators or ramps. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Photography is not permitted inside the Peace Memorial Museum. The museum presents information about the War in the Pacific from a Japanese perspective; while some portrayals may be at odds with American sentiment, it is nonetheless an interesting visit. Bring local currency, as many

vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars.

Panoramic Okinawa



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 2 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$69.95

Enjoy a lovely **panoramic drive** past some important local landmarks. Okinawa-Honto, the main island, is the largest and most important in the Nansei-Shoto Islands. Its cultural differences with mainland Japan were once evident in its architecture, of which almost all traces were obliterated during World War II. After the war, the USA retained control of Okinawa, eventually handing it back to Japan in 1972.

Naha is the capital of Okinawa, where little remains of the old Ryukyu culture. Today, Naha is chiefly a gateway to other islands, but there are a number of interesting things to see on your drive, including Kokusai Street -- the main street of Naha -- Shurijo Park, and the local landscapes.

Notes:

There are no stops and no restroom breaks on the tour. It is a panoramic drive only.

Shurijo Castle Park, Garden & Kokusai Street



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$124.95; Child \$119.95

Shurijo Castle Park is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. It shows strong Chinese architectural influence because Okinawa's ancient Ryukyu Kingdom was a vassal state of China. The castle no longer exists -- it was obliterated during the Battle of Okinawa in 1945, rebuilt and opened to the public in 1992, and burned down again in 2019. The surrounding park offers some excellent photo opportunities -- it is home to the **Shurei-mon Gate**, rebuilt in 1958 and now the symbol of Okinawa. You'll also see the **Sonohyan-Utaki-Ishimon Gate** -- a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

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Naha, Japan - Sunday, February 25, 2024: Scene of one of the most bitter World War II battles in the Pacific, the isle of Okinawa is now known for its rolling green landscapes, tranquil fishing villages and temples dedicated to the gods of the sea.

Battle of Okinawa



Departs: 8:45 AM
5½ Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$149.95

Visit two of the most historical places in Okinawa.

Peace Memorial Park is located in the southern part of Okinawa's "mainland," where the last conflicts of the Battle of Okinawa occurred. The **Peace Memorial Museum**, established in 2000, interprets a range of individual war experiences. Its purpose is to pass on the message about the devastation of war and the importance of human life.

Next, you'll visit the **former Japanese Naval Headquarters**, set in an underground shelter. At the end of the war, Commander Minoru Ohta and other officers committed suicide in the shelter. It remains unaltered to this day.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. There are more than 100 steps at the former Japanese Navy Headquarters in the underground shelter. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Traffic can be unpredictable. The driver will do his/her best to keep moving safely. Your patience is greatly appreciated. Delays occasionally extend tour duration.

Gyokusendo Cave & Peace Memorial Museum



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$139.95

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The **Battle of Okinawa** was the only ground battle fought on Japanese soil and was also the largest-scale campaign of the Asia-Pacific War. Even Okinawa's civilians were fully mobilized. A significant aspect of the Battle of Okinawa was the great loss of civilian life. The Okinawan experience of war gave rise to the construct of the "Okinawan Heart" -- a term that describes resilience and personal dignity. Okinawans reject acts of war and cherish their own culture. The Cornerstone of Peace monument stands as a symbol of their loss. At **Memorial Park**, you will glimpse the numerous marble memorials dedicated to

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Naha Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



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Okinawa in Depth



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8 Hours
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Discover Okinawa's embattled past with a visit to the **Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum**. In 1945, a fierce battle took place on these islands -- a "typhoon of steel" that lasted 90 days and decimated the island's physical landmarks, rich cultural legacy and 200,000 people. The Battle of Okinawa was the battle fought on Japanese soil and was the largest-scale campaign of the Pacific Theater of World War II.

The **Cornerstone of Peace** is located on Mabuni Hill, where one of the fiercest battles occurred. It is a symbol of the loss of life here.

At **Memorial Park**, you will glimpse the numerous marble memorials dedicated to those who lost their lives in the Battle of Okinawa.

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Visit the **Shikinaen Garden**, originally built in 1799 for Ryukyu royalty. The restored gardens feature simple wooden buildings and pavilions with tile roofs, artfully situated among traditionally landscaped grounds. Manicured paths connect small forests, a central pond and the Rokkaku-do Pavilion, built in a classic Chinese style. The gardens blend Japanese and Chinese architectural styles and flora and are a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

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Panoramic Okinawa



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 2 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$69.95

Enjoy a lovely **panoramic drive** past some important local landmarks. Okinawa-Honto, the main island, is the largest and most important in the Nansei-Shoto Islands. Its cultural differences with mainland Japan were once evident in its architecture, of which almost all traces were obliterated during World War II. After the war, the USA retained control of Okinawa, eventually handing it back to Japan in 1972.

Naha is the capital of Okinawa, where little remains of the old Ryukyu culture. Today, Naha is chiefly a gateway to other islands, but there are a number of interesting things to see on your drive, including Kokusai Street -- the main street of Naha -- Shurijo Park, and the local landscapes.

Notes:

There are no stops and no restroom breaks on the tour. It is a panoramic drive only.

Shurijo Castle Park, Garden & Kokusai Street



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$124.95; Child \$119.95

Shurijo Castle Park is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. It shows strong Chinese architectural influence because Okinawa's ancient Ryukyu Kingdom was a vassal state of China. The castle no longer exists -- it was obliterated during the Battle of Okinawa in 1945, rebuilt and opened to the public in 1992, and burned down again in 2019. The surrounding park offers some excellent photo opportunities -- it is home to the **Shurei-mon Gate**, rebuilt in 1958 and now the symbol of Okinawa. You'll also see the **Sonohyan-Utaki-Ishimon Gate** -- a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

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Fuji-Hakone National Park, Lake Ashi Cruise & Mt Fuji View



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8¼ Hours
Adult \$299.95; Child \$209.95

Fuji-Hakone National Park is home to Mt Fuji and the five Fuji Lakes that encircle its base. The area is noted for its wild beauty and extensive network of lakes, waterfalls, forests and alpine plants. Wedged between Mt Fuji and the Izu Peninsula, **Hakone's** beautiful scenery is dramatically accented by deep glens and ravines.

Transfer to the **Mt Komagatake Aerial Cableway**. Atop the mountain, an observation platform provides a panoramic view of Mt Fuji. Lake Ashi, Mt Futago and the mountains of the distant Izu Peninsula are also visible. At the western base of Komagatake, gardens feature alpine plants, wild azaleas and rhododendrons.

For a lovely view of Mt Fuji, hop aboard one of the **boats** that ply the waters of **Lake Ashi**, located at the foot of the mountain.

You will also visit the **Hakone Open-Air Museum**, which contains numerous sculptures by artists from all over the world. The museum is especially known for its collection of 26 pieces by Henry Moore, including one that is more than 13 feet tall. The sculpted beauty of the art creates a stark contrast with the natural surroundings.

Notes:

Views of Mt Fuji are weather permitting; no guarantee is made. Tour operates rain or shine, but may be cancelled by the operator in the event of extremely bad weather or unsuitable conditions. If Komagatake cable-car is not operating, a different cable car will be substituted. Bring local currency (yen), as many vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars.

Panoramic Tokyo & Imperial Palace Plaza View



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A drive past the Ginza district and the Kabbukiza Theatre completes your tour.

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Tokyo Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



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Omaezaki, Japan - Friday, March 1, 2024:

Highlights of Omaezaki



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$109.95

Tea is Shizuoka Prefecture's most famous product, and its **Tea Museum Shizuoka**, focused on tea as a healthy lifestyle choice, is located in the largest tea-farming area in Japan. The museum features exhibits introducing the tea industry, its history and culture, a tea ceremony house, and a beautiful garden.

Just a short drive away is the **Horai Bridge**, recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest wooden pedestrian bridge. The half-mile bridge was completed during the Meiji era in 1879.

Step inside the **Ogane-ke** -- the residence of the Ogane family -- for a visit. The Ogane-ke was built about 300 years ago. The main building and its Nagayamon Gate are designated National Important Cultural Properties. Enjoy the seasonal flowers in the garden and the views of Mt Fuji and Suruga Bay in the distance.

Return to the pier via a **panoramic drive**.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. You must remove your shoes at one or more location(s). No guarantee is offered with regard to visibility or views on any particular day, as weather and atmospheric conditions vary and are beyond the tour operator's control.

Nihondaira Outlook & Kunozan Toshogu Shrine



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$124.95

Depart the pier for a scenic 80-minute drive to **Nihondaira Park Outlook**. Designated as a Prefecture Natural Park, this scenic spot affords panoramic vistas of sparkling Suruga Bay and dramatic Mt Fuji.

From here, board an **aerial ropeway (cable car)** for bird's-eye views as you are whisked up the mountainside to the **Kunozan Toshogu Shrine**. Dedicated to Tokugawa Ieyasu, the famous leader credited with bringing peace and unity to Japan after a long period of civil war. The picturesque shrine complex has an extensive collection of vermilion buildings ornately decorated and constructed in the Shinto shrine style of architecture.

Continue inside and up the stone steps to the drum tower and stables, pausing to admire a series of ancient copper lanterns. You'll soon reach **Shaden**, the main building. This striking wooden complex is comprised of three sections. All three are architecturally diverse and elaborately decorated.

Lastly, you will head to **Yaizu Fish Market**, a shopping mall with 70 souvenir shops selling local products such as seafood and tea. You can find fresh seafood such as tuna, bonito and dried or processed fish, as well as a variety of different tea sellers.

Return to the pier afterward.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. There are approximately 120 steep steps at Kunozan Toshogu Shrine. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. No guarantee is offered with regard to visibility or views on any particular day, as weather and atmospheric conditions vary and are beyond the tour operator's control.

Sunpu Castle Park & Shizuoka Sengen Shrine



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 5¼ Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$109.95

Begin your journey back in time with a scenic 70-minute drive to **Sunpu Castle Park**. Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu built the castle in 1585, and the remains hint at its former grandeur. The castle was surrounded by moats and stone walls whose size and strength can still be appreciated. The castle's gate and turret have been restored. Inside the turret is a reference library with restoration documents and excavated models.

From the park, continue to **Shizuoka Sengen Shrine** -- a complex of seven shrines. The three main shrines have been restored. The Sengen Shrine is also noted for its dramatic architectural style and extensive use of gold leaf, lacquer and wood carvings.

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shopping mall with 70 souvenir shops selling local products such as seafood and tea. You can find fresh seafood such as tuna, bonito and dried or processed fish, as well as a variety of different tea sellers.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shizuoka Sengen Shrine is currently undergoing renovation work, and some parts of the shrine may not be accessible due to construction at the time of your visit.

Kobe, Japan - Saturday, March 2, 2024: This cosmopolitan port city is known for more than just its world-famous Kobe beef. Discover the boutiques and markets of the Motomashi and Kokashita districts, explore the Fashion Museum or venture out to the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge-the longest suspension bridge in the world. In the Kitano district, tour stately injikan, western-style Victorian and Gothic homes, or enjoy a glass of sake from one of Kobe's famed wineries.

Himeji Castle & Garden: A UNESCO World Heritage Site



Departs: 10:15 AM
Approximately 5¼ Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$129.95

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Your day begins with a visit to Himeji, southwest of Kobe, for immersion into this area's nature, history and culture.

Himeji Castle is known as the White Heron Castle because it sports an elegant white façade. Its imposing size and beauty and its well-preserved castle grounds lend it the status of both **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and National Treasure. The castle complex was completed in 1609. Its eighty buildings span multiple baileys, connected by a series of gates and winding paths. Unlike many other Japanese castles, Himeji Castle has never been destroyed by war, earthquake or fire. It survives today as one of the country's twelve original castles.

You'll access the lovely **Koko-en Garden** from Himeji Castle -- a riot of cherry blossoms in early spring. The garden opened in 1992 on the former site of a feudal lord's residence. It consists of nine separate, walled gardens representing various Edo-period styles. The feudal lord's residence features a pond with a waterfall, a pine-tree garden, a bamboo

garden and a flower garden.

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Kobe Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



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Kyoto & the Shinkansen Bullet Train



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 10 Hours
Adult \$259.95; Child \$199.95

This option is available to guests who are returning to the ship.

From Kobe's pier, you'll begin exploring **Kyoto** by coach, stopping at the Kinkaku-ji Temple for an outside view. This elaborate building began life as a villa built by Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimasa in 1397, during the Muromachi period. Later, the house was converted into a temple. It is three stories tall, with the second and third stories completely covered in pure gold foil.

Next, you will visit **Nishiki Market**, where you will see local food and products.

Lunch is served at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, continue sightseeing by motorcoach. You will also visit the **Heian Shrine** -- a famous structure dedicated to Emperor Kammu, the founder of Kyoto, and to Emperor Komei -- the last Emperor of Kyoto.

Finally, you'll stop at the **Kiyomizu Temple** --

a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. The main hall was constructed in the 17th century and is famous for its spectacular location, hanging over the side of a cliff!

After a **panoramic drive** through Kyoto, the coach driver will drop you off at Kyoto station. You'll take an exciting high-speed train ride on the **Shinkansen Bullet Train** to Shin-Kobe station; then, transfer back to the pier in Kobe.

Notes: Bring local currency, as many vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars. Wear a sunhat and sunglasses; bring bottled water. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered. The visit to the Kiyomizu Temple involves climbing several steps. Bring local currency, as many vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars. Wear a sunhat and sunglasses; bring bottled water. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered. The visit to the Kiyomizu Temple involves climbing several steps.

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Kyoto, the Ancient Capital



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 9 Hours
Adult \$194.95; Child \$154.95

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A city of profound history and rich tradition, **Kyoto** represents the soul of Japan. This must-see tour begins with a ride from Kobe to the ancient capital of Kyoto, then sets out to discover some of Japan's best-known sights.

An impressive starting point for the tour is the **Kinkaku-ji Temple**, originally built in 1397 as a retirement dwelling for Shogun Yoshimitsu, then reconstructed in 1955, faithful to the 14th-century design. Elaborate gold foil lends the structure an almost-gaudy appearance and is appropriate for its name -- the Golden Pavilion.

Next is the ostentatious 1603 **Nijo Castle**, complete with "nightingale" floors designed to squeak to warn the inhabitants of intruders.

Kyoto's 1,100th birthday was celebrated with the construction of the **Heian Shrine**. Surrounded by gardens, this two-thirds-scale model of the Heian Imperial Palace features a Chinese-style bridge. Finish up your visit to Kyoto with a stop, time permitting, at the **Handicraft Center** for some **souvenir shopping**.

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Mt Rokko & Sake Brewery



Departs: 1:15 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$94.95; Child \$84.95

This option is available to guests who are returning to the ship.

Scenery and sake await you on this tour. You will drive up to the **Mt Rokko observatory**. At almost 3,000 feet, Mt Rokko is the highest peak in the mountain range that spreads 19 miles from northeast to southwest, north of the cities of Kobe, Ashiya and Nishinomiya. Then from the top of the mountain, take a **cable car** down.

Next, you'll visit the sake **brewery museum in Kobe**. No history of sake is complete without mentioning Nada. The Nada district in Kobe is known as the Mecca of sake brewing, and it is full of cultural heritage sites that evoke the area's long association with sake.

Notes: The view from Mt. Rokko depends on the weather.

Mt Rokko Panorama



Departs: 10:30 AM
Approximately 2 Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

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Nara & the Horyuji Temple



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 9 Hours
Adult \$174.95; Child \$144.95

This option is available to guests who are returning to the ship.

Nara is home to a number of imposing buildings and landmarks, as you will discover on today's motorcoach tour. It is a center of the Arts, literature and religion.

The world's largest **gilt bronze statue of Buddha** is the first of many exciting sights that await you. The Daibutsu (Great Buddha) resides in the **Todaiji Temple** -- the largest wooden structure in the world.

Continue to the **Kasuga Shrine** before stopping for **lunch** at a local restaurant.

Re-boarding the coach, continue to the **Horyuji Temple**, the oldest in Japan, which contains some of the nation's rarest treasures. It is reputed to be among the oldest wooden buildings in the world. Its inside walls are covered in clay images depicting the life of Buddha.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

This tour involves climbing steep stairs and crossing uneven ground.

Osaka & River Cruise



Departs: 1:00 PM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$89.95

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Depart from the port in Kobe and head to central **Osaka** by motorcoach. Osaka is the largest commercial center in all of Western Japan.

You'll board a **day boat** for the cruise down the river to catch a glimpse of some of the city's manmade highlights. Watch for Osaka Castle, the Twin Towers, and City Hall on Nakanoshima Island.

Back on dry land, board a motorcoach and head inland to the **Sumiyoshi-Taisha Shrine** - a Shinto place of worship dedicated to sea deities. A relentless land reclamation program has resulted in the shrine, which once enjoyed

a waterfront location, now standing three miles inland.

You will transfer back to Kobe port at the end of your tour.

Notes:

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The Best of Osaka



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
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This option is available to guests who are returning to the ship.

Join this tour for an orientation of **Osaka** and a visit to its special attractions. You will pass through Osaka's downtown area on the way to **Osaka Castle**. Built in 1583 and destroyed just 32 years later, the castle has undergone many reconstructions -- the most recent in 1931.

Next, you will visit **Shitennoji Temple**, built in AD 593 and believed to be the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan. Although it has been rebuilt many times in its long history, excavations have shown the current layout to be very true to its original design. The temple's great southern gate, central gate, pagoda, main hall and lecture hall are constructed in a straight line -- a design layout called Shitennoji cathedral style. The temple houses six National Treasures and many other items of cultural importance.

After a Japanese-style set menu **lunch** at a

local restaurant, stroll through **Dotonbori**, an iconic area of Osaka beloved by its residents. Dotonbori is a dense area of restaurants and amusement spots located along the south bank of the Dotonbori Canal.

Notes:

Travel time to Osaka is approximately 90 minutes each way. From coach parking lot at Osaka Castle is approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the castle. A visit to the top of the Osaka Castle requires a climb of 230 steps. An elevator is available at the castle; however, the elevator does not provide access to the observatory on the upper level (8th Floor). There is only one elevator available and congestion is expected. This tour involves climbing steep stairs and crossing uneven ground. This tour is not considered suitable for passengers with walking difficulties. Wear comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes.

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Himeji Castle & Garden: A UNESCO World Heritage Site



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 5¼ Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$129.95

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Your day begins with a visit to Himeji, southwest of Kobe, for immersion into this area's nature, history and culture.

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garden and a flower garden.

Notes:

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Departs: 7:45 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$149.95

This option is available to guests who are returning to the ship.

Join this tour for an orientation of **Osaka** and a visit to its special attractions. You will pass through Osaka's downtown area on the way to **Osaka Castle**. Built in 1583 and destroyed just 32 years later, the castle has undergone many reconstructions -- the most recent in 1931.

Next, you will visit **Shitennoji Temple**, built in AD 593 and believed to be the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan. Although it has been rebuilt many times in its long history, excavations have shown the current layout to be very true to its original design. The temple's great southern gate, central gate, pagoda, main hall and lecture hall are constructed in a straight line -- a design layout called Shitennoji cathedral style. The temple houses six National Treasures and

many other items of cultural importance.

After a Japanese-style set menu **lunch** at a local restaurant, stroll through **Dotonbori**, an iconic area of Osaka beloved by its residents. Dotonbori is a dense area of restaurants and amusement spots located along the south bank of the Dotonbori Canal.

Notes:

Travel time to Osaka is approximately 90 minutes each way. From coach parking lot at Osaka Castle is approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the castle. A visit to the top of the Osaka Castle requires a climb of 230 steps. An elevator is available at the castle; however, the elevator does not provide access to the observatory on the upper level (8th Floor). There is only one elevator available and congestion is expected. This tour involves climbing steep stairs and crossing uneven ground. This tour is not considered suitable for passengers with walking difficulties. Wear comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes.

Travel time to Osaka is approximately 90 minutes each way.

Fukuoka (Hakata), Japan - Tuesday, March 5, 2024:

Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$94.95; Child \$84.95

Transfer by motorcoach to the **Dazaifu shrine**, dedicated to the 9th-century scholar Sugawara no Michizane. Perhaps not surprisingly, the Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine is a favorite for students praying for success in school entrance examinations.

Exiled from the Imperial Court in Kyoto on trumped-up charges, Michizane persevered at Dazaifu under harsh conditions, with his character so admired that there are now 12,000 shrines dedicated to him across Japan. Dazaifu Tenmangu is perhaps the most famous and was established early in the 10th century.

The shrine is well known for its **6,000-plus plum trees** that blossom in early spring. One of these trees, located to the right of the main shrine hall, is called Tobiume -- the Flying Plum -- as the tree is said to have so loved Michizane that it followed him in exile by flying down from Kyoto to Dazaifu.

Return to the ship afterward via the same route.

Notes:

The main hall of Dazaifu Shrine is partially covered for renovation work. About 15 to 20 minutes of walking is required. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring local currency, as many

vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars.

Highlights of Fukuoka



Departs: 9:30 AM
3½ Hours
Price \$94.95

Climb aboard an air-conditioned motorcoach and relax as you acquaint yourself with **Fukuoka** city and its many splendors.

You'll pass the Tenjin area -- part of Fukuoka's business and entertainment center and home to major department stores and specialty shops.

Watch for the Fukuoka Dome, Japan's first baseball stadium with a retractable roof.

Take photos at the iconic Fukuoka Tower. Considered a city landmark, it's Japan's largest seaside tower, standing 767 feet tall and covered in 8,000 semi-mirrored panels. The Tower functions as a broadcast antenna for TV and radio networks.

Fukuoka's oldest shrine was founded in AD 757. The Kushida Shrine is where local merchants pray for prosperity and health and is the centerpiece of a 1,200-year-old festival called Yamakasa. In mid-July, one-ton floats, elaborately decorated with depictions of gods, samurais, mythical creatures and historical figures, are pulled through the town and put on display at the shrine.

Head to the **Hakata Machiya Folk Museum**, housed in three traditional townhouses that

provide a compelling glimpse into Japan's old and fascinating culture. As you experience this recreation of a traditional Hakata neighborhood, view displays of historical photographs and artifacts and watch artisans often on hand to demonstrate the making of crafts.

The motorcoach will return you to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring local currency, as many vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars.

Kushida & Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrines & Fukuoka Tower



Departs: 8:30 AM
5 Hours
Price \$99.95

Board a motorcoach for the drive to the **Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine**. You will **walk** 15-20 minutes from the parking area to the shrine. Dedicated in AD 905, this shrine commemorates a Heian official renowned for his learning and purity of heart. The current shrine dates to 1591 and is a classic example of Momoyama Period architecture with its elegant, Buddhist-inspired bridges, serene ponds and ancient camphor trees. **Browse for souvenirs** along the street.

Continue to the **Kushida Shrine** in the heart of Hakata, passing through the Tenjin Business District en route. Founded in AD 758, the shrine is the starting point for the Oiyama race that ends the city's annual

summer festival.

You will also visit the iconic **Fukuoka Tower**. Considered a city landmark, it's Japan's largest seaside tower, standing 767 feet tall and covered in 8,000 semi-mirrored panels. The Tower functions as a broadcast antenna for TV and radio networks.

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Shanghai, China - Thursday, March 7, 2024: Neon pulses, soaring skyscrapers pierce the sky, construction never stops in Shanghai's race to modernity. Still, you can feel the city's silk past in the peaceful Yu Gardens, its history as a financial powerhouse in the international banks along The Bund.

Amazing Shanghai Eats: In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine



Departs: 9:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 7½ Hours
Price \$169.95

What does the future hold? Visit Shanghai -- China's most populous city -- and you'll soon know. Shanghai's dramatic growth has been accompanied by the rise of an equally prolific and exciting food scene.

On this **food-hopping** tour, you'll explore the city's less-trodden streets and take a bite out of several authentic Shanghai restaurants that have been featured in *Food & Wine* magazine.

Your first stop is at **Wujiang Road** -- a popular snacking street and home to **Nanxiang Mantou Dian**, which first opened its doors 100 years ago. This tiny hole-in-the-wall spot is famed for its *xiao long bao* (Shanghai soup dumplings). Your waiter will show you how to eat them -- you bite a tiny hole in the skin, sip the soup, then devour the whole dumpling with rice vinegar and ginger slivers. You can try different types of *xiao long bao* with tea and local rice wine.

Next, head for the city's former **French Concession** -- an elegant, leafy neighborhood. You'll explore a local flower, bird and fish market and weave your way along streets where tourists usually don't venture. It's a

chance to capture a snapshot of Shanghai life.

At **Taoyuan Village**, you'll sample *xian dou jiang* -- a typical local breakfast item. This savory soybean curd is served with slices of deep-fried dough, chili oil, dried seaweed and a sprinkling of spring onions.

Transfer to **Fuzhou Road** -- Shanghai's 'book street' -- and venture **on foot** to a stall selling old books by the pound. What a concept!

Then, snake your way through the neighborhood to a back alley where you'll sample **lamb kebab** -- a popular Chinese street-food snack proving that the humblest dishes often produce the best flavors. See the largest bookstore in China as well as old grocery shops.

Your next destination is **The Press**, located in the historic Shun Pao building. Built in 1872, this building is the former home of China's longest-running daily newspaper, Shen Bao, which played an influential role in local journalism. Although it has been renovated and is now the setting for this modern café, the building retains some elements of the past, including the 100-year-old neo-Classical embossed dome and a mosaic floor. Take a seat and sample a **coffee or iced tea and dessert** as you take in the mix of modern and nostalgic Shanghai.

Your tour concludes with a transfer back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Arts & Crafts of Shanghai



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Price \$54.95

Visit the Jade Buddha Temple and the Shanghai Arts & Crafts Research Institute on this tour into Shanghai.

The **Jade Buddha Temple** was first built in 1882 to house two jade Buddha statues brought back from Burma by the monk Huigen. The temple was rebuilt in 1918 and is easily identifiable by its bright saffron walls. The centerpiece is a six-foot-tall, white-jade seated Buddha, encrusted with jewels. Artifacts abound, although not all are on display, and some 7,000 Buddhist sutras line the walls. This is one of the busiest and most famous working Buddhist temples in the south of China.

The **Arts & Crafts Research Institute** was set up in 1956 and is located in a beautiful, former French bourgeois villa by the French Concession area. This is the first center in Shanghai to focus on a comprehensive study

of the traditional Chinese folk arts and crafts. When first established, it had only twelve veteran craftsmen with consummate skills, and in 30 years it has developed into the present institute staffed with more than 160 artisans. The institute is engaged in the comprehensive research of woolen needlepoint work, silk embroidery, knitting, boxwood carving, lacquer ware carving, jade carving, ivory carving and fancy lantern making.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Best of Shanghai



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 10 Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$129.95

Known as the Paris of the East and the Queen of the Orient, Shanghai is the largest city in China with a population of 24 million. This tour will show you the many highlights of this vast city. Your first stop will be at the **Shanghai Museum**, which houses 110,000 historical objects and 430,000 reference pieces.

Continue to the **New Economic Zone** in the Pudong New Area, where you will view the Jin Mao Building and the oddly futuristic Oriental Pearl TV and Radio Tower. This peculiar tower has become a symbol of the

city and fully captures the boldness and glitz that embody today's Shanghai. It's hard to believe that prior to 1990, the Pudong New Area was farmland and rice paddies. Today, it is an urban experiment that is expected to become Asia's financial, economic and commercial center.

Travel by motor coach along Shanghai's premier attraction, **the Bund**. It was here that early English trading companies set up shop and built enduring colonial structures that overlook the river. Watch for the legendary Peace Hotel and Shanghai Club.

Enjoy a **Chinese lunch** at a fine restaurant before visiting the **Yuyuan Garden** which, with less than five acres, has more than 40 scenic spots in the inner and outer gardens, both following the classical style of the Ming Dynasty.

The last stop on your tour today is the **Jade Buddha Temple**. It was first built in AD 1882 to house the two jade Buddha statues brought back from Burma by the monk Huigen. The temple was rebuilt in 1918 and is easily identifiable by its bright saffron walls. The centerpiece is a six-foot-tall, white-jade seated Buddha, encrusted with jewels. Artifacts abound, not all on display, and some 7,000 Buddhist sutras line the walls. This is one of the busiest and most famous working Buddhist temples in the south of China.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

High-Speed Train to Hangzhou & West Lake Cruise



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 13 Hours
Adult \$269.95; Child \$199.95

Explore the exceptional mystery and scenery of Hangzhou's shimmering waters and tranquil temple. Marco Polo described **Hangzhou** as the most beautiful and elegant city in the world. Hangzhou was born of an ancient commercial boom and now is a rising metropolis with its own unique blend of natural beauty and historic attractions.

Traveling by the new **high-speed train**, you will reach Hangzhou in less than an hour with a maximum speed of 258mph. You will discover the tranquility of **West Lake** as you take a leisurely **boat ride** on the rippled and sparkling water. West Lake is surrounded by mountains near and far, serene forests and dense foliage, enhancing the lake's intoxicating beauty and tranquility along with delicately designed Chinese gardens along the banks.

Enjoy a Chinese **lunch** before visiting **Lingyin Temple**, originally built by an Indian monk. The temple has been restored several times by ancient dynasties and now stands as one of the largest and most visited Buddhist temples in China. It is surrounded by forested hills, and is a quiet and sheltered sanctuary for soothing the soul.

In complete contrast to the serenity of the lake and the temple, you will re-board the high-speed train and return to Shanghai.

Notes:

Tour bookings must be confirmed two weeks prior to the tour's departure date with no cancellations allowed thereafter. The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Maglev Train Ride & New Shanghai



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$99.95

Made with the help of cutting edge European technology, the **Magnetic Levitation (Maglev) Train** is the new state-of-art mode of transportation in Shanghai. Using no wheels, the train floats on an electromagnetic cushion, propelled along a guideway at incredible speeds. Meandering for 20 miles from Long Yang Lu Station to Pudong International Airport, and built with a budget of more than US\$1 billion, the train can reach a speed of 267mph—the highest ever for any operational transport on the ground.

Your tour starts with a ride from the pier to the Long Yang Lu Station at Pudong New District. Then board the Maglev Train for an eight-minute ride to Pudong Airport and experience the sensation of almost flying as the train accelerates to maximum speed in no time. Pause for a short while before the train brings you back to Long Yang Lu Station on the return ride.

Board your motor coach again and visit the **Lujiazui area** of the **Pudong New District**. Developed only a decade ago from farmlands,

this area is now the financial center of China with numerous high-rise office buildings.

Continue with a visit to the futuristic Jinmao Hyatt Building—an 88 storey skyscraper in Shanghai. From its lofty heights, you will take in the panoramic view of Shanghai. Return to the ship by motor coach.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Scenic Suzhou



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 9¼ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$139.95

A town of great scenic beauty, **Suzhou** was founded in the 5th century BC and inspired the famous Chinese proverb, 'In heaven there is paradise; on earth Suzhou and Hangzhou.' By coach you will travel 1½ hours through China's countryside.

One of China's most famous gardens is the **Humble Administrator's Garden**, which occupies an area of ten acres. The garden's name comes from the proverb which says, 'To cultivate a garden for a living is really the politics of a humble man.' About two thirds of the garden is made up of lakes with islands dotted throughout.

Next, a **boat ride** on the **Grand Canal** reveals the beauty of Suzhou—whitewashed houses with gray tile roofs, old stone bridges spanning a spider web of waterways.

After **lunch** at a local hotel, stop at the **Silk Embroidery Research Institute** to learn more of this region’s important contribution to the silk and textile industry. Return to the ship by motor coach.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Shanghai Delight



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Price \$64.95

Shanghai is the largest metropolis in China with a population of 24 million. It is no wonder that the **Shanghai Museum**, located in People’s Square, is one of the best in China. The museum houses 110,000 historical objects and 430,000 reference pieces. Its collection of bronzeware from the Shang (1600-1027 BC) and Zhou Dynasties (1027-256 BC), pottery, porcelain, paintings and calligraphy enjoy national and international fame. The galleries also house sculptures, jade, furniture, coins and minority art. All exhibits have English interpretation.

Next, visit the **Yuyuan Garden**. The Pan family, wealthy Ming Dynasty officials, had the garden built for them. The endeavor took 18 years between AD 1559 and 1577. Small bridges of different shapes and sizes, beautiful rockeries, clear water ponds, elegant pavilions and zig-zagging, covered corridors are nicely designed and built in this small but very delicate and pretty garden. In the mid-19th century, the garden became the home base for

the Society of Small Swords—a sect of the Taiping rebels.

You will also visit the **Old Town**, with its maze of narrow alleys and cobblestone lanes. This compact area was the center of Shanghai centuries ago.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Shanghai Old & New



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Price \$69.95

From the pier, travel by motor coach along **the Bund**. Extending between the Woosung River and the Old Town on Shanghai’s waterfront, this area was formerly the financial hub of colonial Shanghai. Perhaps the city’s most important sightseeing spot, the Bund showcases outstanding examples of foreign buildings from the pre-1950s.

After passing through the Yan’an Lu Tunnel, you will arrive at the **Pudong New Area**. One of the most identifiable structures in Shanghai is the imposing Oriental Pearl TV and Radio Tower. This tower is considered by some to be one of the most commanding structures in Asia. Monstrous or magnificent—what do you think? Rising 1,535 feet above the Huangpu River, it was commissioned to be defiantly and symbolically 21st century.

Nearby lies the 88-story **Jin Mao building**, the third tallest skyscraper in Shanghai and a

soaring monument to Shanghai’s economic boom. Completed in 2001, this building’s gently tapered design is said to embody China’s history and culture. From the **observation deck** on the top floor, your guide will explain the skyline and the building’s symbolic structure.

Re-board your motor coach and head to **People’s Square** on the former site of a colonial British racecourse. Long considered the city’s commercial, cultural and political hub, People’s Square is easily accessible and provides a great opportunity to people watch, take a short stroll or photograph the surrounding sights.

Before heading back to the ship, you will pass the lovely architecture of **French Town** - originally the French expatriate quarter. This fascinating area gained quite a reputation for lawlessness at one time, but its reputation has been softened by time and it now boasts an enchanting history.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Shanghai Private Touring - Extended Day (Car)



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 11 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.
Price \$799.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at

your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

This option is for guests who would like to go outside the city limits of Shanghai. If you would like to stay within Shanghai, you may prefer the Shanghai Private Touring - Full Day Private Car (Shanghai Only) option.

Shanghai Private Touring - Extended Day (Minibus)



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 11 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,499.95

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 10 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Shanghai Private Touring - Extended Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 11 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$899.95

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Capacity: 4 guests. Your private party may be

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This extended day option is for guests who would like to travel outside the city limits of Shanghai. If you would like to stay within Shanghai, you may prefer the Shanghai Private Touring - Full Day Private Minivan (Shanghai Only) option.

Shanghai Private Touring - Full Day (Car) (Shanghai Only)



Departs: 9:45 AM
8 hours
Price \$599.95

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own

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Shanghai Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus) (Shanghai Only)



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,399.95

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Shanghai Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan) (Shanghai Only)



Departs: 9:45 AM
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Yuyuan Garden, West Lake & Hangzhou Overnight (Double)



Departs: 9:00 AM
 Approximately 2 days/ 1 Night
 Price \$999.95

This Overnight brings you to charming Hangzhou, which the great city explorer Marco Polo considered 'the most beautiful and elegant city in the world'. A lakeside teahouse, beautiful gardens, lavish temples, placid West Lake and a supply of silk and tea all have contributed to making Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang Province, a popular destination for visitors.

Day 1 (L/D)

Leave the ship and board an air-conditioned motorcoach. You'll drive to the famed 16th-century **Yuyuan Garden**, which captures the essence of the landscape art and architectural style of the Ming and Qing dynasties. High walls adorned with huge stone dragons shelter teahouses, pavilions, rockeries and carp ponds.

In the **Old Town** area of **Shanghai**, wander among a maze of narrow alleys and cobblestone lanes.

A 1.5-hour **train** journey through the countryside brings you to the lovely city of **Hangzhou**. Check in at the hotel upon arrival, with the evening at leisure.

Day 2 (B/L)

Enjoy a chartered **boat** cruise on **West Lake**, situated at the heart of Hangzhou. This is one

of the scenic wonders of China, whose willow-shaded causeways and fragrant cover of lotus blossoms have long been an inspiration for artists.

The **Lingyin Temple** is one of the largest temples in China and it features more than 70 halls.

The mysteries of Eastern medicine are unveiled at the **Chinese Medicine Museum**. Mixing and use of natural herbal treatments has been documented for 2,500 years and many herbal remedies are still used today. The museum's antique architecture houses a treasury of traditional Chinese medical science and technology.

Leaving **Hangzhou**, you will take the **train** back to **Shanghai** and re-join the ship.

Notes:

All meals are included. Due to this tour's popularity, exclusivity, and strict booking conditions, tour bookings must be confirmed 30 days prior to the call at Shanghai with no cancellations allowed thereafter. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Important: It is solely each guest's responsibility to obtain (before traveling) any visas, vaccinations or tourist cards that are required for participating in Overland Adventures or Overnights, unless noted otherwise in the description. Please be aware that you may need a visa for any and/or all countries that you will depart from and travel through as part of your Overland Adventure or Overnight, and for the country in which you will re-join the ship. Your travel agent

can assist you with your visa needs. If you require further assistance, Holland America Line's preferred visa service is CIBTvisas. Residents of the USA and Canada phone: 866-935-8472; or email: hollandamerica@cibtvisas.com. CIBTvisas phone numbers and email addresses for residents of Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions section of our website, in the Cruise Preparation area. Applications and additional information can be downloaded from the CIBTvisas website at <https://CIBTvisas.com/hollandamerica>. You must advise CIBTvisas of your Overland Adventures or Overnights, as the visa requirements for these vacation enhancements may vary from those required for your cruise.

Yuyuan Garden, West Lake & Hangzhou Overnight (Single)



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All meals are included. Due to this tour's popularity, exclusivity, and strict booking conditions, tour bookings must be confirmed 30 days prior to the call at Shanghai with no cancellations allowed thereafter. Wear comfortable walking shoes. **Important:** It is solely each guest's responsibility to obtain (before traveling) any visas, vaccinations or tourist cards that are required for participating in Overland Adventures or Overnights, unless noted otherwise in the description. Please be aware that you may need a visa for any and/or all countries that you will depart from and travel through as part of your Overland Adventure or Overnight, and for the country in which you will re-join the ship. Your travel agent can assist you with your visa needs. If you require further assistance, Holland America Line's preferred visa service is CIBTvisas. Residents of the USA and Canada phone: 866-935-8472; or email: hollandamerica@cibtvisas.com. CIBTvisas phone numbers and email addresses for residents of Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions section of our website, in the Cruise Preparation area. Applications and additional information can be downloaded from the CIBTvisas website at <https://CIBTvisas.com/hollandamerica>. You must advise CIBTvisas of your Overland Adventures or Overnights, as the visa

requirements for these vacation enhancements may vary from those required for your cruise.

Zhujiajiao Watertown



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 8¼ Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$119.95

Venture beyond the modern city of Shanghai to discover one of East China's traditional waterside towns. Situated beside the Dianshanhu Lake, Zhujiajiao illustrates the customs and culture of old-world China.

Commencing your journey at the pier, you'll travel by air-conditioned motor coach for approximately 1½ hours, past rustic farms and rippling fields of rice. On arrival in the small town of **Zhujiajiao**, make your way along meandering streets and narrow alleyways. Admire numerous stone bridges and centuries-old buildings of white wall or black brick. Reminiscent of Venice's canal commerce, the wares made by local women are on display from wooden boats bobbing in the water. Although this community boasts 36 moss-covered bridges, the most famous is the five-arch **Fangsheng Bridge**—a remnant of the Ming dynasty. Further exploration reveals the **Daqing Youju Post Office**, which dates back to the Qing dynasty.

Next you will visit the **Tongtianhe Chinese Pharmacy**, the largest one in Zhujiajiao dating from the late Qing dynasty. For centuries this pharmacy has established its fame among the locals as it has adhered to the principle of 'Healing the Pain & Saving the Life' based on traditional Chinese ethics and medical

culture.

Following a delicious **lunch** of Chinese cuisine at a local restaurant, visit a **silk factory** and learn how traditional Chinese silk products are made. Discover the mysterious and dramatic lifespan of the silkworm by exploring the whole breeding process, and gain an understanding of the Chinese silk industry through spinning and quilt making demonstrations.

Finally you'll have some **free time** at the factory store where you can find numerous silk products for sale. Return to the port of Shanghai and re-board your ship.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Shanghai, China - Friday, March 8, 2024: Neon pulses, soaring skyscrapers pierce the sky, construction never stops in Shanghai's race to modernity. Still, you can feel the city's silk past in the peaceful Yu Gardens, its history as a financial powerhouse in the international banks along The Bund.

Arts & Crafts of Shanghai



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Price \$54.95

Visit the Jade Buddha Temple and the Shanghai Arts & Crafts Research Institute on this tour into Shanghai.

The **Jade Buddha Temple** was first built in 1882 to house two jade Buddha statues brought back from Burma by the monk Huigen. The temple was rebuilt in 1918 and is easily identifiable by its bright saffron walls. The centerpiece is a six-foot-tall, white-jade seated Buddha, encrusted with jewels. Artifacts abound, although not all are on display, and some 7,000 Buddhist sutras line the walls. This is one of the busiest and most famous working Buddhist temples in the south of China.

The **Arts & Crafts Research Institute** was set up in 1956 and is located in a beautiful, former French bourgeois villa by the French Concession area. This is the first center in Shanghai to focus on a comprehensive study of the traditional Chinese folk arts and crafts. When first established, it had only twelve veteran craftsmen with consummate skills, and in 30 years it has developed into the present institute staffed with more than 160 artisans. The institute is engaged in the comprehensive research of woolen needlepoint work, silk embroidery, knitting, boxwood carving, lacquer ware carving, jade

carving, ivory carving and fancy lantern making.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Maglev Train Ride & New Shanghai



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$99.95

Made with the help of cutting edge European technology, the **Magnetic Levitation (Maglev) Train** is the new state-of-art mode of transportation in Shanghai. Using no wheels, the train floats on an electromagnetic cushion, propelled along a guideway at incredible speeds. Meandering for 20 miles from Long Yang Lu Station to Pudong International Airport, and built with a budget of more than US\$1 billion, the train can reach a speed of 267mph—the highest ever for any operational transport on the ground.

Your tour starts with a ride from the pier to the Long Yang Lu Station at Pudong New District. Then board the Maglev Train for an eight-minute ride to Pudong Airport and experience the sensation of almost flying as the train accelerates to maximum speed in no time. Pause for a short while before the train brings you back to Long Yang Lu Station on the return ride.

Board your motor coach again and visit the **Lujiazui area** of the **Pudong New District**.

Developed only a decade ago from farmlands, this area is now the financial center of China with numerous high-rise office buildings.

Continue with a visit to the futuristic Jinmao Hyatt Building—an 88 storey skyscraper in Shanghai. From its lofty heights, you will take in the panoramic view of Shanghai. Return to the ship by motor coach.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Scenic Suzhou



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 9¼ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$139.95

A town of great scenic beauty, **Suzhou** was founded in the 5th century BC and inspired the famous Chinese proverb, 'In heaven there is paradise; on earth Suzhou and Hangzhou.' By coach you will travel 1½ hours through China's countryside.

One of China's most famous gardens is the **Humble Administrator's Garden**, which occupies an area of ten acres. The garden's name comes from the proverb which says, 'To cultivate a garden for a living is really the politics of a humble man.' About two thirds

of the garden is made up of lakes with islands dotted throughout.

Next, a **boat ride** on the **Grand Canal** reveals the beauty of Suzhou—whitewashed houses with gray tile roofs, old stone bridges spanning a spider web of waterways.

After **lunch** at a local hotel, stop at the **Silk Embroidery Research Institute** to learn more of this region's important contribution to the silk and textile industry. Return to the ship by motor coach.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Shanghai Delight



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4¾ Hours
Price \$64.95

Shanghai is the largest metropolis in China with a population of 24 million. It is no wonder that the **Shanghai Museum**, located in People's Square, is one of the best in China. The museum houses 110,000 historical objects and 430,000 reference pieces. Its collection of bronzeware from the Shang (1600-1027 BC) and Zhou Dynasties (1027-256 BC), pottery, porcelain, paintings and calligraphy enjoy national and international fame. The galleries also house sculptures, jade, furniture, coins and minority art. All

exhibits have English interpretation.

Next, visit the **Yuyuan Garden**. The Pan family, wealthy Ming Dynasty officials, had the garden built for them. The endeavor took 18 years between AD 1559 and 1577. Small bridges of different shapes and sizes, beautiful rockeries, clear water ponds, elegant pavilions and zig-zagging, covered corridors are nicely designed and built in this small but very delicate and pretty garden. In the mid-19th century, the garden became the home base for the Society of Small Swords—a sect of the Taiping rebels.

You will also visit the **Old Town**, with its maze of narrow alleys and cobblestone lanes. This compact area was the center of Shanghai centuries ago.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Shanghai Old & New



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Price \$69.95

From the pier, travel by motor coach along **the Bund**. Extending between the Woosung River and the Old Town on Shanghai’s waterfront, this area was formerly the financial hub of colonial Shanghai. Perhaps the city’s most important sightseeing spot, the Bund showcases outstanding examples of foreign buildings from the pre-1950s.

After passing through the Yan’an Lu Tunnel,

you will arrive at the **Pudong New Area**. One of the most identifiable structures in Shanghai is the imposing Oriental Pearl TV and Radio Tower. This tower is considered by some to be one of the most commanding structures in Asia. Monstrous or magnificent—what do you think? Rising 1,535 feet above the Huangpu River, it was commissioned to be defiantly and symbolically 21st century.

Nearby lies the 88-story **Jin Mao building**, the third tallest skyscraper in Shanghai and a soaring monument to Shanghai’s economic boom. Completed in 2001, this building’s gently tapered design is said to embody China’s history and culture. From the **observation deck** on the top floor, your guide will explain the skyline and the building’s symbolic structure.

Re-board your motor coach and head to **People’s Square** on the former site of a colonial British racecourse. Long considered the city’s commercial, cultural and political hub, People’s Square is easily accessible and provides a great opportunity to people watch, take a short stroll or photograph the surrounding sights.

Before heading back to the ship, you will pass the lovely architecture of **French Town** - originally the French expatriate quarter. This fascinating area gained quite a reputation for lawlessness at one time, but its reputation has been softened by time and it now boasts an enchanting history.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is

calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Shanghai Private Touring - Full Day (Car) (Shanghai Only)



Departs: 8:00 AM
8 hours
Price \$599.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Shanghai Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus) (Shanghai Only)



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,399.95



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Capacity: 10 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Shanghai Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan) (Shanghai Only)



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$699.95

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Capacity: 4 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Xian & the Terra Cotta Warriors Overland Adventure (SHA to TNJ) (Double)



Departs: 8:00 AM
4 Days/ 3 Nights
Price \$2,899.95

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Day 1 (L/D)

Enjoy a morning tour to **Yu Yuan Garden** and the **Old Town Shanghai** area. You'll have **lunch** at a local Chinese restaurant before flying across China on an afternoon flight to **Xi'an**. A buffet **dinner** will be served at your hotel after check-in, and the rest of the

evening is free.

Day 2 (B/L/D)

Depart your hotel after **breakfast** this morning for a motor coach ride to the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**—a temple built to house Buddhist scriptures brought back from India by traveling monk Xuan Zang. Enjoy a pleasant **shopping** stop at the **Jade Factory** with thousands of products made from one of the most beautiful stones in the world. **Lunch** will be served at a local Chinese restaurant; then you will visit the **Terra Cotta Warriors Museum**. Archaeologists unearthed this unbelievable collection of thousands of life-size terra cotta warriors and their horses in 1974. One of the most important finds to date in the world, this legion was created under the command of unified China's first emperor, Qin Shihuang. He was terrified that his enemies would pursue him even after death, and so he ordered this "army" to protect his burial site—and for centuries indeed it did. Each warrior is different, as you will discover as you are led through the vaults where these and other treasures have been found. Marvel at the sheer numbers, and the incredible detail in each and every figure. Later, visit the ancient **City Wall**. Dinner will be at the **Tang Dynasty Palace Restaurant Theater**, where you will enjoy a cultural program, including a concert played on Tang Dynasty musical instruments and colorful dances over a thousand years old.

Day 3 (B/L/D)

Begin your day with a flight from Xi'an to **Beijing**, the youngest of China's Imperial

Cities, and the capital of modern China. After enjoying **lunch** at a local Chinese restaurant, you will visit the famous **Tian'anmen Square**, the largest gathering spot in the world. Continue to the **Forbidden City**—a collection of temples and imperial buildings. Tonight, you will be treated to a feast of the famous **Peking Duck** dinner.

Day 4 (B/L)

After **breakfast** at the hotel, begin your day with a visit to the 15th-century **Temple of Heaven**, set in one the largest parks in Beijing. Then drive to the **Great Wall of China**, which was built progressively from 476 BC to guard against invasion and harassment by the northern nomadic tribes. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before you bid farewell to Beijing and transfer to the ship, waiting for you at **Tianjin** pier.

Notes:

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Xian & the Terra Cotta Warriors Overland Adventure (SHA to TNJ) (Single)



Departs: 8:00 AM (Waitlisted)
4 Days/ 3 Nights
Price \$3,399.95

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Zhujiajiao Watertown



Departs: 7:00 AM
Approximately 8¼ Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$119.95

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Commencing your journey at the pier, you'll travel by air-conditioned motor coach for

approximately 1½ hours, past rustic farms and rippling fields of rice. On arrival in the small town of **Zhujiajiao**, make your way along meandering streets and narrow alleyways. Admire numerous stone bridges and centuries-old buildings of white wall or black brick. Reminiscent of Venice's canal commerce, the wares made by local women are on display from wooden boats bobbing in the water. Although this community boasts 36 moss-covered bridges, the most famous is the five-arch **Fangsheng Bridge**—a remnant of the Ming dynasty. Further exploration reveals the **Daqing Youju Post Office**, which dates back to the Qing dynasty.

Next you will visit the **Tongtianhe Chinese Pharmacy**, the largest one in Zhujiajiao dating from the late Qing dynasty. For centuries this pharmacy has established its fame among the locals as it has adhered to the principle of 'Healing the Pain & Saving the Life' based on traditional Chinese ethics and medical culture.

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Finally you'll have some **free time** at the factory store where you can find numerous silk products for sale. Return to the port of Shanghai and re-board your ship.

Notes:

The approximate duration of the tour is calculated from **Baoshan Cruise Terminal**.

Dalian, China - Sunday, March 10, 2024:

A key northern port, Dalian is small by Chinese standards, numbering only about five million people, but it's big on beaches, seafood, apples and exquisite glassware in every conceivable shape and color.

Dalian Favorites



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$109.95

Leave the ship for a unique opportunity to **visit a Chinese family in their home**. You will be welcomed into the home of local Dalian residents and have the chance to talk to your hosts through an English-speaking interpreter to learn about their everyday life and customs. Then, visit the **Pole Aquarium**. Millions of dollars have been invested in this facility which covers an area of 215,000 square feet. The building has two floors, divided into five sections: Large Polar Animals, Polar Experience, Animal Knowledge, Mysterious Ocean World, and Polar Animal Performance. After exploring, enjoy a **lunch** of northern Chinese cuisine. Continue to **People's Square**, once named Stalin Square, located in the center of Dalian. Dalian's ice-free port dates back to 1899, but it was completed in 1930 by the Japanese. Under the terms of the 1945 Yalta Agreement, control of the city passed from Japan to the Soviet Union, which assisted in the construction of vast munitions plants and the completion of Dalian's network of underground defense shelters. Soviet occupation ended in 1954; however, the influence still lingers. Visit one of the thousands of **nursery schools** in Dalian and spend some time with the adorable children before you re-board your coach and return to the ship.

Notes:

If the nursery school visit is not available, a visit to the Dalian Concert Hall to observe the Children activities such as musical instrument class, chorus class etc., will be organized.

Dalian Highlights



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 3¼ Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$34.95

Your half-day tour begins with a visit to **People's Square**, located in the center of Dalian and dating back to 1899. At one point in history it was named Stalin Square. Construction of Dalian's ice-free port began and was completed in 1930 by the Japanese, but under the terms of the 1945 Yalta Agreement, control of the city passed from Japan to the Soviet Union, which assisted in the construction of vast munitions plants and the completion of Dalian's network of underground defense shelters. The occupation ended in 1954; however, a strong Soviet presence still lingers. Visit one of the thousands of **nursery schools** in Dalian and spend some time with these adorable children before boarding your coach for a **scenic drive** to Beida Bridge. This bridge was completed in 1987 to commemorate Dalian's friendly relationship as a sister city with Japan's city of Kitakyushu. The unique architectural style of Beida Bridge has made this bridge an attraction in Dalian. The last stop on your tour is at **Labour Park**, the largest public park

in Dalian. The park offers a panoramic view of this picturesque northern China city. See the many new construction sites marking the economic reform of Dalian, as well as that of China. You will then re-board your coach for the return to the ship.

Notes:

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Dalian Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$769.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family,

friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Dalian Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$949.95



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Dalian Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$829.95



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vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 4 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Dalian Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$469.95



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Dalian Private Touring - Half Day (Minibus)



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$649.95



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is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Dalian Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$529.95

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 4 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Panoramic Dalian



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$34.95

Visit Dalian from the comfort of a motor coach. You'll begin with a **panoramic drive** around Zhongshan Square as your guide explains a brief history of buildings lining the square. Built in 1899 by the Russians, this is the oldest square in Dalian. Next, drive to **Lushan Hill**, which is connected to Labor Park, for a panoramic view of the city. Heading through the city and its main street, Zhongshan Road, watch for People's Square en route to **Xinghai Square** for a brief stop for photos. This large square was built in 1997 to commemorate the return of Hong Kong to China. The square offers view of the massive Dalian International Convention Center and nearby Yellow Sea. Continue with an orientation drive along Dalian's most beautiful coastal road, and enjoy the scenery along with a photo stop at Beida Bridge. Return to the ship by motor coach.

The Tram & Eastern Dalian



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$29.95

Start your tour with a leisurely **walk** through Dalian's **Russian Culture Street**. As the first avenue of the city of Dalian, Russian Culture Street was constructed 100 years ago by Russian architects and has been restored by the city government to its original splendor. The buildings bordering the 470 yard-long street are built in Russian and European style.

The highlight today is a **tram tour** through eastern Dalian. Tramways or streetcars were common throughout the industrialized world in the late 19th and early 20th centuries but they disappeared from most cities in the mid-20th century. After the Russo-Japanese War, in order to solidify Japanese occupation in the South Manchuria, the Japanese Railways Bureau initiated the first tramline with 30 wooden trams in Dalian in 1909. The tram runs from downtown to the Port of Dalian—about a mile. In the old days, trams were classified by different colors for different nationalities. The white trams, which are more upscale, were for the Japanese; while the red ones were for local Chinese residents. After the founding of the People's Republic of China the new Chinese government opened all trams, white and red, to the general public without any classification or discrimination. In 1950s, with the development of Chinese automobile industry, the Chinese government removed most of the tramways in Dalian.

Only one tramway with three trams was preserved and is operating for sightseeing in the Old Town area.

Your next stop will be at **Star & Sea Square**. This large square was built in 1997 to commemorate the return of Hong Kong to China. The square offers views of the massive Dalian International Convention Center and the nearby sea.

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Best of Beijing Overnight: Silver Package (Double)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 30 Hours
Price \$799.95



Day 1 (L/D)

Travel by motor coach to the youngest of China's Imperial Cities, and the capital of modern China, **Beijing**.

First, visit the **Temple of Heaven** -- an outstanding example of simple but impressive Imperial architecture, set in a beautiful park that is an oasis in the city.

This is followed by **lunch** at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, tour the **Forbidden City** -- a vast 'city within a city' and a sprawling complex that includes temples and Imperial houses, including a harem built to house the Emperor's concubines.

Then, you will head to famous and infamous **Tian'anmen Square**, the largest gathering spot in the world. Families flock here in the late afternoon to fly kites and exercise in the enormous open space.

Check in at your hotel, and this evening there is an added bonus -- you'll be treated to a feast of traditional **Peking duck**, right here in modern Peking!

Day 2 (B/L)

Begin today's sightseeing adventure with a hearty hotel **breakfast**; then set out to discover the mysteries of the **Ming Tombs** in the hills outside Beijing. The most famous of these is the Chang Ling Tomb whose mound has not yet been excavated.

Lunch is served at a local restaurant.

Continue to China's most spectacular structure and most recognizable landmark -- the **Great Wall**. Running from the sea to the Gobi Desert, this awesome monument to tyranny and separatism is a stark reminder of China's ruthless Imperial history. Heading along the coast towards Tianjin, you'll rejoin the ship in time for dinner.

Important:

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US citizens: 866 788 1100 or email

customerservice@visacentral.com

Canadian citizens: 888 665 9956 or email customerservice@cibtvisas.ca

VisaCentral phone numbers and email addresses for Dutch, German, Australian, United Kingdom, Belgian, Singapore, Spanish, Swiss and French citizens can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions section of our website, in the Cruise Preparation area. Applications and additional information can be downloaded from the VisaCentral website at <https://visacentral.com/hollandamerica>. You must advise VisaCentral of your Overland Adventures or Overnights, as the visa requirements for these vacation enhancements may vary from those required for your cruise.

Best of Beijing Overnight: Silver Package (Single)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 2 Days/ 1 Night
Price \$999.95



Day 1 (L/D)

Travel by motor coach to the youngest of China's Imperial Cities, and the capital of modern China, **Beijing**.

First, visit the **Temple of Heaven** -- an outstanding example of simple but impressive

Imperial architecture, set in a beautiful park that is an oasis in the city.

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for your cruise.

Hutongs by Rickshaw & Cixi's Summer Palace



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 11 Hours
Adult \$169.95; Child \$159.95

Depart from pier for an approximately three and a half -hour drive to the city of Beijing.

Enjoy a tour through the local **hutongs**. These are the narrow streets and alleys of the **Old Town** and date back to the Yuan Dynasty. Courtyard-style houses line these quaint streets and are the type of housing that used to be all over Beijing. Everyone lived in these kinds of homes before the era of apartment buildings. Many hutongs still survive today and attract visitors who hope to discover the absolutely authentic character of **Old Beijing**.

Explore deep in the alleys around the Houhai area, traveling by **rickshaw**. You will visit a local family in one of the courtyards to learn about Beijing regional's culture and the people's life here.

Lunch is served at a local Chinese restaurant.

Continue to the **Summer Palace**, dating back to the Qing Dynasty. This summer residence took on special interest for the notorious Empress Dowager Cixi, who fulfilled a wonderful, if rather expensive, dream by commissioning the palace in 1888. Originally a concubine of the third rank, Cixi had placed

herself on the Dragon Throne and ruled as Regent for 50 years.

By deploying young women and other earthly distractions, she kept her son away from matters of government until his death at the age of 18. Bypassing the legal inheritance, she installed her young nephew as Emperor and governed from behind the throne until he reached majority. She then retired to the Summer Palace, but continued to meddle in court politics. Explore with your guide and take in the magnificent palace and grounds, which are an oasis of peace in the bustling city.

Board your motorcoach and drive directly back to the ship in Tianjin -- a drive of approximately four hours.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Ming Tomb & Great Wall



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 12 Hours
Adult \$209.95; Child \$189.95

Depart from the pier for an approximately three and a half-hour panoramic drive to the Great Wall area. You'll enjoy **lunch at a local Chinese restaurant** and make the most of a shopping break at a Jade crafts Store. Explore the **Great Wall of China**, whose construction began as early as the 8th century BC. It was the first Qin Emperor who extended this bastion who purpose was to guard against the northern barbarians. Construction reached its zenith under the Ming Dynasty and, today,

the wall stretches some 3,600 miles. Your visit features a walk along a restored section of the wall and its battlements, which are wide enough to allow cavalry and chariots to pass. Then set out to discover the mysteries of the Ming Tombs in the hills outside Beijing. The most famous of these is the **Chang Ling Tomb** whose mound has not yet been excavated (now opened to public as a museum with relics found underground on display). Re-board the motorcoach and transfer directly back to the ship in Tianjin, approximately three and a half hours away.

Notes: Wear comfortable walking shoes.

The Great Wall of China



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 10½ Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$189.95

Depart from the pier for an approximately three-hour and a half **scenic drive** to the Great Wall area.

You'll enjoy **lunch** at a local Chinese restaurant and make the most of a shopping break at a Jade Crafts Store.

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Your visit features a **walk** along a restored section of the wall and its battlements, which

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are wide enough to allow cavalry and chariots to pass.

After your stroll on the wall, re-board the motorcoach and transfer directly back to the ship in Tianjin, approximately three and a half hours away.

Notes: Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Car (City of Beijing)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 to 11 hours -
Price is per vehicle, not per person.
Price \$1,199.95



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Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Car (City of Tianjin)



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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Car (Great Wall)



Departs: 9:00 AM
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Price \$1,299.95



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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Minibus (City of Beijing)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 to 11 hours -
Price is per vehicle, not per person.
Price \$1,849.95



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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Minibus (City of Tianjin)



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 8 to 11 hours -
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Price \$1,699.95

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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Minibus (Great Wall)



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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Van (City of Beijing)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 to 11 hours -
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Price \$1,499.95

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Capacity: 4 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Van (City of Tianjin)



Departs: 9:30 AM
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Price \$1,099.95



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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Van (Great Wall)



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Beijing & the Forbidden City



Departs: 6:00 AM
Approximately 11 Hours
Adult \$229.95; Child \$199.95

Classical Chinese architecture and an overwhelming depth of cultural wealth are on display in the **Forbidden City**.

A motorcoach drive from the pier at Tianjin takes you west, inland to Beijing and the Forbidden City's gateway. The city was originally built as a dwelling for the Ming and Qing Dynasties and covers an area of 250 acres. Here, the emperors and (later) China's religious

After **lunch** at a hotel restaurant, you'll stop at **Tian'anmen Square** -- the very heart of Beijing. This is the largest square in the world, sprawling 34 acres.

From there, the tour continues to the **Temple of Heaven** -- a group of buildings in a walled park south of Beijing. The most famous of the temples is the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests. After some time to enjoy this remarkable setting, you will return to the ship via the highway to Tianjin.

Please Note: The inland drive is about 3.5 hours each way.

Essence of Tianjin



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Price \$99.95

Departing the pier, enjoy a **panoramic drive** as your motorcoach heads into the city of **Tianjin**.

Once in the city, your tour begins with a visit to the **Confucius Temple**, built for the veneration of the philosopher, Confucius, and the sages and philosophers of Confucianism. The Confucius Temple in Tianjin is the third-largest in China.

Confucianism plays a significant role in Chinese folk religion and other Asian countries. This temple and other like it were used for the administration of the imperial examination in China and Vietnam, and often housed schools and other study facilities.

You'll also visit the **Ancient Culture Street** -- a street that brilliantly showcases replica **Qing Dynasty-style** architecture. It opened on New Year's Day in 1986 and is located on the west bank of the Haihe River. Many **stores** here sell Chinese specialties, including the famous Zhang's Clay Figures, Yangliuqing folk paintings, and more. It's the perfect place to pick up a souvenir.

Highlights of Tianjin



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 5¼ Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$99.95

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Finally, enjoy lunch at a local Chinese restaurant before you return to the ship at Tianjin's port.

Hutongs by Rickshaw & Cixi's Summer Palace



Departs: 6:00 AM
Approximately 11 Hours
Adult \$169.95; Child \$159.95

Depart from pier for an approximately three and a half -hour drive to the city of Beijing.

Enjoy a tour through the local **hutongs**. These are the narrow streets and alleys of the **Old Town** and date back to the Yuan Dynasty. Courtyard-style houses line these quaint streets and are the type of housing that used to be all over Beijing. Everyone lived in these kinds of homes before the era of apartment buildings. Many hutongs still survive today and attract visitors who hope to discover the absolutely authentic character of **Old Beijing**.

Explore deep in the alleys around the Houhai area, traveling by **rickshaw**. You will visit a local family in one of the courtyards to learn about Beijing regional's culture and the people's life here.

Lunch is served at a local Chinese restaurant.

Continue to the **Summer Palace**, dating back to the Qing Dynasty. This summer residence took on special interest for the notorious Empress Dowager Cixi, who fulfilled a wonderful, if rather expensive, dream by commissioning the palace in 1888. Originally a concubine of the third rank, Cixi had placed herself on the Dragon Throne and ruled as Regent for 50 years.

By deploying young women and other earthly distractions, she kept her son away from matters of government until his death at the age of 18. Bypassing the legal inheritance, she installed her young nephew as Emperor and governed from behind the throne until he reached majority. She then retired to the Summer Palace, but continued to meddle in court politics. Explore with your guide and take in the magnificent palace and grounds, which are an oasis of peace in the bustling city.

Board your motorcoach and drive directly back to the ship in Tianjin -- a drive of approximately four hours.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

The Best of Tianjin



Departs: 7:00 AM
Approximately 9½ Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$149.95

Departing Tianjin's pier, enjoy a drive through the countryside of China as your motor coach heads to the city of **Tianjin**.

Once you're in the city, your tour begins with a visit to the **Confucius Temple** and the **Ancient Culture Street**, depicting aspects of life in China. The Confucius Temple in Tianjin is the third largest in China.

Lunch is served at a local restaurant before the tour continues to the **Tianjin Museum**. Newly renovated, this state-of-the-art

museum not only tells the history of the city of Tianjin, but also has a large collection of arts and crafts treasures.

Visit the **Shi Family Mansion**, acclaimed as 'the Number One Mansion in North China.' Built in 1875 and with a footprint of more than 60,000 square feet, the mansion has 12 courtyards -- each with a specific function. The courtyards are now the site for a local Folklore Museum, whose brick, wood and stone carvings are among the best in north China.

Drive back to the pier and re-board your waiting ship.

Notes:

The Tianjin Museum is closed Mondays; a visit to the Grand Mercy Temple and Jing Garden will be substituted. Travel time to Tianjin is about 1.25 hours each way.

Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Car (City of Beijing)



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 8 to 11 hours -
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Price \$1,199.95

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Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Car (City of Tianjin)



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 8 to 11 hours -
Price is per vehicle, not per person.
Price \$799.95

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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Car (Great Wall)



Departs: 6:30 AM
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Price \$1,299.95



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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Minibus (City of Beijing)



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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Minibus (City of Tianjin)



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 8 to 11 hours -
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Price \$1,699.95



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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Minibus (Great Wall)



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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Van (City of Beijing)



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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Van (City of Tianjin)



Departs: 8:00 AM (Waitlisted)
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Tianjin Private Touring - Full Day Van (Great Wall)



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Hong Kong, China - Saturday, March 16, 2024: Can any city in the world top Hong Kong's phenomenal energy? Judge for yourself as you ride the tram to the top of Victoria Peak, join the surge into countless markets and watch the hardworking world of Aberdeen's fishing junks.

Afternoon Kowloon Markets Tour



Departs: 1:00 PM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Price \$54.95

Set out for an afternoon at the **Kowloon Markets**, where truth is stranger than fiction and, in one place or another, virtually every imaginable consumer good can be purchased.

You'll begin with a visit to the **Yuen Po Street Bird Garden**. This charming Chinese-style garden is the favorite gathering place of Hong Kong's songbird owners, who carry their beloved pets in intricately-carved cages. It's the see-and-be-seen scene for avian aficionados. All manner of beautiful birds are found here, as well as an intriguing selection of traditional bird-keeping paraphernalia.

Next, transfer to the **Flower Market** -- easily one of Hong Kong's most colorful street markets. This is a jungle of exotic blossoms, luck-bringing houseplants, and sweet scents found in more than 50 shops. It's fun to walk through the market admiring the huge variety of flowers and plants for sale -- some are old favorites but others will have you stymied.

Your final stop is at the **Ladies Market**, where you can buy just about anything.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Ancient Hong Kong



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 4¾ Hours
Price \$159.95

Hong Kong was once a remote corner of the Chinese Empire, dominated by powerful clans and wealthy Mandarins. Today you'll head to the New Territories, which are not new at all -- they became part of Hong Kong in 1898 and comprise 86% of its land mass.

You will visit the opulent **mansion** of an imperial scholar, and the lavishly decorated **ancestral hall of the Tang clan**. A lost world will come back to life before your eyes as you see the fortified villages of rural communities and step inside a temple dedicated to the gods of literature and war.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on Tuesdays or public holidays.

Cook Like a Local: In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$499.95

Hong Kong is one of the world's greatest food cities. For visitors, there's no better way to get to know the city's culture than by cooking and eating like a local. Indulge in dim sum -- a style of Cantonese food prepared in small, bite-sized portions. It's easily the city's favorite dining experience.

Hong Kong's well-respected **Six Senses Cooking Studio** believes in promoting a healthy lifestyle through food and sharing authentic experiences. Follow a professional chef from the studio through a **bustling market**. Then, under his/her guidance, you'll **create your very own Chinese dim sum meal**.

As you prepare the food, your chef will share his/her personal cooking experiences and tips gained from traveling all over the world. You'll also begin to understand the fundamental ingredients that make up Hong Kong cuisine.

When your meal is ready, enjoy a delicious feast of delicate flavors and textures. It's a perfect taste of Hong Kong through hands-on learning.

Notes:

Minimum age is 13 years. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

East Meets West



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Price \$219.95

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Evening Harbor Cruise



Departs: 6:15 PM
Approximately 2¾ Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$129.95

Board a traditional-style **Chinese floating pagoda** to take in the dramatic views of Hong Kong Island from the water. You'll tour one of the world's most exotic ports on a narrated **cruise** around Victoria Harbour. At night,

Hong Kong's spectacular skyline becomes a dazzling neon cityscape. Pristine skyscrapers are lit up against the night sky, including the Bank of China, the HSBC headquarters and the International Finance Centre -- the tallest building in Hong Kong. Enjoy **unlimited drinks** from the bar as you watch the sights and the city lights.

Notes:

There is a short **walk** from the pier to board the vessel. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour operates weather-permitting. This tour is not exclusive to Holland America Line guests.

Explore Lantau Island & Monastery



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 7½ Hours
Adult \$239.95; Child \$189.95

Discover out-of-the-way treasures, scenic beauty, spectacular bridges, mountains and historic sites as you travel to **Lantau Island** -- Hong Kong's largest outlying island.

You'll cross the mile-plus-long Tsing Ma Bridge -- the world's longest road and rail suspension bridge. Stop at a viewing platform for photos of this bridge that links the new airport on Lantau Island to the Kowloon Peninsula.

At Tung Chung on Lantau Island, your first stop is at **Tai O fishing village**, built on stilts beside a river. This was the center of Hong Kong's saltpan industry for 100 years.

Next, visit the **Po Lin** (Precious Lotus) **Monastery**, home to the largest bronze Buddha statue in the world. Enjoy a delicious vegetarian **lunch**; then, you'll have **free time** to explore the **Ngong Ping Themed Village**.

Take a 25-minute **cable car** ride down to Tung Chung town and re-board your coach for the drive back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. You may choose to climb the 300 steps to reach the Big Buddha. Those not wishing to climb the steps can ride to the Big Buddha by coach. The exhibit is on two floors with no elevator. Cable car service operates weather permitting.

Hong Kong Highlights



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 5¼ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$89.95

Depart the pier for **Hong Kong Island** and cross under Victoria Harbour by tunnel.

Head up to **Victoria Peak** by **funicular tram** for a breathtaking view of the harbor and Kowloon. You'll drive past Repulse Bay to the southern side of the island, with panoramic views of one of Hong Kong's most popular and beautiful beaches, along with the beautiful hotel that has long been a landmark here.

Next, you will continue to **Aberdeen** where fishermen and their families live on thousands of junks and sampans.

Enjoy a short **sampan ride** here, and a brief stop at one of the city's **jewelry showrooms** for you to see the wonderful craftsmanship of the goods.

Continue to the small village of Stanley and the legendary **Stanley Market**, famous for its clothes, furniture, souvenirs and great, inexpensive knock-offs of designer goods.

Hong Kong Night View by Tram



Departs: 6:30 PM
Approximately 3¼ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$89.95

Depart the pier and head for **Hong Kong Island** traveling under Victoria Harbour by tunnel.

Your destination is the **Peak Tram Station**. You'll ride the **funicular** railway to the top of Victoria Peak to enjoy a panoramic nighttime view of Hong Kong Island, Victoria Harbour and the Kowloon Peninsula spread out far below. The Peak sits at 1,805 feet above sea level.

Driving back down by coach, stop at a local tram station and board a **double-decker tram** for an evening tour of Hong Kong's hottest nightspots. Hong Kong residents love these unique double-decker trams, which slowly wind their way through the busy streets of the island. The tram is the ideal way to explore the exciting and bustling city life in Hong Kong. Sit upstairs or downstairs and enjoy the ever-changing scenery as the tram returns to Central.

After your tour, re-board the coach for the

drive back to the pier and the ship.

Notes:

The double-decker tram is not wheelchair accessible. Not advisable for guests with mobility limitations. Tour is not exclusive to Holland America Line guests.

Hong Kong Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,399.95



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Hong Kong Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus)



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Hong Kong Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



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Hop On Hop Off Hong Kong City Tour Essential One-Day Ticket



Departs: 8:30 AM
 Approximately 2¾ Hours
 Adult \$78.00; Child \$72.00

The perfect introduction to Hong Kong!

Enjoy sightseeing, museums, temples, shopping, markets, and restaurants as this fully narrated tour allows you to hop-on or hop-off some of the cities most popular highlights. The open top double decker bus provides fantastic views and a great atmosphere to explore. The fully narrated audio tour our virtual guide is available in 10 languages including English, Mandarin, Cantonese, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Korean & Japanese.

The tour ticket is valid for the entire day and includes return tickets for the Star Ferry and transfer to city center, Stop #1 to begin your day of exploration.

Big Bus offers two exciting tour routes including Hong Kong Island Tour (Red Route), and Stanley Tour (Green Route).

Note:

The tour is open to the general public; you are merely purchasing a ticket for the bus service and are subject to traffic delays and possible wait times associated with the service.

Hop On Hop Off Hong Kong City Tour Explore Two-Day Ticket



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 Approximately 2¾ Hours
 Adult \$108.00; Child \$102.00

Extend your fun with the two day Explore ticket.

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Lantau by Skyrail



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$119.95

Visit the stunning **monastery** on the nearby island of **Lantau**. You'll travel to the top of the **Ngong Ping 360** -- a spectacular four-mile **cable car journey** brings you to the Big Buddha, where Chinese devoutly worship and visitors are amazed by the immense statue and vast views.

Combine this visit with a stop at the exciting themed village, to add a cultural and spiritual dimension to Hong Kong's visitor offerings.

Notes:

Cable car service operates weather permitting.

Off the Beaten Track: A Day in the Life of Hong Kong



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$54.95

This cultural tour offers a close-up look at **everyday life in Hong Kong** -- a great option for returning visitors. Through historical photographs, documents and models, the **Hong Kong Museum of History** traces Hong Kong's evolution from sleepy fishing island to world-stage metropolis.

Visit one of Hong Kong's largest **Taoist temples**, the Wong Tai Sin Temple, and enjoy a rare opportunity to observe the daily rituals here. Taoism and Buddhism are the dominant

religions of Hong Kong.

Kowloon's **Walled City Park** was once a refuge for criminals, but is now a superb **Chinese garden**. Some of its displays depict the garden's notorious history.

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Continue to the small village of Stanley and the legendary **Stanley Market**, famous for its clothes, furniture, souvenirs and great, inexpensive knock-offs of designer goods.

Hong Kong Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$899.95



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flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Hong Kong Private Touring - Half Day (Minibus)



Departs: 8:45 AM
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Price \$1,199.95



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Capacity: 18 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Hong Kong Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



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See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,099.95



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Capacity: 4 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Hop On Hop Off Hong Kong City Tour Essential One-Day Ticket



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 2¾ Hours
Adult \$78.00; Child \$72.00

The perfect introduction to Hong Kong!

Enjoy sightseeing, museums, temples, shopping, markets, and restaurants as this fully narrated tour allows you to hop-on or hop-off some of the cities most popular highlights. The open top double decker bus provides fantastic views and a great atmosphere to explore. The fully narrated audio tour our virtual guide is available in 10 languages including English, Mandarin, Cantonese, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Korean & Japanese.

The tour ticket is valid for the entire day and includes return tickets for the Star Ferry and transfer to city center, Stop #1 to begin your day of exploration.

Big Bus offers two exciting tour routes including Hong Kong Island Tour (Red Route), and Stanley Tour (Green Route).

Note:

The tour is open to the general public; you are merely purchasing a ticket for the bus service and are subject to traffic delays and possible wait times associated with the service.

Off the Beaten Track: A Day in the Life of Hong Kong



Departs: 8:15 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$54.95

This cultural tour offers a close-up look at **everyday life in Hong Kong** -- a great option for returning visitors. Through historical photographs, documents and models, the **Hong Kong Museum of History** traces Hong Kong's evolution from sleepy fishing island to world-stage metropolis.

Visit one of Hong Kong's largest **Taoist temples**, the Wong Tai Sin Temple, and enjoy a rare opportunity to observe the daily rituals here. Taoism and Buddhism are the dominant religions of Hong Kong.

Kowloon's **Walled City Park** was once a refuge for criminals, but is now a superb **Chinese garden**. Some of its displays depict the garden's notorious history.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on Tuesdays.

Da Nang (Hue), Vietnam - Tuesday, March 19, 2024:

Ancient Hoi An & Beach



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$74.95

This half-day excursion is ideal for guests wishing to explore the charming merchant town of **Hoi An** in more detail and to spend time at the beach. The pretty riverside town of Hoi An has remained unchanged for centuries. Initially an important trading port, Hoi An boasts some of Vietnam's most **historic architecture** as well as temples and community houses. Upon arrival in the **Ancient Town** of Hoi An, you will set out on foot for a fascinating **walking tour** of this charming town. You will visit the **Museum of Trade Ceramics** and the interior of a **traditional merchant house** built to withstand the floods that plague Hoi An in the rainy season. Step inside the **Phuc Kien Temple**, built in honor of Thien Hau, the Goddess of the Sea, and the nearby **Japanese covered bridge**. However, the real key to discovering Hoi An is to keep your eye on the skyline where you will see in the architecture evidence of the Japanese, Indians, Chinese and Portuguese merchants that once inhabited these shores. After a thorough exploration of the town, journey along charming rural roads to a local **beach in Da Nang**. Enjoy the chance to wander along the shoreline prior to re-boarding your coach for the overland journey to the port.

Angkor Wat Overland Adventure (Da Nang to Phu My) (Double)



Departs: 8:30 AM
3 Days/ 2 Nights
Price \$2,199.95

Day 1 (L/D)

Spend the morning in Da Nang, exploring this fascinating part of Vietnam. Set out by motorcoach through central Da Nang, where colonial-style buildings border shady, tree-lined streets.

A scenic panoramic drive brings you to Hoi An -- a beautiful city where the presence of Eastern and Western merchants has influenced the community's architecture, culture and customs. Many of the wooden buildings date from the first half of the 19th century, so the town retains a distinctive charm. Step back in time on a guided walk through the narrow streets. A visit to a traditional merchant's house will reveal a mix of European, Japanese and Chinese styles, and you will watch a short handicraft production demonstration.

Lunch is served at a local restaurant.

Return to Da Nang this afternoon, passing the Marble Mountain area, which has long inspired Vietnam's artisans. It combines the natural harmony of the Vietnamese countryside with external architectural influences.

Your exposure to artistic Vietnam begins as you meander along Da Nang's tree-lined

streets on the way to the Cham Museum. This ethnographic facility opened in 1939 under the umbrella of the French School of the Far East. Its collection of original sculpture works is displayed in four sections, according to each piece's origin.

Transfer to Da Nang's airport for a flight to Siem Reap. Dinner is served at the hotel in Siem Reap.

Hotel: Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra or similar

Day 2 (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll visit the Beng Mealea Temple. The temple is ancient and shows few signs of the restoration process. It stands quite alone, about 25 miles away from the main group of Angkor temples, but it is well worth the journey.

This afternoon you will head to Angkor Wat - the largest temple in the world with a volume of stone equalling that of the Cheops pyramid in Egypt. It is unlike all other Khmer temples in that it faces west and was inspired by 12th-century Hinduism. Its symmetrical towers are stylized on the modern Cambodian flag. Conceived by Suryavarman II, Angkor Wat took an estimated 30 years to build. It is generally believed to have been a funeral temple for the king. It has been occupied continuously by Buddhist monks and is well-preserved. Intricate bas-reliefs surround Angkor Wat on four sides. Each tells a story. The most celebrated is the Churning of the Ocean of Milk on the east wing. In it, the Naga serpent is twisted by

demons and gods to spurt out the elixir of life.

After sunset at the temple, return to your hotel in Siem Reap for dinner .

Hotel: Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra or similar

Day 3 (B/L)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for a morning flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).

Upon landing, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in the former capital of Vietnam. A city drive takes you past the Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera House, City Hall and the Presidential Palace. Your guide offers a brief commentary about the sights en route.

After a panoramic drive to Phu My port, you will meet the ship at the pier.

Notes:

Modest attire is required for visiting temples; no fitted or collarless tops are allowed; shirts/blouses must cover shoulders; trousers must cover ankles; shorts and skirts are not permitted. A wrap is not sufficient. Wear closed-toe shoes; no sandals or backless shoes are allowed. Men must wear socks. The Apsara Authority will not allow children under 12 to climb up to the top level of Angkor Wat. Bring sturdy non-skid walking shoes. The tour is guided; an escort from the

ship's staff may or may not also accompany the group. You must book this overland PRIOR to sailing. Tour operates subject to meeting a minimum number of participants. The cut-off date is 100 days before the ship's call at Da Nang. Due to the popularity of this tour and strict booking conditions, cancellation fees start 100 days prior to the call at Da Nang. Accommodation is included (hotels are subject to change). Airport assistance and transfers, transportation by air-conditioned coach, all entrance fees indicated in the itinerary, an English-speaking guide (unless otherwise noted), water on the vehicle, and meals (as indicated) are also included. Gratuities and personal expenses are not included. Bring your passport with you on tour. Important information regarding visa requirements: It is solely each participant's responsibility to obtain any necessary visas, tourist cards and vaccinations, if required, to participate in Overland Adventures and/or Overnights and to keep apprised of any policy changes. Visas may be required for any/all countries your tour departs from and travels through and for the country where you will re-join the ship. Passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the completion of the cruise. Your travel agent can assist you with your visa needs. If you require further assistance, Holland America Line's preferred visa service is CIBTvisas. US and Canadian citizens can reach them by phone or email: US citizens: 866 788 1100 or email customerservice@cibtvisa.com. Canadian citizens: 866 935 8472 or email customerservice@cibtvisas.ca. CIBTvisas phone numbers and email addresses for Dutch, German, Australian, United Kingdom,

Belgian, Singapore, Spanish, Swiss and French citizens can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions section of Holland America Line's website, in the Cruise Preparation area. Applications and additional information can be downloaded from the CIBTvisas website at <https://CIBTvisas.com/hollandamerica>. You must advise CIBTvisas of your Overland Adventures or Overnights, as the visa requirements for these vacation enhancements may vary from those required for your cruise.

Angkor Wat Overland Adventure (Da Nang to Phu My) (Single)



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3 Days/ 2 Nights
Price \$2,499.95

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Return to Da Nang this afternoon, passing the Marble Mountain area, which has long inspired Vietnam's artisans. It combines the natural harmony of the Vietnamese countryside with external architectural influences.

Your exposure to artistic Vietnam begins as you meander along Da Nang's tree-lined streets on the way to the Cham Museum. This ethnographic facility opened in 1939 under the umbrella of the French School of the Far East. Its collection of original sculpture works is displayed in four sections, according to each piece's origin.

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Artisans of Da Nang



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$54.95

The Marble Mountain area has long inspired Vietnam's artisans because it combines the natural harmony of the Vietnamese countryside with unique architectural influences. Your exposure to artistic Vietnam begins as you meander along Da Nang's tree-lined streets on the way to the **Cham Museum**. This ethnographic facility opened in 1939, under the umbrella of the French Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient. Its collection of **original sculpture works** is displayed in four sections, according to each piece's origin.

Your coach will then head seven miles from the center of town to the grand spectacle of the **Marble Mountains**. Step off the coach for a 45-minute **walk** around this historic area, whose five peaks correspond to the five basic elements of feng shui. During the Cham period, this marble ridge was a Hindu sanctuary. Later, Vietnamese Buddhists built pagodas on its slopes dedicated to Buddha or Confucius. Nowadays, Buddhist shrines occupy several mountain caves which were bombed during the war. Enjoy a photo stop at My Khe Beach—once a wartime recreational hangout for American GIs—and Continue to Linh Ung Pagoda before returning to the ship.

Best of Ancient Hoi An



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7½ Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$114.95

The presence of Eastern and Western merchants in **Hoi An** during the first half of the 19th century significantly influenced the architecture, culture and customs of this lovely community. Many remaining wooden buildings lend the town a distinctive charm. Take a step back in time during your guided **walk** through its narrow streets. Your visit to a traditional merchant's house will reveal a unique mix of European, Japanese and Chinese styles. Enjoy some **free time** for exploring and **shopping** in the town. Lunch is served at a local restaurant with exquisitely subtle Vietnamese flavors. Before returning to the ship, you will pause at **My Khe Beach**. This was a favorite military recreation spot during the war and became world famous through the television series in the USA. It is

also a great chance to see the beauty the Marble Mountains and a marble workshop operating right on the roadside.

Da Nang Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$699.95



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Da Nang Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus)



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Capacity: 13 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Da Nang Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:30 AM
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Price \$799.95



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Capacity:5 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Da Nang Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM
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Da Nang Private Touring - Half Day (Minibus)



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Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
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Da Nang Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



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Capacity: 5 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Da Nang by Rickshaw & the Cham Museum



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$64.95

See **Da Nang** as the local people do, aboard a **pedal cab**. An air-conditioned motor coach or minibus will whisk you to the **Cham Museum**, where your pedal cab awaits. Aboard this simple and somewhat noisy conveyance you take a **whirlwind tour** through the city streets

to see such landmarks as the Han Market, the Da Nang Cathedral and the TV Broadcasting Station en route to the Cham Museum. Leave the pedal cab there as you step inside for a 30-minute museum sojourn. View an extraordinary collection of sandstone-sculpted items, which provide insight into the history and culture of the fascinating Cham minority people. Your motor coach or minibus waits for the continuation of this excursion to **My Khe Beach**. You'll pause for photos at the idyllic spot—a wartime recreational hangout for American GIs—that was immortalized in a television series before returning to the port.

Hoi An Ancient Town by Night



Departs: 5:00 PM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$99.95

Hoi An is gorgeous at night! The presence of Eastern and Western merchants in Hoi An during the first half of the 19th century significantly influenced the architecture, culture and customs of this lovely community. Many remaining wooden buildings lend the town a distinctive charm. Take a step back in time during your guided walk through its narrow streets. Dinner is served at a local restaurant with exquisitely subtle Vietnamese flavors.

Hoi An Highlights



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$74.95

Explore this fascinating part of Vietnam, starting out by motor coach through central **Da Nang**, where colonial-style buildings border shady, tree-lined streets. You will continue your journey to **Hoi An**, where the presence of Eastern and Western merchants has influenced the architecture, culture and customs of this community. Many of the wooden buildings dated from the first half of the 19th century, so the town retains a distinctive charm. Step back in time on a guided **walk through the narrow streets**. A visit to a **traditional merchant's house** will reveal a unique mix of European, Japanese and Chinese styles, and you will see a short handicraft production demonstration. Before returning to the ship, pause at **My Khe Beach**. This was a favorite military R&R spot during the war and a recreational hangout for American GIs.

Imperial Hue



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 10 Hours
Adult \$154.95; Child \$144.95

Hue was the Imperial City of the Nguyen Emperors, rising to glory during their reign from 1802 to 1945. Drive through the Hai Van tunnels from Da Nang, to arrive in **Hue**. Your visit will be to the **Imperial Citadel**. Recent reconstruction efforts have successfully restored this building to its former splendor, nevertheless, there are still some

important ongoing works. Passing through the impressive Mon gate, you will reach the main pavilion—the **Palace of Supreme Harmony** (currently under renovation). It was here that important ceremonies took place. Much of the ground beyond the Palace suffered damage in the Tet Offensive of 1968, and beyond the walls, entrepreneurial farmers work the fertile land. You will see the immense Dynastic Urns, each depicting a different Vietnamese region, and the **Pavilion of Benevolence**. A buffet **Imperial Feast lunch** is served at a local hotel. Enjoy your meal featuring Asian specialties including those of Hue, where Vietnamese cuisine is more extensive than anywhere else in the country. After lunch, drive through **pine forests** and **orchards** to visit one of the numerous **imperial tombs** which dot the surrounding countryside. Built by the Nguyen Dynasty Emperors, each tomb was meant as a place of recreation before being utilized as a final resting place. **Tu Duc Tomb** resembles a miniature royal palace with an attractive pavilion overlooking a tranquil lake, ornate buildings, fragrant gardens and hunting grounds.

Notes: Travel time to Hue is approximately 3 hours each way. Travel time to Hue is approximately 3 hours each way.

My Son Heritage & Cham Art



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$109.95

Approximately two hours' drive by motor coach from Da Nang, via the undulating countryside of Central Vietnam, you will discover the beautiful My Son Mountains—the holy land of the lost Champa kingdom. Upon arrival, you will switch to a local van or jeep for five minutes to gain access to the exquisite spiritual architecture of the **My Son UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Historically, this land was ruled by the Champa civilization from the early 7th century through the 14th century. More than 70 brick temples were built to worship the Hindu gods. When French explorers came upon the temples at the end of the 19th century, most were intact. Unfortunately, many were later destroyed in 1969 by bombing raids during the Vietnam War. Today, however, visitors like you can still appreciate their historical value and gain an insight into the lost kingdom. Returning to Da Nang city, you will stop at a local restaurant for **lunch**. Clamber into a **rickshaw** afterwards for a fun pedal around the main city streets. Your rickshaw driver will drop you off at the Cham Museum for 30-minute museum sojourn. The **Cham Museum** was founded by a group of French scholars in 1915 and this old sandstone building now houses the best collection of Cham art in the world. On display are more than 300 sandstone and terra cotta sculptures. During your guided visit, you will see a sampling of Cham artifacts, sculptures and sandstone

carvings, many of which were excavated from the My Son site.

Phu My, Vietnam - Thursday, March 21, 2024: Whether you are on a wide boulevard admiring the French Colonial architectural influence, or in a bustling market haggling with a street vendor, you cannot escape the culture and history of this bustling city. Ho Chi Minh City is home to many colorful pagodas, cathedrals and palaces-including one of the city's oldest, Giac Lam Pagoda, dating from 1744. Explore Reunification Hall, which has been left almost exactly as it was when Saigon fell in 1975.

A Taste of Vietnamese Cuisine: In Partnership with FOOD & WINE Magazine



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$79.95

Vietnamese cuisine is varied and wonderful. Long touted for its use of fresh ingredients, minimal use of dairy and oil, and complementary textures, Vietnamese cuisine balances fragrance, taste and color. This tour gives a practical introduction to Vietnamese cooking and is highly specialized for guests interested in regional cuisine.

Upon arrival in **Ho Chi Minh City** -- nirvana for foodies in southern Vietnam -- you'll visit the local market. An executive sous chef accompanies you and introduces you to a range of regional fruits and vegetables. The atmosphere of the market is unmatched, as customers haggle with vendors over an endless display of the freshest spices, fruits, vegetables, grains, meat and seafood.

Continue to a **culinary center** for a practical **demonstration of Vietnamese cooking**. Alongside professional chefs, you will discover the art of Vietnamese gastronomy. You'll learn about typical National dishes, dining etiquette, and how to use chopsticks before sitting down to your culinary creation.

Savor your creations in a relaxing ambience.

The chef is available during **lunch** to comment on Vietnamese cuisine and food preparation.

Head back to Phu My by motorcoach, taking home a handbook with recipes so you can recreate your favorites long after you return home from your travels.

Notes: Travel time to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately 90 minutes each way.

Ba Ria: A Local Life Experience



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Price \$49.95

Located a short distance inland from Phu My Port is the untouched rural area of **Ba Ria Province**. This area has seen little in the way of urban development and many inhabitants continue to lead their lives the way they have for generations. You will visit **a local pagoda** and drive past **the local market** place for a glimpse of everyday local life. Next you'll have the rare opportunity to enter the confines of a **local home**. As in nearly all Vietnamese homes, a series of altars stands proudly in memory of deceased family members. The owners welcome a visit from outsiders and are pleased to talk about their simple but traditionally rich lifestyle. For all Vietnamese, rice is the staple diet, but it can also be made into many different forms. Your next stop allows you to see the **process of rice paper**

making and a **distillery** producing the local '**moonshine**'—a potent form of rice wine.

Finally, step inside a colorful **Cao Dai temple**. This religion was officially founded in 1926 and within a year the group had 26,000 followers. By the mid-1950s eight percent of South Vietnamese were Cao Daist. Founded in an attempt to create the ideal religion through fusion of secular and religious philosophies of east and west, Cao Daim is fascinating combination of Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Hinduism, native Vietnamese spirits, Christianity and Islam. Look out for the official Cao Dai symbol—the 'divine' eye—inset into the front of the temple above the altar.

Cu Chi Tunnels



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 10 Hours
Adult \$114.95; Child \$59.95

A comfortable motor coach will transport you out of the port of Phu My and into the surrounding countryside.

As you approach **Cu Chi**, it is hard to believe you are entering what was a war zone of incredible strategic importance. This tour focuses on the ingenuity and resilience of the Vietnamese fighters who both lived and fought from underground tunnels. Originally constructed as a means to fight against the French by the Viet Minh, the tunnels were

later expanded up to 36 feet below ground in hard soil using only rudimentary tools. Most tunnels were only 2 – 2½ feet wide and 4½ feet tall, with thick roofs capable of withstanding the weight of tanks or the impact of bombs.

Watch a **short video** that traces the history of the tunnels, their origins, construction and design. Then, a military guide will explain, with the use of dioramas, the underground network. On display are some of the tools and weapons used by the guerrilla fighters. Much of the tunnel complex has been opened and ventilated so that you can more easily experience the underground meeting rooms, kitchens, hospital and sleeping areas.

More adventurous and agile tunnel explorers can experience an **unlit passage**, which has not been enlarged for the comfort of visitors. See if you can find the hidden tunnel entrances and learn about the ingenious methods Vietnamese soldiers employed to remain undetected and frustrate their enemies.

Lunch is served during the tour. Refreshments (at your own expense) and souvenirs are available in the nearby parking area, which also displays some military paraphernalia.

Notes:

The information is presented from a Vietnamese perspective. While the portrayal of their story may be at odds with American sentiment, it is nonetheless an interesting visit. It is important to note that, after the fall of Saigon, the guerrilla fighters were considered heroes, and still are by many older Vietnamese people. Wear sturdy shoes, sunscreen and insect repellent. Guests visiting lower levels of the tunnels may get dirty. Travel time to Cu Chi Tunnels is approximately three hours each way. Minimum height is 2 feet. Maximum age is 70 years.

Phu My Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 6:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$599.95

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling

together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Phu My Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$799.95

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to

create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 8 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Phu My Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$399.95

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the

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Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Phu My Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$499.95

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting

sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

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Sensational Saigon



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 8½ Hours
Adult \$134.95; Child \$59.95

Transfer by motor coach to the center of bustling **Ho Chi Minh City**.

Your first stop is at the recently renovated **City Museum**—a wonderful example of French heritage that has survived the surge of development currently enveloping old Saigon. Among the most attractive buildings in the city, the museum belonged to the Emperor Gia Long at the beginning of French rule in the mid-1800s. Since 1975, it has housed artifacts unique to Vietnam’s culture and history, including a wide selection of rarely seen black and white images of the communist struggle for power in Vietnam.

At the **Bitexco Financial Tower**, take advantage of time to explore on your own with an optional visit to the Ben Thanh Market.

Continue to the **Notre Dame Cathedral**. Although it is not quite as impressive as its Parisian namesake, French colonists proudly paid homage to the motherland with the construction of this Roman-Gothic-style church whose construction materials hailed entirely from France.

Enjoy a sumptuous buffet **lunch** of Asian and Western dishes at a local hotel.

You’ll also visit the former Presidential Palace, now **Reunification Hall**, made famous

when a North Vietnamese tank crashed through the front gates on 30th April, 1975, signaling the end of the Vietnam War. It has changed little since that time. See the reception and dining rooms of the President’s quarters and the basement—still full of ancient American-made telecommunications equipment and strategic military maps lining the walls.

Enjoy a short visit to a **lacquer ware workshop** before returning to Phu My port.

Notes:

Travel time to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately 90 minutes each way. Maximum age is 84 years. Entrance Ticket to the Bitexco Tower is NOT included.

The Best of Ho Chi Minh City



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 8½ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$59.95

Drive from Phu My through pretty countryside dotted with rice fields and rubber plantations. The main ‘highway’ is packed with bicycles, heavily laden buses and people making their way to market. This tour introduces the major highlights of bustling **Ho Chi Minh City**, still commonly referred to as **Saigon**.

Among the grand old buildings, you will see colorful markets selling everything from chilies to French baguettes.

The former **Presidential Palace** is now known

as Independence Palace. This historic building was made famous when a North Vietnamese tank crashed through its front gates in 1975, signaling the end of the Vietnam War. It has changed little since that time and is now retained as a museum. Your tour will include the reception and dining rooms of the President’s quarters, and the basement with its ancient American-made telecommunications equipment still in place, and strategic military maps lining the walls.

Drive by the Notre Dame Cathedral—a neo-Classical structure dating back to the 19th century. The imposing twin spires have long heralded arrival in Saigon to passenger liners that travel the winding Saigon River.

Enjoy a sumptuous buffet **lunch** of Asian and Western dishes at a local hotel.

Visit the **History Museum**. Built in 1929, this facility houses an excellent collection of artifacts illustrating the evolution of the cultures of Vietnam, from the Bronze Age Dong Son civilization to Cham, Khmer and modern-day Vietnam.

Browse, shop and observe at a **lacquer ware workshop** before returning to Phu My port.

Notes:

Travel time to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately 90 minutes each way.

Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 8½ Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$39.95

This **transfer** may suit you if you would like to **explore on your own**. It consists of a motor coach ride from the ship to **Ho Chi Minh City**. You will be dropped off at a central location, and the coach escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have time to shop and explore on your own.

Notes:

Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the pick-up point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motor coach to answer questions en route. Travel time to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately 90 minutes each way.

Vung Tau Highlights



Departs: 6:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$34.95

Vung Tau was known as Cap St Jacques during the days of the French occupation, and has always been a popular beach resort for residents of Saigon. Attractive villas that dot the hillsides have now been converted into guesthouses. The resort is on a peninsula lined with miles of sandy beach.

Drive along the coast past a 100-foot-tall statue of Jesus, and visit a hillside Buddhist

temple with attractive views. Further around the peninsula, you will see the so-called Bay of Boats, where numerous colorful wooden fishing boats are anchored.

A visit to the former **Royal Residence of Bach Dinh**, the White Villa, is included. Take in spectacular views over the bay from the frangipani-scented gardens of the villa before you return to the ship.

Singapore - Saturday, March 23, 2024: The cultural crossroads of the world, where in the space of a few hours you can relax in a quaint Chinese teahouse, purchase a colorful sari in Little India and visit a Sultan mosque. Ponder it all on the verandah of the famous Raffles Hotel.

A Taste of Authentic Singapore



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$189.95

On the global stage, Singapore stands out as a bright beacon of far-flung flavors. Soaking up most of the spotlight is some very bold architecture but, beyond its iconic skyline hides a cache of savory secrets. Today you will discover Singapore in the best way possible -- through its authentic and varied food scene. You'll check out one of the city's prettiest neighborhoods, explore a wet market, and enjoy the uniquely-Singaporean experience of eating in a hawker center.

A **panoramic drive** through the city center brings you to the lush **Tiong Bahru district**, known for its Art Deco shops and galleries. Meet your guide here, and your introduction to savory Singapore begins with a local **breakfast** – to sample.

Then, you'll then explore a **wet market**. The locals shop here for everything from fish and meat to spices and noodles. It's called a wet market because the floors are typically wet. Wander among the stalls, as your guide shares information about Singapore's distinctive local cuisine. You will have a chance to sample some of the mouthwatering **fruits of Asia**.

You'll also head to a hawker center, which is essentially a gathering of **street food-style**

vendors under one roof. Among the densely-packed hawker stalls, discover abundant, cheap and tasty dishes. Some of the signature dishes of Singapore are sold here, including *nasi padang* (a meal of rice eaten with beef, seafood, poultry and vegetables), chicken rice, wonton noodles, and *laksa* (spicy coconut noodle soup). In addition, you'll learn from the cooks how they started their businesses and find out how they prepare their specialty food items.

Finally, you will visit **Chinatown**. Step inside a temple for a moment of hush and a respite from the busy street scene. Down a trendy street nearby, hipster cafés and specialty shops rule the day. Take advantage of some **free time** to purchase souvenirs or just watch the locals engaged in a game of Chinese chess.

Sated after a day filled with fun memories, you'll head back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Market is subject to change depending on the day of call. Due to the nature of this tour, the cancellation deadline is 96 hours prior to the start of the tour instead of the usual 48 hours.

Around the Island



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Price \$149.95

This tour offers an interesting view of **life outside the city**, and starts with a visit to the **Tiong Bahru Wet Market** to see the locals buy their daily groceries and vegetables. Next, pass by the **Kranji Dam area**—once a swamp used as the first landing spot for Japanese Advance Boats during World War II. **The Kranji War Memorial**, unveiled in 1957, overlooks the Straits of Johore and is the final resting place for many of the Allied soldiers who lost their lives in World War II. It commemorates by name more than 20,000 men and women. After **lunch**, you'll visit the **Bright Hill Temple**, a famous place of Chinese ancestral worship. The final loop of the tour will pass the **Johore Battery**, built by the British in 1939. Drive through Changi Village on the way back to the pier.

Notes:

This tour is available only to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Singapore. If **Tiong Bahru Wet Market** is closed for washing then we will visit another market. Changi Chapel and Museum are closed for restoration from 1 Jan 2019 and are scheduled to reopen late 2020.

Best of Singapore



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$279.95; Child \$259.95

Begin your excursion with a **panoramic drive** to Chinatown to experience the rich Chinese culture of Singapore. Marvel at the beautiful temples, including Sri Mariamman Temple -- the oldest Hindu temple in the city.

Take a **riverboat** ride to your first destination -- the iconic **Merlion Park**. The Merlion fountain was erected as a symbol of welcome to visitors. From here, you will be able to see the Fullerton Hotel, originally built in 1928 to house the General Post Office, the Exchange, the Chamber of Commerce and the Singapore Club. All of these establishments played important economic roles in ensuring that Singapore remained the trade hub of Southeast Asia at the time.

Drive past the Supreme Court and the Old Parliament House as well as the Esplanade Theaters, located on 14 acres of waterfront property near the mouth of the Singapore River -- purpose-built as the center for performing arts for this island nation. You'll stop at the **City Gallery** for an overview of the latest developments; learn about current plans and technological advances and take in a bird's-eye view of the city, discovering the city's landmarks on an innovative city model.

Next, you'll head to the Marina Bay Sands

observation deck, situated 650 feet above sea level, to enjoy a different perspective of Singapore.

Continue your city tour at the **Gardens by the Bay** -- a 250-acre park that is home to more than 250,000 rare plants housed in giant domed conservatories, with several different regions to discover. Step into the **Flower Dome** and wonder at nature merged with spectacular, innovative design. This section replicates the cool-dry climate of Mediterranean regions and houses flora that thrive in these conditions. Wander through the gardens and discover all the marvels of nature and technology that make this award-winning attraction quite fascinating. Take time to visit the mysterious, mist-veiled **Cloud Forest**, where a 115-foot 'mountain' showcases the world's tallest indoor waterfall and presents plant life from the tropical highlands.

A sumptuous **lunch** will be served at a local Chinese restaurant before you drive down Arab Street -- a repository of culture for Singapore's Muslim community. Snap some photos of the gold-domed Sultan Mosque then proceed through Little India, Singapore's foremost Indian enclave.

Conclude your tour with a **Singapore Sling** at a **leading 5-Star Hotel**.

Notes:

The City Gallery is closed on Sundays and public holidays. In the event the Flower Dome or the Cloud Forest are closed, a walk along the OCBC skyway above the Supertree Grove

will be substituted. Raffles Hotel has been closed for extensive renovation and yet to reopen.

Chinatown & Tea Experience



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$149.95

Singapore's **Chinatown**, an area originally designated for the Chinese population, is now a bustling multi-cultural area. Although the physical landscape of Chinatown has changed over the years, traditional notions and values continue to shape lifestyle choices and can perhaps best be deciphered through food. Chinese tea has great health, social and cultural benefits, and is often used to welcome special guests.

A **tea ceremony** and the associated talk you will hear are designed to communicate both the cultural and health aspects of tea. In a quaint Chinese teahouse, you'll see how the Chinese brew tea and take in the flavors and aromas of the tealeaves. Your Chinese tea experience will be conducted by a true expert with in-depth experience of tea and its background. There is time for **tea tasting** and you can spend some time browsing among the unique Chinese teapots and tea leaves sold here.

You will be treated to a Chinese set-menu **lunch** afterwards.

Notes: Tour sequence may vary.

Gardens by the Bay & Marina Bay Sands Observation Deck



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$69.95

Visit the impressive **Gardens by the Bay**—a 250-acre park that is home to more than 250,000 rare plants housed in giant domed conservatories with several different regions to discover. Step into the **Flower Dome** and wonder at nature merged with spectacular, innovative design. This section replicates the cool-dry climate of Mediterranean regions and houses flora that thrive in these conditions. Wander through the gardens and discover all the marvels of nature and technology that make this award-winning attraction quite fascinating. Take time to visit the mysterious, mist-veiled **Cloud Forest**, where a 115-foot 'mountain' showcases the world's tallest indoor waterfall and presents plant life from the tropical highlands (up to 6,500 feet above sea level). Next, you'll head to the Marina Bay Sand's **observation deck**, situated 650 feet above ground, to enjoy a different perspective of Singapore. Finally, enjoy a **coach ride** back to the cruise centre.

Notes:

Admission to the observation deck only is included. The infinity pool is strictly for in-house guests only. Guests may choose to opt out of the observation deck visit to explore the hotel's shopping facilities on their own, but there is no cost reduction. In the event the Flower Dome or the Cloud Forest are closed, a walk along the OCBC skyway above the

Supertree Grove will be substituted.

Iconic Singapore



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$109.95

Depart the pier and head out to view the **Taoist temple** built in 1821.

Next, gain insight into Singapore's history on a **riverboat cruise**. The Singapore River has seen 150 years of commercial activity and has been at the heart of the city's growth from an obscure fishing village to a great seaport and metropolis. A 30-minute ride on a low-slung riverboat enables you to appreciate this transformation. Today, the Singapore River is still buzzing with life and activity, but the waterfront now plays host to a colorful kaleidoscope of restaurants, wine bars, entertainment spots and retail stores. You'll also catch a glimpse, from a distance, of the famous Merlion fountain and Marina Bay Sands Hotel (weather conditions permitting).

Leaving the boat and river behind, board a motorcoach and continue to enjoy the sights of the **colonial district**, known as **Old Singapore**. You will pass the Padang, City Hall, and St Andrew's Cathedral, taking in some of the splendid architecture of a bygone era.

On Arab Street, take advantage of an opportunity to photograph the beautiful, gold-domed Sultan Mosque before driving past the legendary **Raffles Hotel**. Named after

the British founder of modern-day Singapore, Sir Stamford Raffles, this property is one of the world's finest and most famous hotels.

Enjoy a **Singapore Sling** cocktail, at a leading 5-Star hotel before returning to the ship.

Notes:
Singapore Sling is served in a 5 star leadig hotel and not inside Raffles Hotel. Tour order may vary.

Night Safari



Departs: 6:00 PM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$109.95

The **Night Safari** is the world's first **wildlife park** purpose-built to be viewed at night. It is not an ordinary zoo simply illuminated by night or a modern version of nocturnal houses found in many zoos. Set in 98 acres of dense secondary forest, the Night Safari offers visitors the rather fascinating experience of observing wildlife in a tropical jungle at night.

Through the use of subtle lighting techniques, guests are able to view the **1,000 nocturnal animals** of 100 different species in vast natural habitats. Watch the Cape buffalo, African bongo, blue sheep, striped hyena, golden jackal, the greater one-horned rhinoceros and many others roaming freely through the Night Safari's lush grounds on a relaxing, open-air tram ride that slowly weaves through the enclosure.

Alternatively, you can choose to stroll along some of the many walking trails designed for safety and set amid a lush tropical forest.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Singapore.

Panoramic Singapore



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$59.95

Leaving the ship by coach, you'll begin a very **relaxing panoramic tour** of this tiny, but lovely, country. Singapore is an economic and social stronghold in the Pacific Rim, and as you set out to explore, you will see the Business District that is responsible for the nation's fiscal security.

Then, you will drive through the historic **Padang area**. Have your camera ready as architecture and foliage combine to create the perfect backdrop for capturing the landmarks of Singapore's colonial past. Culture abounds here, and you'll catch a glimpse of many of its aspects. **Little India** is a fascinating area of teeming shop-houses and flamboyant temples, and in the **Arab Quarter** you will find a different side of Islam among the mosques and outgoing lifestyle. Enjoy a quick drink at a local shop.

Old **Chinatown** features the ubiquitous, harried bustle of street merchants.

Back to the 21st century now, you'll discover famous **Orchard Road**, lined with western-style department stores and couturier houses.

Before returning to the ship, see Singapore's high-rise residential areas.

Notes:

This tour is available only to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Singapore.

Singapore Highlights



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$79.95

An ideal "first experience" overview of dynamic **Singapore**, this tour features many highlights of this island nation that is known for its extraordinary tidiness and its friendly people.

First, drive to the heart of **Old Singapore**, to **Arab Street** to take advantage of an opportunity to photograph the beautiful, gold-domed **Sultan Mosque**.

After passing **St Andrew's Cathedral, City Hall** and **Padang**, you will disembark the motor coach at **Esplanade Walk** to discover on foot the splendid architecture of the historic **Colonial District**. From here, you can also see the **Merlion**—the half-fish, half-lion symbol of Singapore—welcoming visitors to the harbor. You might also catch a glimpse of the famous **Marina Bay Sands Hotel** at a distance (weather permitting).

Next stop, **Chinatown!** Walking through the

alleyways around **Sri Mariamman Hindu Temple**, you'll see that the building is flamboyantly graced with multi-colored gods and goddesses.

Finally, before returning to the ship, visit the **National Orchid Garden** to feast your eyes on the largest orchid display in the world, featuring more than 60,000 orchid plants.

Notes:

This option is available only to guests who are returning to the ship at the end of the tour. Tour order may vary.

Singapore Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$999.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family,

friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Singapore Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,199.95

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own

pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 6 guests (without luggage). Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Singapore - Sunday, March 24, 2024: The cultural crossroads of the world, where in the space of a few hours you can relax in a quaint Chinese teahouse, purchase a colorful sari in Little India and visit a Sultan mosque. Ponder it all on the verandah of the famous Raffles Hotel.

Around the Island



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Price \$149.95

This tour offers an interesting view of **life outside the city**, and starts with a visit to the **Tiong Bahru Wet Market** to see the locals buy their daily groceries and vegetables. Next, pass by the **Kranji Dam area**—once a swamp used as the first landing spot for Japanese Advance Boats during World War II. **The Kranji War Memorial**, unveiled in 1957, overlooks the Straits of Johore and is the final resting place for many of the Allied soldiers who lost their lives in World War II. It commemorates by name more than 20,000 men and women. After **lunch**, you'll visit the **Bright Hill Temple**, a famous place of Chinese ancestral worship. The final loop of the tour will pass the **Johore Battery**, built by the British in 1939. Drive through Changi Village on the way back to the pier.

Notes:

This tour is available only to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Singapore. If **Tiong Bahru Wet Market** is closed for washing then we will visit another market. Changi Chapel and Museum are closed for restoration from 1 Jan 2019 and are scheduled to reopen late 2020.

Chinatown & Tea Experience



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$149.95

Singapore's **Chinatown**, an area originally designated for the Chinese population, is now a bustling multi-cultural area. Although the physical landscape of Chinatown has changed over the years, traditional notions and values continue to shape lifestyle choices and can perhaps best be deciphered through food. Chinese tea has great health, social and cultural benefits, and is often used to welcome special guests.

A **tea ceremony** and the associated talk you will hear are designed to communicate both the cultural and health aspects of tea. In a quaint Chinese teahouse, you'll see how the Chinese brew tea and take in the flavors and aromas of the tealeaves. Your Chinese tea experience will be conducted by a true expert with in-depth experience of tea and its background. There is time for **tea tasting** and you can spend some time browsing among the unique Chinese teapots and tea leaves sold here.

You will be treated to a Chinese set-menu **lunch** afterwards.

Notes: Tour sequence may vary.

Gardens by the Bay & Marina Bay Sands Observation Deck



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$69.95

Visit the impressive **Gardens by the Bay**—a 250-acre park that is home to more than 250,000 rare plants housed in giant domed conservatories with several different regions to discover. Step into the **Flower Dome** and wonder at nature merged with spectacular, innovative design. This section replicates the cool-dry climate of Mediterranean regions and houses flora that thrive in these conditions. Wander through the gardens and discover all the marvels of nature and technology that make this award-winning attraction quite fascinating. Take time to visit the mysterious, mist-veiled **Cloud Forest**, where a 115-foot 'mountain' showcases the world's tallest indoor waterfall and presents plant life from the tropical highlands (up to 6,500 feet above sea level). Next, you'll head to the Marina Bay Sand's **observation deck**, situated 650 feet above ground, to enjoy a different perspective of Singapore. Finally, enjoy a **coach ride** back to the cruise centre.

Notes:

Admission to the observation deck only is included. The infinity pool is strictly for in-house guests only. Guests may choose to opt out of the observation deck visit to explore

the hotel's shopping facilities on their own, but there is no cost reduction. In the event the Flower Dome or the Cloud Forest are closed, a walk along the OCBC skyway above the Supertree Grove will be substituted.

Iconic Singapore



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$109.95

Depart the pier and head out to view the **Taoist temple** built in 1821.

Next, gain insight into Singapore's history on a **riverboat cruise**. The Singapore River has seen 150 years of commercial activity and has been at the heart of the city's growth from an obscure fishing village to a great seaport and metropolis. A 30-minute ride on a low-slung riverboat enables you to appreciate this transformation. Today, the Singapore River is still buzzing with life and activity, but the waterfront now plays host to a colorful kaleidoscope of restaurants, wine bars, entertainment spots and retail stores. You'll also catch a glimpse, from a distance, of the famous Merlion fountain and Marina Bay Sands Hotel (weather conditions permitting).

Leaving the boat and river behind, board a motorcoach and continue to enjoy the sights of the **colonial district**, known as **Old Singapore**. You will pass the Padang, City

Hall, and St Andrew's Cathedral, taking in some of the splendid architecture of a bygone era.

On Arab Street, take advantage of an opportunity to photograph the beautiful, gold-domed Sultan Mosque before driving past the legendary **Raffles Hotel**. Named after the British founder of modern-day Singapore, Sir Stamford Raffles, this property is one of the world's finest and most famous hotels.

Enjou a **Singapore Sling** cocktail, at a leading 5-Star hotel before returning to the ship.

Notes:

Singapore Sling is served in a 5 star leadig hotel and not inside Raffles Hotel. Tour order may vary.

Panoramic Singapore



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$59.95

Leaving the ship by coach, you'll begin a very **relaxing panoramic tour** of this tiny, but lovely, country. Singapore is an economic and social stronghold in the Pacific Rim, and as you set out to explore, you will see the Business District that is responsible for the nation's fiscal security.

Then, you will drive through the historic **Padang area**. Have your camera ready as architecture and foliage combine to create the perfect backdrop for capturing the landmarks of Singapore's colonial past. Culture abounds

here, and you'll catch a glimpse of many of its aspects. **Little India** is a fascinating area of teeming shop-houses and flamboyant temples, and in the **Arab Quarter** you will find a different side of Islam among the mosques and outgoing lifestyle. Enjoy a quick drink at a local shop.

Old **Chinatown** features the ubiquitous, harried bustle of street merchants.

Back to the 21st century now, you'll discover famous **Orchard Road**, lined with western-style department stores and couturier houses.

Before returning to the ship, see Singapore's high-rise residential areas.

Notes:

This tour is available only to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Singapore.

Singapore Highlights



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$79.95

An ideal "first experience" overview of dynamic **Singapore**, this tour features many highlights of this island nation that is known for its extraordinary tidiness and its friendly people.

First, drive to the heart of **Old Singapore**, to **Arab Street** to take advantage of an opportunity to photograph the beautiful, gold-domed **Sultan Mosque**.

After passing **St Andrew's Cathedral, City**

Hall and Padang, you will disembark the motor coach at **Esplanade Walk** to discover on foot the splendid architecture of the historic **Colonial District**. From here, you can also see the **Merlion**—the half-fish, half-lion symbol of Singapore—welcoming visitors to the harbor. You might also catch a glimpse of the famous **Marina Bay Sands Hotel** at a distance (weather permitting).

Next stop, **Chinatown!** Walking through the alleyways around **Sri Mariamman Hindu Temple**, you'll see that the building is flamboyantly graced with multi-colored gods and goddesses.

Finally, before returning to the ship, visit the **National Orchid Garden** to feast your eyes on the largest orchid display in the world, featuring more than 60,000 orchid plants.

Notes:

This option is available only to guests who are returning to the ship at the end of the tour. Tour order may vary.

Singapore Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



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Colombo, Sri Lanka - Thursday, March 28, 2024:

Art & Architecture



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 6½ Hours
Price \$139.95

Sri Lanka is home to many forms of art. Today you will break with tradition and sneak a peek at the very topical **contemporary art scene**, which came into its own in the early 1900s. The country's colorful and turbulent past is often portrayed through the emotive forms of sculpture, painting and even the performance arts.

Step off the bustling streets, where ox-drawn carts are still seen, and into a well-known **gallery** -- an interesting visit that will tantalize and stimulate you.

Delve into the world of Sri Lanka's most famous architect, **Geoffrey Bawa**, often referred to as the father of Tropical Modernism. Visit Bawa's **private residence** to learn about his many accomplishments. This architectural treasure is a masterpiece of *bricolage* -- a culmination of creative sculpting by its owner, where countless verandahs, gardens, courtyards and rooms meld together.

Stop for **lunch** at the Gallery Café.

Barefoot began more than 40 years ago and is the pioneering shop set up by artist and writer Barbara Sansoni in the 1980s. It features a fantastic courtyard gallery where the products are handmade and the natural yarns used have been dyed and woven by hand. All the materials, including dyes, are safe and eco-

friendly. Barbara Sansoni was initially invited to design cloth for women learning to weave in a convent workshop north of Colombo; today the company she founded has a small team of dedicated designers who work with their own dyers, weavers and skilled needlewomen.

Colombo Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$299.95



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fee will also apply if you cancel your cruise.

Colombo Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus)



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Colombo Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



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Contrasts of Colombo with Refreshments



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
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Traveling by coach, you'll see the 100-year-old clock tower and several British-built colonial buildings. Other places of interest are the Pettah Bazaar, Hindu and Buddhist temples, residential areas that accommodate the stately homes of the affluent, and the **Colombo Museum**, where you'll have 45 minutes to explore the exhibits.

Continue with your **panoramic drive**. Amazingly, the Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall was an outright gift to Sri Lanka from the people of China. Your guide will point out the Old Parliament, the University of Colombo, the Royal College -- possibly the largest school in Asia with 7,500 students -- and Independence Square.

Step inside the **Gangarama Temple** to discover an unusually elaborate collection of kitsch artifacts -- a complete contrast to the normally austere atmosphere of Buddhist temples.

Finally, you will stop at a local hotel for **non-alcoholic refreshment** before returning to the

ship.

Notes:

Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered (women). Shorts are not allowed. Shoes must be removed before you enter the temple(s). Bring along a pair of thick socks to protect your feet from the hot pavement. Only small bags are permitted within the temple.

Contrasts of Colombo



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Cooking with Color



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$199.95

Meet **Mohara Dol** -- a remarkable woman who has stood at the forefront of Sri Lanka's food industry for 30 years. Today you will join her in **cooking** up a delightful array of **traditional Malay/Sri Lankan dishes** -- a brilliant way to spend a morning in Colombo while becoming acquainted with the culinary flavors of the area. Mohara welcomes you into her home, where you'll join her at the cooktop. Drawing inspiration from her Malay heritage and the rich traditions of her Sinhalese and Tamil friends and neighbors,

she has devised a repertoire of rice, curry, sambol and salad dishes that are distinct in taste, aroma, color and flavor. You'll watch a **demonstration** on the terrace, during which she shows you how to prepare a range of delicious Sri Lankan dishes. Her no-fuss approach means that the art of curry-making is made simple and is easy to replicate at home.

After cooking, sit down together to enjoy **lunch** accompanied by fresh fruit juice

Elephants of Pinnawela by Train



Departs: 8:30 AM
9 Hours
Price \$399.95

Board the train for your journey to the **Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage**. Established in 1975, the facility began with seven orphaned elephants. Today, some of these original orphans enjoy seeing their grandchildren born in the same location. The original objective of establishing the orphanage was inclined more towards attracting tourism, but it soon became a conservation and educational center. With the help of local and foreign elephant experts, Pinnawela started a scientific captive-breeding program for elephants. Freedom of movement for the herd increased the chances for individuals of both genders to get together and mate, and in 1984, the first Pinnawela baby was born. The success story of Pinnawela has drawn the attention of scientists from all over the world. A considerable number of books and research articles on Pinnawela have been published in several languages. The members of the

Pinnawela herd have been filmed, videoed and photographed thousands of times by professionals.

During your time at the orphanage, you will watch these gentle giants playing, eating and bathing in the river before enjoying your own riverside **lunch**.

Notes:

Travel time to Pinnawela is approximately 2½ hours each way by train. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear biodegradable sunscreen. Due to the fact that there are currently no baby elephants at the orphanage, there will be no bottle feeding of the elephants.

Exploring Old Colombo



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$59.95

Meet Mark Forbes -- a native Dutchman and passionate photographer -- or one of his team, for a fascinating stroll through **Colombo's historic streets, back alleys, and landmarks**.

Begin your **walk** with a visit to the Pettah District, one of Colombo's oldest regions. Immerse yourself in this hive of activity and browse in the breathtaking bazaars. Mark will take you back to a time when the streets were teeming with ox carts and alive with the sounds and smells of the sea. Learn about the importance of shipping to the region, as rubber, tea, cinnamon, kithul treacle, rope and peacocks were loaded aboard ships.

Mark will reveal the backstreets and colorful alleys of this vibrant city and help you to uncover the city's rich history on foot as you listen to tales of Colombo's past. End your stroll with a pleasant **beverage** at the **Dutch Hospital/Grand Oriental Hotel** where your guide will answer all your questions about Colombo.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Galle: A UNESCO World Heritage Site



Departs: 8:30 AM
10½ Hours
Price \$159.95

Depart the quayside by coach to Galle to admire rich landscapes and explore the relaxing ambience of Galle Fort.

Visit the only producer of Virgin White Tea in Sri Lanka, at **Handunugoda Tea Estate**. The estate has taken on the task of recreating the exact recipe and following the traditions surrounding producing the tea that was originally grown in China for the Emperor. Part of the mystique is that the only human body part that that comes into contact with the tea before ingestions is the lips. Appreciate the estate with a walk through the factory, finishing off with a **tasting** of this unique tea (and many others) before relaxing with a **cup of tea and a piece of cake** at the Planters' Bungalow.

Stop for **lunch** at a local restaurant.

Next up is **Galle** -- a thriving port since long before colonial times. The **Old Town** is one of the best examples of a fortified city built by the Europeans in southern and Southeast Asia. It attracted Arabs, Persians, Romans and Greeks on their way across the Indian Ocean. Notice the narrow streets, old churches, cloistered courtyards and shuttered mansions bearing witness to a colonial past of considerable comfort. There are several museums here, as well as the Dutch Reformed Church and the lively Arab Quarter. In 1505, the Portuguese attacked and settled in the town, 135 years later ceding it to the Dutch, who built the famous **Galle Fort**. This remarkable structure, which you will visit today, is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Notes: Due to the fact that large motor coaches cannot enter the tea plantation, guests will be using a shuttle service.

Holy Colombo



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Price \$54.95

Sri Lanka has a diverse, multi-religious society. Although Buddhism is the major religion, other religions such as Hinduism, Christianity and Islam are also followed. Today you will visit temples, mosques and churches as the religious history of Colombo unfolds before you. You will marvel at the unique architecture at the respective places of

worship and learn about the customs and influences -- this is the holy Colombo experience.

Your journey begins with the **Gangarama Buddhist Temple**. The temple's architecture demonstrates an eclectic mix of Sri Lankan, Thai, Indian, and Chinese architecture in its several imposing buildings. It is situated not far from the placid waters of Beira Lake on a plot of land that was originally a small monastery.

The **Captain's Garden Temple** is an ancient Hindu temple with a recorded history of more than 400 years. It has a beautiful colorful roof with hundreds of godly depictions.

View the Jami Ul-Alfar Mosque, also called the Red Mosque, in the Pettah Bazaar area of Colombo. It dazzles you with its candy-striped red and white brickwork. For sailors of the high seas, this mosque was the longed-for beacon signaling that they had reached the safety of Colombo Harbour. The Islamic community comprises nearly 7% of Sri Lanka's population. The construction of the oldest Protestant Church still functioning in Sri Lanka started in 1749, during the tenure of Governor Julius Valentijn Stein van Gollenesse (1743-51).

The **Wolvendaal Church** or the Dutch Reformed Church, now renamed the Christian Reformed Church, still bears the initials J.V.S.V.G. and was finally completed in 1757. After an insightful look into the many influences and religions that make Colombo so interesting, you'll make your way

back to the pier.

Notes:

Modest attire is required for visiting churches, mosques and temples; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered; shorts are not allowed. You must remove your shoes at one or more location(s). Bring along a pair of thick socks to protect your feet from the hot pavement. The mosque will be viewed from the outside only.

Kelaniya Buddhist Temple



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Price \$44.95

Kelaniya is an active **Buddhist temple**, built on a site believed to have been visited by Buddha himself more than 2,000 years ago. It is said that Buddha preached his doctrine here to a gathering of serpent kings. Today, human worshippers come to lay sprigs of lotus flowers around the great white *dagoba*, light oil lamps, and sprinkle the base of the Tree of Enlightenment with purifying water.

Artistic highlights of the temple include fine carvings and lovely frescoes, fascinating geometrically patterned ceiling paintings, and three important images of Buddha -- two in a sitting position and one in a reclining pose. Adorning the outer walls is more light-hearted work -- rows of whimsical dwarfs and elephants in bas-relief.

Notes: Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered (women). Shorts are not allowed. Shoes must

be removed before you enter the temple(s). Bring along a pair of thick socks to protect your feet from the hot pavement. Only small bags are permitted within the temple. Photography is allowed inside the temple for a small fee (at your own expense).

Millennium Elephant Foundation



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 7¼ Hours
Price \$139.95

Travel north of Colombo to the **Millennium Elephant Foundation (MEF)** -- the only non-profit organization caring for captive elephants in Sri Lanka. The organization honors Sam Samarasinghe -- an animal lover and philanthropist. The 15-acre family estate has been home to **elephants** since the early 1960s. Enjoy a **close-up encounter** with these majestic animals. You will have the opportunity to **bathe and feed them**. It is quite fascinating to talk to the volunteers who care for them.

Also located at the Millennium Elephant Foundation is an enterprising business which recycles the dung of the elephant into paper, using traditional production methods. Because pachyderms are pure vegetarians, their waste is actually perfect for making paper. Other ingredients include rice paddy straw, cinnamon, and banana bark. Tour the **paper factory** for the complete run down on elephant-dung paper-making methods.

Notes:

Bring a change of clothes as you will get wet when you bathe the elephants. Not advisable

for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations.

Muthurawela Wetlands



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$49.95

Head to the Bopitiya area for a 1½ hour **boat** cruise through the **Muthurajawela Wetlands**. Muthurajawela is a marshland connecting to the Negombo lagoon, and it is also a bird sanctuary. Purple herons, egrets, four kingfisher species, gerebes, moorhens, lesser whistling ducks and painted storks are some of the bird species seen here.

Muthurajawela is also home to 194 species of flora distributed over seven major vegetation types -- marsh, lactic flora, shrubland, reeds, swamp plants, grasslands, and stream bank and mangrove forest. The shrubland alone features 115 species; while the mangrove forest and stream bank have just 23 species each. You may see the *Phoenix zeylanica* -- an endemic palm species.

Rich with a greater knowledge of Sri Lanka's wonderful wetlands habitat, you will return to the pier.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations, nor for pregnant women.

Panoramic Colombo



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 2 Hours
Price \$49.95

Depart the pier on a **panoramic drive** to explore the unique and interesting city of **Colombo**.

You will head past Colombo Fort in the heart of the city. The Portuguese built and extended their fortress here during more than a century of conquest and resistance. It was taken over by the Dutch and finally demolished by the British after they completed their conquest of Ceylon in the mid-19th century. Today, the area is the city's financial and commercial heart and houses Colombo's main international hotels, as well as Sri Lanka's seat of government. Continue past the colorful bazaars of Pettah to the Old Parliament building and Galle Face -- a promenade that stretches for a quarter mile along the coastline of the financial and business district of Colombo. The promenade was initially laid out in 1859 by Sir Henry Ward, the Governor of then-British Ceylon. Interestingly, it was also used for horse racing and as a golf course, although the original Galle Face Green extended over a much larger area than is seen today.

Your scenic journey ends with a drive past the Town Hall, Gangarama Temple, Independence Square, Cinnamon Gardens, Bandaranayke Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), the University of Colombo, and the Royal College, which may be the largest school in Asia with 7,500

students, and Independence Square. As you make your way back to the pier, you will view the incredible Jami Ul-Alfar Mosque -- the landmark by which sailors approaching the port recognized Colombo.

Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage



Departs: 8:30 AM
9 Hours
Price \$159.95

An air-conditioned motorcoach is your transportation for the three-hour journey to the **Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage**. Established in 1975, the facility began with seven orphaned elephants. Today, some of these original orphans enjoy seeing their grandchildren born in the same location. The original objective of establishing the orphanage was inclined more towards attracting tourism, but it soon became a conservation and educational center. With the help of local and foreign elephant experts, Pinnawela started a scientific captive-breeding program for elephants. Freedom of movement for the herd increased the chances for individuals of both genders to get together and mate, and in 1984, the first Pinnawela baby was born. The success story of Pinnawela has drawn the attention of scientists from all over the world. A considerable number of books and research articles on Pinnawela have been published in several languages. The members of the Pinnawela herd have been filmed, videoed and photographed thousands of times by professionals.

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Tea Time: Sri Lanka's Favorite Beverage



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 5½ Hours
Price \$79.95

Head out from the pier to the **tea plantation at Ingiriya**, where a special welcome awaits as you are presented with a garland of tealeaves. Visit the tea plantation and the rubber plantation area for a chance to see firsthand the tea plucking and rubber tapping processes.

At a nearby **tea factory**, where the workers claim the best tea in the world is produced, you will observe the manufacturing process and learn how tea is graded.

Taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea before returning to the ship.

Tee Time: Sri Lanka's Favorite Golf Course



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 6½ Hours
Price \$249.95

If you've never thought of Sri Lanka as a premium golf destination, you may be surprised to learn that this little country boasts three of the finest 18-hole courses in all of Asia. In fact, Sri Lanka's association with golf dates back more than a century. The Sri Lanka Amateur Golf Championship -- founded in 1891 -- is second only to the British Amateur Golf Championship as the oldest national championship in the world.

Depart the pier for a 45-minute transfer to the **Royal Colombo Golf Club**, whose course is 6,310 yards long (par 71). This is a flat course with broad, tree-lined fairways. It looks deceptively simple, but you'll encounter your fair share of water hazards and well-guarded bunkers that can quickly change up the game.

Notes:

Golf/regular sports shoes with dress shorts or long trousers and a shirt with collar are required. T-shirts, vests, beach shorts or running shorts are not allowed. Smart-casual is the dress code for other areas and the restaurant. Golf kits can be rented from the club (at your own expense). An early start is recommended to avoid the heat. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring plenty of water with you. Guests are expected

to pay the caddy fees and tips for the caddies.

The Taj Mahal & the Pink City of Jaipur Overland Adventure (Colombo to Mumbai) (Double)



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted)
5 days / 4 nights
Price \$4,999.00

Day 1 (D)

Transfer to the airport in Colombo and board a **flight to Delhi**. Upon arrival in India's capital, you'll transfer to your hotel and check in.

The third-largest city in the country, Delhi contains two distinct parts. **Old Delhi** was the capital of Muslim India between the 17th and 19th centuries and boasts many mosques, monuments and forts. The British created **New Delhi**, the Imperial city, in 1911 to serve as the capital of India. Edwin Lutyens -- a renowned English architect of the day -- designed New Delhi. Lutyens' architectural concepts were totally different from the Hindu or Mughal architecture. The city center has wide avenues in a strict layout, plenty of parks and low colonial buildings with spacious gardens. **Dinner** will be served at your hotel.

Day 2 (B/L/D)

After **breakfast**, take an early morning transfer to the airport for a **flight to Jaipur**.

The origins of the beautiful city of Jaipur can be traced back to the 18th century, during the

reign of Jai Singh II who ascended the Amber Throne in 1699. Despite growing into a bustling metropolis, Jaipur still retains its character and history -- a beautiful fusion of yesterday and tomorrow. Jaipur will thrill you with its massive forts, magnificent palaces, exquisite temples and lush gardens.

Arrive in Jaipur and proceed to the Amber Fort (pronounced 'Ammer'), with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal along the way. The ornamental facade of the Hawa Mahal **Palace of Winds** is a prominent landmark in Jaipur. It is a five-story structure of sandstone, plastered pink and encrusted with fine trellis work and elaborate balconies. The palace has 953 niches and windows. Built in 1799 by Pratap Singh, the Mahal was a royal grandstand for the palace women.

Amber Fort, perched high atop a hill on the edge of town, is the classic romantic Rajasthani fort/palace. Its construction was begun by Man Singh I in 1592, and completed by his descendent Jai Singh I. Its forbidding exterior hides an inner paradise where a beautiful blend of Mughal and Hindu styles finds its ultimate expression.

After **lunch** you'll take a **city tour of Jaipur**, stopping to visit the amazing **Jantar Mantar Observatory**. This is the largest and the best-preserved of the five observatories built by Jai Singh II. Still in use today, it houses a range of outsized astronomical instruments.

At the nearby City Palace, you'll find a delightful blend of Mughal and traditional Rajasthani architecture. It sprawls over one-seventh of the area in the walled city and

houses the Chandra Mahal, Shri Govind Dev Temple and the **City Palace Museum**.

Dinner will be served at your hotel.

Day 3 (B/L/D)

After **breakfast**, you'll relax for **five hours of driving time** to reach **Agra** in time for afternoon check-in.

Two great Mughal monarchs, Akbar and Shah Jahan, transformed the little village of Agra into the second capital of the Mughal Empire during the 16th and 17th centuries -- giving it the name Dar-ul-Khilafat (Seat of the Emperor). Today, Agra is caught up in a world of contrasting edifices of red sandstone and white marble, narrow allies, quaint buggies, and that irresistible charm that this favorite city of the Mughals still retains. Not surprisingly, modern Agra still reflects its Mughal heritage quite conspicuously. If you were to walk down the narrow bustling streets of the city, the wafting aromas of sensational Mughali cuisine would tempt you.

After **lunch** you will visit the **Agra Fort**, built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar in AD 1565. The fort is made predominantly of red sandstone. The vast halls echo the voices of a bygone era and transport the visitor back through the passage of time.

Thereafter continue to **Taj Mahal** -- quite simply an architectural wonder and the heart and soul of every visit to Agra. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan, the Taj is a white

marble memorial to his beautiful wife, Mumtaz Mahal. This monument took 22 years to complete and was designed and planned by Persian architect Ustad Isa. Apart from its stunning design balance and perfect symmetry, the Taj is also particularly noted for its elegant domes, intricately carved screens and some of the best inlay work ever done.

Visit a local **handicraft** shop before **dinner** is served at the hotel.

Day 4 (B/L/D)

Early morning, proceed to view Taj Mahal at **sunrise** then return to hotel for **breakfast**. You'll relax for **four and a half hours of driving time** to reach **Delhi**. After **lunch**, you'll take an **orientation drive** along the majestic boulevards of **New Delhi** for views of Parliament house, the India Gate and the Rashtrapati Bhawan Presidential Palace. The India Gate is a 138-foot-tall stone arch of triumph. It bears names of 85,000 Indian army soldiers who died in the campaigns of World War I, the North-West Frontier Operations and the 1919 Afghan Fiasco. Below the arch is the memorial to the Unknown Soldier and is surrounded by green lawns and trees. **Dinner** will be served at your hotel.

Day 5 (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Delhi airport for your **flight to Mumbai**. Enjoy a **light snack** during your flight. Arriving in Mumbai, transfer to the pier with a **panoramic drive** past of Mumbai's city highlights.

Cancellations:

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Notes:

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The Taj Mahal & the Pink City of Jaipur Overland Adventure (Colombo to Mumbai) (Single)



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted)
5 days / 4 nights
Price \$6,499.95

Day 1 (D)

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Mumbai (Bombay), India - Sunday, March 31, 2024:

Mumbai, the "Gateway to India," sprawls over seven islands linked by causeways and bridges. A study in contrasts, the former city of Bombay has everything from soaring skyscrapers and lively marketplaces to women washing their clothing in the sea.

Elephanta Caves



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$114.95

More than a thousand years ago, Hindu craftsmen carved columns and sculptures out of a series of caves located on an island off the shores of Mumbai, creating a temple complex dedicated to Lord Shiva. The Portuguese named the island **Elephanta**, after the large statue of an elephant they found near the spot where they docked their ships. Come discover the unique beauty and intriguing tales of these **temple caves** with today's memorable excursion. Travel by motor coach to the **Gateway of India**, the city's most recognized landmark. Built in 1911 to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary, the archway was originally conceived as an entry point for people arriving on steamers from England. Today, the gateway serves as a launching point for your own exploration of the Elephanta Temple. Boarding a **motor boat**, enjoy the approximately 45-minute **cruise** to the Elephanta landing. From this staging area, a long stairway leads to the top of the hill, where the caves are located. As you enter, you will see a magnificent sculpture of Shiva as Nataraj, showing an enraptured expression as he removes the veil of ignorance. The most outstanding sculpture is a bust of Trimurti—the three-faced Shiva representing the Hindu trinity, Brahma the creator, Vishnu the preserver, and Shiva the destroyer. In other panels, Shiva is depicted in service to

humanity as he brings the River Ganges to Earth, and at his most fearsome as he crushes the demon of Andhaka. Later, board the motor boat for return cruise to the Gateway and re-board the motor coach for the transfer back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable non-skid walking shoes. This tour involves considerable walking on uneven slippery surfaces with approx 125 long stairs each way. This tour does not operate on Mondays.

Marvels of Mumbai



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 4 1/2 hours
Price \$119.95

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Panoramic Mumbai



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Depart from the pier for a **panoramic drive** past some of the most significant sights of Mumbai, including the city's most famous landmark—the Gateway of India. Built in 1911 to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary, this archway was originally conceived as an entry point for passengers arriving on steamers from England. Today, it is remembered more often as the place from which the British staged their final departure. Travel along **Marine Drive**, Mumbai's graceful seaside boulevard and promenade that sweeps from the skyscrapers at Nariman Point to the foot of Malabar Hill. At the northern end is lively Chowpatty Beach. Proceeding to Malabar Hill, you'll view Mumbai's ritziest

neighborhood. Its forested slopes, sea breeze and panoramic views have made the area popular since the 18th century, when merchants and colonial governors built mansions and bungalows on the hillsides. Since then, luxury high-rises—home to politicians and movie stars—have dominated the scene. Also perched on Malabar Hill is the Jain Temple. Built of marble and featuring a central chamber covered with mirrors and colorful paintings, the temple is dedicated to Adinath, the first of the 24 Jain prophets. Present and past collide at the fascinating **dhobi ghat**, where, each morning, laundry from all over Mumbai is brought to be soaped, boiled, beaten and thrashed. After being aired, pressed, folded and wrapped, the clean bundles are returned whence they came. Stop for photos here—it is utterly memorable. During your travels, your motor coach will venture past Victoria Terminus. You will find it simply extraordinary. Inspired by London's St Pancras Station, the station was built during Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee year and is a showpiece of domes, spires, Corinthian columns and minarets. Half a million people pass through this station every day. Before returning to the pier, you'll stop at a hotel for non-alcoholic **refreshments**.

The Gateway of India & Free Time in Mumbai



Departs: 10:00 AM
3 Hours
Price \$49.95

An iconic feature and must-see landmark of Mumbai is the imposing **Gateway of India**.

Travel along the waterfront as your guide

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Enjoy some **free time** to **walk** along the waterfront admire the grand Taj Mahal Palace Hotel.

The bustling streets of Colaba are filled with vendors who invite you to haggle for a souvenir.

Make your way back to the waterfront and the Gateway of India to re-board the coach for your journey back to the pier. Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship.

The Queen's Necklace: Mumbai by Night with Dinner



Departs: 6:30 PM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 3½ Hours
Price \$179.95

Ride through the city during the early evening hours. Some of the highlights you will see include the Indo-Saracenic **Gateway of India**, where you'll stop to take photos; then, you

will continue on to Marine Drive. You will follow **Marine Drive**, with its glittering lights visible from across the bay. Known as the Queen's Necklace, this road boasts beautiful views of the ocean and its graceful curve is a favorite evening promenade for the locals. Continue past Chowpatty Beach and many old Victorian buildings that are charmingly illuminated at night. Your guide will point out the fine Victorian Gothic architecture of the Victoria Terminus, which is the main railway station of Mumbai and was built during Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee year. The first train in India began its journey from there in 1853. After the drive, you will **dine** at an upscale Indian restaurant, savoring the very best of local spices and delicate flavor combinations—a memorable meal after a charming evening.

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Banganga & Khotachiwadi Heritage



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
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Start your day with a visit to the **temple complex of Banganga**—one of Mumbai's holiest sites and the oldest surviving structure in the city. Near the edge of Arabian Sea, at the southern tip of Malabar Hill, several small, crumbling, stone-turreted temples and flower-garlanded shrines surround a rectangular pool of holy water—an oasis in an area of encroaching urbanization. Ritual bathers believe the pool's mossy waters have healing powers. The source of the spring is said to be an underground offshoot of the Ganges, and the waters are considered just as sacred as those of the great river itself. In the shadow of one of present-day Mumbai's most prosperous neighborhoods, Banganga continues to function as a timeless devotional hub. Its tolling bells and chanting *pujaris* draw devotees to worship. Next, you will drive to the neighborhood of **Khotachiwadi** to view a cluster of **Portuguese-style homes** that have stood here since the late 17th century or early 18th century. These age-old homes are inhabited primarily by the East Indian Roman Catholic Community, who migrated to the city from the neighboring suburbs such as Vasai, Virar, and Gorai at a time when these areas were sprawling paddy fields. Most of the inhabitants held clerical jobs in the British Government and the East India Company.

There are also a number of Maharashtrian families residing here. Some of the houses have now been sold to the Marwari community. End this wonderful morning passing through the **Gateway of India** en route back to the ship.

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Price \$69.95

A **panoramic drive** through the city showcases some of its highlights, including the Gateway of India, the Mumbai High Court and the University. You'll visit **Crawford Market**, named after the first Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai. It is housed in a building that looks like something out of Victorian London, but is overrun with a crazy riot of local color, including the chaotic wholesale cloth market with a tremendous variety of fabrics at hundreds of indoor stalls. On your travels, you will drive past Victoria Terminus, built during Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee year. This is an extraordinary conglomeration of domes, spires, Corinthian columns and minarets in a style described by journalist James Cameron as Victorian-Gothic-Saracenic-Italianate-Oriental-St Pancras-Baroque. Next you'll visit the **Mumbai Spice Market** affectionately known as Chilli Street. As the name suggests, this the place where you will find all kinds of

spices (whole and ground), from Kashmiri chillies to turmeric, cumin seeds, cinnamon, mustard seeds and much more. The market has undergone several transformations over the decades. The shops used to be mere sheds with metal roofs, and the spices were stored in gunny sacks and sold by wrapping in paper. By the '70s, business was booming and spices were stored in glass jars and sold in plastic bags. Gradually trade opened up with other countries and people from the Middle East and the Gulf, among others, started purchasing spices. Nowadays, the Spice Market is also deals in jewelry, toys, household items, etc. Making your way through the old part of Mumbai can be both exhilarating and chaotic, because the narrow streets offer little personal space for walking without nudging the person next to you. It's an up-close and personal experience. Nonetheless it is a fascinating opportunity because every corner is a repository of ancient stories that are easily missed in the modern age.

Mumbai: Market Town



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$59.95

Like that of any great city, the soul of Mumbai is captured in its famous bazaars and markets. From internationally renowned haute couture to dirt-cheap, one-season wonders, intricate jewelry and unique antiques to knick-knack gifts and fabulous textiles, Mumbai is known as a shopper's paradise. Whether you're **shopping** on the street or in the markets, the key is to take your time, sift and sort, establish authenticity and make sure your haggling

skills are razor sharp. Leave the pier by coach to visit one of the famous markets in Mumbai—**Crawford Market**. En route you'll stop for photos and view the outside of the Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus—the Rajs' *pièce de résistance*, complete with carved stone friezes, stained-glass windows and flying buttresses. Crawford Market is housed in a building that looks like something out of Victorian London, but is overrun with a crazy riot of local color, including the chaotic wholesale cloth market with a tremendous variety of fabrics at hundreds of indoor stalls. Your next stop will be at the **Zaveri Bazaar**—a maze of narrow lanes lined by hundreds of jewelry shops that sell ornaments made of every conceivable gemstone and precious metal. Re-board the coach for a short ride to the **Colaba district** for some **free time** for **shopping**. Barter with the locals at the market stalls or browse in the many shops where the prices are fixed. Afterward, you'll drive back to the pier and re-board the ship with your day's treasures.

Notes:

Most of the tour involves walking and being guided quickly through the markets, but there will be a 30-minute (±) stop for souvenir shopping at Colaba Causeway. Expect to navigate tight spaces and dense crowding.

Panoramic Mumbai



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$69.95

Depart from the pier for a **panoramic drive** past some of the most significant sights of Mumbai, including the city's most famous landmark—the Gateway of India. Built in 1911 to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary, this archway was originally conceived as an entry point for passengers arriving on steamers from England. Today, it is remembered more often as the place from which the British staged their final departure. Travel along **Marine Drive**, Mumbai's graceful seaside boulevard and promenade that sweeps from the skyscrapers at Nariman Point to the foot of Malabar Hill. At the northern end is lively Chowpatty Beach. Proceeding to Malabar Hill, you'll view Mumbai's ritziest neighborhood. Its forested slopes, sea breeze and panoramic views have made the area popular since the 18th century, when merchants and colonial governors built mansions and bungalows on the hillsides. Since then, luxury high-rises—home to politicians and movie stars—have dominated the scene. Also perched on Malabar Hill is the Jain Temple. Built of marble and featuring a central chamber covered with mirrors and colorful paintings, the temple is dedicated to Adinath, the first of the 24 Jain prophets. Present and past collide at the fascinating **dhobi ghat**, where, each morning, laundry from all over Mumbai is brought to be soaped, boiled, beaten and thrashed. After being aired, pressed, folded and wrapped, the

clean bundles are returned whence they came. Stop for photos here—it is utterly memorable. During your travels, your motor coach will venture past Victoria Terminus. You will find it simply extraordinary. Inspired by London's St Pancras Station, the station was built during Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee year and is a showpiece of domes, spires, Corinthian columns and minarets. Half a million people pass through this station every day. Before returning to the pier, you'll stop at a hotel for non-alcoholic **refreshments**.

The Gateway of India & Free Time in Mumbai



Departs: 9:30 AM
3 Hours
Price \$49.95

An iconic feature and must-see landmark of Mumbai is the imposing **Gateway of India**.

Travel along the waterfront as your guide offers a brief history of Mumbai -- the city that never sleeps. On arrival, visit the Gateway where you have the opportunity to take photographs and listen to the story behind this majestic monument and the importance it still has today. Built in 1911 to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary, this archway was originally conceived as an entry point for passengers arriving on steamers from England. Today, it is remembered more often as the place from which the British staged their final departure.

Enjoy some **free time** to **walk** along the waterfront admire the grand Taj Mahal Palace

Hotel.

The bustling streets of Colaba are filled with vendors who invite you to haggle for a souvenir.

Make your way back to the waterfront and the Gateway of India to re-board the coach for your journey back to the pier. Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship.

Fujairah, United Arab Emirates - Thursday, April 4, 2024:

Arabian Desert Wonders



Departs: 8:45 AM, 1:15 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$144.95

This exciting four-wheel-drive trip explores the desert of the northern UAE. You will drive past the Hajar Mountains to the **Arabian Desert**.

There are photo stops before and after an exciting drive amid the red sand dunes, whose ever-changing shapes and curious patterns are molded by the constant desert winds.

You will see Camel Rock -- an unusual rock formation hidden among the dunes.

Pause for refreshments before you return to the pier.

Notes:

Wear comfortable, modest clothing -- not tight or fitted; shoulders, knees and midribs must be covered. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Maximum of 4-5 guests per vehicle. Seating is on first-come, first-served basis. It is not always possible to accommodate families in the same vehicle. The tour operator reserves the right to seat guests as best suited to the day's operational convenience and safety considerations. Ride will be bumpy; not suitable for guests with back or neck conditions, or for pregnant women.

Fujairah & Environs



Departs: 8:30 AM, 1:15 PM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Adult \$95.95; Child \$89.95

This adventure showcases the stunning natural beauty and fascinating history of Fujairah -- the only Emirate on UAE's scenic east coast.

Start your journey with a drive along the scenic coastline, passing Fujairah city to reach **Kalba** -- an enclave belonging to Sharjah. Here you will visit the **Kalba Bird of Prey Center** -- the first facility of its kind in the Middle East. This dynamic and engaging experience allows you to fully appreciate the power of the Arabian Peninsula's birds of prey.

Returning to Fujairah, step inside the **Fujairah Museum** to see its collection of old weapons, traditional costumes, and artifacts excavated from nearby.

Take photos of the adjacent, renovated Old Fort of Fujairah, built on a hill overlooking date-palm plantations.

You will also visit the small **Fujairah Heritage Village** -- a careful recreation of 16th-century Arabian village life.

Notes:

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wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. The tour is not available on Fridays, Mondays and public holidays.

Fujairah Beach Break



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$119.95

Enjoy a leisurely **swim** or simply relax on the beach off the warm waters of Fujairah the warm waters of UAE's east coast -- a renowned dive destination.

A scenic drive brings you to a popular local **beach resort**, where you will have three hours of **free time** to make use of the resort's excellent beach and pool.

A soft drink is included; beach towels, umbrellas and sunbeds are available upon request.

Water sports activities are available (at your own expense).

Notes:

Wear comfortable, modest clothing -- not tight or fitted; shoulders, knees and midribs must be covered. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat.

Off-Road Safari: Musandam Peninsula & the Hajar Mountains



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$139.95

This exciting off-road excursion begins with a **scenic drive** north along the coastline. You'll pass a few fishing villages en route to the port of Dibba, located at the base of the rugged Hajar Mountains.

The up-close views from here include fascinating cliffs and deep canyons, as you cross the **Musandam Peninsula on off-road tracks**. You'll follow winding gorges to reach an elevation of nearly 4,000 feet. Make the most of a photo stop in the mountains.

Return to the pier passing UAE's oldest mosque -- Al Badiya.

Notes:

You must bring your passport on tour (photocopies not accepted). You must show your passport to the Shore Excursions staff on board the ship more than 72 hours prior to arrival in the UAE. Maximum of 4-5 guests per vehicle. Seating is on first-come, first-served basis. It is not always possible to accommodate families in the same vehicle. The tour operator reserves the right to seat guests as best suited to the day's operational convenience and safety considerations. Ride will be bumpy; not suitable for guests with back or neck conditions, or for pregnant women.

Panoramic East Coast Drive



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$85.95; Child \$79.95

This taste of life in Fujairah begins with a scenic drive along the UAE's east coast.

In Fujairah city, you'll take photos of the renovated Old Fort of Fujairah (c 1800), complete with crenellations, which has lived an exciting life and is now enjoying a peaceful retirement.

Stop for photos at the picturesque **Bitnah Oasis** on the ride out of town.

Free time in **Masafi village** allows you to browse at the quaint **Friday Market** -- a gathering spot offers a wide range of local products.

The imposing Hajar Mountains form a dramatic backdrop en route to the blue waters of the Indian Ocean. You'll visit the sleepy fishing village of **Dibba Al Hisn** and drive past Al Badiyah Mosque -- the oldest in the Emirates -- as you head back to the port.

Notes:

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Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Friday, April 5, 2024: Dubai, the ultramodern capital of the United Arab Emirates, is a favorite with world travelers and international businessmen. Visitors find here an outstanding museum; superb recreation, ranging from watersports to desert safaris; and *souks* and shops brimming with luxury goods. Golfers can enjoy Dubai's four championship courses.

Arabian Nights: An Evening Safari & Camel Ride



Departs: 3:30 PM
Approximately 5½ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$114.95

Leave the ship in the afternoon, crossing the desert of Dubai with photo stops en route.

An exciting **dune drive** brings you to a **camel farm**. Learn about these magnificent beasts that are used for racing, freighting and as pets. They are often called the ship of the desert -- a reflection of their importance to Arabian trade, and of the rocking motion experienced when riding them.

On a drive across the desert, watch the beautiful sunset before reaching a **desert campsite**. Make the most of this opportunity to **ride a camel** and to try **sand boarding**. You may also want to try out a henna design on your hands or feet (at your own expense).

A delicious barbecue **dinner** is served, and you'll have a chance to try a **sheesha** (an Arabian water pipe) in accordance with local tradition.

Watch a **belly dancer** performing around the campfire by starlight.

Notes:

The safari involves off-road driving through

rugged country. Ride will be bumpy. Pregnant women or guests with back or neck conditions are not allowed to participate. Minimum age is 4 years. Participants must wear a seat belt. Restroom facilities at the campsite are limited and rather basic.

Ramadan notes:

If this tour happens during Ramadan there will be no entertainment at the desert campsite, including belly dancing.

Cocktail Dhow Cruise



Departs: 4:30 PM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$129.95

A short drive brings you to the city wharf along the Deira bank of Dubai Creek, where a charming Arabian **dhow** awaits. Step aboard the traditionally-built vessel, which boasts a delightfully modern and comfortable interior. Immerse yourself in the atmosphere as soft Arabian music fills the air on deck.

Enjoy **refreshments** of house wine, beer and regular brand spirits, along with a selection of Arabian **canapés**, as you glide past some of Dubai's inspiring heritage sites, *souks* (markets), banks and palaces. Sit back and relax in the wonderful evening ambience of Arabian hospitality.

Notes:

Minimum age is 6 years.

Dubai Hop On Hop Off Discover 1 Day



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

Dubai Hop-On, Hop-Off City Tour

Enjoy sightseeing, shopping, museums, markets, souks, local dining and much, as this tour allows you to experience the best of Dubai at your leisure. From the towering Burj Khalifa and the 7 star Burj Al Arab to the mysterious gold and spice souks, this fully narrated audio tour allows you to hop-off at multiple locations throughout the city. Once you have seen it, done it, and selfied, simply re-join the tour as buses arrive to each designated stop every 30 minutes (subject to traffic). The tour ticket is valid for the entire day. The open top double decker bus provides fantastic views and a great atmosphere to explore. Air conditioning is available on the lower deck and recorded commentary is available in 6 languages. Once you have completed your day in Dubai, complimentary shuttle service is available from stop #1 back to the cruise ship terminal.

Notes:

Included with your Big Bus tickets is entry to the Dubai Museum, entry to Sheikh Saeed Al Maktoum's House, the Arabian Dhow Cruise, daily walking tours through souks, markets and the city center from October to April, a single ticket for the RTA Water Bus, a WAFI welcome card offering discounts at more than 150 shops, and a Big Bus Rewards Booklet offering substantial retail, leisure and dining discounts.

The ticket will be included Red Route City Tour and Blue Rote Beach Tour. The Red Route City Tour duration if guests are remaining onboard is approx. 1 hour 40 minutes, the bus frequency is approx. every 20 minutes (subject to traffic). The Blue Route Beach Tour duration if guests are remaining onboard is approx. 2 hours 20 minutes, the bus frequency is approx. every 30 minutes (subject to traffic).

The order of the sites visited may vary.

Dubai Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$699.95



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your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Dubai Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



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Dubai Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM
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Dubai's Architectural Marvels



Departs: 8:00 AM (Waitlisted), 8:30 AM, 2:00 PM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$119.95

Take photos at the iconic Burj Al Arab -- a sail-shaped hotel built on a manmade island just off Dubai's sandy shores and connected to the mainland by causeway.

You will see Palm Jumeirah -- the first in a trilogy of three palm-shaped islands reclaimed off the coast of Dubai. Drive onto the 'trunk' for a closer inspection of its villa-encrusted 'fronds'. It's impressive enough in its own right, but the US \$1.5-billion Atlantis, the Palm luxury resort embodies the bold new face of this playground of the mega-rich.

The world's largest artificial harbor, the Dubai Marina is home to the sky-scraping condominiums of Jumeirah Beach Residence. You'll see firsthand how a desert landscape has been transformed into a vibrant community in just a few years.

Along Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai's new business district, look at some more of the attention-grabbing architectural marvels that have put Dubai firmly on the 'remarkable structures' map.

Visit the city's popular **Mall of the Emirates** and snap a photo at Ski Dubai -- an indoor ski dome offering fresh real snow all year round.

In the Dubai downtown district, you'll visit **Burj Khalifa**. At 2,716 feet tall, this is the world's tallest building. Enter the complex and board a high-speed elevator, which ascends to the observation deck at 32 feet per second. As the doors open on Level 124, floor-to-ceiling windows provide breathtaking 360-degree views of the city, desert and ocean sprawled beneath. You will be mesmerized by the experience of looking down at the world from this lofty perch. After 30 minutes of **free time**, descend to reality and return to the ship.

Modern Dubai & Tea at the Burj Al Arab



Departs: 8:15 AM (Waitlisted), 3:00 PM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 5¼ Hours
Adult \$229.95; Child \$199.95

Join this exciting tour to see firsthand the painstakingly planned growth of the multi-cultural metropolis of Dubai.

A **panoramic drive** brings you to the prestigious Jumeirah area for a drive past upscale homes and modern-day palaces. Your first photo stop is on the 'trunk' of **Palm Jumeirah** -- a fully reclaimed palm tree-shaped island just off the coast of Dubai.

Drive past the high-rise condos of Jumeirah Beach Residence and see the world's largest artificial marina.

You'll stop at the **Burj Al Arab** -- perhaps the most luxurious hotel in the world and certainly one of the most unusual, as it is shaped like a spinnaker sail. Enjoy a traditional **afternoon tea** here.

Sheikh Zayed Road leads to one of the city's premier hotels, the Mall of the Emirates and the Ski Dubai indoor skifield. In the Dubai downtown area, take photos of the iconic Burj Khalifa. At 2,716 feet, the tallest building in the world inspires awe like no other. Take advantage of a brief photo stop at what is billed to be the world's tallest performing fountain, laid out gracefully amid 30 acres of the Burj Dubai Lake and soaring to a height of almost 500 feet.

Sharjah Heritage Museum & Markets



Departs: 3:00 PM
Approximately 5 Hours
Price \$59.95

Visit the **Emirate of Sharjah** -- Pearl of the Gulf -- and photograph the King Faisal Mosque -- one of the largest in the Emirates.

A short drive brings you to the Heritage Museums area, where you'll visit the **Sharjah Heritage Museum** for an insight into local culture and traditions. These are wonderfully celebrated across six galleries: Landscape, Lifestyle, Celebrations, Livelihood, Traditional Knowledge and Oral Traditions. The various artifacts and displays will provide a rare glimpse into the life and times of a bygone era.

Walk through Sharjah's 'Old Town' for a visit to the traditional **Souk Al Arsa**, restored recently. This is an open-air market with rows of shops selling nuts, spices and saffron imported from Iran by traditional dhow. Sharpen your haggling techniques here.

Your last stop before returning to the ship is at **Al Markazi souk**, a treasure trove market of carpets, jewelry, handicrafts -- another opportunity to hone your bargaining skills.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on Fridays.

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates - Saturday, April 6, 2024:

Abu Dhabi Highlights



Departs: 8:45 AM, 2:00 PM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$29.95

The capital city of UAE, Abu Dhabi, literally translates in Arabic as 'Father of the Gazelle' and takes its name from the Arabian gazelle or *dhabi*.

Start from the pier and enjoy a leisurely drive to Abu Dhabi's eastern shore. Visit the **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque (Please see Ramadan notes below)** -- an opulent tribute to His Highness the late Sheikh Zayed, former ruler of Abu Dhabi and President of the UAE. This iconic monument to peace and universal brotherhood stands tall as the third-largest mosque in the world. It contains a simple, yet elegant, gravesite where the late President was laid to rest.

Continue your drive past the six-star Emirates Palace Hotel to the **Heritage Village**, where the culture and traditions of the emirate are reflected in recreated village scenes, providing a glimpse into the simpler days before the discovery of oil.

Stroll next to the adjacent breakwater offering breathtaking views of Abu Dhabi's skyline, often referred to as the Manhattan of the Middle East. next to the adjacent breakwater offering breathtaking views of Abu Dhabi's skyline, often referred to as the Manhattan of the Middle East.

Your next stop is at the Zayed Center -- a museum for Presidential memorabilia. It

features the late Sheikh Zayed's favourite cars, rifles and gifts received from royalty from all over the world and is an insight into the life and times of a very wealthy man.

From here you will return to the port.

Please note: Modest attire is required to visit mosques; women's legs must be covered to the ankles and arms covered to the wrists; clothing must not be fitted, transparent or translucent. Women's hair must be completely covered. You must remove your shoes before entering the mosque(s). Entry to the mosque is entirely at the discretion of the security guards.

Ramadan Notes: During the holy time of Ramadan many sites will be closed. If your trip falls within Ramadan the Visit of the **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque** will be replaced with a visit to the date market and a drive through Ittihad square.

Abu Dhabi Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$799.95

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Abu Dhabi Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 10:00 AM
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See additional NOTES below.
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Abu Dhabi Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM
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See additional NOTES below.
Price \$499.95



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Abu Dhabi Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 3:00 PM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
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Al Ain Sightseeing



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 9 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$69.95

Enjoy a great day out taking in the sights and sounds of the beautiful 'Garden City' of **Al Ain**. Before exploring the interior of the UAE you will drive to the newly built Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, the third-largest mosque in the world, where your guide will share some fascinating facts about the architecture of this stunning mega-structure. Your tour continues through the ever-changing desert scenery before reaching the **Hajar Mountains**. Visit the Jahili Fort and stop for photos at **Old Palace of Sheikh Zayed**. (See Ramadan notes below) . Stroll around the nearby **Al Ain Oasis** and see the ancient *falaj* (irrigation system) developed by the Persians more than 3,000 years ago. The last destination is the **camel market**—the largest in the UAE. From here you'll drive to a city hotel and enjoy a buffet **lunch** before driving back to Abu Dhabi and the port.

Notes:

Al Ain Museum will be replaced with a visit to Jahili Fort and the will be a photo stop. Tour does not operate on Mondays and

Fridays due to closure of museums. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered. The photo stop at the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is subject to a stringent dress code. Clothing must be modest, loose, non-transparent and cover the arms from the shoulders to the wrists and legs down to the ankles. will be replaced with a visit to Jahili Fort and the **Old Palace of Sheikh Zayed** will be a photo stop. Tour does not operate on Mondays and Fridays due to closure of museums. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered. The photo stop at the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is subject to a stringent dress code. Clothing must be modest, loose, non-transparent and cover the arms from the shoulders to the wrists and legs down to the ankles.

Ramadan Notes: During the holy period of Ramadan many sights will be closed in observance of this holiday. During the holy period of Ramadan many sights will be closed in observance of this holiday.

Arabian Dune Safari



Departs: 8:30 AM, 2:30 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$89.95

Today you will board a **4-wheel-drive** vehicle and depart from the pier, driving east of Abu Dhabi city. A 60-minute journey brings you to the **Al Khatim Desert**. Enter the softly undulating sand dunes as they spread in a vast expanse before your eyes, their curious shapes molded by the harsh desert winds. Make the most of your unforgettable off-road adventure with a series of exciting **dune**

drives interspersed with photo opportunities as your vehicle leaves its (temporary) imprint on the virgin dunes around you. You'll stop for **refreshment** en route before returning to the pier.

Notes:

The safari involves off-road driving through rugged country, which adds to the excitement. Not suitable for those with injuries or conditions that may be affected by the bumpy ride. Pregnant women are not allowed to participate. All passengers must wear seat belts at all times. Restroom facilities are limited and rather basic. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered. Minimum age is 4 years.

Architectural Marvels & the Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum



Departs: 9:00 AM, 2:30 PM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$89.95

Discover the architectural marvels of Abu Dhabi, capital of the Emirates.

The newly-opened **Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum** was designed as a seemingly floating dome structure. Its galleries tell the story of humanity in twelve inspiring chapters. The works on show range from prehistoric artifacts to contemporary works from the museum's own collection. There are also many masterpieces on loan from some of the most renowned French museums.

The **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque** was a dream project of the UAE's late President,

Sheikh Zayed Al Nahyan. This 241,000-square-foot structure, built at a cost of more than US\$500 million, brilliantly combines resources and materials from all around the world.

From the breakwater, take photos of the iconic skyline of Abu Dhabi.

A leisurely **panoramic drive** along the tower-lined Corniche brings you back to the port.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on Mondays. Flash photography is not allowed in the Louvre Abu Dhabi. The dress code for the mosque requires loose, long trousers or a long skirt covering the ankles, and long sleeves covering the wrists. Shorts are not allowed. Tight, fitted, translucent or transparent clothing is not allowed. Women must cover their head with a headscarf; you must bring one with you as these are not provided.

Corniche Dhow Cruise



Departs: 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$94.95; Child \$59.95

Departing from the ship, a short drive brings you to the **dhow** wharf where you'll board a **traditional Arabian wooden boat** for a pleasant and relaxing hour-long cruise along Abu Dhabi's picturesque skyline. As you gently glide past the Manhattan of the Middle East, admire the well-known landmarks, historical monuments and lush green parks, with a fine selection of refreshments and non-alcoholic **beverages** served en route. From

here a **panoramic drive** along the glittering tower-lined Corniche (waterfront road) brings you to the six-star Emirates Palace Hotel for a photo-stop. Next, drive to the capital city's popular **Marina Mall**, picturesquely located on the breakwater along the Corniche. You'll have time to shop here before you return to the pier.

Notes:

Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered.

Formula One: Yas Marina Circuit



Departs: 9:30 AM, 2:45 PM
Approximately 3¼ Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$99.95

The **Yas Marina F1 Circuit** is acclaimed as the most modern of all circuits worldwide. Today, you will set out on an exciting behind-the-scenes exploration of a state-of-the-art Formula One facility starting with a short drive to the newly developed **Yas Island**. Upon arrival you are met and registered before commencing the tour. Enjoy panoramic vistas as the tour takes in the North Grandstand, offering captivating views over the circuit and the Ferrari World Theme Park. Drive past the Driving Academy; then, visit the region's most advanced global communications **Media Center**. Occasionally the opportunity arises to visit the adrenalin-fueled **Race Control Center** for an incredible photo opportunity of the starting grid, finishing line and podium; however, please be advised that this is in no way guaranteed. You'll pass the Pit Garages and F-1 Team Villas; then, head back past the solar-powered

VIP Shams Tower en route to the **Welcome Center**. Enjoy time to browse here and purchase souvenirs before you return to the ship.

Notes:

Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered.

Life in the Fast Lane: Ferrari World



Departs: 8:30 AM, 2:45 PM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$129.95

This tour takes you to **Yas Island**—a trailblazing leisure and entertainment destination that is home to the prestigious Yas Marina Formula One Circuit and the exciting **Ferrari World**. A panoramic drive via Saadiyat Island brings you to the world's first and only **Ferrari indoor theme park**. Here you will spend four thrilling hours experiencing more than 20 rides and attractions. For those looking to boost their adrenalin there are plenty of opportunities to go into overdrive with Ferrari-inspired fast rides. Those who are less inclined towards speed and thrills can choose from the more sedate, but still very interesting, attractions available. Teens and kids are not forgotten with a driving and racing school staffed by experts, as well as retail areas with interactive corners to help customize your souvenirs.

Notes:

Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered. Minimum age

is 4 years. The Scuderia Challenge simulators run on a timed ticketing system. These tickets should be collected in advance at the attraction upon arrival at the park. The F1 simulator is not included in the tour price. Visitors wishing to try the F1 simulator can book and pay USD\$28 upon arrival at the park (subject to change). Premium Ticket Supplement: For an additional charge of USD\$55 (subject to change) visitors can purchase fast-lane access to many of the rides and attractions.

Tea at Emirates Palace



Departs: 10:00 AM, 3:00 PM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$99.95

Enjoy a leisurely drive along the glittering tower-lined Corniche (waterfront road) of the UAE's capital city to reach the artificial breakwater. From here, take photos of Abu Dhabi's magnificent skyline, popularly called the Manhattan of the Middle East for obvious reasons. At the **six-star Emirates Palace Hotel**, you'll be dazzled by the opulence around you as your guide leads the way to a reserved area. Breathe in the air of sheer luxury that fills every corner as you enjoy a delicious **morning or afternoon tea service** that includes a variety of savory and sweet delicacies. Afterwards there is time to browse in the shops in the lobby arcade before driving back to the pier.

Notes:

Dress code is semi-formal. Gentlemen must wear a long-sleeved shirt with collar, dress pants (no jeans) and closed-toe shoes (no sports shoes or trainers). Modest attire is

required; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered.

Muscat, Oman - Monday, April 8, 2024:

Bilad Sayt Adventure



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7¼ Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$169.95

Leave the port of Mina Qaboos to drive to the village of **Nakhl**, where you will visit the **fort** that once served the *imams* of Bani Kharous and the Ya'arubah Dynasty. The fort is furnished with traditional furniture, handicrafts and historic pieces.

At **Wadi Bani Auf**, the road runs through a narrow canyon that forms the bed of a mountain stream. You will find the water behind the mountains of Jebel Sham and visit the beautiful **mountain village** of Bilad Sait.

Enjoy a **picnic lunch** at **Wadi Hat** before driving back to the port in Muscat.

Notes:

This excursion involves a bumpy ride by safari-style vehicle; it does not feature a guide; the driver will narrate. A light boxed lunch will be provided. Minimum age is 10 years. Not suitable for pregnant women or guests with back or neck problems. Tour does not operate on Fridays or holidays. If your visit falls during Ramadan (April 12 - May 11, 2021), you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Cruise on an Arabian Dhow



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$79.95

For a fabulously relaxing morning, board a traditional **Arabian dhow** for a cruise along the beautiful coastline of Oman's capital city.

Enjoy light **refreshments** (with water and soft drinks) on board, while gently gliding past the old capital area and several beautiful bays of Muscat.

Notes:

Cruise operates weather permitting. Minimum age is 10 years. Participants must climb steps to board the dhow. If your visit falls during Ramadan (April 12 - May 11, 2021), you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Culture of Muscat



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$39.95

Enjoy a fine introduction to **Muscat** -- Oman's capital and the country's political, economic and commercial hub. An exciting mix of medieval, traditional and modern architecture and culture lends Muscat an ambience all its own.

You'll start with a visit to the **Bait Al Baranda Museum** to experience Muscat from the 1st century to AD 1744. Such accounts of the

early history of Muscat are rare. Old maps are wonderful sources of information on geopolitical and cultural history alike. These maps, along with other sources, tell stories of invasions and colonization of victories and freedom, and how Muscat has evolved through the ages.

Next, visit the colorful **Muttrah Souq** (market). Here, scents of exotic Arabian perfumes and spices float through the air. Other shops specialize in famous Omani *khanjars* (daggers), antiques, traditional silver jewelry, handicrafts in copper, camel bone, wood, leather and handmade Omani costumes.

At the **Bait Adam Museum**, view the unique collections of currency, paintings, photographs, and weapons. You'll have **free time** to explore the venue and interact with an Omani family whose home has been converted as part of a museum.

Don't miss a **snack** of Arabian coffee and dates as you hear stories about the local life style and Muscat's ancient past.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on Fridays or holidays. There are steps to climb at the Bait Al Baranda Museum. If your visit falls during Ramadan (April 12 - May 11, 2021), you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Dolphin Watching Cruise



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$89.95

Join an exciting cruise on a **chartered speedboat** that takes you out to the open sea.

An experienced mariner is by your side, ready to assist you in sighting Muscat's playful **dolphins**. Marine biologists have identified at least three types of dolphins and eight different whale species, including the stunning orca (killer) whales off the coast of Muscat.

Returning to shoreline, you will motor around some of the capital city's secluded bays.

After this wildlife-oriented adventure, return to the marina and transfer back to the port.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Minimum age is 10 years. If your visit falls during Ramadan (April 12 - May 11, 2021), you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Enchanting Forts of Nizwa



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 8½ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$109.95

Start your tour with a spectacular drive through the **Hajar Mountains** to reach **Nizwa**, the former cultural and political capital of Oman, still famous for its impressive **17th-century fort**. Nizwa's fort is not the most spectacular in a country full of such buildings, but it nonetheless boasts a long and exciting history. Built by the second Imam of the Al Ya'ribi Dynasty, Nizwa became the seat of the Imamate until its demise in the 1950s. At the back of the fort are the remains of the *falaj* -- the ancient irrigation system developed by the subjects of Queen Sheba around 500 BC. Underground channels were built to transport water from freshwater wells in the nearby countryside, thus providing water even during a long siege.

Next you will visit the traditional *souk* (**market**) famed for silver Bedouin jewelry, as well as the ubiquitous *khanjar* (dagger).

Drive to Bahla Fort and enjoy a photo-stop at this 15th-century **UNESCO World Heritage Site** that pre-dates the spread of Islam in the region.

The next stop, at **Jabrin Castle**, will be the highlight of your tour. Also called the Palace of Bilyaroub, this is a beautiful fort with ceiling decorations, wall murals and an impressive architecture. It is one of Oman's most beautiful forts. From here you will return to Muscat.

Lunch is served at a local restaurant en route.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on Fridays or holidays. Beverages can be purchased during lunch at your own expense. Nizwa Fort and Jabrin Castle have two levels and there are numerous steps to climb. If your visit falls during Ramadan (April 12 - May 11, 2021), you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Muscat & Al Hazm Fort



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8¼ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$109.95

A drive through Muscat reveals a wealth of sights and sounds. You'll pause to visit the **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque** -- a uniquely splendid example of Islamic architecture.

You will view the famous Batinah Plain -- the main agricultural area of Oman and the country's breadbasket -- as you travel to **Al Hazm Fort**. The latter is one of the most magnificent structures in a country famous for its many ancient desert forts. It is located in **Al Rustaq**, about a hundred miles from Muscat. Imam Sultan bin Saif al Yarubi designed the fort as a palace for himself to live in.

At the **Oasis of Nakhl**, you'll also visit the **natural mineral springs of Ain Thowarah**.

Returning to **Muscat** city, enjoy **lunch** at a

local restaurant en route.

Leave the coach in **Muscat's Old Town**. The only way to explore this amazing heritage area is **on foot**. **Stroll** through the 16th-century Portuguese-built forts of Jalali and Mirani, and take photos at the Qasr Al Alam Palace of HM Sultan Qaboos.

Drive to the **Muttrah** -- a delightful old quarter of Muscat -- and **walk along the corniche** to admire the beautiful merchant houses.

You'll have a chance to sharpen your haggling skills while **shopping** at the busy *souk* (**market**), well known for its silver, craft shops, perfumes and souvenirs.

Notes:

Modest, loose-fitting attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered and shoes must be removed to enter mosque(s). Ladies' heads, legs and arms must be entirely covered -- bring a headscarf and wear appropriate clothing. Men must wear long trousers (shorts are not allowed). Minimum age is 11 years. Tour does not operate on Fridays or holidays. Beverages can be purchased during lunch at your own expense. If your visit falls during Ramadan, you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Muscat & the Market



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$59.95

Begin your fascinating **drive through Muscat**. Your destination is the **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque**. Stepping inside, you'll realize why this mosque is celebrated as a truly splendid example of Islamic architecture.

Stroll through **Muscat's Old Town**. Take photos at the 16th-century Portuguese-built forts of Jalali and Mirani, and walk past the Qasr Al Alam Palace -- home to HM Sultan Qaboos -- to take photos of the outside.

Venture into the **Bait Al Zubair Museum**, which boasts one of Oman's finest private collections showcasing the country's culture, tradition and heritage.

And finally, enjoy a little **shopping** at the busy *souk* (**market**), well known for its good deals on silver, perfumes and souvenirs.

Notes:

Modest, loose-fitting attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered and shoes must be removed to enter mosque(s). Ladies' heads, legs and arms must be entirely covered -- bring a headscarf and wear appropriate clothing. Men must wear long trousers (shorts are not allowed). Minimum age is 12 years. Tour does not operate on Fridays or holidays. If your visit falls during Ramadan (April 12 - May 11, 2021), you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Muscat Hop On Hop Off Discover 1 Day



Departs: 8:45 AM
 Approximately 2 Hours
 Adult \$86.00; Child \$53.00

Muscat Hop On Hop Off – 1 Day Discover Ticket

Enjoy sightseeing, local attractions, markets, museums, restaurants and much more as this tour allows you to discover the fascinating history and traditional Arabian charm of Oman’s capital at your own pace and according to your own interest. Take in dramatic views of the city’s surrounding mountains and gleaming Sea of Oman. Hop off to explore 16th century forts, museums and the Sultan’s Al Alam Palace, and immerse yourself in the culture of Muscat. The choice is yours. The tour ticket is valid for the entire day. Simply hop off at any of the designated stops or remain onboard to relax and see it all. Once you have seen it, done it, and selfied, simply re-join the tour as buses arrive to each designated stop every 30 minutes. Air conditioning is available on the lower deck and the open top bus provides fantastic views as you enjoy the fun and entertaining multi-lingual audio tour in a choice of 6 languages.

Notes:

If your visit falls during Ramadan, you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Muscat Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted)
 Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
 See additional NOTES below.
 Price \$699.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the

number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible. If your visit falls during Ramadan, you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Muscat Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:00 AM
 Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
 See additional NOTES below.
 Price \$999.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 7 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not

per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible. If your visit falls during Ramadan, you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Muscat Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM
 Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
 See additional NOTES below.
 Price \$499.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible. If your visit falls during Ramadan, you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Muscat Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$799.95

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended

for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity:7 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible. If your visit falls during Ramadan, you cannot eat, drink or smoke in public.

Salalah, Oman - Wednesday, April 10, 2024: You will know you have arrived when the heady aroma greets you from roadside burners in the old town of Salalah, also home to an annual monsoon that leaves the landscape fertile and lush in the summer months. The town was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site for the unique historical legacy of its frankincense. Head to the Frankincense Land Archaeological Park (Al Balid) to learn more about the fragrant local hero.

In the old town, Haffa, you will find collectibles and souvenirs, most notably frankincense, myrrh and locally produced fragrant perfumes. Be prepared to haggle.

The beaches of Salalah are ideal for watersports, or simply strolling. The coastal marshes are home to migratory birds, and it's easy to find a picnic spot where you can listen to their melodious calls. In Khawr Rhor, visit the palace ruins believed to be that of the Queen of Sheba. Nearby in Mirbat, visit Bin Ali's tomb or the fort at Taqah.

Best of Salalah



Departs: 8:15 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 7¼ Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$99.95

This full-day tour features a visit to an archaeological excavation and some natural blowholes.

Depart from Salalah port and head to the **Al Haffa Souq (market)** where you will enjoy some **free time** for **shopping**.

The **archaeological site of Al-Baled** exhibits the region's human history and heritage. You will also visit **Taqah village**.

Continue to **Khor Rori Creek**, believed to be the site of the ruined city of Sumhuram -- ancient capital of Arabia's frankincense trade. Legend has it that the frankincense-bearing king who went to worship the newborn baby

Jesus traveled from Dhofar. Excavations at the site provide evidence of a city that traded with Far Eastern ports and Greece and is also believed to be the site of the Queen of Sheba's palace.

Enjoy **lunch** at a hotel in Salalah.

On your way back to the ship, you will view Mughsail Beach. It is nearly two miles of white sand and features high cliffs at both ends. If the tide is right, sprays of water up to 45 feet tall gush from the natural **blowholes** in the rock face.

Notes:

Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. 34 steps lead to the blowholes at Mughsail Beach and the path to the holes is over rocky ground. You will also encounter steps and rocky ground at Samhuram. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midriffs must

be covered. Shorts, beachwear or sleeveless outfits are not allowed. Beverages can be purchased during lunch at your own expense. The museum in Al-Baled is closed on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Special note: Oman will observe Ramadan from approximately March 10 until April 9, 2024. Visitors are expected to avoid eating, drinking, or smoking in public. A boxed lunch will be provided and can only be eaten only on the transportation. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders, midriffs and ankles must be covered. Tight-fitting, transparent or translucent clothing is not permitted. Do not wear white clothing, as it is seldom adequately opaque. Please err on the side of conservatism with your attire. You must remove your shoes before entering the mosque(s)

Leisurely Salalah



Departs: 8:50 AM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$39.95

This half-day excursion introduces you to **Salalah**, the Sultanate's summer capital.

Begin with a drive past beautiful scenery to a grove of **frankincense trees** -- a species unique to Southern Arabia that originated in the Dhofar Valley. This nondescript, smooth-barked tree produces a substance that was once one of the most prized items in the ancient civilized world.

View Mughsail Beach -- nearly two miles of white sand with high cliffs at both ends. If the tide is right, sprays of water up to 45 feet tall gush from the natural **blowholes** in the rock face.

A **panoramic drive** through picturesque mountains brings you to the **Tomb of Job**. Job was the long-suffering biblical hero admired by Muslims, Jews and Christians alike. Visit his simple tomb, located on a hilltop overlooking Salalah, and see what locals believe to be the footprint of Job himself, pressed into the floor.

You will stop at one of Salalah's **lush orchards** growing coconut, banana, papaya and guava. Enjoy some **fresh coconut water**.

Returning to the city, pause for photos at the majestic Al Husn Palace -- summer residence of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. At the vibrant **Frankincense Souq** (market) in the old part of Salalah, inhale the fragrance of frankincense and sandalwood as you **walk** through the maze of narrow lanes.

Notes:

Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. 34 steps lead to the blowholes from Mughsail Beach and the path to the holes is over rocky ground. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered. Shorts, beachwear or sleeveless outfits are not allowed. Tour does not operate on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays

Salalah Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$529.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the

number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Special note: Oman will observe Ramadan from approximately March 10 until April 9, 2024. Visitors are expected to avoid eating, drinking, or smoking in public. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders, midribs and ankles must be covered. Tight-fitting, transparent or translucent clothing is not permitted. Do not wear white clothing, as it is seldom adequately opaque. Please err on the side of conservatism with your attire. You must remove your shoes before entering the mosque(s)

Salalah Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$729.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and

unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 8 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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The Frankincense Trail & the Tomb of Job



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$79.95

Explore **Mughsail Beach** -- an unspoiled strand of white sand, with high cliffs at each end. If your visit coincides with high tide, you may be lucky enough to view the beach's spectacular blowholes.

Bet you've never done this before! Today you get to **tap your own frankincense tree** to capture the precious perfume that was once valued as highly as gold. Nuggets of frankincense resin were traded the length and breadth of Arabia and throughout the Mediterranean. Expensive and rare, it was also one of the gifts brought to the baby Jesus.

According to legend, the **Tomb of the Old Testament prophet Job** can be found nearby. You will travel to see this place that is sacred to pilgrims -- Muslims, Christians and Jews.

Stop to photograph Al Hosn Palace in Dhofar -- a residence of Sultan Qaboos.

At the **Al Haffa Souq**, stroll among the colorful stalls heaped with mounds of myrrh, frankincense, oils and artifacts.

Notes:

Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear

biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Bring US dollars to shop for souvenirs.

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Ladies must cover their head with a scarf at Job's tomb. It is 34 steps to the blowholes from Mughsail Beach and the path to the holes is over rocky ground. Shorts, beachwear or sleeveless outfits are not appropriate attire for this tour.

The Lost City of Ubar & the Sands of Arabia



Departs: 8:15 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$209.95; Child \$149.95

Traveling by **four-wheel-drive vehicle** from the port, you'll stop briefly at **Thumrait**.

Continue to the **Khadaf Dunes** located at the edge of the **Rub Al Khali Desert** and drive amid the red sand dunes for a thrilling experience in the desert of Arabia.

The **Ubar excavation site** is located by the small village of Shishr and is believed to have once been a flourishing trading center for

frankincense. Today it is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. You will explore the ruins of this fabled lost city, chronicled in the classical works of T.E. Lawrence as the *Atlantis of the Sands*. Several small archaeological excavations have revealed an area that is believed to consist of four cities -- remnants of the lost civilization immortalized in *A Thousand & One Nights*.

Enjoy a simple picnic-style **lunch** before you return to Salalah via Thumrait.

Notes: The travel time on this tour is 2.5 hours each way. A simple lunch box will be provided. Jeeps can accommodate 4 guests, plus 1 driver. Ride will be bumpy and is only meant for guests who are physically fit. Pregnant women or guests with back or neck conditions are not allowed to participate. The 4x4 vehicles are driven caravan-style; your driver may or may not speak English. Individual vehicles do not have a guide, but a lead guide will narrate at each of the sites you visit. Minimum age is 6 years.

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Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt - Monday, April 15, 2024: Beyond the clear waters of Sharm el Sheikh lie Cairo and its enduring wonders: the treasures of royal Egyptian tombs, the imposing enigma of the Sphinx, and the 13-acre Great Pyramid of Cheops, 46 centuries old and counting.

Bedouin Tent Experience & Camel Ride



Departs: 9:15 AM, 1:45 PM
4 Hours
Price \$249.95

Don't miss this opportunity to sail across the desert on the back of a **camel**—a true adventure straight out of Lawrence of Arabia.

Transfer from the ship by **4-wheel-drive vehicle** to a desert location, where you will find camels outfitted with carpeted saddles. Riding high atop a camel, you will make your way toward a beautifully decorated Bedouin tent. Dancers and musicians will greet you; then, you're invited to relax on low cushions in the camp and learn about the inhabitants.

Most of the Bedouins' ancestors came from the Arabian Peninsula, so Bedouin laws, customs and religion blend both Islamic and pagan beliefs. The resilience and fantastic hospitality of the Bedouins are a product of their lifestyle in the Sinai -- crushing isolation, a harsh climate, and the need to keep moving in the search of water. Even today, the wealth of a Bedouin is measured in camels and children, but Western technology is slowly making its presence felt.

Enjoy a cup of tea and a **light Egyptian breakfast** before being entertained by a folkloric show. There will be photo

opportunities at the camp before boarding your coach to return to the port of Sharm el Sheikh.

Notes:

The Bedouin camp you will visit is currently not occupied by the Bedouins, as they are a nomadic people. The camel ride lasts approximately 15 minutes and is optional and at your own risk. Waiver must be signed, and medical conditions disclosed. Minimum age is 6 years.

Ne'ama Bay Glass-Bottom Boat



Departs: 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$89.95

Divers and snorkelers worldwide know all about the clear waters of the Red Sea, but few are fortunate enough to see the stunning marine life without getting wet.

Today, you will ride to Ne'ama Bay. This spot has become the epicenter of tourism activity in Southern Sinai. Its resort hotels, shops, energetic nightlife and the beauty of the bay itself make this recently developed area a magnet for visitors.

Board a glass-bottom boat that will take you on an unforgettable adventure showcasing the rich marine life of Arabia and the Red Sea.

Once you disembark the glass-bottom boat,

you will head back to Ne'ama Bay. You will have a chance to browse in the local shops there before the motorcoach returns you to the port at Sharm el Sheikh.

Notes:

Minimum age is 6 years

Panoramic Sharm el Sheikh



Departs: 10:00 AM (Waitlisted), 1:30 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Price \$79.95

Situated between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba, the Sinai Desert forms the Egyptian peninsula between Africa and Asia. At its southern tip lies the resort city of **Sharm el Sheikh** -- a great magnet for divers and sunworshippers. This **panoramic tour** begins with a scenic drive to a scenic lookout point, where you will enjoy great views of Sharm el Sheikh. Drive past the Angels Church, the Golden Mosque, and the Peace Arch. Time permitting, there will be some photo stops. Visit the Coptic Heavenly Cathedral. Every inch of the interior is lavishly illustrated with Bible Stories. It took two artists and a team of 17 assistants more than two years to paint them. Next, pause for a photo stop at Al Sahaba Mosque. Standing in the courtyard, you can enjoy its striking architecture. Note the gorgeous marble façade with a mammoth dome in the center and several towering minarets. This Mosque can accommodate 2,500 of the faithful. End your day with some

free time at the Old Market, considered the hub of life in Sharm el Sheikh, with restaurants, cafés, and busy bazaars.

Notes:

Minimum age is 6 years. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered. Some stricter Muslim countries may require ankles to be covered also. Tight-fitting, transparent or translucent clothing is not permitted. Do not wear white clothing, as it is seldom adequately opaque for visiting a mosque. To ensure that you are granted access, please err on the side of conservatism with your attire. You must remove your shoes before entering the mosque(s).

Sharm el Sheikh Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted), 2:00 PM (Waitlisted)
4 Hours
Price \$589.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own



interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Sharm el Sheikh Private Touring - Half Day (Minibus)



Departs: 9:00 AM, 2:00 PM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,199.00



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the

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Capacity: 14 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minibuses are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Sharm el Sheikh Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted), 2:00 PM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$779.00

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Capacity: 6 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Snorkeling at Ras Mohamed



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$129.95

A 45-minute drive from the port brings you to Ras Mohamed National Park. Its protected area includes a desert peninsula, a lovely beach, and underwater coral reefs. The reef ecosystems found in the National Park are recognized internationally as being among the world's best due to their diversity of flora and fauna, and clear, warm water devoid of pollutants.

A certified diver will fit you out with snorkel gear and brief you about all the procedures and general safety instructions.

Entering the water, you will explore the natural beauty of this incredible area. A spectacular vertical profile lends the reef an explosion of color and life in stark contrast to the seemingly barren desert adjacent to it. In reality, the desert is also rich in fauna -- desert foxes and Nubian ibex, as well as birdlife such as white storks, herons, gulls, terns and osprey.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. There are no changing facilities or restrooms at Ras Mohamed. The drive from the port to the park is by minibus. Minimum age is 6 years.

Aqaba (for Petra), Jordan - Tuesday, April 16, 2024:

Aqaba Highlights & Wadi Rum Lunch



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 5¼ Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$99.95

Aqaba is Jordan's only seaport. Located at the southernmost tip of Jordan on the Red Sea, this city boasts a lovely backdrop of sun, sea, and mountains, as well as a pleasant year-round climate. Aqaba also claims a rich history of Nabataean trading, features prominently in the memoirs of *Lawrence of Arabia* and boasts some of the most pristine coral reefs in the Red Sea.

In the heart of the city you will find the **ruins of the old city of Ayla**. You can see where the city gates were, as well as mosques, churches and the city walls.

Drive by coach to **Wadi Rum** -- a 1¼-hour journey into a red landscape of soaring peaks and plunging valleys.

Arrive at the **Desert Camp** and enjoy **lunch** in a huge, carpeted Bedouin tent, followed by Arabian tea and local delicacies.

After lunch, re-board the coach to return to the ship.

Notes:

Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Wear light clothing and comfortable walking shoes. The Aqaba Museum often closes without prior

notification due to maintenance requirements.

Aqaba Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES
Price \$1,099.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour allows you to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your interests. Take in the famous sights at your own pace or go beyond to create intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for single/solo travelers, couples, family, friends, and special-interest groups traveling together. Private vehicles can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

The vehicle provided is a standard sedan (Kia Optima or similar). Passport details for all participants are required at the time of booking.

Aqaba Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES
Price \$1,499.00

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Aqaba Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES
Price \$799.00

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Should you wish to travel to Petra (a 2-hour drive each way), a Full Day Vehicle is required.

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Aqaba Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:00 AM
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See additional NOTES
Price \$999.00

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Petra: The Rose-Red City



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 9 Hours
Adult \$299.95; Child \$139.95

Experience **Petra**, the amazing lost Rose-Red City of the Nabataeans. Petra is a two-hour drive from Aqaba and lies isolated in a valley that was long forbidden to visitors. It is so cleverly concealed by the craggy encircling mountains that it was once 'lost' for a thousand years. From this natural fortress, the Nabataeans commanded trade from Arabia and the East, growing richer and more powerful year by year until they were finally conquered by the Romans in AD 106.

Your tour of Petra begins with a **walk** into the city through a narrow gorge call the Siq. This stunning natural canyon winds through the towering rock towards the city. As your guide takes you through the Siq, you will see remains of water channels, carvings, and representations of Nabataean gods. The narrow passage is an adventure in itself, for the towering walls create an artificial gloom until you suddenly emerge into the blinding

light, and there before you is the **Treasury** -- your first glimpse of the Rose Red City. The Treasury is the most famous and outstanding of all Petra's monuments. Local legend held that treasure was hidden in the urn at the top of the portal -- the bullet marks you can see are evidence of treasure seekers' attempts to find it.

Your guide will lead you down the outer Siq, passing the **street of the façades** before the fine Greek Theater comes into to view. It is now believed that this theater was in fact carved out by the Nabataeans in the 2nd century BC. It seats around 3,000 spectators. As you approach the main colonnade, you'll pass a series of fascinating tombs. The Royal Tombs are carved into the face of Jebel Khubtha and consist of the Urn Tomb, the Corinthian Tomb and the three-story Palace Tomb. Leading west is the main street of Petra, which once boasted numerous stately columns along its route. At the end of the street, to the left of the path, is the partly restored Qasr Al Bint. This is the only freestanding structure in Petra and is thought to have been the main place of worship in the Nabataean city. Mountains surround this extraordinary place, and Bedouin families still inhabit the surrounding areas. Petra is a unique and stunning place -- this is a day you will never forget.

Lunch is included and will be served buffet-style at a five-star restaurant in the upper area of Wadi Musa.

Notes:

There is a **strenuous walk** into and out of the

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Petra site along an inclined path that includes slippery and unpaved surfaces, suitably only for participants who are physically fit. It is approximately a half-mile walk (each way) from the entrance to the site to the beginning of the Siq (canyon). From there, participants must walk five to six miles (each way) through the canyon all the way to the ruins. Temperatures are high -- easily 105° at Petra. Please realistically assess your physical fitness and ability prior to booking, as the walking is uphill and over unpaved, rough walking tracks with steps. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. While there are a limited number of carriages, camels and donkeys available at Petra for transportation (at your own expense), they are strictly on a first-come, first-served basis and their use is in no way encouraged as they are not insured. If you choose to take the horse-drawn carriage, you do so at your own risk and there will be no narration during the bumpy ride that ends at the Treasury building. Your carriage driver will schedule a meeting time with you in front of the Treasury Building for the return ride. Expect delays; 20 minutes late is not considered late in Jordan. Guests wishing to arrange for a carriage ride must do so directly with their guide and pay the guide, not the carriage driver. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Even if you engage a carriage or service animal, you must still travel on foot over uneven and inclined terrain in order to completely view the site. No guest is obliged to stay with the guided tour; guests who they feel they cannot continue (taking into consideration the return walk) can leave the group and return to the entrance on their

own.

Shoubak Castle



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 5¼ Hours
Price \$109.95

A two-hour scenic drive north of Aqaba brings you to the municipality of **Shoubak**, where you'll visit one of the best-preserved Crusader castles in Jordan.

Shoubak Castle is an early-12th-century Crusader castle, perched on the side of a rocky, conical mountain 4,265 feet above sea level. Although less famous than the popular Kerak Castle, its isolation from the nearest town makes it a more atmospheric setting. Built in AD 1115, Shoubak was originally called Krak de Montreal -- the first of many fortifications built by King Baldwin I of Jerusalem to guard the road from Egypt to Damascus. It successfully resisted a number of sieges before finally falling to Saladin troops in 1189.

Notes:

Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Wear light clothing and comfortable walking shoes. Not suitable for guests with mobility limitations. Participants must negotiate stairs and/or uneven surfaces. No snack is included and there will be no opportunity to purchase food; have a hearty meal on board the ship before commencing your tour.

Wadi Rum



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$109.95

Take a majestic 1¼-hour motorcoach drive from Aqaba into a vast red moonscape. You'll experience **Wadi Rum** on a two-hour 4x4 journey through the largest and most magnificent of Jordan's desert landscapes.

Geologists believe that Wadi Rum resulted from a great crack on the surface of the earth caused by an enormous upheaval. Some of the ridges are a thousand feet tall and are topped with domes worn smooth by the desert winds. The Wadi Rum area has been inhabited since prehistoric times. Throughout the valley, scattered slabs of rock feature inscriptions in early Talmudic writing. Freshwater springs made Wadi Rum a crossroads and oasis for caravans heading from Arabia towards Syria and Palestine. This was the stunning backdrop used in the film *Lawrence of Arabia*, an inspiration for T.E. Lawrence and the rallying point for the start of the Great Arab Revolt. It is also the home of several Bedouin tribes who maintain the warm hospitality that characterizes true Arab culture. Today, Wadi Rum is a protected natural reserve.

You will see the **Seven Pillars of Wisdom Mountain** -- the stunning formation after which T.E. Lawrence titled his philosophical memoir. The awe-inspiring Jebels are sandstone rock formations that rise from the Wadi floor -- some even bear ancient inscriptions and rock art.

Arriving at the **Desert Camp**, enjoy Arabian **tea and delicacies** served in a huge **Bedouin tent** furnished with authentic carpets.

Return to the ship by motorcoach at the conclusion of your visit.

Notes:

The 4x4 vehicles are provided by a charity to assist the local Bedouin people. The vehicles are not air-conditioned, and their condition is very basic, and they don't have seatbelts. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. The stars are visible only at a particular time of the night. Bring a hat and sunglasses, wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Ride will be bumpy. Pregnant women and guests with back or neck conditions are not allowed to participate. This excursion is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

Rhodes, Greece - Saturday, April 20, 2024: In Old Town visit the Palace of the Grand Masters, paved with superb mosaics. Walk the Street of the Knights or tour to Lindos for views from its Acropolis.

Best of Lindos Acropolis & Rhodes Town



Departs: 8:15 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$134.95



Set off on a beautiful scenic drive 30 miles along the coast of Rhodes to the town of **Lindos**.

See the spot where the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, spanned the entrance to the harbor. This enormous bronze statue was a likeness of Helios, Greek god of the sun. The Colossus was 120 feet tall, almost as tall as the Statue of Liberty. Unfortunately, it was toppled by an earthquake shortly after its construction, and its metal salvaged by passing Arabian merchants.

Walk up to the Acropolis that towers above the town or hire a donkey (at your own expense and risk) to take you part of the way up. At the top you will see the 4th-century BC Doric Temple of Athena Lindia. The view from on high includes St Paul's Bay, where the Apostle landed in the year AD 51 to preach Christianity. Below Lindos Acropolis, **stroll** through the narrow streets full of whitewashed houses and little shops.

Lunch will be served, then enter **Rhodes' Old Town** by way of the Amboise Gate.

Walk to the **Palace of the Grand Masters** for a visit. It is paved with colorful marble and

superb mosaics, coolly elegant and timeless in its flawless use of materials.

Pass through the **Street of the Knights**, with its medieval buildings, towers, and emblazoned façades. After your guided tour, you will have **free time** to explore the shops and cafes.

Notes:

Tour involves considerable walking on uneven surfaces and many steps. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Easy Rhodes



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$54.95; Child \$34.95

Take this wonderful opportunity to enjoy a leisurely **panoramic drive** by motorcoach on the island of **Rhodes**.

Leaving the pier, you'll pass by the city walls of the old medieval Rhodes Town -- a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Watch for the New Market Building and enjoy a photo stop at Mandraki, if parking for the motorcoach is available. You will see the aquarium and head to the top of **Mount Smith** for a view over the town of Rhodes, the castle, the coast of Turkey and the nearby islands.

En route to the Lindos area, you'll stop to photograph the panoramic view of St Paul's Bay and the ancient theatre. From the promontory, you can see, in the distance, the ancient Acropolis of Lindos. According to Homer in *The Iliad*, the acropolis was built by the Dorians, as were the cities of Kamiros and Lalyssos. These cities exercised considerable maritime power in ancient times.

The village of Lindos with its 1,000 inhabitants lies below the Acropolis. You will pass through it and stop at **Kolymbia Beach** in Limanaki. Like the Greeks, you will sip on a **coffee** or refreshment at a waterfront restaurant, returning to Rhodes Town afterwards.

Notes:

Tour involves approximately 260 feet of walking.

Leisurely Lindos



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$44.95

Departing from the quayside in Rhodes, proceed to **Mount Smith** -- the **Acropolis** of ancient **Rhodes**. From the massive toppled pillars of the temple of Athena, the view encompasses the Temple of Apollo, the stadium of Diagoras and the port.

Thirty miles away lies **Lindos town**, where

you will see from a distance the 4th-century BC Doric Temple of Athena Lindia, high atop the Acropolis. Below the Acropolis, explore the old, whitewashed buildings and the narrow streets of this charming town -- a favorite haunt for artists and writers.

Small shops sell attractive souvenirs, including small ceramic items or beautiful crocheted linen. **Free time** is allocated for you to explore the town and **shop** before continuing to a **ceramics** factory.

Mt Filerimos & Rhodes Town



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$64.95

En route to Mount Filerimos, enjoy a drive through a densely wooded area of cypress trees, maritime pines and evergreen oaks. Turning inland, the winding road leads to the **Plateau of Filerimos** -- 1,000 feet above sea level.

Visit the **Church of Our Lady**, restored by the Knights of St John and used as a stable during the Turkish occupation. See the restored monastery and the barrel-vault Chapel of St George with its 15th-century frescoes.

Returning to the **Old Town** of **Rhodes**, **walk** with your guide to visit the Street of the Knights and the **Palace of the Grand Masters**. The fortress here dominates the town. It was destroyed in 1856 and rebuilt in 1929 by the Italians.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

**National Geographic Day Tour:
The Fascinating World of Bees**



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$99.95

Discover why honeybees are among the most important living organisms on the planet. Uncover eye-opening ecological facts, sample local honey varieties, and try your hand at honey extraction. You'll even visit an active apiary to explore a buzzing bee colony.

Your introduction to this fascinating world begins at the **Bee Museum of Rhodes**. Immerse yourself in a variety of interactive exhibits and satisfy your curiosity as a local National Geographic guide leads you through the history of beekeeping in the South Aegean islands. Watch bustling beehive life through **transparent observation hives** and discover intriguing facts about pollination and apitherapy -- the medicinal use of bee products. You'll also learn various simple ways to protect these creatures so crucial to our planet's ecosystem.

Then, follow your guide to a private seminar room, where you'll take part in a hands-on honey extraction simulation. Practice professional techniques like honeycomb scratching and use tools, such as manual extractors, to fill empty jars. **Sample and savor local honey offerings**, which feature complex varieties such as pine, thyme and erica. Plus, try the famous Melekouni -- a traditional sweet snack from Rhodes.

After the tasting, walk next door to an **active apiary**, where you'll wear a protective suit and examine an open hive with an experienced beekeeper. Surrounded by happy buzzing, you'll learn about important tools, such as frames, smokers, and scrapers, as well as gain a practical understanding of how bee colonies are organized.

Head back to the port with a new understanding of the humble honeybee, our planet's ecosystem, and what you can do to protect it.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses, wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. This tour does not operate on Sunday.

Palace of the Grand Masters & Museum On Foot



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 3¼ Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$64.95

Head to the **Acropolis** of ancient **Rhodes** for panoramic vistas of the Temple of Apollo, the stadium of Diagoras and the port.

From the Amboise Gate -- the entrance to the Old Town of Rhodes -- **walk** to the **Palace of the Grand Masters**. This beautiful, elegant, timeless building is paved with colorful marble and superb mosaics.

The **Street of the Knights** welcomes you with its medieval buildings, towers and emblazoned façades.

Visit the **archeological museum** housed in a 15th-century building in the **Hospital of the Knights**, with statues, tombstones, fine ceramics, coins and ornaments from the Mycenaean graves excavated at Ialissos.

You will have **free time** to do some shopping at the **bazaar** and walk back to the ship at your leisure.

Notes:

Tour includes a gentle downhill walk. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Rhodes Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,199.00



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the

number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Rhodes Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,399.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity:10 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party

needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Rhodes Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$699.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Rhodes Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$799.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 10 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Capacity: 10 guests
Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

The Acropolis of Lindos in 3D Augmented Reality



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximatley 4½ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$74.95

Take a leisurely stroll up to some 400 feet above sea level to visit the remains of past civilizations at the **Acropolis of Lindos**.

Admire the 4th-century BC Doric Temple of Athena Lindia, a double winged portico, a Byzantine church, and the fortifications of the Knights of St John constructed in the 14th century. You will see the Acropolis ruins in a most extraordinary fashion, with the aid of **Augmented Reality Software (AR)**.

Augmented Reality combines the camera's content with a virtual one. In other words, it is a mixture of the real-time video and many different virtual elements. AR essentially enables you to simply point the tablet's camera at various locations of the site and view them in their original form, as they once stood thousands of years ago. It is an amazing way to view the site as both the ruins of today and the complete, whole buildings of yesteryear.

From the Acropolis, marvel at the breathtaking views covering the great expanse of the Aegean Sea and St Paul's Bay, where the Apostle anchored during his historic voyage to Ephesus.

As you descend back to the village via steep and narrow streets, you'll pass beautiful whitewashed, terraced houses, built for the rich ship owners or sea captains in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

The Acropolis of Lindos



Departs: 8:30 AM
4¼ Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$59.95

Begin with a drive along the east coast, passing orange and lemon groves, vineyards and gnarled olive trees whose scents hang in the air.

A stupendous acropolis dominates **Lindos town** and the curved bay below. **Walk** up to the **Acropolis** or hire a donkey (at your own expense) to take you part of the way up. At the top, the remains of many ancient civilizations are found -- the 4th-century BC Doric Temple of Athena Lindia and a double-winged portico, a Byzantine church, and the fortifications of the Knights. At the foot of the Acropolis is St Paul's Bay, where the Apostle Paul landed in AD 51. Far below, whitewashed houses cluster around the narrow streets.

En route back to Rhodes town, you'll stop at a **pottery factory** to watch a demonstration of how ceramics are made.

Notes:

The walk up to the ruins of Lindos has approximately 250 steps and is steep and slippery. Paths are very uneven. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Use of an audio headset (included) will

enhance your tour experience.

Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey - Monday, April 22, 2024: Gateway to Ephesus, one of the best-preserved archeological sites in the classical world. Explore its grand colonnaded marble streets, the Celsus Library, the ancient Agoura and the Baths.

A Taste of Kusadasi: The Village of Sirince



Departs: 9:45 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$99.95

Your day will be full of surprises and discoveries of Kusadasi culture.

You're headed to **Sirince** village -- the perfect synthesis of Turkish and Greek culture.

Stroll through the streets to see its beautiful, typical Greek houses. You will have time to purchase some **handicrafts**, sold by the village ladies at street stalls.

Taste some of the **local wine**. Sirince is famous for its grape and other fruit wines, and features a charming church dedicated to St John.

Lunch is served in a **Turkish home** -- a chance to taste the cuisine and embrace the domestic culture of the village.

Don't miss this chance to try cup of delicious, industrial-strength **Turkish coffee**. And because this excursion is truly is a slice of village life, a **fortune-teller** will stop by to read your coffee cup!

At the end of the day, you will have time for a optional **carpet demonstration** and **shopping** in Kusadasi.

Amazing Ephesus, Sirince Village & Lunch: In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine



Departs: 9:15 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 6½ Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$119.95

Discover Ephesus -- perhaps the most important archeological site in Turkey -- and visit the quaint village of Sirince. You will taste homemade fruit wines and enjoy a delicious meal of local specialties. From the elegant lunch setting, take in glorious views across the valley.

Begin with a guided in-depth walk through the **ruins of ancient Ephesus**. Your guide will point out the Odeon, the Fountain of Trajan, the Baths of Scholastica, the temple of Hadrian and the most famous structure on the excavation site -- the Celsus Library. The façade of this magnificent library has two stories held up by beautiful Corinthian columns.

Wander down the **Arcadian Way**, where Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession. This legendary street leads to the **Grand Theatre**, where St Paul preached early Christianity to the Ephesians. It is one of the largest theatres in antiquity, with 24,000 seats.

Visit the **Terrace Houses**, located on the slopes Mount Bulbul, opposite Hadrian's Temple. These structures were inhabited by the most important residents of Ephesus.

Gorgeous engravings and mosaics represent the lifestyle of prominent Ephesians. Step into the inner rooms of these houses, where excavations still continue.

In the atmospheric mountain town of **Sirince**, surrounded by vine-covered fields and old farmhouses, explore the tiny village and **taste homemade fruit wine**. Take a seat at the Gullu Konak Inn -- a hundred years old and set in pretty gardens on the edge of town. The lamb, free-range chicken, olives and quince are locally sourced. Enjoy a delicious **lunch** of regional specialties, paired with wine or beer, as you take in the glorious view across the valley.

Turkey is known for its colorful rugs; a visit to a **traditional carpet-seller** back in Kusadasi is a must. Relax over refreshments as the vendor tells you about this quintessentially Turkish industry.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship (a short walk away).

Notes:

Tour requires walking a total of approximately four miles over uneven and cobblestone surfaces and inclines, and climbing 170 steps. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Please realistically assess your physical fitness and ability prior to booking. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Shade is

limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring insect repellent during August. Two glasses of wine, beer or soft drinks are included with lunch. Extra beverages are available at an additional cost.

Amazing Ephesus, Turkish Vineyard & Wine Tasting: In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine



Departs: 9:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$99.95

Discover Ephesus -- perhaps the most important archeological site in the country. At a local vineyard, you'll get acquainted with local wines and delicious cheeses -- a taste of Aegean Turkey.

Begin with a guided in-depth walk through the **ruins of ancient Ephesus**. Your guide will point out the Odeon, the Fountain of Trajan, the Baths of Scholastica, the temple of Hadrian and the most famous structure on the excavation site -- the Celsus Library. The façade of this magnificent library has two stories held up by beautiful Corinthian columns.

Wander down the **Arcadian Way**, where Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession. This legendary street leads to the **Grand Theatre**, where St Paul preached early Christianity to the Ephesians. It is one of the largest theatres in antiquity, with 24,000 seats.

After this memorable visit to Ephesus, your bus will take you on a **panoramic drive** through the countryside to 7 Yedi Bilgele -- the .Set in a amid , Seven Sages is evocative of Tuscany. 7 Yedi Bilgele -- the **Seven Sages Vineyard**. Set in a stone chateau amid lavender gardens, vineyards and lush rolling hills, Seven Sages is evocative of Tuscany. Learn about Turkey's winemaking industry, which dates back more than 6,000 years, from the resident expert. (S)he will escort you on a tour of the facility. See the state-of-the-art facilities and visit the cellar where the French oak barrels are stored. **Sample the wines** with an assortment of **artisanal Turkish cheeses**. You'll also have some **free time** to explore the vineyard and enjoy the breathtaking location.

Notes:

Tour requires walking approximately 3.25 miles over uneven and cobblestone surfaces and inclines and climbing numerous steps. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Please realistically assess your physical fitness and ability prior to booking. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring insect repellent in July and August.

Ancient Ephesus & the Virgin Mary's House



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$84.95

Begin your tour with a visit to the house where Jesus' mother is said to have lived the last years of her life. The site, called the **Virgin Mary's House**, has been officially declared a Catholic shrine and was visited by Pope Paul VI in 1967, Pope John Paul II in 1979, and Pope Benedict XVI in 2006.

In Ephesus, visit the **Great Theatre**, which dates back to the Hellenistic period. In the 1st century AD, the theatre was reconstructed and expanded by the Romans to a seating capacity of 25,000. This is also the place where St Paul preached to the Ephesians. It is still used for performances today, and the acoustics are excellent.

The **Marble Road**, which runs between the theatre and the Celsus Library, is part of a sacred walkway that leads you to the **Celsus Library** and **Hadrian's Temple**. The temple was dedicated in AD 118 to Hadrian, Artemis and the people of Ephesus. This impressive Corinthian-style temple has beautiful reliefs on the porch, and the Ephesians believed that the Medusa head on the porch would protect the city from its enemies.

Return to Kusadasi to enjoy the traditional Turkish experience of sipping **apple tea** while watching a myriad of colors unfold before your eyes during an optional **carpet demonstration**. Those interested in purchasing a carpet can do so with

confidence. Those who prefer not to view the carpet demonstration can stay in town to shop or explore independently or make their own way back to the ship on foot.

Notes:

Although this tour is designed not to involve uphill walking, there is extensive walking required at Ephesus. Ancient Ephesus is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes. The use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Archeological Ephesus & Museum



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$79.95

Meet your professional guide and set off to visit the **ruined city of ancient Ephesus**, founded by the Carians and Lelegs. Today, this is one of the most magnificent and best-preserved archaeological sites in the world.

See the glorious **Celsus Library façade**, restored and reconstructed in the 1970s, the Temple of Hadrian and the Great Theatre with a seating capacity of 25,000 people. Your guide will share some little-known details about the life and times of the ancient city.

Visit the Ephesus Archaeological Museum.

This small museum in Selcuk boasts an incredible collection of Hellenistic and Roman statues, carved reliefs and artifacts unearthed from the ruins of Ephesus. The famous statue of Artemis (goddess of fertility) is housed here -- don't miss it.

Stop for **refreshments** and a optional **carpet demonstration** at a local weaving village. Enjoy watching the skilled artisans spinning and dyeing yarn and weaving carpets.

Return directly to the ship or stay in Kusadasi. Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship.

Notes:

Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the sites. The use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Ancient Ephesus is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Dutch Guided: Ephesus & A Turkish Village



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

A Dutch-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Dutch interpreter). A limited number of Dutch guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment.

When you visit **Ephesus**, you will meet one of the best-preserved old cities in the world. In ancient times, historians believed that Ephesus was founded by the Amazons, but today it is assumed that Ephesus was the Hittite city of Apasa.

With your guide you will visit the **Odeon**, where the advisory council held meetings, the Roman baths and many other columns, monuments and ruins, including the **Celsus library** and the great theater.

In the village of **Sirince** you will experience the perfect synthesis of Turkish and Greek culture as well as the world-famous Turkish hospitality. Stroll through the streets, where the exterior houses are kept in Greek style, while the interior is strikingly Turkish. You get the time to buy handmade items and souvenirs.

On your way to Kusadasi you have the opportunity to **shop** at a local souvenir center before returning to the city.

Notes:

There is limited shade, so adjust your clothes accordingly. Take a hat and lubricate yourself with sunscreen. In some locations it can be busy.

Ephesus & Leather Factory



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$74.95; Child \$59.95

A **panoramic motor coach ride** takes you north from Kusadasi, past the Byzantine fortress in Selcuk, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis and the Basilica of St John.

You're headed to the **ancient city of Ephesus** -

- once the Roman provincial capital.

Follow your guide on a downhill **walk** through the impressive ruins, highlighting the archeological treasures of this great city, considered to be one of Turkey's finest outdoor museums.

Stroll among the remains of the beautifully preserved Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent Trajan Fountain, the Odeon Theater, the majestic Celsus Library and the Great Theater -- one of the few structures still in use today.

Visit a local **leatherware factory** where you can see and purchase wonderful samples of Turkish-made leather products.

Notes:

Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the sites. The use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Ancient Ephesus is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Ephesus & the Terrace Houses



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$114.95

Visit the ruined city of **ancient Ephesus**, **founded** by the Carians and Lelegs.

See the glorious **Celsus Library** façade, restored and reconstructed in the 1970s, the **Great Theatre**, and **Temple of Hadrian**.

Don't miss the **Terrace Houses** -- a newly excavated section of Ephesus -- located opposite Hadrian's Temple. The wealthy and important people of Ephesus lived in these houses, which are finely decorated with mosaics and frescoes giving a true impression of the ancient lifestyle.

Back in Kusadasi, disembark the motor coach for **shopping** and a optional **carpet demonstration**, or return directly to the ship.

Notes:

Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the sites. Ancient Ephesus is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Ephesus



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

A visit to **Ephesus** is a visit to one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world. Ancient historians believed that the Amazons founded Ephesus, but now it is believed to have been the Hittite city of Apasa.

Follow your guide to the **Odeon**, where the advisory council held its meetings.

Walk past the **Baths**, as well as many other columns, monuments and ruins, including

the **Celsus Library** and the **Great Theatre**.

Returned to Kusadasi for **shopping** and a optional Turkish **carpet demonstration**, or head directly back to the ship.

Notes:

Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the sites. The use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Ancient Ephesus is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Family Fun: Ephesus & Sirince Village



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$149.95

A visit to **Ephesus** is a visit to one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world. Ancient historians believed that the Amazons founded Ephesus, but now it is believed to have been the Hittite city of Apasa.

Follow your guide to **the Odeon**, where the advisory council held its meetings, and **the Baths**.

Other columns, monuments and ruins include the **Celsus Library** and the **Great Theatre**. In **Sirince Village**, experience the perfect synthesis of Turkish and Greek culture, and world-famous Turkish hospitality.

Stroll through the streets where the houses are

kept in Greek style on the outside, while the interiors are distinctly Turkish. There will be time to if you wish through the streets where the houses are kept in Greek style on the outside, while the interiors are distinctly Turkish. There will be time to **shop for handicrafts and souvenirs** if you wish.

Lunch is served at a village restaurant where you will enjoy an array of Turkish specialties accompanied by locally produced wines.

Return to Kusadasi for **shopping** and a optional Turkish **carpet demonstration**, or head directly back to the ship.

Notes:

Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Expect crowding at some locations. Ancient Ephesus is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

German Guided: Ephesus



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

A German-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a German interpreter). A limited number of German guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment.

A visit to **Ephesus** is a visit to one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world. Ancient historians believed that the Amazons founded Ephesus, but now it is believed to have been the Hittite city of Apasa.

Follow your guide to the **Odeon**, where the advisory council held its meetings.

Walk past the **Baths**, as well as many other columns, monuments and ruins, including the **Celsus Library** and the **Great Theatre**.

Returned to Kusadasi for **shopping** and a optional Turkish **carpet demonstration**, or head directly back to the ship.

Notes:

Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the sites. The use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Ancient Ephesus is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Bitte beachten Sie: Es gibt kaum Schattenplätze, also kleiden Sie sich entsprechend. Tragen Sie einen Hut und benutzen Sie Sonnencreme. Es ist mit großen Anstürmen und Wartezeiten zu rechnen. Die Benutzung des im Ausflugspreis enthaltenen Audio-Guides wird Ihr Ausflugserlebnis aufwerten.

Kusadasi Deluxe Part III



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$104.95

A guided **walking tour** through **Ephesus**, past its major sights, celebrates the historical significance of this ancient city.

Visit the **House of the Virgin Mary**, considered by the Vatican to be the final resting place of the mother of Jesus. Set in the Solmissos Mountains, the shrine is nestled among lush foliage, where a curative stream flows through the grounds.

Walk among the ruins of the Basilica of St John, built over the tomb of St John, where frescoes and mosaics remain and graceful columns hint at the structure's former grandeur.

Pass through the arched Magnesian Gate and begin a slow, downhill **walk** to the ruins of the Roman provincial capital, where your guide will highlight such pivotal sights as the Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent Trajan Fountain, the Odeon Theater, the beautiful Celsus Library and the dramatic Great Theatre.

Returning to **Kusadasi**, you can choose to shop in town, watch a optional **Turkish carpet demonstration**, or return to the ship.

Notes:

This excursion can be taken as a standalone tour but for the best experience should be

combined with Istanbul Deluxe Part I & II -- an unforgettable combination and by far the best way to fully experience Turkey's great cities and the surrounding area. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the sites. Bring sunscreen and a hat, as shade is limited. Ancient Ephesus is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Kusadasi Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 Hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES
Price \$599.00



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be

of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Kusadasi Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 Hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES
Price \$1,599.00



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together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 25 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Kusadasi Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 4 Hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES
Price \$399.00



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Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Kusadasi Private Touring - Half Day (Minibus)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES
Price \$999.00



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Kusadasi Private Touring - Private Van (Full Day)



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 Hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES
Price \$799.00



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Capacity: 10 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Kusadasi Private Touring- Private Van (Half Day)



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See additional NOTES
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Magnificent Miletus & the Temple of Apollo



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 5¼ Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$69.95

Your day will begin with a visit to Miletus -- the oldest and the most powerful of the twelve Ionian cities in Asia Minor.

Miletus is renowned for being the first city to which the principles of modern town planning were applied. The grid plan introduced by Hippodamos was later to form the basis of planning in all Roman cities and throughout much of the western world.

See the ruins of the theatre, baths and stadium. Visit the newly opened **Archaeological Museum** at Miletus to examine some wonderful artifacts taken from the many ancient sites in the area.

Travel via the Sacred Way to Didyma. This ancient road was once flanked by lions, sphinxes and statues of priests.

Didyma is home to the amazing and majestic **Temple of Apollo**, considered to be one of the great monuments of antiquity. It was built in 560 BC.

Return to Kusadasi, where you will have time to **shop** or attend a optional **Turkish carpet demonstration**.

Notes:

Tour includes a **lunch box** -- a sandwich with cheese, an apple, fruit juice and chocolate cookies, and small bottle of water. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Mass, the Virgin Mary Shrine & Biblical Ephesus



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 5½ Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$84.95

Travel to the picturesque Solmissos Mountains to attend a special **Catholic mass**, including communion, at the **Virgin Mary Shrine**. This small shrine is surrounded by lush foliage and is dedicated to St Mary. It is situated where the ruins of the house believed to have been occupied by Jesus' mother were first discovered. The shrine is cared for by the Lazarist Fathers, and you will take part in a very special mass service and receive communion in this beautiful setting.

Set out on a guided **walk** through **ancient Ephesus**. The downhill walk through the ruins highlights the archeological finds along the way.

You'll see the beautifully preserved Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent Trajan Fountain, the Odeon Theater, the majestic Celsus Library and the Great Theater.

Back at the port, browse in the colorful **bazaar** and view a optional Turkish carpet-weaving demonstration.

Notes:

Although this tour is designed not to involve uphill walking, there is extensive walking at the site. The use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Ancient Ephesus is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Panoramic Kusadasi



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$74.95; Child \$64.95

Visit the **house of the Virgin Mary**, declared a place of pilgrimage in 1892 by the Archbishop of Smyrna. Archaeological evidence shows that the little house you will see today dates only from the 6th century, but that the foundations are indeed from the first century AD. From a distance, your guide will point out the location of the Great Theatre of Ephesus. A **panoramic drive** takes you from Ephesus' Upper Gate to the Isa Bey Mosque via St John's Basilica and Selçuk Castle. The Isabey Mosque was constructed in 1375 and is amazingly intact today. It is one of the oldest and most impressive works of architecture remaining from the Anatolian *beyliks*. View the beautiful courtyard and the **ruins of the Temple of Artemis** -- a Greek temple dedicated to the goddess who was Apollo's sister. When it was standing, the Temple of Artemis was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, but in fact it was destroyed and completely rebuilt three times before its eventual demise in AD 401. Only the foundations and sculptural fragments of the latest of the temples remain at the site today. Light **refreshments** will be served at a local

weaving village before you return to the ship.

Notes:

Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Expect crowding at some locations. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Private Car - Ancient Ephesus and the Virgin Mary's House



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$549.00



Explore at your own pace with a private sedan, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive custom tour is designed to maximize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility to visit the sights at your own pace.

"Located within what was once the estuary of the River Kaystros, Ephesus comprises successive Hellenistic and Roman settlements founded on new locations, which followed the coastline as it retreated westward. Excavations have revealed grand monuments of the Roman Imperial period including the Library of Celsus and the Great Theatre. Little

remains of the famous Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, which drew pilgrims from all around the Mediterranean. Since the 5th century, the House of the Virgin Mary, a domed cruciform chapel seven kilometers from Ephesus, became a major place of Christian pilgrimage. The Ancient City of Ephesus is an outstanding example of a Roman port city, with sea channel and harbor basin." Learn more: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1018/>

Begin your tour with a visit to the **House of the Virgin Mary** where Jesus' mother is said to have lived the last years of her life. The site is a Catholic shrine and was visited by Pope Paul VI in 1967, Pope John Paul II in 1979, and Pope Benedict XVI in 2006.

In the **UNESCO World Heritage site Ephesus**, you'll see the **Great Theatre**, which dates back to the Hellenistic period. In the 1st century AD, the theatre was reconstructed and expanded by the Romans to a seating capacity of 25,000. This is also the place where St Paul preached to the Ephesians. It is still used for performances today, and the acoustics are excellent. The **Marble Road** is part of a sacred walkway that leads you to the **Celsus Library** and **Hadrian's Temple**. The impressive Corinthian-style temple was dedicated in AD 118 to Hadrian, Artemis and the people of Ephesus.

Return to Kusadasi to enjoy the traditional Turkish experience of sipping **apple tea** while watching a myriad of colors unfold before you during a **carpet demonstration**. Those interested in purchasing a carpet can do so with confidence. Those not wishing to stay

can walk directly back to the ship, or remain in town and browse in the shops.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Note: Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, English-speaking guide and applicable entrance fees. Although this tour is designed not to involve uphill walking, there is extensive walking required at Ephesus. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes. Bring a head cover and wear light clothes.

Spanish Guided: Ancient Ephesus & the Virgin Mary's House



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$84.95

A Spanish speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Spanish interpreter). A limited number of Spanish guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; please see Ancient Ephesus & the Virgin Mary's House for the same tour guided in English.

Begin your tour with a visit to the house where Jesus' mother is said to have lived the last years of her life. The site, called the **Virgin Mary's House**, has been officially declared a Catholic shrine and was visited by Pope Paul VI in 1967, Pope John Paul II in 1979, and Pope Benedict XVI in 2006.

In Ephesus, visit the **Great Theatre**, which dates back to the Hellenistic period. In the 1st century AD, the theatre was reconstructed and expanded by the Romans to a seating capacity of 25,000. This is also the place where St Paul preached to the Ephesians. It is still used for performances today, and the acoustics are excellent.

The **Marble Road**, which runs between the theatre and the Celsus Library, is part of a sacred walkway that leads you to the **Celsus Library** and **Hadrian's Temple**. The temple was dedicated in AD 118 to Hadrian, Artemis and the people of Ephesus. This impressive Corinthian-style temple has beautiful reliefs on the porch, and the Ephesians believed that the Medusa head on the porch would protect the city from its enemies.

Return to Kusadasi to enjoy the traditional Turkish experience of sipping **apple tea** while watching a myriad of colors unfold before your eyes during an optional **carpet demonstration**. Those interested in purchasing a carpet can do so with confidence. Those who prefer not to view the carpet demonstration can stay in town to shop or explore independently or make their own way back to the ship on foot.

Notes:

Although this tour is designed not to involve uphill walking, there is extensive walking required at Ephesus. Ancient Ephesus is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes. The use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

The Best of Ephesus



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$149.95



Begin your day with a visit to the house where Jesus' mother is said to have lived the last years of her life. The site, called the **Virgin Mary's House**, is a Catholic shrine and was visited by Pope Paul VI in 1967, Pope John Paul II in 1979, and Pope Benedict XVI in 2006.

Visit ancient **Ephesus**, one of the most magnificent and best-preserved archaeological sites in the world. See the Odeon Theatre, the Market Basilica, Curetes Street, the Baths, the Celsus Library, Marble Street and the Great Theatre. The latter has a seating capacity of 25,000 people and is still used for concerts today.

Don't miss the **Terrace Houses** located opposite Hadrian's Temple -- a newly excavated section. The wealthy and important people of Ephesus used these houses, which are finely decorated with mosaics and frescoes giving a true impression of the ancient lifestyle. Also of interest is the **Basilica of St John**.

Lunch is served locally and a **folkloric show** will entertain you as you dine.

Back in Kusadasi, you can choose to **shop** in town, watch an optional **Turkish carpet demonstration**, or return directly to the ship.

Notes:

Expect dense crowding and congestion at the sites. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Ancient Ephesus is not wheelchair accessible. Wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes.

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Istanbul, Turkey - Tuesday, April 23, 2024:

Known in the course of history as Byzantium and Constantinople. This city's rich past is evident in such sights as the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace, home of Ottoman sultans.

A Taste of Istanbul: Dinner Cruise on the Scenic Bosphorus



Departs: 7:00 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$79.95

Meet your guide at the pier for an evening to remember in Istanbul. **Istanbul** is the only city in the world that is in both Europe and Asia. Tonight, you will have an opportunity to view both sides of this marvelous city from a **private boat**.

After a **walk from the port to the pier**, board a motorboat for a cruise along the shores of the stunning **Bosphorus Strait**. Take in the sights as you enjoy refreshments. On the European side, you will view many palaces, old mansions, and modern villas. Watch for the first intercontinental bridge that connects Europe and Asia. Spot Dolmabahce Palace, formerly an opulent 19th-century Rococo palace, and now a museum. The boat will turn around at Sariyer fishing village to cruise back along the Asian side. On your left is gorgeous Beylerbeyi Palace -- one of the finest summer palaces of the Sultans.

Dinner will be served on board during the cruise. Live entertainment and music during your dinner and limited narration during your cruise. At the end of the evening, return to the ship, viewing the magnificent city of Istanbul by night with all the famous monuments lit up.

Notes:

Minimum age is 10 years. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Depending on where the ship is docked the walk from the port to the pier may be lengthy.

A Taste of Istanbul: Turkish Kebab Dining Experience



Departs: 7:30 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$164.95

Meet your guide at the pier for an evening to remember in Istanbul.

In the epicurean world, nothing says Turkey like a fabulous **kebab experience**. Kosebasi Kebab Restaurant offers kebabs that adhere to the traditional recipes of South Anatolia and, as a result, is quite famous. Kosebasi not only captures traditional taste, but dining here also becomes something of a cultural event and an introduction to Anatolian lifestyle.

At the end of the evening, return to the ship, viewing the magnificent city of Istanbul by night with all the famous monuments lit up.

Notes:

Expect dense traffic conditions in Istanbul. Minimum age is 10 years. Smoking is not permitted in any venue. Corkage policy: The on-board corkage fee is waived for one bottle of wine per person for wine purchased during this tour.

Cruise Between Europe & Asia



Departs: 4:30 PM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$69.95

After a **short walk** on the pier board your private boat for a **panoramic cruise** on the **Bosphorus Strait**, one of the most beautiful waterways in the world.

During the cruise, you will have chance to see the traditional old, wooden Turkish villas, 19th-century Ottoman palaces, fishing villages and green hills on both sides of the Bosphorus. View the Rumeli Fortress -- the castle built by Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror in preparation for the siege of Constantinople (Istanbul). Cruise back to Istanbul and enjoy the magnificent views from the sea.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair.

Dine in Bebek on the Bosphorus



Departs: 7:00 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$239.95; Child \$224.95

Meet your guide at the pier for an evening to remember in Istanbul and set out for a special evening at the famous **Bebek Fish Restaurant**. As you travel, your guide will explain about the palaces and the luxury pavilions overlooking the **Bosphorus Strait**.

At the restaurant, **fresh seafood specialties** are

prepared Turkish-style while you take in the incredible night-view of the Bosphorus strait that separates Europe and Asia.

Return to the ship, viewing the magnificent city of Istanbul by night with all the famous monuments lit up.

Dutch Guided: Istanbul Deluxe Part I



Departs: 4:30 PM
Approximately 3¼ Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$99.95

Istanbul is de enige stad ter wereld die zich op twee continenten bevindt, en vandaag zul je beide zijden van de stad ervaren. Verlaat de haven van Istanbul en rij naar de Oude Stad. Bezoek de Kruidenbazaar waar je langs talloze kraampjes loopt die oude specerijen verkopen zoals wierook, mirre, kaneel, komijn en rijstkruiden. Neem even de tijd om het handelen te bekijken, dat vandaag de dag nog steeds op dezelfde manier gebeurt als eeuwen geleden. Na een korte wandeling naar de pier stap je aan boord van een privé-motorboot voor een cruise op de Bosporus -- zonder twijfel een van de mooiste waterwegen ter wereld. Tijdens de cruise zul je merken dat de Bosporus-oever bezaaid is met talloze traditionele, houten Turkse villa's, 19e-eeuwse Ottomaanse paleizen, vissersdorpjes en groene heuvels aan beide zijden. Let op het Rumeli-fort -- het kasteel dat werd gebouwd door Sultan Mehmet de Veroveraar als onderdeel van de voorbereidingen voor de belegering van Constantinopel. Geniet van een Turkse bagel als snack en verfrissingen

tijdens je cruise. Aan het einde van de dag keer je terug naar het schip. Opmerkingen: Niet aanbevolen voor gasten in een rolstoel. Deze excursie kan afzonderlijk worden geboekt, maar voor de beste ervaring moet deze worden gecombineerd met Deluxe Istanbul Part II -- een onvergetelijke combinatie en veruit de beste manier om deze prachtige stad volledig te ervaren. Alle rondleidingen in de Oude Stad vereisen aanzienlijk wandelen, omdat het gesloten is voor verkeer. Voor bezoeken in april, oktober en november kan het deel van de cruise na zonsopgang plaatsvinden.

Top 3 verkoopargumenten: Geniet van een Turkse bagel als snack en verfrissingen tijdens je cruise. De 17e-eeuwse Kruidenbazaar of Egyptische Bazaar. Een schilderachtige cruise langs de sprankelende Bosporus. Let op: *Op officiële feestdagen en religieuze feestdagen: DE KRUIDENBAZAAR is gesloten. *Verwacht druk verkeer in Istanbul. *Gasten moeten voorzichtig zijn bij het aan boord gaan en van boord gaan van de boot. *De boottocht wordt uitgevoerd afhankelijk van de weersomstandigheden. *De lokale cruiseboten hebben standaardomstandigheden en mogen niet als luxe boten van hoge kwaliteit worden beschouwd, maar eerder als dagelijkse operationele boten om je kennis te laten maken met de Bosporus. De tour vindt niet plaats op feestdagen.

A Dutch-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Dutch interpreter). A limited number of Dutch guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour;

please see Istanbul Deluxe Part I for the same tour guided in English.

Istanbul is the only city in the world that is located on two continents, and today you will experience both sides of the city. Istanbul is the only city in the world that is located on two continents, and today you will experience both sides of the city.

Leave the port of Istanbul and drive to the **Old Town**. Visit the **Spice Market** where you will walk past a myriad of stalls selling ancient spices such as frankincense, myrrh, cinnamon, cumin and rice spice. Take a moment to watch the trading, which occurs the same way today as it has been done for centuries.

After a short **walk** to the pier, you will board a private motorboat for a **cruise** on the **Bosphorus Strait** -- without a doubt one of the most beautiful waterways in the world. During the cruise you will notice that the Bosphorus shoreline is bedecked with numerous traditional, wooden Turkish villas, 19th-century Ottoman palaces, fishing villages and green hills on both sides.

Watch for **Rumeli Fortress** -- the castle built by Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror as a part of the preparations for siege of Constantinople.

Enjoy **refreshments** and a **typical Turkish snack** during your cruise. At the end of the day, you will return to the ship.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair.

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Istanbul City Walls & Spice Bazaar



Departs: 4:30 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$59.95; Child \$49.95

Tour through **Old Istanbul**, crossing the Galata Bridge.

Your guide will point out the Suleymaniye Mosque, one of the most important mosques of the Ottoman Empire, before you drive along the city walls surrounding the ancient city.

Pass under the age-old Roman aqueduct on your way to the **Spice Market**. The Spice Market or Egyptian Bazaar was constructed in 1663 as a part of the adjacent Yeni Mosque complex, in order to generate funds for the upkeep of the mosque. This was an avant-garde concept at the time -- light years ahead of the not-for-profit fundraising game. Have a look around -- the Spice Market is the best place to purchase spices both familiar and exotic. Their pungent aromas often bear little resemblance to the supermarket variety. Fresh Turkish Delight is a hard-to-beat treat, and caviar and a fascinating array of teas can also

be found here.

Notes:

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Istanbul Deluxe Part I



Departs: 4:30 PM
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Istanbul Private 4-Hour Touring - Evening Car with Driver Only



Departs: 7:00 PM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$249.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle and English-speaking driver-guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your English-speaking driver-guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own

pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Istanbul Private 4-Hour Touring - Evening Minivan with Driver Only



Departs: 7:00 PM
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Capacity: 8 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Panoramic Istanbul Old & New



Departs: 4:45 PM
Approximately 2 Hours
Adult \$54.95; Child \$44.95

Take a **panoramic drive** through **Istanbul**, starting with a drive over the Galata Bridge. Watch for the stunning Suleymaniye Mosque -- one of the most important mosques of Ottoman Empire -- before you arrive at the heart of the Old City. From Sultanahmet

Meydani (Square), you will view the Blue Mosque, the Byzantine Hippodrome with its Egyptian obelisk, St Sophia and part of the Topkapi Palace.

Take advantage of a short **photo stop** between the Blue Mosque and St Sophia.

Continue along the old city walls by the Sea of Marmara, and pass under the ancient Roman aqueduct on the way to the new part of Istanbul, packed with people, shops and modern housing. Cross the Unkapani Bridge and head through Taksim neighborhood and return to the port.

Notes:

Expect dense traffic conditions in Istanbul. Tours in the Old Town require considerable walking, as it is closed to traffic.

Spanish Guided: Istanbul Deluxe Part I



Departs: 4:30 PM
Approximately 3¼ Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$99.95

Estambul es la única ciudad en el mundo que se encuentra en dos continentes, y hoy experimentarás ambos lados de la ciudad. Sal del puerto de Estambul y dirígete al casco antiguo. Visita el Bazar de las Especies, donde pasarás por una gran cantidad de puestos que venden especias antiguas como incienso, mirra, canela, comino y especias de arroz. Tómate un momento para observar el comercio, que se lleva a cabo de la misma manera hoy en día como se ha hecho durante siglos. Después de un corto paseo hasta el

muelle, subirás a un barco privado para hacer un crucero por el estrecho del Bósforo, sin duda uno de los canales más hermosos del mundo. Durante el crucero, notarás que la costa del Bósforo está decorada con numerosas villas turcas tradicionales de madera, palacios otomanos del siglo XIX, pueblos pesqueros y colinas verdes a ambos lados. Observa la Fortaleza de Rumeli, el castillo construido por el sultán Mehmet el Conquistador como parte de los preparativos para el asedio de Constantinopla. Disfruta de un bageI turco como refrigerio y refrescos durante tu crucero. Al final del día, regresarás al barco. Notas: No se recomienda para personas en silla de ruedas. Esta excursión se puede adquirir como un tour independiente, pero para tener la mejor experiencia se recomienda combinarla con Deluxe Estambul Parte II, una combinación inolvidable y sin duda la mejor manera de experimentar por completo esta maravillosa ciudad. Todas las visitas en el casco antiguo requieren caminar considerablemente, ya que está cerrado al tráfico. Para las visitas en abril, octubre y noviembre, la parte del crucero de la excursión puede ocurrir después del atardecer. Principales 3 puntos de venta: Disfruta de un bageI turco como refrigerio y refrescos durante tu crucero. El Bazar de las Especies del siglo XVII o Bazar Egiptio. Un crucero escénico por el deslumbrante estrecho del Bósforo. Ten en cuenta lo siguiente: *En días festivos oficiales y festividades religiosas, el BAZAR DE LAS ESPECIAS estará cerrado. *Espera condiciones de tráfico densas en Estambul. *Los huéspedes deben tener cuidado al embarcar y desembarcar del barco. *El viaje en barco se realiza en función de las

condiciones climáticas. *Los barcos de crucero locales tienen condiciones estándar y no deben considerarse como barcos de lujo de alta calidad, sino más bien como barcos operativos diarios para presentarte el Bósforo. La excursión no opera en días festivos.

A Spanish-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Spanish interpreter). A limited number of Spanish guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; please see Istanbul Deluxe Part I for the same tour guided in English.

Istanbul is the only city in the world that is located on two continents, and today you will experience both sides of the city.

Leave the port of Istanbul and drive to the **Old Town**. Visit the **Spice Market** where you will walk past a myriad of stalls selling ancient spices such as frankincense, myrrh, cinnamon, cumin and rice spice. Take a moment to watch the trading, which occurs the same way today as it has been done for centuries.

After a short **walk** to the pier, you will board a private motorboat for a **cruise** on the **Bosphorus Strait** -- without a doubt one of the most beautiful waterways in the world. During the cruise you will notice that the Bosphorus shoreline is bedecked with numerous traditional, wooden Turkish villas, 19th-century Ottoman palaces, fishing villages and green hills on both sides.

Watch for **Rumeli Fortress** -- the castle built by Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror as a part of

the preparations for siege of Constantinople.

Enjoy **refreshments** and a **typical Turkish snack** during your cruise. At the end of the day, you will return to the ship.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. This excursion can be purchased as a standalone tour but for the best experience should be combined with Deluxe Istanbul Part II -- an unforgettable combination and by far the best way to fully experience this marvelous city. All tours in the Old Town require considerable walking, as it is closed to traffic. For calls in April, October and November, the cruise portion of the tour may occur after sunset. During Ramadan the Spice Market will be closed for the Festival

Istanbul, Turkey - Wednesday, April 24, 2024: Known in the course of history as Byzantium and Constantinople. This city's rich past is evident in such sights as the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace, home of Ottoman sultans.

German Guided: Highlights of Istanbul - Asia & Europe



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$64.95; Child \$54.95

Ein deutschsprachiger Reiseleiter führt diese Tour (oder ein Reiseleiter mit einem deutschen Dolmetscher). Es stehen nur eine begrenzte Anzahl von deutschsprachigen Reiseleitern und Dolmetschern in diesem Hafen zur Verfügung. Buchen Sie frühzeitig, um Enttäuschungen zu vermeiden. Dies ist keine zweisprachige Tour. Bitte beachten Sie die Tour "Panoramic Istanbul: Asia & Europe", die auf Englisch geführt wird.

Europa und Asien treffen sich in der Stadt Istanbul. Erleben Sie das Beste beider Kontinente bei einer Panoramafahrt mit dem Reisebus.

In Asien wird Ihr Reiseleiter auf den Beylerbeyi-Palast hinweisen, und in Europa auf die antiken Stadtmauern und die Suleymaniye-Moschee. Achten Sie auf das Hippodrom, wo im antiken Byzanz Unterhaltungsspektakel wie Gladiatorenkämpfe und Wagenrennen stattfanden. Dieser wunderschöne, elliptisch geformte Park verfügt über einen Obelisk aus Ägypten, der auf 3000 v. Chr. datiert ist.

Besuchen Sie die Blaue Moschee mit ihren sechs Minaretten und der atemberaubenden blauen Innenausstattung.

Auf dem Rückweg zum Schiff werfen Sie auch einen Blick auf den Topkapi-Palast und die byzantinische Hagia Sophia-Kirche und machen einen Halt, um im Großen Basar einzukaufen und eine Teppichvorführung zu sehen.

Hinweise: Rechnen Sie mit dichtem Verkehr in Istanbul. Eine angemessene Kleidung ist erforderlich; Knie, Schultern und Bauch müssen bedeckt sein, und Frauen müssen ihren Kopf mit einem Schal bedecken, der von der Blauen Moschee bereitgestellt wird. Schuhe müssen ausgezogen werden, um die Moschee(n) zu betreten. Schuhtaschen werden bereitgestellt. Die Blaue Moschee ist nicht rollstuhlgerecht und wird Gästen, die auf einen Rollstuhl angewiesen sind, dringend abgeraten. Bitte beachten Sie die laufende Restaurierung der Blauen Moschee; einige Artefakte könnten vorübergehend nicht zugänglich sein. Die Verwendung eines Audio-Headsets (im Preis inbegriffen) wird Ihr Tourerlebnis verbessern. Alle Touren in der Altstadt erfordern erhebliches Gehen, da der Verkehr dort gesperrt ist. Der überdachte Teil des Großen Basars ist sonntags geschlossen; das Einkaufen findet in Geschäften direkt außerhalb des Großen Basars statt.

Top 3 Verkaufsargumente:

- Ein Besuch der unglaublichen Blauen Moschee aus dem 17. Jahrhundert
- Freizeit im Museum St. Sophia
- Eine Teppichweberei-Demonstration und Einkaufsmöglichkeiten im Großen Basar

Bitte beachten Sie:

- An offiziellen Feiertagen und religiösen Festtagen ist der GROßE BASAR geschlossen. Der überdachte Teil des Großen Basars ist sonntags geschlossen. Ein Besuch des Großen Basars am Sonntag besteht aus Außengeschäften und kann bei Bedarf durch den Gewürzbasar ersetzt werden.
- An Freitagen sind alle MOSCHEEN am Morgen bis 14:30 Uhr geschlossen.
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- Während des Ramadan wird empfohlen, die Blaue Moschee durch eine andere historische Moschee zu ersetzen, vorbehaltlich Genehmigung.
- Alle Touren in der Altstadt erfordern erhebliches Gehen, da der Verkehr dort gesperrt ist.
- Rechnen Sie mit dichtem Verkehr in Istanbul.
- Snacks sind in dieser Exkursion nicht inbegriffen. Bei der Teppichpräsentation wird ein Snack zusammen mit türkischem Apfeltee serviert. Die Tour findet sonntags nicht statt.

A German-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a German interpreter). A limited number of German guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; please see Panoramic Istanbul: Asia & Europe for the same tour guided in English.

Europe and Asia meet in the city of Istanbul. See the best of both continents with a **panoramic drive** by motor coach.

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En route back to the ship you will also glimpse the Topkapi Palace and Byzantine St Sophia Church, and stop for a chance to **shop** at the **Grand Bazaar** and view a **carpet demonstration**.

Notes:

Expect dense traffic conditions in Istanbul. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered and women must cover their head with a scarf, which will be provided by Blue Mosque. Shoes must be removed to enter mosque(s). Shoe bags will

be provided. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. All tours in the Old Town require considerable walking, as it is closed to traffic. The covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays and during Ramadan; shopping will take place in stores just outside the Grand Bazaar.

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Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$64.95; Child \$54.95

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History & Scenic Cruise with a Private Guide



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$219.95; Child \$164.95

Gather your friends and family and board a **private yacht** for a short ride on the **Bosphorus Strait** with a private guide. Take in the city's famous and beautiful landmarks from the water as your guide recounts Istanbul's colorful history. Disembark the yacht and **transfer to the Old Town** to visit the **Blue Mosque**. See the Hippodrome where ancient Byzantine entertainment spectacles such as gladiator fights and chariot races took place.

Step down into the **Underground Cistern**, built in the 6th century with 336 beautiful columns that were recycled from pagan Roman temples.

You'll stop for **refreshments** at an authentic **Turkish teahouse**; then, enjoy some time at the **Grand Bazaar**, followed by a demonstration on the art of **carpet weaving**.

Notes:

Your group must consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 persons. Expect dense traffic conditions in Istanbul. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered and women must cover their head with a scarf, which will be provided by Blue Mosque. Shoes must be removed to enter mosque(s). Shoe bags will be provided for mosque visits. Not suitable for guests using a wheelchair. All tours in the Old Town require considerable walking, as it is closed to traffic. The covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays and during Ramadan; shopping will take place in stores just outside the Grand Bazaar.

History Adventure with Private Guide



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Adult \$229.95; Child \$179.95

Gather your friends and family and head out with your private guide on this fascinating tour that will delve into the **history of dazzling Istanbul**.

See the **Hippodrome**, where ancient Byzantine entertainment spectacles such as gladiator fights and chariot races took place. This beautiful elliptical-shaped park features an obelisk from Egypt dating to 3000 BC.

Step inside the **Blue Mosque**, named for its richly adorned interior of magnificent Iznik tiles.

Nearby is the fabulous **St Sophia**, also called the Church of Divine Wisdom. This splendid church was built in the 6th century, and its dome was then the largest in the world. After several conquests and pillages, the building was converted into a mosque, but fell into disrepair as the centuries passed. The mosaics were uncovered in the 1900s and the church was dedicated as a Byzantine-Ottoman museum.

Stop for a **carpet demonstration**, and there will be time at the **Grand Bazaar** for **shopping**. Leather, silver, candy, clothing and carpets can be purchased here.

On the modern side of the city, discover Taksim Square and Istiklal Street. **Walk** down Istiklal Street through the **Pera (Beyoglu) District** of Istanbul. Istiklal Street is a pedestrian street, formerly known as the Grand Rue de Pera, and today is the heart of the city's cultural life with numerous cafés, restaurants, shops and cinemas.

Just down the street is the **Cicek Pasaji (Flower Market)** and the famous fish market. Pass by the Italian Gothic Church of St Anthony and the Hotel Pera Palace (used as a residence by the passengers of the Orient Express).

Hop on the historic tram and return to **Taksim Square** to enjoy a spectacular **lunch** at one of the most popular restaurants in Beyoglu.

At the end of the tour, you will return to the ship.

Notes:

Your group must consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 persons. Expect dense traffic conditions in Istanbul. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered and women must cover their head with a scarf, which will be provided by the Blue Mosque. Shoe bags area also provided. All tours in the Old Town require considerable walking, as it is closed to traffic. The covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays and during Ramadan; shopping will take place in stores just outside the Grand Bazaar.

Istanbul Deluxe Part II



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$259.95; Child \$214.95

After a short **panoramic drive** through the **Old Town of Istanbul** you will arrive at the ancient **Hippodrome**, once the largest chariot racetrack of the Roman Byzantine Empire.

It is a short **walk** to the **Blue Mosque**. This incredible monument to Islam was completed in 1616 and is a triumph of harmony, proportion and elegance. The blue Iznik tiles covering the walls give the mosque its name.

Nearby is the **Topkapi Palace**, the official residence of the Ottoman Sultans. The palace consists of courts, pavilions, mosques, fountains and a rich Treasury section. The Harem was the home of the sultan and is an exceptional insight into how the rulers lived. Enjoy some **free time** here to browse on your own.

Stop for a relaxing break and lunch at one of the comfortable modern restaurants in the Old Town area before continuing on your tour.

Step inside the famous **St Sophia Church**, built during Emperor Justinian's reign in AD 537. St Sophia's dome was then the largest in the world and it remained the greatest church in Christendom for centuries. After several conquests and pillages, the building was converted into a mosque, but fell into disrepair as the centuries passed. Its magnificent mosaics were uncovered in the 1900s and the church was later dedicated as a Byzantine-Ottoman museum.

At the end of your tour, you will return to the port, stopping en route for a **carpet demonstration** at and the **Grand Bazaar** for some **shopping**.

Notes:

Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered and women must cover their head with a scarf, which will be provided by Blue Mosque. Shoes must be removed to enter mosque(s). Shoe bags will be provided for mosque visits. Expect dense traffic conditions in Istanbul. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. This tour is not recommended for guests using wheelchairs or walkers, as the Blue Mosque as well as other sites visited during this tour are not wheelchair friendly. All tours in the Old Town require considerable walking, as it is closed to traffic. The covered section of the Grand Bazaar is

closed on Sundays and during Ramadan; shopping will take place in the Spice Bazaar.

Istanbul Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$399.00



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-

speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Istanbul Private Touring - Half Day (Minibus)



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$799.00



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 10 - 22guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minibuses are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Istanbul Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$599.00



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 8 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Ottoman Wonders



Departs: 8:15 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$69.95



Your first stop on this fascinating tour will be at the **Blue Mosque**, named for its richly adorned interior of magnificent Iznik tiles.

Nearby is the **Topkapi Palace**, the official residence of the Ottoman Sultans. The palace consists of courts, pavilions, mosques. Enjoy some **free time** to **browse on your own**.

Stop for a **carpet demonstration** and visit the **Grand Bazaar** to **shop** en route back to the pier.

Notes:

Expect dense traffic conditions in Istanbul. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered and women

must cover their head with a scarf, which will be provided by Blue Mosque. Shoes must be removed to enter mosque(s). Shoe bags will be provided. Tour does not include a visit to the harem section at Topkapi Palace. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. All tours in the Old Town require considerable walking, as it is closed to traffic. The covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays and during Ramadan; shopping will take place at the Spice Bazaar.

Mykonos, Greece - Thursday, April 25, 2024: Informality rules on this sunny isle where pleasure-seekers from around the world come to play. Ramble along narrow streets past white-washed houses and blue-domed churches, bouganvillea-covered walls and thread-like, step-laden footpaths leading everywhere.

Ancient Delos in 3D



Departs: 11:30 AM
 Approximately 4 Hours
 Adult \$139.95; Child \$99.95



According to Greek mythology, Apollo was born on this tiny island in the Cyclades. Apollo's sanctuary attracted pilgrims from all over Greece and Delos was a prosperous trading port. The island bears traces of the succeeding civilizations in the Aegean world, from the 3rd millennium BC to the paleo-Christian era. The archaeological site is exceptionally extensive and rich.

Board a local **ferry** from the tender pier in Mykonos and cross to the ancient island of **Delos** -- a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Delos was the birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister Artemis -- the children of Zeus and Leto. This sacred island is uninhabited now, but its first settlements date to the 3rd millennium BC. The ruins on Delos are numerous and important to Greek history -- the Sanctuary of Apollo complex, the area of the Sacred Lake (which dried up in 1926), the Terrace of Lions, the sanctuaries on Cynthus, the theater district, and the commercial harbor district.

Today you will see the ruins of Delos in a most extraordinary fashion, with the aid of **Augmented Reality Software (AR)**. Augmented Reality combines the camera's content with a virtual one. In other words, it

is a mixture of the real-time video and many different virtual elements. AR essentially enables you to simply point the tablet's camera at various locations of the site and view them in their original form, as they once stood thousands of years ago. It is an amazing way to view the site as both the ruins of today and the complete, whole buildings of yesteryear.

Narration is provided by an archaeologist, offering great insight into the history and architecture, and the significance of the all-important sanctuary.

Notes:

A great deal of walking is required on this tour. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Wear sturdy walking shoes. The public ferry ride is 45 minutes each way, and at times the crossing can be rough; guests who suffer from motion sickness should consider this before booking and/or take appropriate medication. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Best of Delos & Mykonos



Departs: 11:30 AM (Waitlisted)
 Approximately 7½ Hours
 Adult \$179.95; Child \$114.95

Begin your day at the pier in Mykonos, boarding a local **ferry** to the spectacular island of Delos. Located at the center of the Cyclades island group, **Delos** was perfectly positioned to become an important trade center in the Mediterranean and was a site of great religious significance. According to Greek Mythology, Delos is the birthplace of Apollo, and people came from around the world to this ancient site to pay homage to the god of music, beauty and light. In the early 19th century, a dramatic excavation uncovered beautiful artifacts, mosaics, statues and buildings. Today the island is uninhabited.

Your two-hour **walking tour** begins at the first monument, the Agora of the Competialists. This open area has a round shrine where offerings were placed. To the left you will see the Sacred Way, lined with marble platforms which once held spectacular statues donated by various kings.

Continue to the **Sanctuary of Apollo**. At one time, three great temples stood here. In this area you will see the base of the marble Statue of Apollo.

Will you hear a roar as you enter the **Lion District**? It is named for the famous Terrace of the Lions, where nine elegant marble lions

once guarded the sanctuary area.

Upon returning to **Mykonos** by **ferry**, board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through the rocky countryside. Visit the charming village of **Ano Mera** at the center of the island -- home to the lovely Panagia Tourliani Monastery. Originally built in 1542 and dedicated to the Virgin Mary, its impressive architecture, whitewashed exterior and colored dome have long charmed visitors from around the world.

Lunch with wine is served at a local venue.

A welcome respite in your day is a stop at **Kalafatis Beach**, where the deep blue Aegean Sea and golden sand beckon you for a short stroll in the sunshine. Refreshments are available for purchase from local vendor (at your own expense).

A guided walking tour leads you through Mykonos' labyrinth-like streets, past white houses and red-roofed churches. Don't be fooled by its small size -- this is one of the most cosmopolitan towns of the Aegean. But despite the many shops, boutiques and stylish cafés, the town has not lost its charm and the island's strict building regulations have kept its Cycladic architectural style beautifully intact.

Look up and you'll find windmills dotting the landscape. Although no longer operational, they evoke the days when the island was once

an agricultural powerhouse. Snap some photos in **Little Venice**, where narrow rows of brightly colored homes literally sit in the sea. A timeless subject for artists, Little Venice is considered one of the most romantic spots in the Greek Isles.

No tour of Mykonos would be complete without photographing Paraportiani Church.

Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so but must make their own way back to the ship. As you walk through the streets, don't be surprised if Petros the Pelican, the island's mascot, pops out to say hello.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Dutch Guided: Panoramic Mykonos Island



Departs: 11:45 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$74.95

A Dutch-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Dutch interpreter). A limited number of Dutch guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; shore excursions guided in English are available at Explorations Central on our website.

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substantial influence during the Greek War of Independence, before it was re-discovered as a picturesque location for filming.

From the port of Tourlos, you will visit the quaint villages of **Ioannis, Ornos** and **Kalafatis**. Continue to Ano Mera -- perhaps the most traditional of the island's villages.

Visit the **Monastery of Panagia Tourliani**, dedicated to the protector of Mykonos. It was founded in 1580, but the building you will see today dates only to the 18th century. Inside the chapel you will see various icons depicting scenes from the New Testament.

At the main square of Ano Mera, *ouzo* and Greek *mezedes* (**snacks**) will be served before you return to the port.

Notes:

Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered.

Easy Mykonos



Departs: Noon
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$69.95

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Continue to **Ano Mera** -- perhaps the most traditional of the island's villages. Here you will see the Monastery of Panagia Tourliani from the outside. It is dedicated to the protector of Mykonos and was founded in 1580. However, the building you see today dates back only as far as the 18th century.

At the main square of Ano Mera, enjoy a taste of ouzo -- the local licorice-flavored liqueur -- and a *mezedes* **snack** of Greek specialties.

Return to the port afterwards.

Notes:

The Ano Mera Monastery is viewed from the outside only; there is no inside visit.

German Guided: Panoramic Mykonos Island



Departs: 11:45 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$74.95

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At the main square of Ano Mera, *ouzo* and Greek *mezedes* (**snacks**) will be served before you return to the port.

Notes:

Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered.

Insider's Mykonos



Departs: 12:15 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$84.95

Mykonos is perhaps the best-known and the most talked-about of all the Greek islands. Renowned today for its jet set, nightlife and wild beaches, Mykonos was once subject to the various occupations typical of Greek history. However, it made a substantial impact during the Greek War of Independence, after which the island settled into a quiet post-war existence. A new lease on life came with Mykonos' re-discovery as a beautiful location for filming. Actors, artists and movie stars have become the latest and

greatest inhabitants.

Your **walking tour** through **Mykonos town** will showcase the lifestyle and the true history of this unique settlement.

Step inside the **Maritime Museum** and stroll through the narrow streets packed with whitewashed houses. You will come to appreciate the fact that this confusing layout was designed to foil attacking pirates.

In picture-perfect Little Venice, named for its striking resemblance to the famous canal city, the famous **windmills of Mykonos** offer a wonderful photo opportunity.

At the conclusion of your tour, go local and enjoy a **taste of ouzo** with traditional *mezedes* (**snacks**) before you head back to the ship.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Mykonos by Private Vehicle - Car Class Full Day (With Guide)



Departs: Noon (Waitlisted)
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES
Price \$1,299.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting

sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Mykonos by Private Vehicle - Car Class Half Day (With Guide)



Departs: Noon
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See additional NOTES
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Mykonos by Private Vehicle - Van Class Full Day (With Guide)



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See additional NOTES
Price \$1,499.00

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Capacity: 8 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Mythological Delos



Departs: 11:45 AM
 Approximately 4 Hours
 Adult \$129.95; Child \$94.95



Board a shuttle and then a **ferry** to cross from the tender pier in Mykonos to the ancient site of Delos. **Delos** was the mythical birthplace of Apollo -- god of light and music -- and his twin sister Artemis. These were the children of Zeus and Leto. The sacred island is uninhabited, but its earliest settlements date to the 3rd millennium BC.

The **ruins of Delos** are great in number and importance: the Sanctuary of Apollo complex, the area of the Sacred Lake (which dried up in 1926), the Terrace of Lions, the sanctuaries on Cynthus, the theater district, and the commercial harbor district.

A **walking tour** will enable you to see one of the most revered sanctuaries of antiquity.

Notes:

A great deal of walking is required on this tour. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Tour includes a 45-minute ferry ride each way.

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Panoramic Mykonos Island



Departs: 11:45 AM
 Approximately 3 Hours
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Notes:

Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered.

Spanish Guided: Panoramic Mykonos Island



Departs: 11:45 AM
 Approximately 3 Hours
 Adult \$109.95; Child \$74.95

A Spanish-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Spanish interpreter). A limited number of Spanish guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; shore excursions guided in English are available at Explorations Central on our website.

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Piraeus (Athens), Greece - Friday, April 26, 2024: The port of Piraeus is your gateway to the wonders of Athens, including the Acropolis, Constitution Square, Hadrian's Arch, the Olympic Stadium and more.

Acropolis Museum & Papadakis Gourmet Lunch: In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine (A Small-Group Tour)



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$259.95; Child \$239.95

This pairing of culture and cuisine, shared by just 14 privileged guests, wraps the finest of tasting lunches at award-winning Papadakis Restaurant around a visit to the sublime Acropolis Museum of Athens.

A 30-minute **panoramic drive** to the heart of **Athens** brings you to the **Acropolis Museum**. This modern, five-story structure by architect Bernard Tschumi is carefully designed to allow its rich collection of antiquities and sculptures to be seen in natural light. Artifacts depicting everyday life in Athens during all periods of history are dramatically showcased within glass-floored galleries. The pièce de résistance is the top floor, where you'll see the frieze from the Parthenon laid out in a life-size footprint. Turn around for a **view of the Parthenon** itself through enormous glass windows -- a magnificent synthesis of source and study.

It's well worth the short drive north to **Papadakis Restaurant**. The superb view of the Acropolis from the dining room is one thing; having Greek celebrity chef Argiro Barbarigou at the helm is quite another. If ever a single human was able to bottle the essence and spirit of Greek food, it is Barbarigou. This charming 'First Lady of

Greek Cuisine' has devoted her life to sharing the **secrets of the Greek kitchen** -- both modern and ancient -- with her fans around the globe. It's no wonder *Food & Wine* magazine happily dubs Barbarigou, the country's foremost female chef.

Today at Papadakis, a fabulous **tasting menu** introduces you to delicacies from all over Greece. Perhaps you will try a mixed green salad with caramelized figs, walnuts and grilled goat cheese; or octopus with a traditional island potato salad; fava bean purée with caramelized onions, sautéed prawns with chili; white grouper with fresh truffles and potatoes in a wine sauce; or Greek millefeuille with yogurt, honey and walnuts. Whatever the fare on your exceptional tasting agenda, it will be perfectly matched with **hand-selected Greek wines** for the appetizer, main course and dessert.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Dress comfortably. Tour does not operate on Sundays.

Acropolis, Ancient Agora & Temple of Olympian Zeus



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7½ Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$109.95

Board a motorcoach for a 30- to 40-minute scenic ride into the heart of **Athens**. Along the way, your narrated drive will pass a host of significant sites, including Hadrian's Arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square, the former Royal Palace, the National Gardens, the Academy, and the University Library.

Ahead, the mighty **Acropolis** dominates the landscape. Your guided **walking tour** begins as you climb the 80 steep steps through the Propylaea, the monumental gateway to the Acropolis, which extends 150 feet across its western side. From here, the views of the city of Athens below are incredible. Beyond the Propylaea on the highest point of the Acropolis stands the Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments of ancient civilization. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the white Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 BC. The Erechtheum is situated on the most sacred site of the Acropolis, where Athena and Poseidon are said to have held a contest to decide who would be Patron of the city. Here you will find the graceful Porch of the Caryatids, which features replica columns of marble maidens supporting the temple's roof. The originals can be seen at the Acropolis Museum.

Your next stop offers a wonderful *yevma* -- **lunch!** Sample regional delicacies and taste flavorful local wines.

Refreshed, you'll visit the ancient **Agora** -- once a thriving marketplace and public forum. Browse in the small **Stoa of Attalus Museum**, which houses many artifacts from the area, including a collection of vases, coins and statues. View the Doric-style Thission Temple (the Temple of Hephaestus), built in 449 BC and perched above the once-thriving Agora. It is still in excellent condition.

A brief **shopping** excursion in the Agora area allows you time to purchase souvenirs and mementos from local venues and refreshments if you wish (at your own expense).

Reboard your motorcoach for a **panoramic drive** through Athens. A photo stop at the Old Olympic Stadium is an opportunity to see firsthand this marble structure, built to host the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

Then, continue to the **Temple of Olympian Zeus** -- the largest temple in antiquity, 700 years in the making. Located just behind Hadrian's Arch, the temple pays homage to Zeus, ruler of the Olympian gods.

Your return ride to the port is a scenic and relaxing end to your unforgettable day.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Use of an

audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. The Temple of Olympian Zeus is undergoing restoration and is currently scaffolded; even so, it is possible to gain an impression of its might.

Ancient Agora, Plaka, & Greek Mezedes



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$79.95

Athens's ancient agora, or marketplace, was once an eclectic mix of private housing and public spaces until Peisistratus thoroughly reorganized it in the 6th century BC. As one did in the ancient world, Peisistratus pulled rank and continued to live on the agora, but he wasted no time evicting the other residents turning the area into the epicenter of Athenian government. He also built a drainage system, fountains and a temple to the Olympian gods. Cimon later improved the agora with new buildings, trees, and temples for Hephaestus, Zeus and Apollo. The law courts were also located here, and ancient custom dictated that when a court case was being heard, any citizen who happened to be passing by could be forced to serve as a juror. The Scythian Archers -- an early version of a mercenary police force -- often wandered through the agora specifically looking for jurors. Needless to say, the area was given a wide berth by those who were at all gainfully employed. Because history repeats itself, during Byzantine times, Athens' *agora* once again became a residential area and is now one of the city's most visited landmarks.

You will take a **leisurely stroll** with your guide to see the main highlights and absorb the remarkable and fascinating history, but keep an eye out for Scythian Archers!

Next, you will continue to the historical center of **Athens**, the **Old Town** area known as the Plaka. Its labyrinthine streets are full of endless fascination.

Step inside a local restaurant for a chance to sample Greek *mezedes* (**appetizers**) and the licorice-flavored **ouzo** liqueur (keep an open mind -- even if licorice is not top of your taste preferences, you might be surprised!) before you return to the port.

Notes:

Available for Vista-class ships only. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes.

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Ancient Corinth & Canal



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 5 Hour
Adult \$74.95; Child \$44.95

Visit the famous **Corinth Canal**, which is four miles long, 70 feet wide and has sloping sides 170 feet in height. It connects the Ionian and Aegean seas to provide a maritime shortcut.

Your next stop will be at **Ancient Corinth**. The ruins in this area are a surprising mix of

an ancient 6th-century BC Greek city and a 44 BC Roman city -- the latter was built after Julius Caesar placed a colony on this desolate site.

See the **ruins and excavations** of both, including where the Christian Basilica, the starting lines of a Greek racetrack, a sacred spring with its bronze lion's-head spouts, and the elaborate Roman fountain of Peirene were located.

Notes:

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Ancient Corinth & Mycenae



Departs: 7:45 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 8½ Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$124.95

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After **lunch**, you will visit the somber and mighty **ruins of ancient Mycenae** -- vestiges of a kingdom that, for 400 years, was the most powerful in Greece. Enter the Citadel of Mycenae **on foot**, approaching it through the famous Lion Gate. Inside are the shaft graves discovered by Schliemann. You will also visit the Beehive Tomb, sometimes known as the **Tomb of Agamemnon** -- the Greek Commander-in-Chief during the Trojan War.

Notes:

Wear comfortable non-skid walking shoes. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Athens & the Acropolis



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$79.95

Milton wrote that **Athens** was "the eye of Greece, mother of arts and eloquence." Your visit today will begin with the most famous temple of the Ancient City -- **the Parthenon**, dedicated to Athena, the patron goddess of Athens. **Walking** up a winding path towards the Acropolis, you will pass through the **Propylaea** and see the Erechtheum temple and the Porch of the Caryatids in the distance. Reinforced by the hand of man, the natural fortress of the **Acropolis** stands 230 feet above the city. You cannot help but be in awe of the view below.

On a **drive through the city**, some highlights include Constitution Square, the Royal

Palace, where the Evzones keep watch in their traditional costumes, the Temple of Zeus and the Olympic Stadium.

Notes:

This tour requires considerable walking with an uphill climb to the Parthenon. The marble steps are slippery, especially when it rains. Wear comfortable non-skid walking shoes. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Expect dense crowding at the site. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Athens Sightseeing & Lycabettus Views



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$89.95

Leave Piraeus for a **panoramic drive by minivan** to the heart of **Athens**. En route, you will pass some of the highlights of Athens, such as the Temple of Olympic Zeus and the Panathenaic Stadium, built for the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. Traffic permitting, a photo stop will be included.

View the Parliament Building and the most significant buildings dating back to the neo-Classical period -- the University, the National Academy and the Library -- from the comfort of your luxury vehicle.

From a privileged viewpoint, admire the famous Acropolis and its Parthenon from below.

Without question, **Lycabettus Hill** -- the

summit of the city -- offers the most impressive view of Athens from the seaside to the Acropolis. Ride the **funicular** to reach the viewpoint here and take some time at the top to snap photos of the stunning panorama below.

Relax over a typical **café frappé** or similar refreshment at the exclusive Orizontes Restaurant on the summit; then, return by funicular to sea level and coach to the port of Piraeus.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Athens, the Acropolis & Cape Sounion



Departs: 7:45 AM
Approximately 8½ Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$124.95



Begin your tour with a drive past marinas and resort towns en route to the **Temple of Poseidon at Sounion**, built in the 5th century BC. The temple's location, 180 feet above the sea, affords a magnificent view of the blue Aegean and distant islands. Even today, many cruise ships passing Sounion still pay their respects to Poseidon by lowering the ensign, blasting the ship's whistle, and pouring a libation over the ship's side.

On your way to **Athens**, you will stop at a leading Greek taverna for **lunch**.

Then, continue to the natural fortress of the **Acropolis**, which rises from the city. Its

symbolic ruins have survived for 25 centuries and have remained a part of the Greek culture for the entire world to appreciate. Pass **Hadrian's Arch**, indicating the border between the Greek and the Roman cities in ancient times. You will pass the Temple of Olympian Zeus, which took 700 years to complete, Constitution Square, the Presidential Palace and the all-marble Olympic stadium built in 1896.

Notes:

This tour involves considerable walking with an uphill climb to the Acropolis. The marble steps are slippery, especially when it rains. Wear comfortable non-skid walking shoes. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Expect dense crowding. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Deluxe Archaeological Athens



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$254.95; Child \$184.95

Visit the **Acropolis of Athens**, a symbol of the glory of ancient Greece. History opens before you as you reach the **Propylaea**, one of the masterpieces of classical architecture, serving as the entrance to the complex of buildings. You'll see the Temple of Athena Nike (Wingless Victory) and the Erechtheum, with its classical Porch of the Caryatids. Stand in awe of what is considered the perfect example of classical architecture in the world -- **the Parthenon** -- designed as a shrine to Athena and at one time housing a massive gold and ivory statue of the warrior goddess.

Next, visit the **National Archaeological Museum**, which boasts the world's finest collection of Greek antiquities. The highlights include the golden mask of Agamemnon, Minoan frescoes unearthed at Akrotiri, and the superb bronze Poseidon.

Now, for the first time, the surviving treasures of the Acropolis can be seen all in one place at the **New Acropolis Museum**. Works previously held in storage in other Athenian museums and museums abroad have been reassembled and displayed in this remarkable facility close to the original location. The collections on display are finds from the Acropolis, post-Parthenon and Roman Periods, and from the excavation site when the new museum was built. The museum's highlight is the display of the Parthenon Frieze, located on the top floor.

Leaving the Acropolis area, you will board your coach and head to the lunch venue to enjoy a Greek **lunch**.

Complete your day with a **scenic drive** through Athens, past some of the city's most important sites. Watch for the marble Olympic Stadium, where the Olympic Games were revived in 1896, Hadrian's Arch, and the former Royal Palace.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Tour does not operate on Mondays. Wear comfortable non-skid walking shoes.

Panoramic Athens & the Benaki Museum



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$64.95

You will drive through the heart of **Athens**, passing numerous points of interest such as Constitution Square, the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, the Royal Palace, Hadrian's Arch and the Olympic Stadium. From the Herodion Theatre, admire a magnificent view of the Acropolis.

The **Benaki Museum** has recently undergone thorough modernization and has been extended with the addition of a new wing. There are more than 30,000 items here illustrating the character of every period of Greek history -- antiquity, Roman domination, medieval and Byzantine times, the fall of Constantinople, the Ottoman and Frankish occupation, the War of Independence, and the formation of the modern state.

Notes:

There is a walk of 180-300 yards from the ship to the motorcoach. Tour does not operate on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Panoramic Athens



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$49.95

The remains of ancient Athens constitute one of the brightest jewels of the Mediterranean -- a city that stood for more than 25 centuries.

On this **panoramic tour**, which involves **sightseeing from the motorcoach**, you will pass the Arch of Hadrian, the statue of Lord Byron, and the Temple of Olympian Zeus, which took 700 years to complete. Continuing towards Constitution Square, view the former Royal Palace, where the Evzones National Guard keep watch in their traditional costume over the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

See the all-marble Olympic Stadium built for the modern Olympic Games in 1896. Pass by the National Gardens and drive along University Street, whose numerous neo-Classical buildings include the University and the Library. You will stop to snap a few photos at the foot of the Acropolis.

Shopping time is included at the end of the tour.

Notes:

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Piraeus Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM
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Price \$999.00



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Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Piraeus Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
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Price \$1,099.00



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Capacity: 10 guests. (Maximum 8 guests if disembarking the ship to allow room for luggage). Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Piraeus Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
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Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$699.00



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guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 10 guests. (Maximum 8 guests if disembarking the ship to allow room for luggage). Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Scenic Athens & the Plaka on Foot



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$79.95

Depart the pier for a **panoramic drive to Athens**. Once in the city, you will pass Adrian's Arch, the statue of Lord Byron and the Temple of Olympian Zeus. The latter took 700 years to complete.

Continue towards Constitution Square and view the former Royal Palace where the Evzones National Guard keep watch, in their traditional costume, over the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. See the all-marble Olympic Stadium built for the modern Olympic Games in 1896. Pass by the National Gardens and drive along University Street,

whose numerous neo-Classical buildings include the University and the Library.

You will stop for photos at the foot of the Acropolis.

The *agora* (gathering place) in Athens was once an area private housing until it was reorganized by Peisistratus in the 6th century BC. Although he may have lived on the *agora* himself, he removed the other houses and closed the wells, turning it into the center of Athenian government.

The **Old Town** area of Athens, known as the *plaka* awaits you. Here, you will enjoy a traditional **lunch** before you return to the port.

Notes:

Wear comfortable non-skid walking shoes.

The Acropolis in 3D



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$79.95

Here's something very new and quite fun. Your visit to the monuments of the Acropolis is enhanced by the use of **Augmented Reality** (AR) software. What is this? It's super simple to use and enjoy -- you're provided with a tablet whose AR capability combines the camera's content with a virtual world. What you view on the screen is a mixture of the real-time camera's video and some virtual elements. This allows you to simply point the tablet's camera at various locations on the site and view them in their original form -- as

they once stood thousands of years ago! It sounds incredible, and it is. This is an amazing opportunity to see the Acropolis as it was in its heyday.

Depart Piraeus and enjoy a **panoramic drive** through **Athens**, passing the Temple of Olympian Zeus -- one of the largest temples in Corinthian style. Watch for Hadrian's Arch, which separated the Greek city from Hadrian's new Roman city.

You'll pass the Monument of the Unknown Soldier and glimpse the Evzoni Guards in their unusual and very eye-catching uniforms.

View from the comfort of your coach the University, the National Academy and the Library, impressive buildings constructed during the neo-Classical period, and the Panathenaic Stadium built in 1896 for the first modern Olympic Games. There will be a photo stop, traffic permitting.

Visit the breathtaking **Acropolis**, the Ancient City that boasts traces of buildings from various periods dating back to the Mycenaean era of the second millennium BC. Use your AR-enabled tablet to have fun bouncing back and forth between the modern view in front of you and the virtual 'ancient view.' The principal buildings here are the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheon and the Parthenon. The latter dates to the 5th century BC -- the age of the glorious Pericles. Delight in the breathtaking panorama of the city below.

Enjoy some **free time** on the Acropolis to fully appreciate the AR; then, meet up with your coach and guide at a pre-arranged time and place, and return to Piraeus.

Notes:

Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

The Best of Athens



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7½ Hours
Adult \$249.95; Child \$184.95



If you are visiting **Athens** for the first time, this outing provides an excellent introduction to one of the great cities of the ancient world.

Visit the **Acropolis**, a symbol of the glory of ancient Greece. History opens before you as you reach the Propylaea, one of the masterpieces of classical architecture, serving as the entrance to the complex of buildings. You'll see the Temple of Athena Nike (Wingless Victory) and the Erechtheon with its classical Porch of Maidens, the Caryatids. Stand in awe as you visit what is considered the perfect example of classical architecture in the world -- **the Parthenon** -- designed as a shrine to Athena and once housing a massive gold and ivory statue of the warrior goddess.

Re-board your coach and head towards your lunch venue. You will enjoy a traditional Greek **lunch** at Zafiro (or similar) and have some time to relax.

The **National Archaeological Museum** boasts the world's finest collection of Greek antiquities. The highlights here include the golden mask of Agamemnon, Minoan frescoes unearthed at Akrotiri, and the superb bronze Poseidon.

Complete your introduction to Athens with a **scenic drive** through the city, passing some of the most important landmarks of the city. Watch for the marble Olympic Stadium, where the Olympic Games were revived in 1896, Hadrian's Arch and the former Royal Palace.

Your coach will park close to the Plaka (**Old Town**) area, and you'll disembark for a guided **walking** tour of the historical center of Athens. Before you return to the port, free time will be allocated for shopping and watching everyday life in Greece.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes.

Transfer to Athens



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$64.95; Child \$49.95

This **transfer** may suit you if you would like to **explore on your own**. It consists of a motorcoach ride from the ship to the city. You will be dropped off at a central location, and your escort will show you to the Old Town (Plaka) area and advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have

approximately two hours and twenty minutes to shop and explore on your own.

Notes:

Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motorcoach to answer questions en route. Travel time to Athens is approximately 40 minutes each way. Most shops are closed on Sundays.

Ultimate Virtual Reality Acropolis



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$169.95; Child \$109.95

The Acropolis of Athens, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, was inscribed in 1987 for its monuments that "are universal symbols of the classical spirit and civilization and form the greatest architectural and artistic complex bequeathed by Greek Antiquity to the world."

Depart Piraeus and enjoy a **panoramic drive** through the city of Athens. Watch for the Corinthian-style Temple of Olympian Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. The latter once divided the Greek city from Hadrian's new Roman city. Pass the Monument to the Unknown Soldier, and hopefully catch a glimpse of the Evzoni Guards in their colorful National uniform.

View, from the comfort of your coach, the University, the National Academy and the Library -- impressive buildings constructed

during the neo-Classical period -- and the Panathenaic Stadium, built in 1896 for the first modern Olympic Games (photo stop, traffic permitting).

Visit the breathtaking **Acropolis** -- the ancient upper city of temples that boasts many instantly recognizable structures and traces of buildings from various periods dating back as far as the Mycenaean era of the second millennium BC. The principal buildings of the Acropolis are the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and the Parthenon from the 5th century BC -- the age of the glorious Pericles.

Your visit to the Acropolis is aided and enhanced by using **Virtual Reality goggles**. You simply put on a pair of VR goggles to immerse yourself in a different world by viewing the surrounding architecture as it stood thousands of years ago when it was newly built. This is a truly remarkable experience, and no description can entirely do it justice.

Enjoy some **free time** on the Acropolis; then, meet up with your coach and guide at a prearranged time and place to return to the ship at Piraeus.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

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A Cruise to the Isle of Capri



Departs: 8:15 AM
 Approximately 8 Hours
 Adult \$209.95; Child \$159.95

Begin with a **jetfoil** ride to the island of **Capri**, taking in several lovely sights, including Capri Town and Anacapri.

A delicious, traditional Italian **lunch** is served there.

Roman emperors, including Caesar Augustus and Tiberius, vacationed on the island, and you'll see the remains of their magnificent Roman villas. Capri is a popular destination for artists and the wealthy. On the island the tour is unguided, so you will have **free time** to explore, browse or shop.

Notes:

A significant amount of walking is required. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Expect crowding at some locations. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Ancient Herculaneum



Departs: 9:00 AM
 Approximately 3½ Hours
 Adult \$109.95; Child \$99.95

Head out by motorcoach to the excavated city of **Herculaneum** -- known to the Italians as Ercolano. The upper class Romans built their beautiful villas and maintained luxurious properties in Herculaneum -- most of them overlooking the sea.

Explore **on foot** with your guide. (S)he will explain how, when Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD 79, hot ash charred or consumed all the wood of the structures in Pompeii (Herculaneum's more famous neighbor). Herculaneum's destruction was the result of a flood of hot mud that buried, sealed and protected entire buildings. This means that today there are still marvelous inlaid marble floors, mosaics, paintings, and carbonized wood exposed to visitors.

A stop at a local **cameo factory** is included before you return to the ship.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Tour requires a significant amount of walking. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen.

Bring bottled water. Backpacks and large bags are not allowed inside the Herculaneum excavation site.

Best of the Bay of Naples: Pompeii, Sorrento & Capri



Departs: 8:30 AM
 Approximately 10 Hours
 Adult \$279.95; Child \$249.95

Set out from Naples on a 30-minute motorcoach ride to the ruins of Pompeii. En route, you will stop at a **cameo factory**, where artisans apply skills handed down for generations, intricately carving seashells or coral into beautiful jewelry -- true works of art and beautiful keepsake souvenirs.

Pompeii-- Here, you'll discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash when Mt Vesuvius violently erupted in AD 79. It was a monumental natural disaster that killed thousands and entombed the city under ash. Explore the grounds on a 90-minute guided **walk** through the excavated city. Your guide talks about the remarkably-preserved remains that hint at daily life of the Ancient Romans -- their buildings and cuisine, and how they entertained, decorated and lived. Pompeii was a resort town with a forum, amphitheatre, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct that delivered water for irrigation, fountains and private baths. Elaborately-detailed mosaics and colorful frescoes decorate the interiors of wealthy homeowners' villas.

A 75-minute coach ride brings you to the charming village of **Sorrento**, overlooking the Bay of Naples and offering breathtaking views. In Sorrento, you'll enjoy an authentic **lunch** of seasonal ingredients from the Campania region. **Free time** afterwards allows you to stroll down to the Sorrento Pier and take photos. The Corso Italia is Sorrento's flower-lined main boulevard with you'll find local shops, designer boutiques and cafés.

Step aboard a **hydrofoil or jet-boat** for the 30-minute ride to the stunningly beautiful isle of **Capri**. Take the cable car up to world-famous **Capri town** and, if you wish, shop in the exclusive boutiques that cater to the rich and famous. Less therapeutic, but more affordable, is a visit to the **Gardens of Augustus** set atop a sheer cliff and offering striking vantage point over the turquoise sea below. Look for the Faraglioni stacks -- three rocky pinnacles formed over time by erosion from the wind and sea.

It's a 55-minute cruise back to Naples via hydrofoil or jet-boat. Stunning views of the coastline are yours to enjoy as you sit back, relax and enjoy the breeze.

Notes:

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to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Backpacks and large bags are not allowed inside the Pompeii excavation site.

Dutch Guided: The Ruins of Pompeii



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$109.95



A Dutch-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Dutch interpreter). A limited number of Dutch guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; please see The Ruins of Pompeii for the same tour guided in English.

From the pier, it's a 45-minute ride by motorcoach to the remarkable ruins of **Pompeii**, perfectly preserved since the eruption of Mt Vesuvius in AD 79.

On a guided **walking tour** you will learn about the excavation techniques that have uncovered this city remarkably intact, and what the residents were doing at the time of the eruption. Gain an insight into the lives of the ancient Romans as you discover baths, theatres, temples, markets and the huge forum.

A stop at a local **cameo factory** is included before your return to the ship and the present day.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Tour requires a significant amount of walking. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Backpacks and large bags are not allowed inside the Pompeii excavation site.

De tour gaat alleen door bij een minimum aantal deelnemers en is niet op alle afvaarten beschikbaar. er is beperkt schaduw, dus pas uw kleding hierop aan. Neem een hoed mee en smeer u goed in met zonnebrandcrème. Trek comfortabele wandelschoenen aan.

German Guided: The Ruins of Pompeii



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$109.95



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Da es während dieser Tour nur wenig Schatten gibt, wird entsprechende Kleidung empfohlen. Sorgen Sie für eine Kopfbedeckung und für Sonnenschutz. Tragen Sie bequeme Schuhe.

Insider's Pompeii & Naples Archeological Museum



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7 hours
Adult \$189.95; Child \$169.95



Relax and enjoy the scenery on the drive to **Pompeii** -- the world's finest example of an ancient Roman town.

Set out on a **walking tour** of Pompeii, led by a professional historian guide who knows a great deal about the life and times of this city that was frozen in time by the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79. Admire the luxurious mansions and fabulous art of wealthy patricians who came to Pompeii to escape the turmoil in Rome. Their houses were designed around an inner garden with few windows on the exteriors, so residents could forget the outside world and enjoy sunlight from their own courtyard. Visit some of the more modest homes, and explore ancient baths, temples, theaters, marketplaces and the huge forum. Inscriptions and public notices reveal an astonishing similarity with modern times -- political announcements, advertisements for wine sales, apartment vacancies and upcoming events such as theatre performances and gladiator fights.

Take a break to enjoy a typical Italian **lunch**, served at a local restaurant.

Visit the **Archaeological Museum of Naples** -- one of the most important museums in the world with its priceless collections of sculptures, bronzes, ceramics, paintings, mosaics, old Roman jewelry and other works of art representing this ancient civilization. Don't miss the 'secret cabinet' (opening hours permitting) -- a collection of erotic and sexually explicit finds from Pompeii. Ancient Roman culture had a different sense of sexual morality from most present-day cultures -- hence the public proliferation of sexually explicit material, including erotic frescoes, depictions of the god Priapus, symbols and inscriptions. Although the excavation of

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Pompeii was initially an Enlightenment project, once the artifacts were later classified through a new taxonomy, many were locked away in a Secret Museum. The doorway was sealed in 1849, and locked metal cabinets were constructed over Pompeii's erotic frescoes, which could be shown, for a modest fee, to gentlemen but not to ladies. This is a fascinating glimpse into the social mores of the Ancient Romans.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Tour does not operate on Tuesdays. Tour requires a significant amount of walking. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Backpacks and large bags are not allowed inside the Pompeii excavation site.

Naples Eating Italy Foodie Walking Tour



Departs: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$79.95

Bring your appetite and your curiosity for this unforgettable **culinary tour** of one of the world's most foodie-friendly cities. Even in this dedicated, food-loving nation, no city is more famous for its cuisine than Naples. This is where pizza was invented, and coffee was perfected. Many of the other iconic Italian dishes that America loves started out right here in Naples too. You'll discover some of

the city's most distinctive eateries, learn about the local culture, and take in some historic sites along the way on this "multi-tasking" tour that is, in fact, a multi-sensory immersion gourmet experience.

Follow your guide **on foot** between best-kept-secret gourmet hubs, handily **walking** off each tasting before succumbing to the temptation of the next one. Where you stop will depend on the day and the season.

You may visit **Scaturchio Opera Cafe**, kicking off your foodie adventure with a crash course in Italian coffee. This café claims to make Naples', and indeed perhaps Italy's, best espresso.

Exquisite, mouthwatering pastries still warm from the oven are on offer at **Sfogliatella Mary** -- some handmade love for your sweet tooth. **Pizzeria 'Ntretella** serves heaven by the slice and may actually be the pinnacle source of the world's favorite pie. At **Il Pizzicagnolo**, you'll experience local shop life and their **prized mozzarella**. Not far away, a line of hungry (and choosy) locals outside tells you that you've found the legendary **Passione di Sofi** and just when you thought you'd been there and done that, you bite into a fried pasta... Wander back to your transportation and return to the pier in Naples.

Notes: Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tasting venues may vary; content and quality will be similar.

Naples Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$899.00



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions

are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Naples Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$2,099.00



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Notes:

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Naples Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,099.00

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Capacity: 5 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Naples Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM
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National Geographic Day Tour: A Day in the life of a Marine Biologist



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Please call for pricing

This tour offers firsthand insight into the daily life of a marine biologist and the work of the renowned Anton Dohrn Zoological Station -- home to the Naples Aquarium, the Darwin-Dhorn Museum (DaDoM), the Sea Turtle Research and Recovery Center of Portici and the Marine Observatory. More than 20 Nobel laureates and several National Geographic Explorers have worked and studied at this esteemed research institution. National Geographic-trained guides will explain its mission as you unpack the various projects.

Carlo Cattano, a Dohrn Foundation researcher and National Geographic Explorer, is studying the **grey sharks of Lampiono Island** and the importance of sustainable tourism and human activity for protecting sharks and the ecosystem.

You will visit the **Naples Aquarium** -- the oldest aquarium in Europe where you'll learn about the variety of creatures, shapes, and colors of the Mediterranean.

At the **DoDaM Museum**, founded to celebrate Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution and biodiversity, you'll learn about the different stages of evolution as it relates to the marine environment, from microorganisms to how all living beings are interconnected.

You'll also visit the **Marine Turtle Research Center** at **Turtle Point in Portici** to learn about National Geographic Explorer Sandra Hochscheid, who works to protect marine turtles. Watch biologists at work as they help endangered turtles prepare for release into the wild, allowing humans to learn about these animals and their habitat.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Paestum Excavations & Mozzarella Cheese Tasting: A Small Group Tour



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Price \$119.95

Visit a typical Campanian dairy to discover the secrets of real mozzarella cheese, and see the fascinating archeological site of Paestum.

Board a motorcoach for a panoramic drive to an antique **dairy farm** that exclusively uses the milk produced by its own buffalos to make delicious **mozzarella cheese**. Here you will watch the traditional Campania D.O.P. buffalo mozzarella being made, and taste the farm's other dairy products that are produced exclusively from estate-raised buffalos. The farm also grows grass and grain to feed its 600 buffalos. No antibiotics are used here -- if an animal needs help it is treated with homeopathic remedies.

Next, drive south to **Paestum** -- once one of the richest and most successful Greek colonies on the western Tyrrhenian Sea. Look

around you -- it's easy to see why the Greeks settled here. Sweeping, flat countryside and rich soil were the backbone of the ancient farming community. The hinterland that became the breadbasket of the city of Paestum, founded more than 2,500 years ago, is still an important agricultural resource in the 21st century.

Visit the three beautiful, **colonnaded temples**, similar to the Parthenon in Greece, built by the Greeks and still fairly intact to this day. Many Greek artifacts have also been discovered in this area. These are on display in the local **museum** and you will see them on your visit to that facility.

Re-board your motorcoach and return to the ship at the tour's end.

Notes:

Participants must be able to walk approximately 1½ miles over uneven and cobblestone surfaces at Paestum, with a few steps at the farmhouse. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring a hat. Paestum is not wheelchair accessible. The drive between Salerno and mozzarella dairy is approximately 45 minutes; the return drive from Paestum to Salerno is approximately 1¼ hours, dependent upon traffic conditions. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Panoramic Naples & Pizza-Making Demonstration with Lunch



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$89.95

Take a **panoramic drive** through **Naples**, after which you'll head to Posillipo Hill, Mergellina, and past the famous Maschio Angioino Castle.

Stop at the **Piazza Plebiscito** to see the outside of the Royal Palace and the San Carlo Opera House. Enjoy some **free time** to explore on your own.

Step into a local restaurant in the center of the town to observe the pizza-makers making your real **Neapolitan pizza**. Pizza is then served for you to devour before you return to the port.

Panoramic Naples



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3 hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$59.95

The highlights of **Naples** unfold before you on this **panoramic motorcoach drive**, including the Royal Palace façade adorned with Greek, Roman, Gothic, Byzantine, Norman, Spanish, Bourbon and Italian statues.

Watch for the Royal San Carlo -- one of the most famous opera houses in the world -- and view Maschio Angioino Castle.

Enjoy a break for **refreshments** at a local chalet.

Notes:

Due to strict traffic laws, photo stops are made only if traffic conditions permit and therefore are not guaranteed.

Pompeii & Hike to the Summit of Mount Vesuvius



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 6½ Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$119.95

Board an air-conditioned motorcoach in Naples for the **panoramic drive** south along the autostrada (freeway). Magnificent views of the Bay of Naples enhance your journey to **Mount Vesuvius**, the still-active volcano that buried Pompeii in AD 79.

At an elevation of 3,000 feet, disembark the coach and **hike** the rest of the way to the volcano's **crater**. Feel the energy of this active volcano as you walk across hardened lava, where crevices still belch fumes, steam and heat. The views from the top are well worth the climb.

Visit a local **cameo factory** where you can shop for handmade seashell and coral jewelry, including intricately carved brooches, rings and bracelets.

You will stop at a local café, where you will have time to purchase lunch (at your own expense).

Discover archeological excavations at the **ruins of Pompeii** -- the lost city once buried deep beneath the ash from Mount Vesuvius.

Entering through the sea gate, **walk** through the grounds with your knowledgeable guide. See the city's baths, villas, theatres and wrestling grounds. Plaster casts mark the positions of the fallen that were swiftly overcome by volcanic ash. Some highlights include the stunning frescoes and elaborate mosaic floors inside the villas of the wealthy. Your guide points out the remarkably well-preserved remains that hint at the Romans' daily life -- their customs, buildings and cuisine, as well as how they entertained, decorated and lived.

Return by coach to Naples.

Notes:

Tour requires extensive walking over cobblestones and uneven surfaces at the Pompeii excavations. The Mt Vesuvius is an active volcano; participate at your own risk. The hike to the summit takes approximately 40 minutes round trip; terrain is steep with a gravel path approximately 550 yards long. In the unlikely event that Mt Vesuvius is closed due to adverse weather conditions, an orientation tour Naples will be substituted. For security reasons, large bags, backpacks and trolleys are not permitted inside the Pompeii excavations; these items can be left on the motorcoach. Guests with a history of heart disease or high blood pressure are not allowed to participate. Wear sturdy non-skiid walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Tour does not include lunch. Bring local currency (euros) to purchase a snack

near Pompeii as vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars.

Procida, the 2022 Capital of Culture



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7½ Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$149.95

The legendary beauty of the **Gulf of Naples** is on full display during this full day adventure. Today you will visit the colorful isle of **Procida**, named Italian Capital of Culture for 2022. Board your jetfoil and cruise to the port of Marina Grande where you will explore on foot this iconic enclave, photograph the sights, and visit the local craft shops. Continue through the historic center with its fragrant lemon groves, then hop into a local taxi to the medieval village of **Terra Murata**, to admire the 16th-century castle and **Abbey of San Michele Arcangelo**. Next, you will visit the tiny port of **Corricella**. This picturesque seaside village is a backdrop to several Hollywood movies and is famed for its candy-hued homes, which were painted by local fishermen to be recognized at long distances from the sea.

Your day includes a refreshing **soft drink and lingue di Procida**, the must-eat sweet treat on the island, also known as lingue di bue, or ox tongues, for their oblong shape. Those wanting a more substantial meal can enjoy lunch at their own expense at a myriad of cafés.

Return is by the scheduled jetfoil back to Naples, to conclude this memorable day.

Notes:

In Procida, the transportation utilized will be private taxis. Moderate walking is included with some hills and steps at Corricella. Not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or suffering from heart diseases. Passengers suffering from motion sickness may wish to take the jetfoil ride to Procida into consideration. The jetfoil ride to Procida is approximately 45 minutes each way. Lunch is on your own; bring local currency or credit cards.

Shopping in Sorrento



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 5 hours
Adult \$74.95; Child \$59.95



Skirting the Bay of Naples, in the shadow of awesome Mt Vesuvius, you will drive to **Sorrento** -- a village that is brimming with character and overflowing with picturesque street scenes and charming people. Sorrento inspired the Greeks' and Romans' art and industry, and you will find an extraordinary collection of woodwork, mosaics, furniture, embroidery and porcelain here. Browse and **shop** on your own, making purchases that will become treasured mementos of your voyage.

Time permitting, you will also stop at a **crafts center** at the foot of Mt Vesuvius.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Sorrento & Pompeii



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours
Price \$169.95



A one-hour drive brings you to **Sorrento**, brimming with character and picturesque streets. Woodwork, furniture, embroidery, mosaics and porcelain can be found here.

A typical Italian **lunch** will be served in Sorrento.

Travel to the foot of Mt Vesuvius and **walk** through the remarkable ruins of **Pompeii** -- widely considered by archaeologists to be the finest example of an ancient Roman town. With the eruption of Mt Vesuvius in AD 79, the excavated city was buried beneath tons of ash and lava. As you tour Pompeii on foot, passing baths, theatres, temples, markets and the forum.

A stop at a local **cameo factory** is included before your return to the ship.

Notes:

Traffic can be unpredictable. Your patience during delays is greatly appreciated. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Tour requires a significant amount of walking. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Backpacks and large bags are not allowed inside the Pompeii excavation site.

Spanish Guided: The Ruins of Pompeii



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$109.95



A Spanish-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Spanish interpreter). A limited number of Spanish guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; please see The Ruins of Pompeii for the same tour guided in English.

From the pier, it's a 45-minute ride by motorcoach to the remarkable ruins of **Pompeii**, perfectly preserved since the eruption of Mt Vesuvius in AD 79.

On a guided **walking tour** you will learn about the excavation techniques that have uncovered this city remarkably intact, and what the residents were doing at the time of the eruption. Gain an insight into the lives of the ancient Romans as you discover baths, theatres, temples, markets and the huge forum.

A stop at a local **cameo factory** is included before your return to the ship and the present day.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Tour requires a significant amount of walking. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and

sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Backpacks and large bags are not allowed inside the Pompeii excavation site.

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The Best of Sorrento & Amalfi Coastal Cruise



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 9¼ Hours
Adult \$209.95; Child \$189.95

Your tour begins in Naples where you'll board an air-conditioned motorcoach for a 45-minute drive to Salerno where a **motor-launch** will take you on a scenic 60-minute cruise along the gorgeous **Amalfi Coast**. It's an ideal photo opportunity for shots of the rocky outcroppings and verdant grottos dotting the cliffs.

Upon arrival in **Amalfi** town, you'll have 60 minutes of **free time** to explore the town and to visit the Amalfi Cathedral. The latter is a striking structure with 62 steps leading to its entrance. Its façade is Arabian-influenced Romanesque with a bold mix of stripes, arches, mosaics and textures. The bell-tower and cupola are decorated with green and yellow tiles. The heavenly Cloister of Paradise is home to the tombs of Amalfi's wealthy merchants, and features Moorish styling in white marble. The cloister leads into the Basilica of the Crucifix where you can see some amazing frescoes. The cathedral's museum and treasury is located in the basilica.

Upon returning to Salerno, you'll board a motorcoach for an almost two-hour drive to the resort seaside town of **Sorrento**. **Lunch** is served at a local restaurant here -- an authentic meal using fresh, seasonal ingredients of the Campania region.

You will have an hour of **free time** to spend at your leisure. Sorrento boasts one of the largest shopping districts along the Amalfi Coast. Lace sheets, fine furniture, table linens and handcrafted pottery are the local specialties.

Re-boarding your motorcoach, head to a local cameo factory where artisans apply skills handed down for generations and carve seashells or coral into beautiful jewelry. Your tour ends after a 90-minute drive back to Naples.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Modest attire is required for visiting churches or cathedrals; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered; shorts are not allowed. In case of extremely inclement weather and rough seas, the motorlaunch ride may be cancelled; a panoramic drive through Naples will be substituted. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

The Ruins of Pompeii



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4 hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$109.95



From the pier, it's a 45-minute ride by motorcoach to the remarkable ruins of **Pompeii**, perfectly preserved since the eruption of Mt Vesuvius in AD 79.

On a guided **walking tour** you will learn about the excavation techniques that have uncovered this city remarkably intact, and what the residents were doing at the time of the eruption. Gain an insight into the lives of the ancient Romans as you discover baths, theatres, temples, markets and the huge forum.

A stop at a local **cameo factory** is included before your return to the ship and the present day.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Tour requires a significant amount of walking. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Backpacks and large bags are not allowed inside the Pompeii excavation site.

Ultimate Bay of Naples: Pompeii, Positano & Amalfi Coast



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 9½ Hours
Adult \$319.95; Child \$289.95

Your tour begins from Naples, with a 30-minute motorcoach ride to the ruins at **Pompeii**. Here, you'll discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath ash when Mt Vesuvius violently erupted in AD 79. Explore the excavated ruins on a two-hour **guided walking tour**. Your guide eloquently interprets remains of the remarkably-preserved city, and how its long-gone, aristocratic inhabitants lived lavishly and entertained unstintingly. You will see the forum, amphitheater, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct that delivered water for irrigation, fountains and private baths. Detailed mosaics and frescoes adorn the interiors of some villas.

You'll have an elegant **lunch** here or on the Amalfi Coast, with Prosecco sparkling wine and a delicious four-course meal.

Re-board the transportation to **Positano** -- a picture-perfect town built into a sheer cliff. The tiers of whitewashed houses that cling to the rocky face are often the subject postcards and dazzling photos. Once a major trading port in the Middle Ages, today Positano is a sophisticated retreat for discerning visitors, filled with boutiques, beach shops, fine restaurants and cafes. Enjoy a leisurely hour to explore the town or **shop** for souvenirs.

Notes:

The route is winding and bumpy; guests who suffer from motion sickness should consider this before booking and/or take appropriate medication. Driving distance between Pompeii and Positano is approximately 1½ hours depending on traffic conditions. Due to traffic restrictions, a short walk each way from the minibus drop-off point to the main center will be required in Positano. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience. Tour requires a significant amount of walking. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water. Backpacks and large bags are not allowed inside the Pompeii excavation site; these can be left on the minibus.

Malaga, Spain - Wednesday, May 1, 2024: Málaga is your chance to tour to the Moorish wonders of the Alhambra with its elaborate carvings, grand columns and delicate arches. Stalagmites and stalactites reach calcite fingers into the caverns of Nerja, near Malaga. 30,000 years ago, people lived in the shadowy recesses of these caves. In nearby Mijas, shop tables are laden with hand-made ceramics, and the people live in shuttered, whitewashed cottages.

4x4 Andalusia Adventure



Departs: 8:30 AM
 Approximately 5½ Hours
 Adult \$129.95; Child \$119.95

Tejada & Almirajara National Park, with an area of 100,000 acres, is comprised of an impressive mountain range dividing Málaga Province from Granada Province. Tejada is the Axarquía region's bastion of Mudéjar Arab culture; Almirajara derives its name from the Arabic word for colander, possibly referring to the speed with which rainwater drains from its lofty heights.

Travel by road to the town of Frigiliana, about an hour from the port. Note the Moorish influence in its white houses and narrow, winding streets. Your journey through rural Málaga starts here, on a route suitable only for off-road vehicles.

Learn about the area's rich history at Acebuchal, a small, picturesque village deep in the mountains. The steep mountains of Almirajara showcase all their splendor here -- white limestone rocks form wild watercourses that hastily conduct mountain spring water and rainfall down to the stillness of the plains. This landscape is a forgotten corner of Andalusia.

You will visit several other villages in the Axarquía region -- the typical white villages of

Andalusia.

Crossing the entire National Park, you'll ascend to Competa -- your ultimate destination at an elevation of 3,600 feet. Rest here with a taste of the sweet local wine, typical Spanish tapas, cheese and ham.

Return to the ship better acquainted with the flora, fauna and customs of Málaga's provincial countryside.

Best of Cordoba



Departs: 8:00 AM
 Approximately 8½ Hours
 Adult \$219.95; Child \$149.95

The mighty Roman Empire established Cordoba around the time it became clear that inland-Andalusia could be reached by way of the navigable Guadalquivir River. Today, only three of the thirteen gates of the city's original ancient Roman walls are still standing. Despite its auspicious start, Cordoba did not reach its prime until the 10th century AD, during Muslim

domination in Iberia. Draped in architectural splendor, Cordoba became one of the world's political, cultural and economic leaders.

Because of its strategic importance, Cordoba seemed the logical place to build a vast mosque -- a primer for those who intended to make the haj to Mecca. Astonishingly, when

Catholicism rose to overthrow the power of Islam, rather than destroying the mosque, the Catholic Church simply built a cathedral inside it. So today, you will enter a forest of columns that belong to the mosque and discover in their midst a Catholic cathedral -- this is a stunning and bizarre piece of art and architecture, and its impact is not to be missed.

Complete your time in Cordoba with a walking tour through the Jewish Quarter, where the narrow and winding streets hide many important and traditional buildings. Your guide will point out the Mudejar Synagogue and the quarter's many references to water -- Arabian engineering was crucial for developing the area's supply.

Lunch is served at a local restaurant before you return to Málaga .

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour does not operate on Sundays and holidays. The Synagogue is closed on Mondays; more time will be spent at other venues, or additional free time will be allowed for independent exploration. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Granada & Albaycin



Departs: 7:30 AM (Waitlisted)
 Approximately 9 Hours
 Adult \$229.95; Child \$144.95

A two-hour drive from Málaga brings you first to Granada's Carthusian Monastery. If the exterior is a smoldering ember, the inside is a riotous explosion of ornamentation. Its most striking features include the tabernacle, the church, and the famous sacristy. The charterhouse also displays an extensive collection of paintings by influential artist Juan Sánchez Cotán.

Next, a short drive brings you to the San Cristobal Viewpoint for an overview introduction to Granada.

You'll visit the part of the Albaycin Quarter opposite the Alhambra, perched on a hill and offering fantastic views. The Albaycin is one of the oldest settlements in Andalusia. It is the flat part of an otherwise hilly city and was once protected by a city wall. The Albaycin is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is a sprawling labyrinth of narrow cobblestone streets, tiny houses, and noble mansions with beautiful gardens. Your walk through the Albaycin takes you to the Palace Dar al-Horra -- former residence of the Sultana Aixa. Structured around a central courtyard, it boasts beautiful plasterwork on the upper floor with inscriptions from the Nasrid

period. The locals call it the Little Alhambra.

Passing the Santa Isabel Monastery, you'll come to San Nicolas Square, famous for its view over the Alhambra. Visit the adjacent gardens of the mosque.

A few yards away, step into Mirador de Morayma Restaurant - set in a historic house with a lovely view over Granada's rooftops, with the famed Alhambra in the distance. It's also home to some of the region's most lauded cuisine. Your delicious lunch includes local dishes with a modern flair, including pomegranate salad with fried garlic, oxtail croquettes and Iberian pork -- an experience that will satisfy all your senses.

Walk back to San Cristobal and relax on the drive back to the ship at Málaga .

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Travel time to Granada is two hours each way. Sales for this tour close four days prior to the call at Málaga; you must book prior to this, and there will be no refunds or exchanges for cancellations after this date.

Granada & the Alhambra



Departs: 7:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 9 Hours
Adult \$229.95; Child \$149.95



Please Note: Tickets for this tour are on a request basis. Bookings will initially be waitlisted until the ticket for the Alhambra entrance can be confirmed, at which point

you will receive a notification. Alhambra tickets are personalized and sold ahead of time, therefore your passport information must be on file in your cruise booking when waitlisting for this tour. You will need to bring the same passport on tour for entry to the Alhambra. Waitlisted bookings not associated with passport information will not be confirmed into an actual booking.

On a 2.5-hour drive to Granada, your guide will introduce you to local traditions and history.

Granada itself is a beautiful city, but nothing in all of Spain compares to the wealth of architectural art to be found in the city's Muslim-Hispano 14th-century Alhambra complex. Walls and towers surround this breathtaking example of Moorish architecture, and inside, you will find palaces, military buildings, a fortress and an administrative center. Explore this remarkable structure whose detailed mosaics, prism-style cupolas and stone-cast latticework offer a surprising grace and sophistication. During your visit, you will see the **Nazrid Palace, the Generalife summer residence, and the gardens.**

Lunch is included.

Notes:

This tour is available only to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Málaga. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Considerable walking is required over uneven surfaces, with about 150 steps to negotiate throughout the Alhambra. Travel time to Granada is

approximately 2.5 hours each way, with (time permitting) a brief restroom stop en route. The Alhambra is not accessible to wheelchairs or walkers. No more than 10 guests are allowed inside at any one time -- there may be a delay. The assigned entrance time to the Nazrid Palace dictates your itinerary and the timing of lunch. Sales close four days prior to the call at Málaga. The number of tickets available is strictly limited; please waitlist everyone in your party as early as possible

As entrance fees are non-refundable and included in this excursion price, and it is necessary to pay in advance, no refund will be offered, and full charges will be made should you cancel your tour. The same will apply to waitlisted reservations, once transferred to an actual booking, cancellation charges will apply.

You must submit your passport information when you book this tour and bring the same passport on tour for entry to the Alhambra. Bookings not associated with a passport number are not accepted.

Granada on Your Own



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 9 Hours
Adult \$74.95; Child \$54.95



This transfer may suit you if you would like to explore on your own. It consists of a motorcoach ride from the ship to Granada. You will be dropped off at a central location, and the coach escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have approximately five hours to shop and

explore independently.

Notes:

Travel time to Granada is approximately two hours each way. Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It is your responsibility to be at the pick-up point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motorcoach to answer questions en route. Many stores are closed on Sundays and holidays and at lunchtime.

Kayak & Caves



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 5½ Hours
Price \$99.95

Get acquainted with the great outdoors of Spain. This is an unforgettable kayaking experience among cliffsides and sea caves.

A one-hour drive brings you to Nerja. Listen to a safety briefing; then, hop into your kayak and follow your guide to the Maro-Cerro Gordo Cliffs, where seabirds make their vertical homes on the steep cliffsides. As you paddle, you will see small caves, waterfalls, and nooks and crannies that can only be appreciated from a small craft. The kayaking takes around two hours and includes a stop for snorkeling and swimming in the cooling waters of the Mediterranean. Snorkel gear is provided. Your guide will provide basic snorkel instructions. Snorkeling not your thing? Feel free to simply swim or bask in the sunshine.

Notes:

Guests who are pregnant or have a respiratory condition are not allowed to participate. Participants must be reasonably fit and in good physical condition. Minimum age is 12 years.

Malaga Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.
Price \$999.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour allows you to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your interests. Take in the famous sights at your own pace or go beyond to create intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for single/solo travelers, couples, family, friends, and special-interest groups traveling together. Private vehicles can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private vehicles are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party

needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Malaga Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus)



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$2,099.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour allows you to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your interests. Take in the famous sights at your own pace or go beyond to create intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for single/solo travelers, couples, family, friends, and special-interest groups traveling together. Private vehicles can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 15 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:



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Malaga Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,499.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour allows you to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your interests. Take in the famous sights at your own pace or go beyond to create intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for single/solo travelers, couples, family, friends, and special-interest groups traveling together. Private vehicles can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 6 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Malaga Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$799.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour allows you to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your interests. Take in the famous sights at your own pace or go beyond to create intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for single/solo travelers, couples, family, friends, and special-interest groups traveling together. Private vehicles can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.



Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Malaga Private Touring - Half Day (Minibus)



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,399.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour allows you to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your interests. Take in the famous sights at your own pace or go beyond to create intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. Recommended for single/solo travelers, couples, family, friends, and special-interest groups traveling together. Private

vehicles can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 15 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Malaga Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.
Price \$1,199.00

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travelers, couples, family, friends, and special-interest groups traveling together. Private vehicles can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

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Malaga Sights & the Picasso Museum



Departs: 8:15 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$74.95

If you delight in ancient history, you won't want to miss this tour. With 600,000 inhabitants, **Málaga** is the major port city of Andalusia. Rich **archaeological remains** and fascinating monuments are the legacy of many civilizations.

From the outside, you will see the Alcazaba -- an historic palace that was built in the 11th century to be the residence of the Arabian Caliphs (kings). It is connected by a steep path to the **Alcazaba Palace** -- historical palace that commands breathtaking views of

the city and the bay. Your coach will transport you up the hill to visit the palace, so you do not need to walk.

The **Museo Picasso Málaga** is run by two foundations created for the purpose of showcasing the works of the master. The Fundación Paul, Christine y Bernard Ruiz-Picasso owns the museum's collection, whereas the Fundación Museo Picasso de Málaga owns the group of buildings that house it. Together the two foundations are responsible for the conservation, exhibition, study and diffusion of the art, and that the wishes of the donors are respected. At the museum, you will have time to appreciate all Picasso's styles and techniques (painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramic, graphic works) along with an exhibition with pieces dating from 1890 to 1973.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Malaga Sights



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$54.95

If you delight in ancient history, you won't want to miss this tour. With 600,000 inhabitants, Málaga is the major port city of Andalusia. Many ancient civilizations have left their mark here, which you'll discover in **Málaga's rich archaeological** remains and fascinating monuments.

Alcazaba Palace is an ancient historical palace

that commands breathtaking views of the city and the bay.

You'll stop at the Renaissance-style cathedral built between the 16th and 18th centuries. It is now a National Monument and boasts a Baroque choir by Pedro de Mena, as well as some fine examples of Spanish Renaissance sculpture.

Just a short **walk** from the cathedral, you will view from the outside the Roman theatre and the Alcazaba -- the latter is a historical palace that was built in the 11th century to be the residence of the Arabian caliphs (kings).

Take in the many sights from your coach on a **panoramic drive** through town, including the façade of the bullring, as well as City Hall, the courthouse, and the Central Post Office -- all charming 19th-century buildings.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. On Sundays, guided groups are not allowed in the cathedral; your guide will offer an introduction outside, and you can step inside to visit on your own. Before and during Easter week, the cathedral can be closed to visitors at short notice during services. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Marbella & Puerto Banus



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$64.95

Get to know **Marbella**, one of the most exclusive seaside resorts on the Costa del Sol. The drive from Málaga follows the coast and takes about one hour, passing through a series of popular resorts.

Set out on a **walking tour** through the town center, to enjoy its shady squares and fountains.

Fifteen minutes away by bus is the famous resort of **Puerto Banus**, with its beautiful, modern marina populated by mega-yachts -- the marina boasts more than 900 moorings.

You will have **free time** in Puerto Banus to **browse** among the many **fashionable boutiques** or sit at a sidewalk café, sipping a cold drink (at your own expense) and watching the world go by.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Mijas Village & Countryside



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

Take a look behind the scenes at Spanish country life.

A motorcoach drive brings you directly to the picturesque village of Mijas, also known as "the white town." Mijas is a typical Spanish village with a strong Andalusian flavor and offers incredible views over the coastline. All the houses in Mijas are painted white, in the classic tradition of southern Spain. The layout of the streets was planned hundreds of years ago to protect the houses and their inhabitants from high winds.

Donkey taxis offer a chance to experience a pleasant, if somewhat unusual, sightseeing ride (at your own expense).

Take some time to browse in the local stores and shop for ceramics, handmade wood items or any of the other beautiful, locally handmade crafts and souvenirs.

Back on the coach, you will return to Málaga .

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Panoramic Malaga



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$74.95; Child \$59.95

Discover **Málaga's** rich archaeological remains and fascinating monuments on this panoramic drive past its marvelous landmarks. Ancient history is alive and well in this busy center of the Costa del Sol, and civilizations old and older have left remnants for you to admire and ponder.

Depart from the port, passing the bullring as you head towards the Gibralfaro viewing platform. From here, take in the splendid views over the port and part of the city.

Your drive continues back to the city center at **Plaza de la Merced**. Your guide will point out the house where Málaga's most famous citizen -- **Pablo Picasso** -- was born.

A **walking** tour through the Old Town and see from the outside the birth house of Picasso, Alcazaba, and the Roman Theater and the Cathedral. In the background are the towers of the Renaissance-style cathedral; it was built between the 16th and the 18th centuries and is now a National Monument. There is approximately a 7-minute walk from the Official Bus Stop to the Cathedral each way.

Along the way, you will also see some interesting and beautiful buildings dating from the 19th century, including the Town Hall, the Justice Court, and the Central Post Office.

The remainder of the tour takes you through the western part of the city and past the waterfront en route back to the ship.

Notes:

No inside visits are included. Suitable for guests using a wheelchair with a companion to assist with boarding the coach. Scooters cannot be accommodated. There is no restroom available during the tour. The tour requires approx. 550 meters of walking from the Official Bus Stop to the Cathedral each way. The Old Town is visited during a guided walking tour. Optionally, guests can choose not to partake in the walking tour of Old Town.

Torremolinos Mountains on Horseback



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$59.95

Sit back, relax and enjoy the colorful scenery as you travel through lush countryside on your way to Torremolinos.

Upon arrival at the equestrian center you will be welcomed by the riding monitors, who will introduce you to the Andalusian horses and enjoy an interesting visit of the horse center. Before heading for the hills, there will be a short briefing to explain the route and riding techniques. The saddles are Spanish style which means they have long stirrups and the bridle is without a bite, the reins are very easy to use; they are held in one hand making your riding style very relaxed and comfortable. During the tour several stops will be made to

ensure you capture the full beauty of the landscape and short explanations will be given about the flora, fauna, sights and sounds. After all that fresh country air, what better way to end your riding experience than to tuck into some Andalusian snack.

Notes:

The saddles are Spanish style with long stirrups and a bridle without a bit. Wear long pants. Sturdy, closed-toe shoes are mandatory. Wear sunscreen. Maximum weight is 220 lbs. Minimum age is 14 years. Minimum height is 2 feet. Absolute beginners may be accompanied individually by a staff member during the trail ride. The horses will only walk; no trotting or galloping.

Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores, Portugal - Saturday, May 4, 2024: Two lakes – one green, one blue - nestle in a volcanic crater in the Sete Cidades (seven cities) region. Scenic beauty abounds.

A Taste of Azores



Departs: 12:45 PM
Approximately 3¼ hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$69.95

Sete Cidades, the seven cities region, is dominated by an impressive five-mile-wide caldera. Within the craters lie two volcanic lakes—one green and the other blue. See the lakes from the highest point and at close quarters.

The village of Sete Cidades is surrounded by forest-coveted walls at the edge of the blue lake. Enjoy the scenic beauty and some **free time** in on of the oldest villages of the Azores.

On the way back to Ponta Delgada, you will also see Santiago Lake, with its own unique style. From a hotel in Ponta Delgada, enjoy an enviable view of the city's port and marina while savoring a small tasting of **Azorean wines and cheeses**.

Best of the Azores: Furnas Valley & Hot Springs



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$159.95

Traveling by coach, you'll follow the road that heads north over the island, stopping at the **Sta Iria viewpoint** for a vista over the north coast.

Visit the local **tea plantation** and **factory**, and sample some of the better-known Azorean blends.

Continue to the **Pico do Ferro viewpoint** with a magnificent outlook over the Furnas Valley.

Head up to the lake in time to see your **lunch** taken out of an earthen oven in the ground, where it has been cooked using natural geothermal power. Return to the village to dine on this special meal at the Casino Terra Nostra.

There's time to visit the **Terra Nostra Botanic Gardens** -- among the most beautiful gardens in the Azores. This park features a **natural, hot-water swimming pool**. You'll have time for a quick **swim** if you wish.

Visit some **hot springs** in the village to learn about the different mineral water sources. Return to Ponta Delgada via the south coast, stopping at **Vila Franca**, the island's first capital.

Notes:

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen, light clothing to act as a full cover-up for further protection from the sun, and a hat. Swim at your own risk. The spring water may discolor light-colored swimwear. Tour does not operate on Fridays.

Fire Lake & Ribeira Grande



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 3¼ hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

Drive through Ponta Delgada; then, head northeast along the pleasant roads bordering agricultural areas and stretching across the island to **Ribeira Grande**. This is the oldest and largest city on the north coast and has a distinct air of Portuguese influence.

From **Pico da Barrosa Mountain**, you will see fine views of the Fire Lake. Return to Ponta Delgada along the new road, descending towards Remedios.

At a **pineapple plantation**, learn about cultivating and marketing this delicious tropical fruit.

Notes:

No guarantee is offered concerning visibility or views on any particular day, as weather and atmospheric conditions vary and are beyond the tour operator's control. In case of poor visibility, this tour will visit the Antonio Borges Garden in Ponta Delgada rather than the viewpoint.

Off the Beaten Track: Azores



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3¼ hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$109.95

Add a twist of adventure to your visit to this island blessed with astounding nature. Traveling by smaller vehicle, you'll discover some places inaccessible to buses while your driver explains some fun facts pertaining to the island's history.

As you climb to **Sete Cidades Crater Lake**, watch for trees indigenous to the Azores. Hydrangeas and other varieties of vegetation cover the soft edges of the valleys -- a serene setting of sparkling waters and small villages. This whole area feels as if it is lost in time.

The surrounding **region of vast farmland** -- the breadbasket of the Azores -- provides food and prosperity for the population of the islands. Interestingly, modern technology often takes a back seat here as the land is worked according to age-old tradition.

Notes:

Minimum age is 12 years. Ride will be bumpy. Pregnant women and guests with a history of back or neck conditions are not allowed to participate.

Sete Cidades Crater Lake



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 3¼ Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

From Ponta Delgada, head to the village of **Fajã de Baixo** to visit a **pineapple plantation**, where the fruit grows in greenhouses. See the different phases of the pineapple's growing cycle and **taste pineapple liqueur** (depending upon availability), with time for **souvenir shopping** afterward.

Descend into the village of **Sete Cidades**, named for the volcano towering above. You'll have **free time** for a quick coffee (at your own expense) or to stretch your legs before you continue to the Santiago Lake and Vista do Rei viewpoints.

Reach the main **crater** of this extinct volcano at an elevation of 1,900 feet above sea level. From the edge of the crater, eight miles in circumference, take in the magnificent view of the two lakes at the bottom. One is blue, reflecting the sky, and the other is bright green, reflecting its beautiful setting within the crater walls.

Return to Ponta Delgada upon completion of your tour.

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Borges Garden in Ponta Delgada rather than the viewpoint.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, US - Saturday, May 11, 2024: There is an abundance of things to see and do in the Ft. Lauderdale area: visit the newly redesigned Ft. Lauderdale Beach and cafes, stroll the historic Riverwalk, shop the luxurious stores on Las Olas Boulevard or venture to the Everglades for an intriguing air boat excursion.

Everglades Airboat Ride & Transfer to Ft Lauderdale Airport



Departs: 8:30 AM
4 Hours
Adult \$74.95; Child \$69.95

The **Florida Everglades** is an expanse of swampland known for natural beauty and abundant wildlife. Your tour includes a half-hour **airboat** ride into this vast wilderness. Birds, fish and other animals inhabit this curious corner of the country.

After the airboat ride, take a tour of the **reptile exhibit**. You will see the notorious Everglades alligator and other creatures that call Florida home.

Notes:

Tour departs at 8:30am on disembarkation days. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Fort Lauderdale Airport after 2:30pm for domestic and 3:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer.

Everglades Airboat Ride & Transfer to Miami Airport



Departs: 8:30 AM
4½ Hours
Adult \$84.95; Child \$79.95

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After the airboat ride, take a tour of the **reptile exhibit**. You will see the notorious Everglades alligator and other creatures that call Florida home.

Reboard your coach and transfer to the airport.

Notes:

Tour departs at 8:30am on disembarkation days. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Miami Airport after 3:30pm for domestic and 4:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer.

Land & Sea Excursion & Transfer to Ft Lauderdale Airport



Departs: 8:30 AM
4 Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$74.95

Experience the highlights of **Fort Lauderdale**, including the **Arts & Sciences District**, the **Riverwalk**, and **Las Olas Boulevard**, with its boutiques, cafés, and galleries.

Hop aboard a **double-decker yacht or paddle-wheeler-style boat** for a 90-minute journey down the **New River**, out into the **Intracoastal Waterway** to **Port Everglades**. Pass by the historic Stranahan House, luxury homes, mega-yachts and sailboats, Navy ships and submarines. See why the city is known as the 'Venice of America.'

Reboard your coach and transfer to the airport.

Notes:

Tour departs at 8:30am on disembarkation days. This tour is available to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Fort Lauderdale Airport after 2:30pm for domestic and 3:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer. Shade is limited; to avoid sunburn, wear light, long clothing suitable for use as a cover-up. Bring a

hat and sunglasses; wear biodegradable sunscreen. Bring bottled water.

Land & Sea Excursion & Transfer to Miami Airport



Departs: 8:30 AM
4½ Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$84.95

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Re-board the coach and transfer to the airport.

Notes:

Tour departs at 8:30am on disembarkation days. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Miami Airport after 3:30pm for domestic and 4:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion

automatically includes a transfer.

Miami City Highlights & Transfer to Fort Lauderdale Airport



Departs: 8:30 AM
4½ Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$59.95

Enjoy the magic of **Miami** on this fascinating city highlights tour.

Cross the **McArthur Causeway** with a view of the cruise terminal, as your guide points out homes of the rich and famous along the route.

Don't miss the **South Beach Art Deco district** -- an iconic Miami landmark -- and a stop for photos at the Versace Mansion. Your guide points out many details that lend the South Beach area its singular character.

Watch for the **Wynwood Walls** -- a vast array of one-of-a-kind street art.

No trip to Miami is complete without a stop in **Little Havana**, with its rich Cuban vibe, food and music. You'll have time on your own here to purchase a snack (at your own expense) or browse in the stores. Yes, Cuban cigars are sold here!

Your tour ends with a **transfer to Fort Lauderdale International Airport** .

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour operates subject to meeting a minimum

number of participants. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Fort Lauderdale Airport after 3:30pm for domestic and 4:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer.

Miami City Highlights & Transfer to Miami Airport



Departs: 8:30 AM
4 Hours
Adult \$64.95; Child \$54.95

Enjoy the magic of **Miami** on this fascinating city highlights tour.

Cross the **McArthur Causeway** with a view of the cruise terminal, as your guide points out homes of the rich and famous along the route.

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Your tour ends with a **transfer to Miami International Airport** .

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour operates subject to meeting a minimum number of participants. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Fort Lauderdale, with flights from Miami Airport after 2:30 for domestic and 3:30pm for international. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, it will be refunded on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer.

Overland Adventures & Overnights



General Information

For those with a thirst for adventure as well as luxury cruising, we offer a selection of special Overland Adventures and Overnights to take you deep into the heart of the lands we visit. Varying in length from two to several days, these tours will take you through breathtaking scenery and to historical sites that allow you to explore each region more thoroughly.

Clothing

Comfortable, layered clothing and walking shoes are strongly recommended.

Flights, Meals & Accommodation

As flight times have not been confirmed at the time this brochure was printed, some meals and visits to some attractions may be adjusted for your comfort and convenience, to accommodate the schedule. Overland Adventures and Overnights include all meals (unless otherwise specified), transportation and overnight accommodations in the finest hotels available and are escorted by a member of Holland America Line's staff.

Advance Bookings

We are increasingly aware that many discerning travelers are enthusiastic to participate in our comprehensive program of spectacular Overland Adventures and Overnights. Because it is not always possible to guarantee space beyond the tours' booking deadline on these exciting journeys, we earnestly encourage you to use the Holland America Line website well in advance to secure space

on the overland or overnight experience of your dreams. Space is limited! We suggest that you book early to avoid missing these truly enticing tours which have been arranged to give you an in-depth view of inland areas.

Physical Limitations

Due to the in-depth nature of these tours, most areas are not accessible to wheelchairs.

Luggage

Luggage must be limited to one small checked bag per person on Overland Adventures and Overnights.

Special Notes

- Wear comfortable footwear at all times
- Bring a lightweight sweater or jacket in case of cooler temperatures
- Book early. Capacity is limited on many Overland Adventures and Overnights
- Book your Overland Adventures and Overnights online at hollandamerica.com

Visas, Vaccinations & Tourist Cards

It is each guest's sole responsibility to obtain (before traveling) any visas, vaccinations and/or tourist cards that are required for participating in Overland Adventures and Overnights, unless noted otherwise in the description. Please be aware that you may need a visa for any and/or all countries that you will depart from and travel through as part of your overland adventure or overnight tour, and for the country in which you will re-join the ship.

Tour Durations & Prices

The information in this brochure is designed to help you select the tours most suited to your interests. The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. Prices can be found on our website at hollandamerica.com and are quoted in U.S. funds. Prices are subject to change without notice. To allow the Shore Excursions staff the flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the Shore Excursions Planning Form on board. For more information, please attend the Shore Excursions presentation or visit the Shore Excursions Desk.

Tour Descriptions

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the Shore Excursions section of our website, which can be found online at hollandamerica.com. Significant changes will be noted on the Shore Excursions Planning Form on board. Tour schedules are subject to change.

Guides, Services & Transportation

In certain interesting, off-the-beaten-track places, professional guides and vehicles are at a premium. The best available are engaged. For all tours other than the Signature Collection, it is exceptional for drivers of public hire vehicles to speak any language but their own and it is not always possible to obtain air-conditioned buses or taxis in many ports. However, we do our utmost to find the very best packages for your touring pleasure. Guests who leave during a tour for which transportation is included must thereafter provide for their

own transportation and services at their own expense. Transportation standards vary from country to country.

Self-Guided Touring

Guests who do not join these prearranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port. If you choose to devise your own excursion, we suggest that you remind the driver or tour escort of the ship's sailing time. Of course, the ship's facilities are fully available to guests while in port.

Reservations & Online Reservations

Now you can easily choose your tour times, book your tours and receive confirmation of your shore excursions reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at hollandamerica.com or phone us at 1-888-425-9376. Book online now, up until 3 days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your tour departure times. You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information. Remember, online and phone shore excursion reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling. At

the time of making your reservations online, we will advise you whether or not your reservations are confirmed or whether you have been waitlisted. Your credit card will be charged immediately for all confirmed reservations. Should space become available for a waitlisted tours request, we will e-mail or otherwise contact you at that time and either immediately charge your credit card if you have already given us your credit card information or ask you to provide us with that information for immediate charge processing. Reservations for shore excursions are subject to cancellation by us at any time prior to the credit card charge being accepted by your bank. If you or Holland America cancel a tour (except Overland Adventures and Overnights) more than 3 days prior to cruise departure, we will issue a credit on the credit card that you used to pay for the reservation. For any cancellation within 3 days of departure, a credit will not be given on your credit card. Instead, we will apply an ONBOARD CREDIT ONLY policy under which the refund (less any cancellation fee) will show up as a credit to the shipboard account of the person who was to take the tour. If the credit is not fully utilized during the cruise, the balance will be paid to that guest by the ship's Purser. Once on board, if you cancel your tour reservation after the booking deadline stated in the Shore Excursion Planning Form on board, a 100% cancellation fee will apply since transportation and services will have already been arranged. If space on the tour you have ordered is not available you will be contacted to see if you are interested in another tour selection. You may receive confirmation of your tours via e-mail. Vouchers for each confirmed tour will be delivered to your stateroom after embarkation.

Immunizations

Immunizations may be required for some of the ports of call included in your voyage. Please contact your local physician, Health Department and/or travel medicine clinic to discuss immunization requirements for all countries on



your itinerary. You can also check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at cdc.gov. Click on Travelers' Health and then Vaccinations. It is also a good idea to bring along a record of your immunizations, as requirements for immunizations may change. It is the guests' responsibility to remain apprised of changes in immunization policies, so that they have all the required inoculations and immunizations at the time of departure.

Safety

We take steps to identify and contract with reputable tour operators. Tour operators must comply with local government requirements and carry liability insurance in amounts consistent with local standards to address personal injury and property damage.

Visa Requirements

Each guest is responsible for obtaining all visas needed to join the cruise. Unless otherwise noted, it is the guest's sole responsibility to obtain any necessary visas to participate in any Overland Adventures and Overnights. Guests must keep themselves apprised of policy changes. Passports, visas (other than as specified above), tourist cards, and vaccinations, if required, are the sole responsibility of the guest. Remember, guests must have a passport that is valid for at least six months beyond the completion of their trip.



Visa Service

VisaCentral can assist you with the collection of necessary documentation: see details online at <http://hollandamerica.visacentral.com>, or contact VisaCentral as follows for:

Residents of Australia:

Phone: 1902 251 370; email: info@au.visacentral.com

Residents of Austria:

Phone: +43 1 22811; email: service@cibtvisas.at

Residents of Brazil:

Phone: 55 (11) 3065 0655; email: info@cibtvisas.com.br

Residents of Canada:

Phone: 888 665 9956; email: customerservice@cibtvisas.ca

Residents of Germany:

Phone: 030 230949175; email: info@cibtvisas.de

Residents of Mexico: Phone: (52-55) 5282 0020;
email: customerservice@cibtvisas.com.mx

Residents of the Netherlands:

Phone: 070 315 0201; email: info@cibtvisas.nl

Residents of Switzerland: Phone: +41 (0) 31 313 20 20 or
+41 (0) 22 884 18 70; email: info@visacentral.ch

Residents of the United Kingdom: Phone: 0800-1218239;
email: specialservices@cibtvisas.co.uk

Residents of the United States: Phone: 866 788 1100;
email: customerservice@visacentral.com

You are also welcome to engage your own choice of visa service.

Cancellation of Signature Collection Arrangements

There is no penalty for canceling most pre-booked tours; however, if you cancel a Signature Collection private vehicle tour, a 100% cancellation fee will apply since transportation and services will have already been arranged.

Cancellation of Overland Adventures and Overnights

The cancellation policy for Overland Adventures and Overnights is (unless noted otherwise in the tour description):

- 30 - 60 days before tour date: 25%
- 14 - 29 days before tour date: 50%
- Within 14 days: Non-Refundable

Please note that the Cancellation Protection Plan covers pre-booked tours, including Overland Adventures and Overnights, if cancellation is made up to 24 hours prior to commencement of cruise. Tours cancelled within 24 hours prior to commencement of cruising or while on board are not covered by the Cancellation Protection Plan and are subject to the above penalties. In the event a complete tour is cancelled by Holland America Line or the tour operator, pre-booked refunds will be handled on board. Very shortly after each booking deadline/cancellation date, e-mails are sent from the ship to the agencies concerned, informing them of our definite requirements for meals, seats on aircraft, number of automobiles and motorcoaches, etc., and commitments are made. If notice of cancellation is received after the booking deadline/cancellation date, a refund can be assured only if the ticket is resold. Guests are encouraged to pre-purchase tours. We recommend speaking with the Shore Excursions Manager on board if you have any questions about your physical ability to take part in any tour. Should you opt not to take the tour following this discussion, full reimbursement will be made provided the cancellation is made within 24 hours of boarding the ship. For Overland Adventures and Overnights, due to the in-depth nature of the adventures, most areas are not accessible to wheelchairs and require a considerable amount of activity.



Scooters

Depending on the port, the tour operator(s) may impose weight restrictions for electric scooters and/or additional charges may apply.

General Conditions

Shore Excursions, Overland Adventures and Overnights are “Non-Holland America Line Services” for the purposes of your Cruise Contract. This means that tours are not owned or operated by Holland America Line. Refer to your Cruise Contract for a full statement of your rights and obligations as well as those of the Owner of the Ship, Holland America Line Inc. and certain other persons and entities with respect to Non-Holland America Line Services. In particular, please note that you are assuming the entire risk of utilizing Non-Holland America Line Services subject only to whatever terms or arrangements are made by you or on your behalf with the third party furnishing the Non-Holland America Line Services. Holland America Line does not assume liability for injuries or damages that occur during or as a result of Shore Excursions, Overland Adventures and Overnights, nor is Holland America Line liable for loss of or damage to any baggage or other property which occurs ashore, for any reason whatsoever. Tours are subject to cancellations or changes. Tour operators reserve the right to deny participation to guests based on such criteria as they may establish. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult aged 21 years or older.

