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A word from our consultants



Welcome to our winter edition of *Inspirations*.

We're excited to bring you a new range of great holiday ideas. You could say that travel is part of our DNA and I'm sure you'll see that passion reflected throughout this edition.

As the winter months have well and truly settled in, you're no doubt exactly like us and thinking ahead to your next break away so we've compiled a selection of our favourite escapes we hope you'll like.

Whether it be an escape across the ditch to Queensland or further to Bali and beyond we've got a unique range of accommodation options for you. If you fancy a holiday with a bit more variety, perhaps take a look at our cruise options or touring holidays which offer multiple sights and destinations at ease.

It's been a busy time for Travel Associates, we've opened two new stores in Wellington and Blenheim and thus expanded our team and global network. With so much excitement and plans for the future we thank you for your ongoing support and loyalty.

It's an exciting year of travel ahead and we're thrilled to share our ideas with you. As always, we look forward to hearing from you and discussing your future travel plans.



Ashleigh Teixeira
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JUST Landed

TRAVEL NEWS
AND OTHER CARRY ON



TOP PICKS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

TripAdvisor have released the "top islands in the South Pacific". According to the Travellers Choice list Bora Bora, of Tahiti's French Polynensia was number one, followed by the Cook Islands' Aitutaki, Fiji's Taveuni Island and Viti Levu as third and fourth, with French Polynesia's Moorea rounding out the top five. Included were 'don't miss' attractions including Shark Bay in Bora Bora, Aitutaki Lagoon, Taveuni Ocean Sports, Paradise Beach in Vity Levu and Moorea's Lagoonarium.suites.

DREAMLINER TO FIJI

Air New Zealand will introduce their Dreamliner aircraft from late November, flying its Auckland to Nadi route. The aircraft will operate Sat and Sun as well as additional services Tue, Wed and Fri during peak travel periods.





Fastest way to the Midwest

Air New Zealand have announced the addition of Auckland Houston to its ever expanding network. Launching services from mid-December, the route will be the fastest way for Kiwi's to visit America's East Coast and Midwest including New York and Chicago. The new route will be serviced by a refitted 777-200 up to five times a week.

Mapping Made Easy

A NEW INTERACTIVE MAP LINKED TO INSTAGRAM AND GOOGLE MAPS HAS BEEN RELEASED BY **BRAND USA**. THE MAP ALLOWS VISITORS TO ACCESS POINTS OF INTEREST, RELEVANT PHOTOS AND TRAVEL ARTICLES AS WELL AS INFORMATION ABOUT ATTRACTIONS, DESTINATIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS.

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A new leaf in culinary service for Rocky Mountaineer

To celebrate **Rocky Mountaineer's** 25th anniversary, the company has enhanced its SilverLeaf service. The train's Michelin-starred executive chefs continue to draw inspiration from local ingredients, and will now include seat-side service for passengers to enjoy meals in the comfort of their seats as well as a boosted range of free drinks including wine, beer and spirits, house-made gourmet snacks and the ability to customise their order size depending on the size of their appetite. SilverLeaf Service is available on itineraries to the West, Journey Through the Clouds and Coastal Passages.

SOLSTICE RETURNS FOR A FIFTH SEASON

The luxurious **Celebrity Solstice** is set to return to Australia and New Zealand waters for a fifth season in 2016/17.

The extended season will feature a range of 7-18 night cruises visiting 35 ports of call in 10 countries. New for 2016/17 will be a 12-night Queensland sailing that includes an overnight stop in Cairns.



Circumnavigate South America with Princess

Princess Cruises have announced their plans to sail their first circumnavigation of South America from Auckland in 2017. The 76 night Circle South America cruise on the Sea Princess will visit 26 ports across 17 countries including; Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador and Uruguay.





SINGAPORE AIRLINES APP

Singapore Airlines have launched a new mobile app for both Apple and Android smartphones as well as the Apple watch.

The app includes the most relevant information about your upcoming trips, booking details and your Krisflyer membership details.

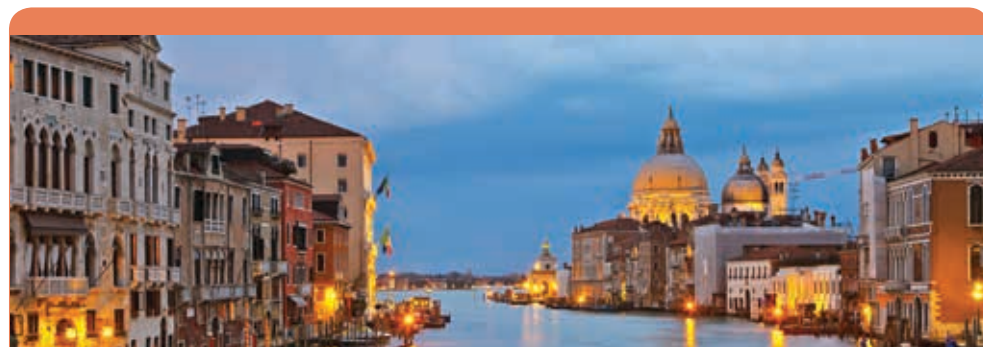
50 years of The Sound of Music

Cinematic history, The Sound of Music is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Joining the celebrations is the Austrian city of **Salzburg**, home to the iconic film. The city will be hosting a series of activities including guided tours in the former home of the von Trapp family, theatre events and a choir festival. **Princess Cruises** are also joining the celebrations by screening the movie on every sailing this year including sing-alongs, trivia games and themed movie experiences.



Frozen Disney Cruise

Disney Cruise Lines are bringing Frozen on board. Passengers aboard **Disney Magic** and **Disney Wonder** summertime voyages in Alaska and Northern Europe will awake one morning to discover a magical freeze has overtaken complete with sparkling icicles, hugs from Olaf, scavenger hunts and enjoy themed dining experience that evening.



VENETIAN ST. REGIS UNMASKED

St. Regis Hotels & Resorts has announced **The St. Regis Venice San Clemente Palace** has reopened earlier this year in April. The meticulous year-long renovation will restore the building's historic character that references its past as a monastery, military outpost and guest home for Venetian nobility from the 12th to 17th century. Now, the building will be a luxurious base for visitors to the city with the hotel set to feature a curated wine cellar, the bespoke St. Regis Butler Service, a spa, outdoor swimming pool and 191 luxurious rooms and suites. In St. Regis tradition, the hotel will serve a signature Bloody Mary inspired by its Venetian destination, following in the footsteps of the cocktail's invention over 80 years ago at the brand's iconic King Cole Bar in New York.

SEABOURN REVEALS NAMES OF NEWEST SHIPS

SMALL-SHIP CRUISE LINE SEABOURN HAS REVEALED THE NAMES OF ITS TWO NEWEST SHIPS, **SEABOURN ENCORE** AND **SEABOURN OVATION**. BOTH ARE ULTRA-LUXURY VESSELS AND WILL BE AMONG THE LARGEST IN THE SEABOURN FLEET, WITH CAPACITY FOR MORE THAN 600 PASSENGERS EACH. THEY WILL FEATURE ONE ADDITIONAL DECK TO SEABOURN'S ODYSSEY, SOJOURN AND QUEST, ALLOWING FOR LARGER PUBLIC AREAS AND ALL SUITES WILL FEATURE PRIVATE VERANDAHs. *ENCORE* IS EXPECTED TO LAUNCH IN LATE 2016 WHILE *OVATION* IS SCHEDULED FOR 2018.



New haute couture hotel for New York

Recently opened in March is New York's newest luxury hotel, the highly anticipated **Baccarat Hotel**.

The 114-room hotel is located on Fifth Avenue in Midtown Manhattan neighbouring MoMA and boasts Parisian-designed interiors, a French brasserie helmed by Michelin-starred chef Shea Gallante and America's first La Mer spa. Set to be a hit with guests and cocktail-seeking locals exiting MoMA is The Bar, an elegant lounge that pay homage to great American long bars of decades past and glamorous French ballrooms. If that isn't enough, guests can take a chauffeured ridearound Manhattan in the hotel's vintage Citroen DS.



Luxury Queensland getaways

Think of Australia and its long list of iconic landmarks and there's a good chance that many, if not most will be found in Queensland.

From the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef or the lush Daintree Rainforest to the myriad of sparkling beaches and idyllic islands (think the Whitsundays), the Sunshine State, with its year round tropical weather is one of the world's most beguiling destinations.

Nearly three million of Queensland's five million residents live in Brisbane, the bustling yet laid-back capital. Known as the 'River City' for the winding river that meanders its way through the enticing metropolis, Brisbane offers a mix of world-class hotels, shopping and restaurants, a vibrant arts scene and plenty of areas in which to enjoy the gorgeous sunshine.

Just one hour south, the Gold Coast can best be described as Australia's entertainment capital. With its theme parks, beaches and lush rainforest hinterland, the options for a fun-filled holiday are endless.

Heading north from Brisbane, you'll find one of Queensland's favourite weekend getaways, the Sunshine Coast. This welcoming region boasts sleepy beachside towns and lovely hinterland hamlets where everything from wineries, cheese shops and quaint cafes can be found on quiet country streets and rainforest walks reveal cascading waterfalls and impressive scenic lookouts.

Continue up the coast to the stunning Whitsunday Islands. A Queensland holiday wouldn't be complete without experiencing the iconic Great Barrier Reef. Book a day trip to one of the many colourful reefs and be dazzled by the brilliantly coloured fish darting among the corals.

With all Queensland has to offer, the holiday possibilities are endless. From big city sights to holiday havens at the beach, the rainforest or the outback, the state will leave you enraptured.

ONE&ONLY HAYMAN ISLAND

The Whitsunday Islands have a magical appeal. Set in the Coral Sea, these alluring tropical islands off the Queensland coast are among the most celebrated destinations in the world, thanks to their location at the heart of the Great Barrier Reef.

From its elegantly appointed rooms and upscale facilities to the finest dining offerings, One&Only Hayman Island is a one-of-a-kind Whitsunday experience. Blending seamlessly with the rich, natural beauty of one of Australia's most breathtaking islands, there is certainly no better place to kick off a memorable Great Barrier Reef holiday.

The elegant interiors, design elements and landscape architecture were developed by the same award-winning Australian designers that introduced the world to the luxury brand's famous properties in the Maldives and Dubai.

The resort has undergone a complete transformation and offers re-imagined resort living with beautifully appointed, ultra-luxury guest rooms, suites, villas and penthouses. One&Only Hayman Island has been transformed into an island oasis. Set against a

backdrop of its very own two-kilometre-long white sand beach, the hideaway features enticing pool areas complete with private cabanas, plush day beds and lounge chairs. Families and couples alike should find ample space for fun and relaxation. The resort features the iconic One&Only Hayman Pool, as well as the brand new Aquazure Pool.

Those who prefer a bit of pampering can enjoy a massage at the One&Only Spa and a full range of beauty treatments at the hair and beauty salon.

Not to be overlooked, the resort's restaurants and bars have also been completely transformed with stylish new interiors. Complementing the smart new look are an enticing array of drinks and fresh cuisine.

Stay 4 nights in a Hayman Lagoon Room with breakfast daily, use of non-motorised watercraft such as catamarans, windsurfers and paddle skis, use of squash and tennis courts, table tennis, golf putting green and One&Only Fitness Centre featuring Bodyism.

Prices start from \$1589*pp for 4 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Jun to 24 Aug and 1 Sep to 18 Dec 15.





qualia

Situated at the edge of the Great Barrier Reef, qualia has pride of place in the most pristine and secluded position on the island.

It's a truly special place where everything has been meticulously considered to relax the mind yet completely spoil the senses. This world-class resort immerses you in a tranquil atmosphere, offering personalised and intuitive service.

qualia's sun-drenched northern aspect provides the ideal location to appreciate the passing beauty of each day, with a choice of 60 individual pavilions, some incorporating private plunge pools. Or, experience the uncompromising luxury and privacy of the Beach House with its own guest pavilion.

Inside qualia, feel time unravel however you choose. Facilities include two serene pools, a library, private dining room, two bars and restaurants and a fitness centre. And for a truly memorable

experience step inside Spa qualia, which offers an extensive range of luxurious local and international treatments. Guests also have their own two-seater golf buggy, allowing the rest of the island to be explored at a leisurely pace.

Your 5-star stay includes 4 nights in a Leeward Pavilion with breakfast daily, all non-alcoholic drinks and return VIP transfers from Hamilton Island Airport or Marina. Also included are use of non-motorised watercraft, a 2-seater electric golf buggy and VIP chauffeur service around Hamilton Island.

Prices start from \$2089*pp for 4 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Jun to 22 Dec 15.



Sheraton Mirage Resort and Spa Gold Coast

Set among sparkling lagoons and tropical gardens, the newly refurbished Sheraton Mirage is the only 5-star absolute beachfront Gold Coast resort.

The hotel features an award-winning restaurant and bars, a fully serviced gym, day spa, tennis courts and heated resort pool. Large guest rooms offer views of the resort gardens, surrounding sparkling blue lagoons or the rolling surf. Conveniently set at the northern end of the Gold Coast, just a five-minute drive from Surfers Paradise and steps away from an array of dining and shopping options. Numerous local attractions are just minutes away, making the location as convenient as it is beautiful.

Stay 4 nights in a Spa Studio Room including return Coolangatta Airport transfers.

As a bonus, this stay includes 1 free night.

Prices start from \$565*pp for 4 nights.

*Valid for travel 6 Apr to 9 Sep and 5 Oct to 24 Dec 15.



Peppers Beach Club Port Douglas

Peppers Beach Club Port Douglas is ideally located a short walk from the famous Four Mile Beach and renowned bar and restaurant scene of Port Douglas offering the best of both worlds.

Nestled between the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest, the resort is an idyllic base from which to explore the natural wonders of Tropical North Queensland. Relax and unwind with the calming water features, elegant open-air design and lush tropical gardens. Offering a range of suites, you have the added option of private plunge pools and BBQ's, allowing you to spend your days exploring the World Heritage listed reef followed by a cozy quiet night in.

Your 5-star stay includes 4 nights in a One Bedroom Suite including complimentary in room movies and up to 500mb Wifi.

Prices start from \$785*pp for 4 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Jun 15 to 31 Mar 16.



Oceans Mooloolaba, Sunshine Coast

Oceans Mooloolaba is the only AAA-rated, 5-star resort offering an exclusive collection of 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom suites and penthouses all with stunning views.

Located on Mooloolaba Esplanade adjacent to the beach, the property boasts unsurpassed ocean views to the north and east and is surrounded by over 30 alfresco dining options plus boutique shopping. Apartments feature modern furnishings and Nespresso coffee machines and are serviced daily, while the resort offers a 25-metre heated lap pool and spa, a steam room, gym and private movie theatre.

Your 5-star stay includes 3 nights in a 2 Bedroom Suite with 4 days car hire[^].

Prices start from \$999*pp for 3 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Jun to 17 Dec 15. [^]Hertz Toyota Camry or similar. Pick-up/drop-off Brisbane Airport. conditions apply.

Africa

LIFE'S ULTIMATE ADVENTURE

Join Adventure World in discovering the breathtaking continent of Africa. Immerse yourself in the kaleidoscope of preserved tribes and cultures, view game in the diverse and captivating natural landscapes and stay in luxury tents. Adventure World offers a treat for the senses.

Classic Kenya Safari

The diverse regions of Kenya offer an array of extraordinary game viewing opportunities, coupled with brilliant insights into the Masai culture.

Venture from Nairobi for the Mara in a customised safari mini-bus where you'll meet the locals and experience the Masai culture on a visit to a local village. Drive across the Great Rift Valley to explore the stunning Lake Nakuru National Park, known as the best place in Kenya to view Black and White Rhino's, in addition to an array of water birds, Flamingo's and Buffaloes. Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Navaisha and the best views of iconic Mount Kilimanjaro from Amboseli National Park.

Your 7 day Adventure World Classic Kenya Safari includes 6 nights 4-star accommodation with many meals, transport by customised safari mini bus, English speaking driver/guide and scheduled game activities and park fees.

Prices start from \$3185*pp for 6 nights.

*Valid for travel Mon, Thu & Sat, 26 Jun to 15 Dec 15.

Handpicked Kenya & Tanzania

The ultimate safari areas, Kenya and Tanzania offer excellent game drives with Mt Kilimanjaro as your backdrop.

From the open plains of the Masai Mara, the swamps of Amboseli and the Serengeti, you'll explore some of Africa's most diverse scenery. Making your way from Kenya to Tanzania enjoy safari's and the opportunity to view game across the Serengeti Plains. Explore the Ngorongoro Crater the world's largest natural wildlife zoo, a wildlife experience not to be missed. End your safari by soaking up the culture and sun on the exotic spice island of Zanzibar.

Your 16 day Adventure World Handpicked Kenya & Tanzania tour includes 15 nights 4-star hotel accommodation with many meals, transport by 4WD safari vehicle, English speaking driver/guide and scheduled game activities and park fees.

Prices start from \$7845*pp for 15 nights.

*Valid for travel Mon, Thu & Sat, 01 Nov to 03 Dec 15.

Wilderness Tented Safari

Experience wildlife parks on an authentic camping safari, stay in exclusive eco-friendly camps by night and view wildlife on game drives or escorted walks by day.

Africa is as much about its people as it is the wildlife and scenery. On this adventure you have opportunities including an escorted walk by Masai warriors to a local village in the Amboseli National Park. Experience nature at its best by spending the nights staying in private wilderness conservancies in exclusive tented safari camps complete with en-suite bathrooms and solar power, and your days on game drives viewing the best Africa has to offer.

Your 8 day Adventure World Wilderness Tented Safari journey includes 7 nights 4 ½-star camping accommodation with all meals included and majority of beverages, 4WD safari vehicle, flights to Nanyuki and Nairobi, English speaking driver/guide and scheduled game activities and park fees.

Prices start from \$5405*pp for 7 nights.

*Valid for travel daily, 01 Nov to 08 Dec 15.



PACK LIKE A PRO

Conventional wisdom states travellers should take half the clothing and twice the amount of money on an overseas trip. To make the most of your valuable suitcase space, travel in style and still leave room for holiday purchases. Here are our pro packing tips.

Make sure you have the essentials in your hand luggage: a valid passport, visas, travel insurance, photocopies of any travel documents (or scan them into a mobile app such as Evernote), your itinerary and tickets (these can also be scanned into Evernote or Triplt), a mobile phone and a pen to complete immigration forms.

Consider making a packing checklist to ensure you do not forget anything, and hold onto this list in case your bags are lost and you need to itemise what you packed for insurance purposes. A mobile app like Packing Pro can also allow you customise packing lists and add reminders.

To maximise the space in your suitcase, roll your clothes. Not only will this ensure you have more room but your garments will also have less wrinkles. Another pro tip is to fold

similar items together to avoid creases, such as two pairs of pants or skirts.

When packing for your holiday destination, consider choosing items that are easy to pair with other clothes that can be worn in different ways and don't require ironing. For women, dresses are a good inclusion as they are easy to wear during the day and then can be dressed up at night. For men, a wrinkle-free pair of chinos or jeans will also do double-duty for day and night.

Wear your bulkiest items on the flight. Not only will this keep you warm while flying, you will also save space in your luggage by wearing your heaviest or most cumbersome clothing.

Only bring the shoes you will need to avoid unnecessary bulk and weight in your suitcase. And use the space in your closed-toe shoes to roll underwear or socks to avoid shoes getting crushed and also to create more room in your luggage.

Likewise, opt for travel-size or samples of your skincare and beauty products to minimise the amount you are carrying and avoid any messy mishaps mid-flight. Remember not to pack any liquids, aerosols or gels over 100 millilitres in your cabin baggage, and store any items of this nature in a transparent, resealable bag.

Make the most of your cabin baggage allowance and pack a change of clothes, toiletries, medications and any valuables in your carry-on, just in case your luggage is lost or delayed. Most international airlines will allow you to carry between seven to 10 kilograms in your cabin baggage on an economy flight.

Spread any books or documents throughout your luggage to ensure an even distribution of weight, or consider going paper-free by bringing an iPad or e-book reader preloaded with reading material.

If you are travelling with multiple gadgets, take a powerboard to charge your appliances as there is usually only one electrical outlet in hotels or cabins, as well as an electrical converter and adapter for the country or region you are travelling in. Bring extra batteries for any battery-powered items.



PEREGRINE TRAVEL YOUR WAY

Peregrine has a new range of journeys and experiences aimed at people who wouldn't normally consider travelling with a tour company – independent travellers.

While Peregrine believes that travelling with a small, like-minded group only adds to a holiday experience, it also recognises that some people may prefer to travel with just their friend or partner.

To accommodate those who are inspired by Peregrine's range of tours but seek a more independent travel experience, Peregrine has chosen a selection of its most sought-after trips and re-imagined them as Independent Journeys for just two passengers. While the itinerary itself remains the same, you will travel independently and be met by a specialist Peregrine guide in each destination. This ensures that you can enjoy the benefits of their vast travel experience and accomplished local guides, but with the freedom and intimacy of a private tour.

The new range of Independent Journeys will include Turkey, Morocco, India, Vietnam and other destinations from Peregrine's range. With 3- to 4-star accommodation and many inclusions, most Independent Journeys will offer daily departures.

Independent Experiences are new two- to five-day packages based in key cities ranging from Luxor to Luang Prabang and Lima. Designed to link up with one of 90 other Independent Experiences, an Independent Journey or even a scheduled Peregrine departure, Independent Experiences enable travellers to almost tailor-make an itinerary to suit them – but avoid the costs associated with booking an individually designed itinerary.

"We often speak to travellers who love the idea of the off-the-beaten track, responsible, local experiences that Peregrine offers – but just can't handle the idea of travelling on a group trip," says Steve Wroe, Peregrine's General Manager – Marketing. "The new range of independent trips means travellers can save money by booking set itineraries, have the assurance of booking through a leading travel company steeped with heritage – but still get a truly local experience from our network of local operators."



Treasures of Turkey

From the cosmopolitan delights of Istanbul to the Roman remains of Ephesus, you'll discover a country of fascinating contrasts.

Visit the iconic Blue Mosque in Istanbul, explore the dozens of fascinating Byzantine cave chapels in Cappadocia and see the magical and spectacular natural phenomenon 'Cotton Castle' in Pamukkale.

The more you see of Turkey, the more you realise you have yet to see. You'll cover a lot of ground in 15 days but still have plenty of time to stroll, shop and relax with a pot of apple tea.

Highlights include Istanbul, Ankara, Cappadocia, Goreme, Antalya, Kas, Pamukkale, Ephesus, Troy and Gallipoli.

Your 15-day Peregrine tour includes 14 nights in hotels, breakfast daily, all transport and sightseeing and local guides in each location. Also included are a boat cruise on the Turquoise Coast with lunch and a visit to the battlefields of Gallipoli.

Prices start from \$3212*pp for 14 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Jun to 31 Dec 15.



Morocco Explorer

At the crossroads of Africa, Europe and the Middle East, Morocco is an intoxicating fusion of cultures.

Morocco tends to evoke images of sultry souks filled with hand-woven rugs, honey-drenched sweets and gold trinkets, with the pungent aroma of spices and shisha smoke heavy on the air and the discordant but enchanting call to prayer echoing off ochre sandstone.

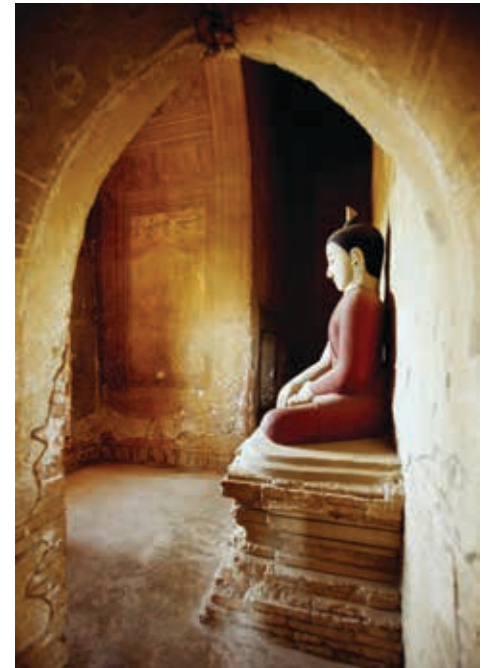
On this trip you'll discover the charming streets of old medina's where you're guaranteed a sensory overload with the vibrant colours, spiced aromas and taste of 1001 Moroccan treats!

Highlights include Casablanca, Rabat, Meknes, Fes, Merzouga, Dades Valley, M'goun Valley and Marrakech.

Your 13-day Peregrine tour includes 9 nights in hotels, 2 nights in a mountain guesthouse, 1 night in a desert camp and breakfast daily, all transport and sightseeing and local guides in each location.

Prices start from \$3520*pp for 12 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Jun to 31 Dec 15.



Burma Unveiled

The glories of this ancient land (now known as Myanmar) are revealed to travellers in this landmark journey.

Travelling by road, by air and on water, discover why this country is often dubbed the 'Golden Land'.

Start your journey in Rangoon, a city crowned by the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda, then fly to Mandalay, before cruising on the Irrawaddy River down to the fabled 11th century capital, Bagan. The Inle Lake region exudes tranquillity and enables you to sample the hospitality of the Shan people, one of many groups that contribute to the ethnic diversity of this colourful country.

Highlights include Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and Inle Lake.

Your 12-day Peregrine tour includes 11 nights in hotels, breakfast daily, transport including local flights, sightseeing and local guides in each location. Also included are a boat trip to Mingun to see the world's largest pagoda and unbroken bell and a traditional Shan dinner.

Prices start from \$4450*pp for 11 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Jun to 31 Dec 15.



Uluwatu, Bali

A touch of bliss

Bali is one of the world's most popular holiday destinations thanks to its enchanting culture and beautiful landscape.

Bali is a rich tapestry of rice paddies, surf, soaring volcanoes, forest treks, buzzing nightlife, festivals and spiritual ceremonies. It's also known for its beautiful resorts, 5-star hotels and private villas. Better yet, this is a place where luxury and value for money go hand-in-hand, where rates for upscale accommodation are a fraction of the cost of similar properties in Australia.

World-class accommodation can be found throughout Bali, from the resorts of Nusa Dua and the island's extensive coastal areas to private villas and guesthouses in the North and in the lush interior. No matter the location or accommodation style, the choices are endless.

Uluwatu

Fringed by secluded stretches of white sand beaches and massive clifftops, the panoramic scene offers a stunning coastal escape. Hidden caves and lost caverns add to the air of mystery, bringing with them a sense of exotic discovery. Long a favourite destination for surfers and beachgoers who are looking for the more robust wave, Uluwatu blends style, nature and adventure in one fascinating location.

Nusa Dua

Nusa Dua is centred mostly around its 5-star resorts, which are all located near the Bali Golf and Country Club. With a thriving but sophisticated beach scene, there are plenty of outdoor activities to enjoy. Whether its golf, tennis and beachside water sports or just taking a relaxing dip in your resort's inviting pool, there are many fun-filled activities to invigorate and enliven the senses. Expect a bit of pampering too when visiting Nusa Dua as you relax with a beachside massage or laze in the sun on a palm-fringed beach.

Jimbaran Bay

No matter what kind of holiday you're looking for, you're sure to find it in Jimbaran Bay. Relax poolside at your private villa or elegant resort, enjoy the gentle breeze and hypnotic tides along the beach; and if you still have the energy, hit the town and enjoy the evening's restaurant and nightclub scene. With such an engaging mixture of things to see and do, Jimbaran Bay is a destination where everyone can live out their holiday dreams in contented bliss.



Grand Nikko Bali, Nusa Dua

Experience a world of personal hospitality at the Grand Nikko Bali.

This 5-star resort hotel offers stunning views of the Indian Ocean from its position atop a 40-metre cliff. Traditional Balinese warmth combined with attentive service makes it the ideal choice for a serene getaway. Savour fresh and flavourful cuisine amid beautiful surroundings at four restaurants, two bars and an amphitheatre.

Your 5-star stay includes 7 nights in a 1 Bedroom Garden Pool Villa with breakfast, afternoon tea and 24-hour refreshments at the Villa Lounge including tea, coffee, juice, soft drinks, non-alcoholic drinks, cookies and fruit daily as well as evening cocktails, 1 free minibar[^] and 24-hour butler service.

As a bonus, this stay includes 2 free nights, a themed dinner buffet for 2, a fresh fruit platter in villa on arrival.

Prices start from \$2799*pp for 7 nights.

*Valid for travel 17 Jul to 15 Oct and 25 Oct to 14 Dec 15. Sales until 30 Jun 15. [^]On selected beverages, 1st set up only.

Four Seasons Resorts Bali at Jimbaran Bay

An expansive and elegant private Balinese villa awaits – with separate sleeping, bathing and living pavilions and ocean views from your plunge pool.

The resort also boasts an Indonesian spa and dramatic hilltop and oceanside dining, all immersed in the mystique of this spiritual island.

Tour Besakih, the mother temple of Bali. Located over 300 metres up the volcanic slope of Mount Agung, the island's largest mountain. It is Bali's largest temple comprising 23 separate but related individual temples. The backdrop is impressive and if the mist rolls in you may feel as if you are in a heaven in the clouds. Otherwise the spectacular views extend down to the sea and are not to be missed.

Stay 3 nights at the 5-star Four Seasons Resorts Bali at Jimbaran Bay in an Ocean View 1 Bedroom Villa with breakfast daily and return private airport transfers included as well as a Besakih Mother Temple Tour.

As a bonus, this stay includes 1 free night.

Prices start from \$1669*pp for 3 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Sep to 23 Dec 15.



Alila Villas Uluwatu

Poised on an elevated plateau, the view from the Alila Villas Uluwatu is nothing less than picture-perfect.

Surrender yourself to the enchantment of Bali's beauty and serenity in the luxury of flawless perfection. Rediscover the joy of pure relaxation in unparalleled comfort and space in the exquisitely designed Bali luxury villas, each with private pool and personal butler.

Indulge your senses in restaurants offering culinary excellence, chill out with a cocktail in the clifftop Cabana Lounge, languish in the tranquility of Spa Alila or the 50m Infinity Pool and explore the rugged beauty of the Bukit peninsula – an awesome destination experience.

Your 5-star stay includes 7 nights in a 1 Bedroom Pool Villa with breakfast daily and return private airport transfers.

As a bonus, receive free WiFi and exclusive welcome pack including beach bag and his and hers hats.

Prices start from \$2569*pp for 7 nights.

*Valid for travel 26 Sep to 19 Oct and 25 Oct to 19 Dec 15.

The many faces of Europe

Experience some of Europe's most sought after destinations in unrivalled luxury, elegance and style on an Insight Vacations tour through this fascinating region steeped in history.



Country Roads of Ireland

Experience one of the world's most enchanting and culturally rich routes as you circumnavigate the Emerald Isle.

Along the way you'll encounter ruined castles, quiet lakes, natural wonders and some legendary characters. Venture into a world of lush lakelands and remote villages, as you tour the magical Ring of Kerry and look out over the Wild Atlantic Way from the majestic Cliffs of Moher. Visit Kylemore Abbey, one of Ireland's most romantic buildings and learn about the towering basalt columns at the Giant's Causeway.

Highlights include Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Limerick, Galway, Londonderry, Ballygally, Belfast and much more.

Your Insight Vacations tour includes 11 nights in premium central hotels, many meals including breakfast daily, transport by luxury coach with extra legroom, sightseeing and a tour leader.

Prices start from \$3295*pp for 11 nights.

*Valid for departures 3 Oct to 5 Oct 15. Ask us about other departures.



Country Roads of Croatia

Discover the pristine landscape, picturesque islands and sun-dappled seas of Croatia, where fortified towns of cobblestone and terracotta echo a time when Venice ruled the waves.

Spend a day discovering the 'Jewels of Istria' – a Byzantine masterpiece of glittering mosaics, marvel at the water wonderland of Plitvice National Park and explore the Roman emperor Diocletian's palace in Split. Stop at a cellar to taste the celebrated wine in Peljesac and indulge in a gastronomic dinner at a Dalmatian restaurant in Dubrovnik.

Highlights include Zagreb, Opatija, Plitvice, Split, Brac, Korcula, Dubrovnik and more.

Your Insight Vacations tour includes 13 nights in premium central hotels, many meals including breakfast daily, transport by luxury coach with extra legroom, sightseeing and a tour leader.

Prices start from \$4050*pp for 13 nights.

*Valid for departures 26 Sep to 3 Oct 15. Ask us about other departures.



Treasures of Italy

Visit historic cities, idyllic fishing villages, islands, lakes, canals and gaze upon a wealth of art and heritage buildings.

Admire the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel, see the former epicentre of ancient Rome and visit the Colosseum. Stand in awe beside Michelangelo's monumental *Statue of David* in Florence and take a short boat cruise to visit the villages of Cinque Terre. Get a taste of the 'sweet life' in the elegant fishing village of Portofino and enjoy a gondola serenade through the canals before a Celebration Dinner in the heart of historic Venice.

Highlights include Rome, Capri, Florence, Santa Margherita, Italian Lakes and Venice.

Your Insight Vacations tour includes 10 nights in premium central hotels, many meals including breakfast daily, transport by luxury coach with extra legroom, sightseeing and a tour leader.

Prices start from \$4235* pp for 10 nights.

*Valid for departures 20 July to 22 Aug 15. Ask us about other departures.



Country Roads of France

Leafy vineyards, majestic mountains, Riviera sunshine, Roman remains and fortified towns combine with great food and wine for an engaging 'Tour de France'.

Taste one of the most famous white wines in the world in Chablis and stop to sample the local cheese at Rocamadour. Drive along one of the scenic corniche roads for a walk through the old streets of Monaco to see the palace and follow in the footsteps of Van Gogh in the old Provencal town of Arles. Visit monuments, museums and buildings and cruise under centuries-old bridges on a Seine River cruise in the heart of Paris.

Highlights include Paris, Dijon, Nice, Grenoble, Chamonix, Avignon, Nimes, Albi, the Dordogne and more.

Your Insight Vacations tour includes 15 nights in premium central hotels, many meals including breakfast daily, transport by luxury coach with extra legroom, sightseeing and a tour leader.

Prices start from \$5425*pp for 15 nights.

*Valid for departures 20 Jun to 15 Aug 15. Ask us about other departures.

Spectacular Scandinavia & its Fjords

Revel in outstanding Scandinavian scenery as you cruise the glassy fjords and ride the Flam Railway. While in the cities you can soak up all the seafaring history.

Make the most of the long summer nights at the glittering Tivoli Gardens, the world-famous entertainment park in Copenhagen, full of fantasy, fun and charm. Journey on one of the world's steepest railways through tunnels that spiral in and out of the mountainside of the narrow Flam Valley. Stand beneath the scrolled prows and hand-cut hulls of 9th century ships that carried Viking nobles to the afterlife, and learn about their traditions and culture in Oslo.

Highlights include Copenhagen, Falun, Stockholm, Frederikshavn, Lillehammer, Geiranger, Sogndal, Bergen and Oslo.

Your Insight Vacations tour includes 14 nights in premium central hotels, many meals including breakfast daily, transport by luxury coach with extra legroom, sightseeing and a tour leader.

Prices start from \$5450*pp for 14 nights.

*Valid for departures 12 Jun to 31 Jul 15. Ask us about other departures.



Spanish Heritage

Uncover Spain's rich diversity on this epic Iberian adventure, exploring many independent regions each with their own culture, gastronomy and folklore.

Venture behind La Boqueria's grand iron entrance to a wonderful world of food in Barcelona. Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings with an expert art historian in the Prado Museum in Madrid. Join the local hordes of San Sebastian for a pilgrimage to pintxos, the world pinnacle of bar snacks.

Cross the Roman Bridge to the Mezquita and walk within its forest of horseshoe-shaped arches in Cordoba and stand testimony to the Alhambra Palace – a fantasy in stone, the ultimate in Muslim architecture in Granada.

Highlights include Barcelona, Valencia, Granada, Seville, Madrid, Oviedo, Santiago de Compostela, Santander, San Sebastian and much more.

Your Insight Vacations tour includes 17 nights in premium central hotels, many meals including breakfast daily, transport by luxury coach with extra legroom, sightseeing and a tour leader.

Prices start from \$5725*pp for 17 nights.

*Valid for departures 3 Oct to 17 Oct 15. Ask us about other departures.

Best stopover airports

The world's top international airports now offer so much more than just duty-free shopping and food court dining options. Whether you've got a long layover or a short transit, from butterfly gardens to yoga rooms, here are some of the amazing amenities and services available to travellers at some popular stopover spots around the globe.



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Incheon International Airport, Seoul
Singapore Airport Waiting Area

Singapore Changi Airport

More a mini city than an international aviation hub, Singapore's Changi Airport has deservedly been awarded the top spot in the Skytrax World Airport Awards for two years in a row. Stand-out facilities include free rest areas and napping nooks for a fee, an aviation gallery, interactive art areas including classes, free wi-fi and internet stations and a rooftop pool and Jacuzzi, while diversions such as the world's first airport butterfly garden, garden and nature trails, The Slide@T3 – the world's tallest slide in an airport and free movie theatres make waiting a walk in the park.

Incheon International Airport, Seoul

Showcasing Korean culture to the world, you can get an introduction to the traditional and modern aspects of the



Seoul lifestyle without even leaving the airport. Enjoy your time in transit with experience zones that include classical music performances, traditional handicrafts classes, the Cultural Museum of Korea and even a K-Pop store to entertain. Perfect your swing at the 18-hole putting course, get a panoramic view of the airport at the 51.5-metre-high Oseong Observatory, connect with the fast, free wi-fi, or get your skates on at the artificial ice-skating rink.

Munich Airport

Voted Europe's best airport at the 2014 Skytrax Awards, Munich Airport has plenty to keep travellers occupied during a layover, with multiple playgrounds and spas, 30 minutes free wi-fi access and an onsite casino and gaming arcade. For something a bit different, the Airbrau pub and brewery has a beer garden and home brews, there's a seasonal outdoor Christmas market complete with ice-skating rink, plus Germany's only 18-hole mini golf course. If you just want to retreat and recharge before your flight, try the Napcab sleeping cabins – small pods with beds, music and connectivity.

Hong Kong International Airport

As a popular stopover destination and one of the busiest airports in Asia, you would expect the amenities at Hong Kong International Airport to more than meet the needs of some 59.9 million passengers

annually. Some of the airport's stand-out features include the largest IMAX screen in Hong Kong – and the world's first in an airport, which can seat 350 people and shows both 2D and 3D movies; an outdoor nine-hole regulation golf course including a signature hole on an island in the middle of an artificial lake; the Aviation Discovery Centre; art and culture exhibitions and free wi-fi.

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol

While there are plenty of aviation-themed and cultural museums in airports, Schiphol boasts the world's first art museum in an airport past passport control. A satellite of its renowned namesake, Rijksmuseum Amsterdam Schiphol Airport is free to enter and hosts up to three new exhibitions annually drawing from the greater Rijksmuseum collection and showcasing old masters and new artists. Reflect in the Silence Centre – a multi-faith meditation centre, hole up in the designer cabins within Hotel Yotel, or use the digital stations at the free Airport Library – another world first.

San Francisco International Airport

A gateway to Silicon Valley and famous as the birthplace of America's counter-culture movement in the 1960s, San Francisco was always going to do things a little differently. Voted one of the top five airports in North America in the 2014 Skytrax Awards, SFO's latest innovation is the world's first yoga room at an airport, as well as a meditation centre, spas and the Wag Brigade trained therapy dogs with 'Pet Me' vests. How could you resist? There's also the Aviation Museum and Library, a few kids areas, SFO Museum and San Francisco Arts Commission art exhibits, plus unlimited free wi-fi.

London Heathrow Airport

One of the world's busiest international airports, with 72.3 million passengers last year, Heathrow provides a most pleasant transit. Exclusive features include two restaurants created by Michelin-starred chefs: Heston Blumenthal's The Perfectionists' Cafe and Gordon Ramsey Plane Food; and an airport personal shopping lounge.



Experience South America in your own style

Plan your next extraordinary journey
with Adventure World.

Step into a land which seems to have been crafted from myth and legend as you explore verdant cloud shrouded mountains, cobbled streets lined with 16th century Spanish Haciendas and long forgotten Inca pyramids.

Experience the wonders of some of the continents coolest cities, wander the colourful neighbourhoods, explore wondrous jungles which teem with wildlife, discover white sand beaches and immerse yourself in the history of ancient civilisations.



Machu Picchu, Peru



Spanish Language & Peruvian Culture

Take your Spanish to the next level as you immerse yourself in the language, culture and traditions of the beautiful Peru.

Whether you're a beginner, advanced or simply inquisitive, Adventure World will get your Spanish juices flowing. Enjoy local cooking lessons with a Peruvian chef and shop for groceries at local markets. Take Spanish language classes, visit local artist communities and take in the sounds, smells and tastes of Peru on a treasure hunt. Enjoy the sunrise atop Machu Picchu and visit local villages and test your Spanish helping schoolchildren with their homework.

Your 14 day Adventure World tour includes 13 nights accommodation, many meals, all transfers, flight from Lima to Cuzco and all sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary with a local English speaking guide.

Prices start from \$5715*pp for 13 nights.

*Valid for travel 3 to 17 Oct 15. Valid for sale until 31 Jul 15.

Handpicked Argentina

Argentina is full of traditional, historical and natural wonders just waiting to be discovered on this comprehensive Adventure World journey.

From the tango halls of Buenos Aires to the glacier-carved landscapes of Patagonia, Argentina will be sure to seduce you with its captivating vistas and cosmopolitan cities.

Enjoy the romance of a tango dance lesson, learn to make authentic Argentine cuisine with an exclusive cooking experience and cruise in style among blue and white icebergs for views of impressive glaciers.

Your 12-day Adventure World Argentina Experience includes 3 nights in Buenos Aires, 2 nights at the Iguazu Falls, 3 nights at the Bariloche and 3 nights at El Calafate with some meals including breakfast daily, transport including local flights and semi-private sightseeing with a local guide.

Prices start from \$4255*pp for 11 nights.

*Valid for travel until 15 May to 15 Dec 15.



Rhythms of Brazil

From north to south, Brazil's unique attractions are ready to excite travellers from all walks of life on this all-encompassing journey.

A visit to Brazil means the discovery of a place touched with warm tropical sun and white sand beaches. Unique attractions are ready to amaze and excite.

See the highlights and contrasts of this vast country; from spectacular Rio de Janeiro to the splendour of Iguazu Falls and from the wilds of the Amazon to the mysterious culture of Salvador.

Your 11-day Adventure World Brazil Experience includes 3 nights in Rio de Janeiro, 2 nights at the Iguazu Falls, 3 nights in an Amazon Jungle Lodge and 2 nights in Salvador with breakfast daily and all main meals in the Amazon, transport including local flights and semi-private sightseeing with a local guide.

Prices start from \$3919*pp for 10 nights.

*Valid for travel 28 Sep to 15 Dec 15. Valid for sale until 30 Jul 15.





DISCOVER THE SHANGRI-LA DIFFERENCE

Inspired by the legendary land in the novel *Lost Horizon*, discover the serenity and service for which Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts is world renowned.

When thinking luxury hotels and resorts, one name springs to mind, Asia Pacific's leading luxury hotel group, Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts. First established in Singapore, the Shangri-La group was designed as a luxurious sanctuary for the discerning traveller and has now grown to a network of more than 90 properties throughout the Asia Pacific, North America, Middle East and Europe, with further developments underway including Mainland China, Cambodia and India.

The very name encapsulates the serenity and service for which the hotels and resorts are renowned. Shangri-La Hotels are designed as 5-star luxury located in premier city addresses, their mantra is to provide discerning travellers world class service

amidst tranquil surroundings, coupled with inspirational architecture and design, whilst offering the finest dining experiences.

Shangri-La Resorts offer travellers and families a relaxing stay in some of the world's most exotic destinations, a chance to renew, relax and immerse in nature's splendour. Guests can choose from a range of vibrant cultural experiences, recreational and rejuvenation activities amidst 5 star service and Asian hospitality.

With global recognitions that span years, the Shangri-La's world renowned properties and service make it a must stay.



Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa, Penang

Retreat from the world into a paradise of untold luxury nestled on a tropical beach among the timeless elegance of centuries-old rain trees.

Discover the capital of Penang, Georgetown, an interesting blend of the old and new. Stop at Fort Cornwallis, drive through the streets of Harmony, pass by the colourful Little India and bustling Chinatown and stop at the world's fourth largest reclining Buddha statue at Wat Chayamangkalaram.

Your 5-star stay includes 7 nights at Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa, Penang in a Rasa Deluxe Room with breakfast, afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapes daily, return private airport transfers and free wi-fi. Also included is an Explore Georgetown Tour.

Prices start from \$1969*pp for 7 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Jul to 30 Sep 15. A local council tax of MYR3.00 per room per night, is payable direct to the hotel upon arrival.



Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort, Kota Kinabalu

Enjoy all Sabah has to offer. Stay in a resort set in a nature reserve, revel in the beautiful vistas and enjoy a day at the world's largest orang utan sanctuary.

Enjoy a guided nature trek at Kinabalu Park before proceeding to Poring Hot Springs for an invigorating dip into its sulphur springs. Board a plane for Sandakan, one of Sabah's earliest settlements, where you can visit the Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary.

Your stay at the 5-star Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort, Kota Kinabalu includes 4 nights in a Deluxe Sea View Room with breakfast daily and return private airport transfers. Also included is a Sepilok Orang Utan Centre and Sandakan City Tour with an English-speaking guide and lunch.

Prices start from \$1049*pp for 4 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 to 13 Sep and 19 Sep to 30 Nov 15.



Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong

Whether you're looking for a restful retreat, spectacular sightseeing, cultural immersion, shopping spree or fabulous foods... Hong Kong has it all.

Ride on the Peak Tram to the world-famous Victoria Peak for a bird's-eye view of Victoria Harbour, the Kowloon Peninsula and Hong Kong Island. Shop at Stanley Market for designer wear, silk garments, rattan, brass objects and Chinese crafts. Then board a traditional Chinese sightseeing junk to Lei Yue Mun Seafood Village for a delicious Chinese dinner and glittering harbour views by night.

Stay 4 nights at the 5-star Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong in a Horizon Harbourview Room with breakfast, evening cocktails and canapes daily as well as return private airport transfers, a Hong Kong Island Tour and a Lei Yue Mun Seafood Village Dinner Cruise included.

Prices start from \$2655*pp for 4 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Jul to 6 Sep 15.



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THE EXPERTS IN SMALL GROUP TOURING

Featuring small groups, a maximum size of only 18 passengers; we travel at a leisurely pace with no early starts and take scenic Back-Roads not freeways. In addition we feature authentic local experiences, culinary experiences and stay in charming local accommodation. In summary it's the Back-Roads Difference.

With over 25 years' experience in small group and tailor-made tours across the UK and Europe, Back-Roads Touring is truly the original small group touring company. By limiting our group sizes to a maximum of 18 passengers (22 on our Charming Waterways programme), we are experts at providing a friendly, relaxed, and flexible form of touring.

In fact, our belief in the advantages of small group travel underpins everything that we do – from the type of vehicles that we use, to the places we visit, and the accommodation that we hand-select. In many ways, it couldn't be further from a typical coach touring experience.

Unlike conventional large coaches, our luxury mini-coaches can go almost anywhere a car can go. This means that a Back-Roads group can reach places that conventional coach touring groups can only dream of. Whether it is reaching the heart of medieval towns and villages, or enjoying the scenery along narrow, hedge-lined Cornish lanes, you can be assured that Back-Roads Touring will take you beyond the tourist facade of our European destinations and guarantee you an unparalleled balance of renowned and lesser-known sites.

So experience the road less travelled and explore Europe the Back-Roads way.



Ireland: The Emerald Isle

This fascinating tour combines the best-known icons of the 'Emerald Isle' with lesser known local gems, complete with a local whiskey and perhaps a glass or two of Guinness.

Explore the best of Northern Ireland including the foremost spiritual and political centre of Ireland, Belfast's Titanic Museum and the beautiful coast of Antrim. As you make your way south, take in the wild open vistas and picturesque villages before relaxing in Galway, Blarney and Kilkenny, Ireland's 'most perfect medieval city'. Enjoy an Irish whiskey tour and tasting at the Jameson Midleton Distillery.

Your 12 day Back-Roads tour of the Emerald Isle includes 11 nights accommodation, and transport by mini coach. Sightseeing entrance includes Newgrange, Battle of the Boyne site, Hill of Tara, Titanic Museum, Doagh Famine Village, Ulster- American Folk Park, Parkes Castle, Connemara Heritage Centre, Blasket Islands Centre, Gallarus Oratory, Bantry House, Rock of Cashel, Glendalough & Powerscourt Estate.

Prices start from \$4545*pp for 11 nights.

*Valid for travel 7 Dec 15 to 11 Apr 16 and 3 to 10 Oct 16. Ask us about other departures.



Burgundy: A Cruise along La Canal De Bourgogne

Cruise the Doubs River past idyllic landscapes and explore one of France's most celebrated wine regions while enjoying local culinary specialties.

Cruising aboard the luxurious canal barge MS Jeanine, a maximum of 22 guests and experience life in France from a truly unique perspective. Visiting traditional villages, UNESCO Heritage sites and awe-inspiring buildings are just some of the discoveries you'll make aboard this delightful journey. In your free time, relax on the sun deck, ride along the towpath of the canal on a complimentary bicycle or do a spot of shopping and chat with the locals.

Your 7 day Back-Roads Touring cruise includes 6 nights on board MS Jeanine hotel barge, main meals and beverages and transport by mini coach and barge. In addition, included is a Burgundy food specialties and wine tasting experience, entrance to the Palace of Fontainebleau, Arc-et Senans Royal Saltworks and the Citadel of Besancon.

Prices start from \$4175*pp for 6 nights.

*Valid for travel 24 Jun, 19 Aug, 9 Sep and 7 Oct 2016. Ask us about other departures.



Tuscan Treats

Savour the culture of the renowned region of Tuscany, where the local art of winemaking perfectly complements the hearty Tuscan cuisine.

For lovers of great food and wine, there is no greater destination than Tuscany, just the very name conjures images of deep red wines matched with plates of colourful, saucy dishes. As you eat your way around Italy, you'll stop for lunch with an Italian chef who will share his secrets as you cook your own lunch from local produce under his guidance. Enjoy countless wine tasting and food experiences, and relax in gorgeous Tuscan villas.

Your 8 day Back-Roads Touring Tuscan Treats journey includes 7 nights accommodation, many meals, transport by mini coach and activities including a Tuscan food and wine tasting, Tuscan cookery class, entrance to the Baptistery of St John in Pisa and Cathedral of Siena.

Prices start from \$2985*pp for 7 nights.

*Valid for travel 29 Nov 15 to 19 Apr 16 and 4 to 11 Oct 16. Ask us about other departures.

Ask us about 10% Early Bird Savings *Terms and Conditions: Applies to Winter 2015 and Summer 2016 bookings only. Must book and pay in full by 30 Jun 15. Offer not combineable with any other discount. All discounts must be requested at time of booking and apply to the basic tour price.

A wooden walkway leads from the foreground into a large, circular building with a thatched roof, situated over turquoise water. The building has a central entrance with a gabled roof. Two large, round, terracotta pots are visible on the walkway. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

World's most *romantic hotels*

Sometimes the stars align where the ambience, surrounds and sheer beauty imbue a holiday spot with romance. And sometimes, it's just about the one you're with. To set the scene for love, here are some of the world's most romantic hotels.



Hôtel Plaza Athénée, Paris

A Parisian pied-a-terre near the Champs-Élysées with views of the Eiffel Tower can't help but spark an affair to remember. Built in 1911, the Hôtel Plaza Athénée boasts elegantly appointed Eiffel Suites and rooms furnished with either a Classic or Art Deco style and finished with a balcony decorated with bright red geraniums. Plump for breakfast for two on the balcony to really drink in the sights.

Aman Canal Grande, Venice

Nowhere does elegant decay quite like Venice and the historic architecture, arching bridges and meandering canals are steeped in romance. An intimate boutique hotel such as the Aman Canal Grande makes the most of the city's iconic status with regal embellishments. The 16th-century palazzo reveals just 24 rooms with soaring frescoed ceilings, Grand Canal views and chandeliers.

Jade Mountain, St Lucia

From your ensuite infinity pool at Jade Mountain, you'll feel on top of the world with a panoramic view over the lush Pitons World Heritage site and the endless Caribbean Sea. The resort was designed in harmony with the natural surrounds and with no technology to intrude on your peaceful idyll, it's truly an opportunity to reconnect.

Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Finland

Warm climes and tropical isles don't have the franchise on couples getaways. Soft snowfall outside and a roaring fire inside also make for a romantic rendezvous in a winter wonderland. Snuggle up to your loved one while you watch the Northern Lights at Lapland's Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort. Thermal glass-domed igloos provide the perfect opportunity to go aurora hunting together.

Gili Lankanfushi, Maldives

Synonymous with romance, extend the honeymoon glow in a remote overwater bungalow in the Maldives. With bold and beautiful colours right under your doorstep, Gili Lankanfushi is perched on a private island for the ultimate in luxury and seclusion. Opt for The Private Residence to enjoy a two-person bathtub over a coral pool and sea gardens together.

Makanyane Safari Lodge, South Africa

With the low rumble of animals the only soundtrack to a panorama of stars, a night spent under a velvet canopy on an overnight hide amid the vast Madikwe Game Reserve is truly breathtaking. If you'd prefer to stay indoors, myriad rare and wondrous animals roam freely throughout the reserve with plenty of alfresco spots in your stylish suite to spy the wildlife in understated luxury.

Beldi Country Club, Morocco

Infused with innate yet unobtrusive hospitality, Beldi Country Club in Marrakech melds classic Berber traditions with pared-back French chic for a stylish stay. Traverse the property's riads, alleys, on-site souk and sunken gardens that reference a Moroccan village, soak in a traditional hammam, take in the tranquillity of the pools or hop in a quad to escape together into the desert.

San Ysidro Ranch, USA

A romantic getaway destination for many a well-heeled American for over a century, the tastefully appointed private cottages and suites at San Ysidro Ranch are located in the middle of South California's bucolic wine region. Take a hot tub for two on a private patio, sip the local wines under lanterns in the plentiful gardens, and enjoy an in-room couples massage for intimate bliss.

The perfect island paradise

Treat yourself to a tropical holiday in the South Pacific's hottest destination – the Cook Islands.

Crown Beach Resort & Spa, Rarotonga

Enjoy pure indulgence and true Rarotongan service at Crown Beach Resort & Spa, Rarotonga's finest full-service luxury boutique resort.

Set on two hectares of lush tropical gardens, the resort boasts 36 spacious villas with contemporary Polynesian interiors, two restaurants and bars, spa, gymnasium, dive centre, an expansive white sandy beach, surreal turquoise lagoon and a beautiful waterfall mineral pool. Crown Beach Resort & Spa oozes luxury and romance for those seeking a private heavenly space.

Your stay includes 5 nights at the 4½-star Crown Beach Resort & Spa in a Beachfront Villa with breakfast daily and return airport transfers. Also included are use of snorkelling equipment and kayaks, and a NZ\$250 food, drink, spa and wifi credit.

As a bonus, this package includes 1 free night.

Prices start from \$1699*pp for 5 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Sep to 23 Dec 15.

Te Manava Luxury Villas & Spa, Rarotonga

This new Cook Islands concept in luxury accommodation gives you the freedom to personalise your leisure experience.

Set on the beautiful white sand beach of Rarotonga's stunning Muri Lagoon, your private villa awaits. How you choose to use it is completely up to you.

The concept is simple... the base rate gives you exclusive access to a fully self-contained, luxurious and elegant 5-star villa complete with a well-equipped kitchen and laundry. You select any additional services you require from a comprehensive menu of a-la-carte guest services ranging from Bvlgari luxury bathroom products through to a 5-course dinner prepared on site by your own personal executive chef.

Your 5-star stay includes 5 nights at Te Manava Luxury Villas & Spa in a 1 Bedroom Ultimate Beachfront Villa with breakfast daily and return airport transfers. Also included are use of snorkelling equipment and kayaks.

Prices start from \$2699* pp for 5 nights.

*Valid for travel 31 Oct to 20 Nov 15.





Little Polynesian Resort, Rarotonga

Experience understated elegance and style on an exquisite white sand beach with a marine protected lagoon perfect for snorkelling and kayaking.

When you arrive at the Little Polynesian Resort you will know that you are at one of Rarotonga's most beautiful properties. The infinity pool is stunning with dedon leaf sunloungers to laze away on and rejuvenate.

The curling waves on the reef will mesmerise you when you gaze across the lagoon from your daybed on the spacious deck of your Are (bungalow).

The Little Polynesian Cafe offers a free tropical breakfast and the lunch and dinner menu offers a fusion of flavours with international cuisine and local products. There is also a wedding co-ordinator to help you make your special day what you have dreamt it to be.

Your stay includes 5 nights at the 4½-star Little Polynesian Resort in an Overbeach Are with breakfast daily and return airport transfers. Also included are use of snorkeling equipment and kayaks.

Prices start from \$2669*pp for 5 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 to 26 Sep, 2 Oct to 23 Dec 15.



The ultimate Cook Islands combo

To get the most out of your Cook Islands escape, combine big island activities on Rarotonga with idyllic peace on Aitutaki.

The Nautilus Resort brings a fresh new experience to the Cook Islands luxury resort offering. It is dedicated to those who want a modern yet authentic South Pacific experience. All dining options offer views over the infinity pool, white sand beaches and sapphire ocean waters. Showcasing Polynesian signature tastes, the cuisine is a fusion of Polynesian and European flavours, using local seasonal ingredients and produce, and an emphasis on harvest from the sea.

Aitutaki Escape is situated on a white sandy beach in the village of Amuri, overlooking one of the most famous and beautiful lagoons in the world. Each villa presents a fusion of style and luxury with a private spa and swimming pool, LCD Home Theatre System with full surround sound, full kitchen facilities and beautifully appointed, luxurious decor. Long boardwalks almost to the water's edge, provide a fantastic place to sit back on a sunlounger and enjoy the magical sunsets and pure beauty of Aitutaki.

Your combined stay includes 4 nights at the 4½-star Nautilus Resort in Rarotonga in a Beachfront Are and 3 nights at the 5-star Aitutaki Escape in a one Bedroom Beachfront Villa with breakfast daily and return airport transfers throughout and return airfare from Rarotonga to Aitutaki. Also included are use of snorkeling equipment, kayaks and bicycles.

Prices start from \$4225*pp for 7 nights.

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The luxury of enjoying more without spending more... discover the advantages and the richness of premium all-inclusive holidays with Club Med Resorts.

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Nusa Dua, Bali

Set between sea, temples and rice fields, this Balinese resort is serenity on an island blessed by the gods.

Beautifully located on Bali's vast stretch of picturesque coastline, the Club Med Resort Nusa Dua, Bali welcomes guests into the refined elegance of Balinese architecture.

The idyllic natural setting is enhanced by the sublime décor, exceptional Spa facilities and topped off with delicious and creative cuisine, impeccable table art making for a memorable gastronomic experience and a feast for the eyes. The resort is entirely devoted to fulfilling its guest's needs.

Your stay includes 7 nights at the 4-star Club Med Resort Bali, Nusa Dua in a Superior Room with three gourmet meals daily, an open bar and snacking service and a huge range of sports, activities and entertainment included.

Prices start from \$1245*pp for 7 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Nov 15 to 30 Apr 16. Valid for sale until 25 Jun 15.



Phuket, Thailand

Find the perfect mix of East meets West at this beautiful resort, stretching out under palm trees caressed by the breeze.

A paradise for underwater activities, Club Med Phuket is located beside a beach stretching 1200 meters on the shores of Kata Bay, while offering the ease and pleasure of discovering the exquisite flavours of Asia.

Comprised of bungalows built in the style of the local "long houses" and decorated with teak, silk and marble, the resort truly encompasses the Thai luxury. Practice yoga beneath the frangipani trees, indulge in a great selection of activities, pamper yourself and relax.

Your stay includes 7 nights at the 4-star Club Med Thailand, Phuket in a Superior Room with three gourmet meals daily, an open bar and snacking service and a huge range of sports, activities and entertainment included.

Prices start from \$1219*pp for 7 nights.

*Valid for travel 1 Nov 15 to 30 Apr 16. Valid for sale until 25 Jun 15.



Kani, Maldives

From a distance, Kani emerges like a garden island poised on turquoise waters.

This tiny paradise in the Maldives archipelago, exclusively reserved for Club Med guests, is part of a world famous site for divers in the Maldives.

With a magnificent lagoon in the heart of a luxurious natural habitat of multi-coloured birds, the resort has a 5-Trident Luxury Space offering tailor-made services for demanding Robinson Crusoes enjoying one of the 75 Suites on Stilts which, when viewed from above, resemble a giant palm tree straddling the lagoon.

Between diving in the underwater depths and the pleasure of sampling the exquisite flavours of Asia, Kani is an Eden for all those who love to explore and discover.

Your stay includes 7 nights at the 4-star Club Med Resort Kani with three gourmet meals daily, an open bar and snacking service and a huge range of sports, activities and entertainment.

Prices start from \$2229*pp for 7 nights in a Superior Room or \$4455*pp in an Overwater Suite.

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CRUISING WITH MORE

Holiday enjoyment is at the heart of everything Royal Caribbean does which is why their cruises offer so much more – more choice, variety and adventure, on board and ashore. There is something for everyone from multiple dining options, rock climbing on board relaxing spa facilities.

New Zealand Quest

The breathtaking sites of New Zealand are not to be missed, including the world famous Milford, Doubtful and Dusky Sounds.

Itinerary: Sydney, Australia – Milford Sound, New Zealand – Doubtful Sound, New Zealand – Dusky Sound, New Zealand – Dunedin, New Zealand – Wellington, New Zealand – Picton, New Zealand – Sydney, Australia.

Your Royal Caribbean cruise includes 10 nights on Voyager of the Seas, with all main meals and entertainment onboard as well as port charges and Government fees.

As a bonus, this cruise includes US\$75*[^] onboard credit to spend per stateroom.

Prices start from \$1865*pp for 10 nights in an Inside Stateroom, upgrade to an Oceanview Stateroom for an additional \$624*pp.

*Valid for departure on 29 Dec 15, departing Sydney.

Northbound Alaska & Hubbard Glacier

Everything in Alaska is bigger, including the adventures. Cruise past glacial fjords and experience nature in a way you've never imagined before.

From the awe-inspiring blue ice of a massive glacial field to the expansive grandeur of its wildlife and nature, Alaska is a land of natural wonders.

Itinerary: Vancouver, Canada – Inside Passage (Cruising) – Ketchikan, Alaska – Icy Strait Port, Alaska – Juneau, Alaska – Skagway, Alaska – Hubbard Glacier (Cruising) – Seward, Alaska.

Your cruise includes 7 nights on Radiance of the Seas with all main meals and entertainment on board as well as port charges and Government taxes.

Prices start from \$1719*pp for 7 nights in a Large Oceanview Stateroom.

*Valid for travel 17 Jun 16.

Nagasaki & Busan

View the iconic Dragon Boats of China or the spectacular views of Busan from Dragon Head Hill, where you can see all the way to Japan on a clear day.

Visit one of Japan's most beautiful cities, Nagasaki and explore the unique blend of outside cultures interwoven with its history, architecture, food and festivals. Asia is sure not to disappoint.

Itinerary: Shanghai, China – Busan, Republic of Korea (South Korea) – Nagasaki, Japan – Shanghai, China

Your cruise includes 5 nights on Quantum of the Seas with all main meals and entertainment on board as well as port charges and Government taxes.

Prices start from \$1629*pp for 5 nights in a Superior Oceanview Stateroom with balcony.

*Valid for travel 9 Sep 15.

Cruising close to home



From the tropical waters of the South Pacific to the rugged beauty of New Zealand and the volcanic spectacle of the Hawaiian Islands, Celebrity Cruises can take you there.

Honolulu to Sydney- fly and cruise

Relax in the land where the sun is always bright. Explore Hawai'i and the islands of the South Pacific on this tranquil cruise.

Itinerary: Honolulu – Lahaina (Maui), Hawai'i – Papeete, Tahiti French Polynesia – Bora Bora, French Polynesia – Moorea, French Polynesia – Auckland, New Zealand – Bay of Islands, New Zealand – Sydney, Australia.

Your cruise includes airfares to Honolulu and return from Sydney with Air New Zealand†, 2 nights accommodation at the Hilton Waikiki Beach^, Honolulu in a City View Room followed by an 18 night cruise on Celebrity Solstice with all main meals and entertainment on board as well as port charges and Government fees.

Prices start from \$4399*pp for 18 nights in an Inside Stateroom.

*Valid for departure on 2 Oct 15. ^Hilton Waikiki Beach portorage fees of USD\$16 per person round trip are payable direct to the hotel. †Airfares with Air New Zealand depart and return from Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch only.



South Pacific

Couple the delights of Sydney with the pearls of the South Pacific on this 9 day cruise encompassing the best of land and sea.

Itinerary: Sydney – Mystery Island, Vanuatu – Lifou, Loyalty Island – Sydney, Australia.

Your cruise includes 8 nights on Celebrity Solstice with all main meals and entertainment on board as well as port charges and Government fees.

As a bonus, this cruise includes USD\$75^ on board credit to spend per stateroom.

Prices start from \$1555*pp for 8 nights in an Inside Stateroom, upgrade to a balcony room for an additional \$430*pp.

*Valid for departure 28 Dec 15, departing Sydney.



Auckland to Perth

Take an uplifting cruise to the land Down Under. Explore the fascinating Maori culture and the sights, architecture and shopping of Australia.

Itinerary: Auckland – Bay of Islands, New Zealand – Tauranga, New Zealand – Wellington, New Zealand – Akaroa, New Zealand – Dusky Sound, New Zealand – Doubtful Sound, New Zealand – Milford Sound, New Zealand – Sydney, Australia – Melbourne, Australia – Adelaide, Australia – Perth, Australia.

Your cruise includes 18 nights on Celebrity Solstice with all main meals and entertainment on board as well as port charges and Government fees.

As a bonus, this cruise includes USD\$75^ on board credit to spend per stateroom.

Prices start from \$2615*pp for 18 nights in an Inside Stateroom, upgrade to an Outside Stateroom for an additional \$430*pp.

*Valid for departure 14 Feb 16.

World OF TRAVEL

PLACES WE'VE BEEN



BORA BORA

Rebecca Kent / Masters & Kent Travel Associates / Wellington

Bora Bora, the name alone evokes the phrase oh la la! That's exactly how I felt stepping off the plane in Papeete, French Polynesia. This was my third visit to paradise and I can promise you the photos do not do the lagoons justice or the jagged mountains, lush bush, magnificent waterfalls and fruit, lots of fruit growing everywhere.

Upon landing we stayed at the Tahiti Pearl Beach Resort before continuing on to Raiatea the following day, a resort of black volcanic sand beach and often home to dolphins. Raiatea is unique in that it shares a lagoon with Taha's Island and atolls and is home to pearl farms and vanilla fields. Our day was spent with Tahiti Yacht Charters on their gorgeous catamaran, visiting vanilla plantations, swimming with curious rays and exploring a coral garden. An absolute dream day! Travelling on to the St Regis, Bora Bora, our indulgent stay began at the Lagoon by Jean Georges, their signature restaurant complete with a glass floor view of sharks and fish and the most impeccable service and masterful food. Our bungalow was divine, the size requiring a guided tour and complete with awaiting French champagne and Macarons. There is simply nothing that is too much trouble for St Regis.

Our next stop was Le Meridien Bora Bora, a favourite resort of mine. Their Polynesian TV's (glass floors) are the biggest in French

Polynesia, the resort overlooks the mountain of Bora Bora and operates a Turtle sanctuary. It's divine. Getting the right resort in French Polynesia is important and is beneficial to have an expert's advice.

CYCLING NAMIBIA

Kim Payne / Vuksich & Greive Travel Associates / Auckland

Namibia is not generally a destination that springs to mind with a cycling holiday, but that's exactly what I did with Exodus Holidays. Arriving in Windhoek, Namibia via Qantas Business Class, I began my time in Windhoek prior to the tour with a cycle of the Katatura township, accompanied by a proud Katatura local.

This is my third cycle trip with Exodus (including Croatia and Cape Town). The day's set up is between 40-70km of riding with regular breaks, and they supply the bikes (and fix the frequent punctures). We had 8 days riding out of a 14 day itinerary and usually finished cycling around midday-2pm, continuing in the support vehicle to avoid the heat of the day. The terrain was mainly gravel and the roads are very quiet with the exception of large 4WD type vehicles or trucks so care is needed.

The average age on Exodus is 40-60 so if you are slow on the bike, don't panic, you're in good company. Accommodation and tourism in Namibia is very new, so we had a few nights camping, Exodus assemble and collapse your tent, clean it, cook your meal and does your dishes, so it's not exactly camping.

Before I went to Namibia I had an impression the terrain would be sand, sand, sand and while somewhat true, there were days of beautiful green landscapes and rolling hills. My highlights, walking up the Sossusvlei sand dunes before sunrise, and then cycling back from here after a hearty breakfast to camp. Mountain Zebras running beside me while cycling, Dune buggy riding over the sand dunes near Swakopmund, and of course the Wild Life in Etosha National Park. Absolutely magical.



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