

# SHORE EXCURSIONS

2024 GRAND WORLD VOYAGE

ROUNDTRIP FROM FT. LAUDERDALE



Holland America Line®

# BOOKING & CONFIRMATION



## CHOOSE YOUR TOUR TIMES AND BOOK YOUR SHORE EXCURSIONS 24 HOURS A DAY

Book online, make your payment and receive confirmation as well as your approximate tour departure times. This booklet contains only a sample of the tours we offer in each port. For more information or to book your shore excursion today, please log into your account at [HollandAmerica.com](http://HollandAmerica.com) or call 1-888-425-9376. Online shore excursions reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling. Please see page 53 for terms and conditions.

### QUALITY & SERVICE

- Our tours offer a wide range of activities with something for everyone
- Professional, local guides and independent tour operators offer regional expertise
- Expert advice offered on board with our experienced Shore Excursions team

### UNCOMPROMISED VALUE

- Award-winning shore excursions consistently receive top ratings from our guests
- Competitive pricing with our Best Price Guarantee

### CONVENIENCE & PEACE OF MIND

- Maximize your time ashore — go straight to the highlights you want to see without waiting, getting lost, negotiating fares or hassling with currency exchange
- Book online ahead of time or on board the ship with expert advice
- Tour times coincide with the ship's schedule as well as other tours, enabling you to take multiple tours if desired

- Worry-free return to the ship. In the very rare event that your tour is late and the ship must leave, we will arrange at our expense to get you to the next port of call.

### PRICING

Prices for the tours in this brochure can be found at [HollandAmerica.com](http://HollandAmerica.com) and are quoted in U.S. dollars. Prices are subject to change without notice. Prices for children 12 years of age and under are available on some, but not all, tours. If no child's price is published online, the tour may be available to children at the adult rate; however, all children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged 21 or older, regardless of rate. A guideline to pricing is found under each tour listing with symbols as follows:

- \$ up to us\$50
- \$\$ us\$51 to us\$150
- \$\$\$ us\$151 to us\$250
- \$\$\$\$ more than us\$250

### ICON KEY

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

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

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

**S 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.

**🍽 Meal:** This tour includes a meal — lunch on daytime tours or dinner on evening tours.

**🍏 Snack:** This tour includes a small snack or tasting of local specialties — not a meal.

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### ROUNDTRIP FT. LAUDERDALE ZUIDERDAM

| DAY | DATE   | PORT  | DURATION                |
|-----|--------|---|-------------------------|
| Wed | Jan 3  | FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA   | Depart 5:00pm           |
| Sun | Jan 7  | Scarborough, Tobago   | Full Day                |
| Tue | Jan 9  | Devil's Island, French Guiana   | Full Day                |
| Wed | Jan 10 | Cruising the Amazon River 🍽   |                         |
| Thu | Jan 11 | Cruising the Amazon River, crossing the equator 🍽   |                         |
| Fri | Jan 12 | Alter do Chão, Brazil 🍽   | Half Day — Afternoon    |
| Sat | Jan 13 | Boca da Valeria, Brazil 🍽   | Half Day — Morning      |
| Sun | Jan 14 | Manaus, Brazil 🍽  | Full Day                |
| Mon | Jan 15 | Parintins, Brazil 🍽   | Full Day                |
| Tue | Jan 16 | Santarém, Brazil 🍽  | Full Day                |
| Wed | Jan 17 | Crossing the equator, cruising the Amazon River 🍽   |                         |
| Sat | Jan 20 | Saint George's, Grenada   | Full Day                |
| Mon | Jan 22 | Willemstad, Curaçao   | Full Day                |
| Wed | Jan 24 | Enter Panama Canal at Cristóbal, Panama<br>Daylight transit Panama Canal<br>Exit Panama Canal at Balboa, Panama |                         |
| Fri | Jan 26 | Quepos, Costa Rica  | Full Day                |
| Tue | Jan 30 | Puerto Vallarta, Mexico   | Full Day                |
| Tue | Feb 6  | Kona, Hawaii  | Full Day                |
| Wed | Feb 7  | Hilo, Hawaii  | Full Day                |
| Thu | Feb 8  | HONOLULU, OAHU, HAWAII  | Full Day                |
| Tue | Feb 13 | Crossing the International Date Line  |                         |
| Sun | Feb 18 | Guam, U.S. Territory  | Full Day                |
| Mon | Feb 19 | Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, U.S. Territory  | Full Day                |
| Fri | Feb 23 | Ishigaki, Japan   | Full Day                |
| Sat | Feb 24 | Naha, Okinawa, Japan 🍽  | Full Day & Overnight    |
| Sun | Feb 25 | Naha 🍽  | Full Day & Evening Stay |
| Wed | Feb 28 | TOKYO, JAPAN 🍽  | Full Day & Overnight    |
| Thu | Feb 29 | Tokyo   | Full Day                |
| Fri | Mar 1  | Omaezaki, Japan   | Full Day                |
| Sat | Mar 2  | Kobe (Osaka), Japan 🍽   | Full Day & Overnight    |
| Sun | Mar 3  | Kobe (Osaka)  | Full Day                |
| Mon | Mar 4  | Scenic cruising Kanmon Strait   |                         |
| Tue | Mar 5  | Fukuoka, Japan  | Full Day                |
| Thu | Mar 7  | Tianjin (Beijing), People's Republic of China 🍽   | Full Day & Overnight    |
| Fri | Mar 8  | Tianjin (Beijing)   | Full Day                |
| Sat | Mar 9  | Dalian, People's Republic of China  | Full Day                |

| DAY | DATE   | PORT  | DURATION                |
|-----|--------|---|-------------------------|
| Tue | Mar 12 | Shanghai, People's Republic of China 🍽  | Full Day & Overnight    |
| Wed | Mar 13 | Shanghai  | Full Day                |
| Sat | Mar 16 | Hong Kong, People's Republic of China 🍽   | Full Day & Overnight    |
| Sun | Mar 17 | Hong Kong   | Half Day — Morning      |
| Tue | Mar 19 | Da Nang, Vietnam 🍽  | Full Day & Evening Stay |
| Thu | Mar 21 | Phu My (Ho Chi Minh City), Vietnam  | Full Day                |
| Sat | Mar 23 | SINGAPORE, REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE 🍽  | Full Day & Overnight    |
| Sun | Mar 24 | Singapore   | Full Day                |
| Thu | Mar 28 | Colombo, Sri Lanka 🍽  | Full Day & Evening Stay |
| Sun | Mar 31 | Mumbai (Bombay), India 🍽  | Full Day & Overnight    |
| Mon | Apr 1  | Mumbai (Bombay)   | Full Day                |
| Thu | Apr 4  | Fujairah, United Arab Emirates  | Full Day                |
| Fri | Apr 5  | DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 🍽   | Full Day & Evening Stay |
| Sat | Apr 6  | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 🍽   | Full Day & Evening Stay |
| Mon | Apr 8  | Muscat, Oman  | Full Day                |
| Wed | Apr 10 | Salalah, Oman   | Full Day                |
| Mon | Apr 15 | Eilat (Petra), Israel 🍽   | Full Day & Evening Stay |
| Tue | Apr 16 | Al 'Aqabah (Petra), Jordan 🍽  | Full Day & Evening Stay |
| Thu | Apr 18 | Enter Suez Canal at Suez<br>Daylight transit Suez Canal<br>Exit Suez Canal at Port Said |                         |
| Fri | Apr 19 | Ashdod (Jerusalem), Israel 🍽  | Full Day & Evening Stay |
| Sat | Apr 20 | Haifa (Nazareth), Israel 🍽  | Full Day & Evening Stay |
| Mon | Apr 22 | Kuşadasi (Ephesus), Turkey  | Full Day                |
| Tue | Apr 23 | Scenic cruising the Dardanelles<br>Istanbul, Turkey 🍽                                   | Evening & Overnight     |
| Wed | Apr 24 | Istanbul  | Full Day                |
| Thu | Apr 25 | Mykonos, Greece 🍽   | Half Day & Evening Stay |
| Fri | Apr 26 | Piraeus (Athens), Greece  | Full Day                |
| Sun | Apr 28 | Naples (Pompeii), Italy   | Full Day                |
| Wed | May 1  | Málaga (Granada), Spain   | Full Day                |
| Sat | May 4  | Ponta Delgada, Azores   | Full Day                |
| Sat | May 11 | FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA   | Arrive 7:00am           |

🍽 Evening Stay. Departure between 10:00pm and Midnight.  
 🍽 Extended Stay. Departure leaving the next calendar day.  
 🍽 The Amazon Experience.  
 Note 1: At sea days not shown.  
 Note 2: This sailing is 129 calendar days in length.

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## SCARBOROUGH, TOBAGO

Sunday, January 7, 2024



### TOBAGO ISLAND EXPLORER

**E** \$\$ 📱 Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **7 hours**

Board air-conditioned transportation for a drive through Scarborough to Fort King George, built in the 1770s and occupied until the late 1800s. Today it features fantastic panoramic 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 picturesque overlook. Savor a typical Caribbean **lunch** on the beach before returning to the ship.

### TOBAGO RAIN FOREST ADVENTURE

**S** \$\$ 📱 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **5 hours**

Transfer to a rain forest trailhead and follow your local naturalist guide on a **three-hour hike**. They 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.

### TOBAGO GLASS-BOTTOM BOAT & BUCCOO REEF SNORKEL

**S** \$\$ 📱 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **3 hours**

Take a 15-minute transfer along the Claude Noel Highway to **Pigeon Point Beach**. 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 Pigeon Point Beach.

### TOBAGO SOUTH

**E** \$\$ 📱 Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **3 hours**

A drive along the Claude Noel Highway brings you to the **Mysterious Tombstone** and then to the small fortification of **Fort James**. 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.

### TOBAGO HIGHLIGHTS & FOLKLORIC SHOW

**E** \$\$ 📱 Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **3.5 hours**

A **panoramic drive through Scarborough**, the capital of Tobago, leads you to **Fort King George**. Visit the museum that displays weapons and other pre-Columbian artifacts. View the **Mysterious Tombstone** and head to the small fortification of **Fort James**. 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.



## ALTER DO CHÃO, BRAZIL

Friday, January 12, 2024



### BEST OF SANTARÉM

**M** \$\$ 📱 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.75 hours**

Hop on a local intercity bus at the main square in Alter do Chão, and travel for approximately 45 minutes to Santarém. Stop at the **Mercadão 2000 market**, and then in the town center visit the **Cathedral of Our Lady of Conceição** and **Fishermen's Square**, where free time is allocated for shopping. Heading out of town, you will stop at the **Manioc Flour House**, locally known as Casa da Farinha. Continue out of town into rural Brazil and back to Alter do Chão, where your tour ends with free time to browse in town among the Araribá shops.

### TAPAJÓS NATIONAL FOREST

**S** \$\$ 📱 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **4.5 hours**

Travel 40 miles along the Santarém-Cuiabá Highway, the only way to reach southern Brazil by road. Your destination is **Tapajós National Forest**, a section of the Brazilian Amazon that is a major source of tropical hardwoods. Protected by federal law, the forest covers an area of 1,482,660 acres. Take a **forest walk** lasting about two hours — ideal for those who are interested in the primary forest flora. Jungle guides will accompany you to help identify many different species of trees, including Brazil nut and rubber trees.



# MANAUS, BRAZIL

Sunday, January 14, 2024



## PINK DOLPHIN ENCOUNTER

**M** \$\$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **5 hours**

Set out on an approximately 90-minute **speedboat scenic cruise** upstream on the Rio Negro. At a community on the shores of Lake Acajatuba you will have the opportunity to see and touch its famous **pink 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.

## RUBBER REALITY & INDIGENOUS VILLAGE

**S** \$\$ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **6 hours**

A regional **riverboat** takes you up the Rio Negro to visit an **indigenous village**. Following a reception that includes rituals performed by the shaman (priest) and the tribe, you'll continue by boat to visit **Seringal Felicidade**. After a brief introduction to the rubber industry here, you'll have time to walk the trails and learn firsthand the history of the rubber boom and its eventual collapse. The **Rubber Museum** in the middle of the jungle is a replica rubber estate. The plantation also features some Brazil nut trees and displays articles and equipment from the rubber industry heyday.

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK: AMAZON JUNGLE TREK

**S** \$\$ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **4 hours**

Leave Manaus by regional **riverboat**, crossing the Rio Negro and heading into the jungle. Your indigenous guide and bilingual interpreter will tell you about life in the wild: how to obtain water and make fire, grow crops and hunt animals, how to get your bearings and how to **hike** easily in the jungle. You will learn about building shelters and traps and some basic rules of jungle survival.



## BEST OF MANAUS

**M** \$\$\$ 🍴 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **6.5 hours**

Pass the Customs House on your way to meet inhabitants of the Amazon region at the **Bosque da Ciência**, an open-air **museum** and **Amazonian Research Station**. Observe endangered Amazon River manatees in a glass tank and other indigenous flora and fauna, as well as an exhibit of scientific projects under development. Visit the **Military Zoo** and stop for **lunch** at a barbecue restaurant. The highlight of your tour is the lavish **Opera House**, Teatro Amazonas. Built in 1896, the dazzling auditorium boasts perfect acoustics and a dome of 36,000 imported ceramic tiles.

## FLORA & FAUNA OF MANAUS

**S** \$\$ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **4 hours**

Visit **Bosque da Ciência**, an open-air museum and **Amazonian Research Station** whose most famous project is the species revival of the endangered Amazon River manatee. Observe these strange creatures as they swim in a glass tank, and explore an indoor exhibit of scientific projects under development. You'll see other indigenous flora and fauna housed here. You'll also visit the **Military Zoo**, where wildlife and Amazonian fauna are housed.

# PARINTINS, BRAZIL

Monday, January 15, 2024



## THE BOI BUMBA FESTIVAL SHOW

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **1.5 hours**

The must-see **Boi Bumba**, one of the greatest folk festivals in Brazil, is a feast for the senses. This world full of magic, bright colors, **music, dance and folklore** boasts luxurious costumes and floats comparable to Rio's Carnival. The 60-minute show features approximately 60 dancers and musicians telling the story of feuding families and is performed at a local club or at the Convention Center. A local caipirinha drink will be served, and there may be an opportunity to purchase souvenirs outside the Convention Center. Tour is not guided.



## PARINTINS BY TRICICLO

**M** \$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **1.5 hours**

Cruise along the colorful streets of Parintins by **tríciclo**. This compact form of transportation translates as "tricycle," but it's not a trike. Each triciclo takes one or two guests, and the experience is like riding in a tuk-tuk in Asia. Meet the locals and experience regional culture on a **90-minute ride** past the major highlights of the city. 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.



## SANTARÉM, BRAZIL

Tuesday, January 16, 2024



### SANTARÉM HIGHLIGHTS

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3.5 hours**

Drive along **Santarém's bustling waterfront** and stop at the Municipal Market, Fisherman's Square, the Cathedral of Our Lady Conceição, and the João Fona Museum, housed in the old Town Hall. Observe the **Meeting of the Waters**, where the muddy Amazon River and the blue waters of the Rio Tapajós flow side by side. A short drive into the countryside brings you to an old manioc **flour factory**. Return to Santarém and the ship.

### MAICA LAKE & PIRANHA FISHING

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **2.5 hours**

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**, where the beautiful landscape showcases the **Amazon Basin**. You will see the local inhabitants as well as many species of birds and, possibly, a freshwater dolphin. You'll stop to **fish** for the famous **piranha**, an amazing fish whose nasty reputation is well-earned.



## SAINT GEORGE'S, GRENADA

Saturday, January 20, 2024



### THE BEST OF GRENADA

**E** **\$\$\$** **📷** Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **7 hours**

Journey to **Fort Frederick** and continue to **Grand Etang**, a cobalt-blue crater lake situated at 1,900 feet above sea level in an extinct volcano. Enjoy a refreshing drink. At **River Antoine Estate** view the oldest functioning water wheel in the Western Hemisphere and experience the rum-making process (and sample some of the finished product) on a guided factory tour. Next, relax and enjoy **lunch** at **Belmont Estate** and tour the cocoa **fermentary** and the estate museum. Visit the **Dougaldston Spice Estate**, a historic monument and tribute to Grenada's past. Continue past several villages and Brizan and Beauséjour bays before returning to port.

### GRENADA ISLAND DRIVE

**E** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **4 hours**

A scenic **island drive** heads through St. George's to plantations of cocoa and spices. You'll visit two seaside villages. At Grenville visit a **nutmeg station** to see the processing of Grenada's fragrant crops. Turn inland to visit the **National Park Nature Center** at **Grand Etang**, resting at 1,900 feet above sea level in the crater of an extinct volcano. On the descent you'll pass through magnificent hanging carpets of mountain fern and quaint villages before returning to St. George's pier.



### ISLE OF SPICE SNORKELING

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **2.75 hours**

Travel along Grenada's picturesque coastline aboard *Star Wind 5*, a spacious, 60-foot **catamaran sloop**. Your day begins with a short walk to Queen's Jetty, just steps away from the cruise ship terminal. Hop aboard for a journey that showcases all the beauty that Grenada has to offer, above and below the surface. You will sail north along Grenada's west coast to **snorkel** in Flamingo Bay. Further south visit a beautiful white-sand **beach** to swim or simply relax.

### GRENADA MOUNTAIN RAIN FOREST

**E** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **3.75 hours**

Pass through quaint villages before arriving at **Beauséjour Bay**, where the United States frogmen came ashore during the military intervention in 1983. Stop at **Dougaldston Spice Estate**, an integral facet of Grenada's past, and take the Belvedere Road to **Grand Etang Lake**, lying in the crater of an extinct volcano. At Annandale take a short, steep **walk** to see some of Grenada's 450 species of flowering and medicinal plants. Travel to **Fort Frederick** for a panoramic view of the harbor and then return to the pier.

### RHUM RUNNER PLEASURE CRUISE

**E** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **3 hours**

A steel band and a cold rum punch greet you on the *Rhum Runner*. Learn about the history, geography, architecture and customs of the island as the **boat** loops around the inner harbor. Disembark at Morne Rouge Beach for 1.5 hours of relaxation. On the return trip take part in a **limbo competition** to win prizes of t-shirts and **rum punch**. Rum punch, soft drinks, fresh fruits, crackers and cheese are served. Freshwater showers and restroom facilities are available on board.



## WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO

Monday, January 22, 2024



### COOKING WITH A CARIBBEAN CHEF: IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FOOD & WINE® MAGAZINE

**E** \$\$\$ 🍷 Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **5.5 hours**

Step into **Chef Helmi Smeulders'** kitchen, where the Caribbean Spice Girl welcomes you with refreshments. She will share with you samples of all kinds of Caribbean fruits and vegetables as well as food preparation tips and tricks. Then help prepare **lunch** in a **hands-on cooking class**. When the cooking is done, enjoy the fruits of your labor accompanied by a glass of wine. You'll return to the ship with a host of new recipes and a newfound appreciation of Caribbean cuisine.

### ULTIMATE CURAÇAO, BEACH & TURTLE SNORKEL WITH LUNCH

**M** \$\$ 🍷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **6 hours**

Journey through the Curaçao countryside and past historical plantation houses before taking a light **hike** on the rugged north coast. Visit the beach and viewpoint at **West Point**, where you can swim here or join your guide for snorkeling in the bay. Look for sea turtles in their natural habitat. At **Knip Beach** enjoy free time and a light boxed picnic **lunch**, then swim or stroll along the sand. On the way back, stop briefly at the **salt flats**, the domain of wild flamingos.

### AUTHENTICALLY CURAÇAO

**E** \$ Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **2.5 hours**

View historic mansions as you travel through Willemstad. Travel over the tallest bridge in the Caribbean, 185 feet above sea level. Stop at **Chobolobo**, where Blue Curaçao has been produced since 1886, and enjoy a guided **tour of the distillery** and a sample of the liqueur. Next visit the **Aloe Vera Farm**, learn about the process of making aloe products

and taste aloe juice. At **Chichis' Workshop**, local women make unique sculptures and paint them in tropical colors. Then drive through Punda, the oldest part of Willemstad, before returning to your ship.

### MINI-4X4 ADVENTURE & BEACH BREAK

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3.75 hours**

Get behind the wheel of an award-winning **off-road vehicle** and follow your tour guide, caravan-style. On a **desert-style trail** you'll see different types of cacti and may even spot an iguana or the local prikichi parrot. Visit a natural attraction called the **blowhole** and drive along the coast. At a lovely **beach** take a refreshing **swim** or relax in the shade. On your return to Willemstad you may stay in town to **shop** or explore independently, making your own way back to the ship.

### CURAÇAO LAND & SEA

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **2.5 hours**

Board the *Seaworld Explorer* **semi-sub** and view sea life through large windows, passing over a wall that drops sharply several hundred feet. Back on land, cross the **Queen Juliana Bridge** for a view of Willemstad from 200 feet above the town. Continue to the **Chobolobo Liqueur Factory** for a taste of the world-famous Curaçao liqueur. Back in Willemstad, you may stay in town to **shop** or explore independently, making your own way back to the ship.



## QUEPOS, COSTA RICA

Friday, January 26, 2024



### DOLPHIN AND WHALE-WATCHING WITH CRAFT BREWERY LUNCH

**S** \$\$\$ 🍷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **7 hours**

Drive south to **Parque Nacional Marino Ballena** and board a whale-watching boat to search for **humpback whales**. Also keep an eye out for other marine mammals, sea turtles and seabirds as well as natural rock formations and marine caves. After your boat adventure drive to the beach town of Dominical to visit the **Fuego Brew Company** and enjoy craft beer and lunch overlooking beautiful gardens. You may visit the beachfront market nearby to purchase colorful local handicrafts.

### MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

**M** \$\$ 🍷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.25 hours**

On a 1.5-hour guided **walk** along small trails through the dense **rain forest** of this park, your naturalist guide acquaints you with facts about its abundance of wildlife and more than a thousand different species of flora. This popular walk lets you experience the forest that kisses the beach and allows free time for **swimming** inside the park. Afterwards, you may stay in town to shop or explore independently and make your own way back to the ship.

### TROPICAL FOREST AERIAL TRAM

**M** \$\$ 🍷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **7 hours**

Hop into a comfortable **gondola** with a maximum of eight passengers for a one-hour ride with a bilingual naturalist guide who will point out plants, birds and wildlife usually hidden in this lush paradise. Next, a guided **nature walk** reveals the forest floor, and a video presentation explains the dry forest. Visit the **Butterfly Garden**, the **Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Garden**

and the reptile-inhabited terrariums. Enjoy a traditional Costa Rican **lunch** at the Nature Café, and visit the gift shop for a variety of local and handmade arts, crafts and designs as well as souvenirs.

### SAVEGRE RIVER FLOATING ADVENTURE

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **5 hours**

Pass by teak plantations, stopping briefly to look for toucans and macaws, on your way to the town of Santo Domingo. There your bilingual guides offer an orientation to the river, considered one of the most beautiful rivers of Central America. Your **two-hour river float** reveals beautiful landscapes, including some native African palm oil plantations, and wildlife including white ibis, cormorants, egrets and herons. You'll experience moments of both exhilarating action and relaxation.

### MANGROVE WILDLIFE & BOAT CRUISE

**S** \$\$ 🍷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **3 hours**

Your tour begins with a shoreside introduction of this special habitat. On a two-hour **boat tour** your naturalist-guide will identify wildlife hiding in the aerial root system of the **mangroves** or lurking in the water beneath you. In the upper canopy of the forest that lines the shore you will see monkeys and a great variety of birds. Refreshments are served along the way. Upon your return, you may head back to the ship by coach, or stay in town to **shop** or explore independently and make your own way back to the ship.



## PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO

Tuesday, January 30, 2024



### HIDDEN BEACHES BY SPEEDBOAT WITH HORSEBACK RIDE (A SMALL GROUP TOUR)

**S** \$\$\$ 🚤 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 7 hours

Board a comfortable, all-weather **inflatable speedboat** with an expert eco-guide to discover two traditional fishing villages and their spectacular **beaches**. Lush forest provides a spectacular backdrop to this area accessible only by sea. From the charming village of **Yelpa** take a **horseback ride** to some beautiful creeks and enjoy a swim in the refreshing river water if you wish. Next, enjoy the relaxed pace of life in **Pizota** village, a tiny settlement well off the radar of most travelers. Its spectacular beach provides a marvelous **snorkeling** and **kayaking** location.

### SIERRA MADRE JEEP® SAFARI & MOUNTAIN RESORT

**M** \$\$\$ 🚙 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 5 hours

Led by an experienced guide, set out caravan-style in **open-air Jeeps** to explore Puerto Vallarta's scenic countryside. Drive into the **Sierra Madre Mountains** and through typical Mexican villages, stopping at the **Hacienda Doña Engracia tequila factory** to learn about the tequila-making process. Then visit **La Dulce Vista mountain villa resort** to enjoy an hour to swim in the pool, nap in a hammock or purchase a cold beverage (at your own expense). A delicious snack of **two beef or chicken tacos** is included. Finally, pass fruit plantations and small villages as you return to the ship.

### WHALES, WILD DOLPHINS & MARIETAS ISLANDS

**M** \$\$\$ 🚤 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 6 hours

Take a **motorized catamaran** to the **Marietas Islands**, an ideal habitat for dolphins, who like to swim alongside the boat. Humpback whales are also regularly sighted

in the bay, and keep an eye out for giant manta rays, sea turtles and multicolored fish as well. A stop allows 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. **Lunch** is served on board the boat.

### BEST OF PUERTO VALLARTA: CATHEDRAL, FIESTA, TEQUILA FACTORY & BUFFET

**M** \$\$\$ 🍴 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 5 hours

Drive through Puerto Vallarta's beautiful **downtown** area to see its highlights: the famous waterfront Malecón, the statues and **Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral**. Enjoy some free time for shopping, and then head to **Hacienda Doña Engracia**, a pretty ranch offering a genuine Mexican fiesta with colorful displays and traditional music and entertainment. A guided tour of the **tequila factory** explains the tequila-making process. Try a sample and enjoy a delicious **Mexican buffet and drinks**.

### RARE SPIRITS OF PUERTO VALLARTA AT LA DULCE VISTA

**M** \$\$\$ 🍴 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 5.5 hours

Begin with a one-hour **walking tour** to visit the waterfront Malecón, the **Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe** and a local candy factory and shop. Next drive to **La Dulce Vista**, a boutique villa hidden in a mountainside river canyon. Join the house mixologist for creative cocktails made with raicilla, a sweet, funky cousin of tequila. After the tasting enjoy an authentic **Mexican lunch** with fresh guacamole made tableside by an acclaimed **local chef**. You may purchase some raicilla, swim in the gorgeous swimming pool or sit in the Jacuzzi before returning to the ship.

## KONA, HAWAII

Tuesday, February 6, 2024



### KONA JOE COFFEE FARM & ROASTING EXPERIENCE

**M** \$\$\$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 3 hours

Take a 30-minute **guided tour** of **Kona Joe Coffee** farm and see a short video presentation explaining how the farm combines traditional practices with modern technologies. Of course, you will taste Kona Joe's superb coffees and enjoy a selection of the farm's **chocolate delicacies**. You will roast 10 ounces of coffee to your personal taste, package and take it home with you. Browse the gift shop and showroom for Kona Joe products, original artwork, signature clothing and custom jewelry before returning to the pier.

### CAPTAIN ZODIAC RAFTING & SNORKEL ADVENTURE

**S** \$\$\$ 🚤 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 3.5 hours

On this **Zodiac** exploration of the Kona coast you will learn about Hawaii's history and seek out marine life on the way to **Kealahou Bay**, site of the Captain Cook Monument, accessible only by boat. **Snorkeling** instructions and gear are provided before you hop into the calm waters of this marine preserve, home to hundreds of varieties of tropical fish and coral formations. Enjoy a tropical snack while listening to tales of the bay's history and Captain Cook's encounters with the Hawaiians.

### KONA HIGHLIGHTS

**E** \$\$\$ Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately 3.5 hours

Visit Kona's **Painted Church**, known for its dramatic murals. Travel to Pu'uhonua o Honaunau, or the **Place of Refuge**. This National Historical Park was a refuge where absolution would be granted to ancient Hawaiian law-breakers 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 at the **Royal Kona Coffee** store for a sample of coffee before returning to the pier.

### A TASTE OF KONA

**M** \$\$\$\$ 🍴 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 4 hours

At **Kokoleka Lani Farms** explore a grove of cacao trees, learn about the cacao-to-cocoa transformation, and sample locally made dark chocolate. Next visit the **Kona Natural Soap Company**, whose products contain local ingredients such as Kona coffee, cacao and kukui nut oil. Learn how Kona coffee is grown and processed at **Kona Joe Coffee Farm** and see its on-site roasting facility. Enjoy a cup of gourmet Kona coffee and a special coffee bean treat and take home a souvenir Kona Joe coffee mug. Conclude with a drive along the coastline and through the heart of Kona town.

### HISTORICAL KONA FOODIE WALK

**M** \$\$\$ 🍷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 2.5 hours

This **walking tour** stops at **restaurants** that focus on local, fresh ingredients, with an emphasis on the fish for which Kona is known. Each restaurant will serve a **delicious dish and drink pairings** featuring Hawaiian cocktails, local beer and wine. You will also learn about Kona's colorful history, the powerful kings and queens of the past, and the interesting stories behind the origins and successes of the restaurants you visit. You may then explore on your own as you make your way back to the ship at your leisure.



## HILO, HAWAII

Wednesday, February 7, 2024



### HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK & A TASTE OF THE BIG ISLAND

**M** \$\$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **6.5 hours**

Enjoy a leisurely stroll with your guide at Hawaii **Volcanoes National Park**, noting the incredible changes the landscape has undergone over the course of recent eruptions. Witness the expanded Halema'uma'u Crater and walk across new lava formations and see the regeneration of the native Hawaiian rain forest in its first stages of life. Next visit Hawaii Island's only winery, **Volcano Winery**, nestled on Kilauea's slopes. Here enjoy a wine tasting of Volcano Winery's signature wines. Conclude with a stop at **Big Island Candies**, known for its handmade macadamia nut shortbread cookies dipped in chocolate.

### HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK & MAUNA LOA MACADAMIA NUT FACTORY

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.5 hours**

Visit **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park**, lying 4,300 feet above sea level and encompassing Kilauea Volcano. See the results of Hawaii's newest eruptions from Kilauea Iki Overlook 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. Later, enjoy a drive through macadamia nut orchards as you approach the **Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Factory**. Enjoy free time to shop for an array of island treats and gifts, including an exclusive selection of Mauna Loa products found nowhere else.

### VOLCANO WINERY TASTING EXPERIENCE

**M** \$\$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3 hours**

Visit **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. Tropical fruits

such as yellow guava and the exotic jaboticaba berry are blended with traditional wine grapes to create vibrant wines. The tour includes a **premium wine tasting** paired with gourmet cheese and crackers.

### HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK & RAINBOW FALLS

**M** \$\$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.5 hours**

Climb through a lush rain forest in your air-conditioned minibus to **Volcanoes National Park**. Travel along portions of Crater Rim Drive and Chain of Craters Road for breathtaking views of twisted lava rock flows, sulfur banks and lava beds as well as Kilauea Caldera and Halema'uma'u Crater. At the **Visitor Center** you can explore exhibits explaining the history and geology of Hawaii's volcanoes. Before returning to the pier visit the iconic 80-foot-tall **Rainbow Falls**, surrounded by tropical flora.

### THE LAND OF FROZEN FIRE

**M** \$\$\$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **6.5 hours**

"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.

## HONOLULU, HAWAII

Thursday, February 8, 2024



### PEARL HARBOR, HONOLULU & THE MIGHTY MO

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **6.5 hours**

Visit **Pearl Harbor** and the **Arizona Memorial**. At the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, view a 20-minute film depicting the events of the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack. Then spend 1.5 hours on your own exploring the battleship USS *Missouri*, the *Mighty Mo*, where the Japanese signed the surrender document that ended World War II in the Pacific. On your way back to the ship, enjoy a drive by the highlights of metropolitan Honolulu, including the famous **Punchbowl Crater**.

### BEYOND THE CALL TO DUTY: PEARL HARBOR MUSEUMS & MEMORIALS

**E** \$\$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **9 hours**

Visit key historic moments from World War II in the Pacific. Following an introductory video you'll step into the life of a sailor at the **USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park**. At Ford Island climb aboard the USS *Missouri* battleship, the *Mighty Mo*, visit fighter planes on display at the **Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum** and see the exhibit on Amelia Earhart. Enjoy lunch at the museum, and conclude with a drive past some of Honolulu's top landmarks.



### EXPLORE & TASTE OAHU'S NORTH SHORE

**M** \$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **6.5 hours**

Your guide provides information about Hawaii as you travel to **Byodo Temple**, located at the base of the 2,000-foot-high cliffs of the Koolau Mountain Range. Travel along the scenic shoreline to **Kahuku**, home of North Shore shrimp farms. Stop for **lunch** before arriving at **Sunset Beach**, famous for its towering surf and many international surfing contests. Watch for views of Hawaii's last pineapple fields en route to the **Dole Pineapple Plantation**, then return to the cruise ship pier.

### FAMOUS OAHU SIGHTS, BITES & SIPS

**E** \$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **6.75 hours**

Enjoy an Oahu day tour sure to stimulate your senses. Your sightseeing venture ranges from beautiful vantage points overlooking the dramatic **southeastern coastline** to ones perched along the rugged Pali mountains. Delve into the culinary side of Hawaii as well: You will visit a **restaurant** featured in the television show **Diners, Drive-Ins, & Dives**, experiencing some favorite local dishes. Then relax with a local chocolate and artisanal wine tasting.

### GERMAINE'S LUAU

**E** \$\$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **5.75 hours**

Prepare for a sensational evening of **traditional Hawaiian food, entertainment** and fun at a luau. This popular Hawaiian-style beach party awaits you at a beachfront setting at sunset. After being welcomed with a Hawaiian shell lei and torch lighting, watch the ancient Imu Ceremony. The buffet-style luau dinner consists of a bounty of delicious native foods and includes **one drink ticket**. A Polynesian Show and Samoan Fire Knife Dancer and dancing under the stars follows the meal.





# GUAM, U.S. TERRITORY

Sunday, February 18, 2024



## HAGATNA HIGHLIGHTS & LATTE STONE PARK

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3 hours**

Depart the pier for the scenic drive to the **Asan Bay Overlook**. Next you'll proceed to Asan Beach Park, part of the **War in the Pacific National Historic Park**. You'll also visit Latte Stone Park and its fascinating stone pillars. Continue to Plaza de España, once the seat of government for the Spanish, American and Japanese administrations. Your last stop today is **Chamorro Village**, located next to the Hagatna Boat Basin and Paseo Stadium. This little shopping village features a variety of local foods and offers a glimpse into the island's culture, lifestyle and cuisine.

## GAAN POINT & FORT SOLEDAD

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3 hours**

Begin your tour at **Gaan Point** (Old Spanish Bridge), soaking up Guam's tropical beauty as you learn about Guam's role in World War II at the **War in the Pacific National Historic Park**. View the double-arched Talifak Bridge, a prime example of Spanish architecture from



1785, surrounded by idyllic gardens. Next proceed to **Umatac Bay** to see the Magellan Monument, honoring the explorer who discovered Guam in 1521. Pause for photos here before continuing to **Fort Soledad** for breathtaking vistas of the surrounding landscape and ancient cannons pointing toward Magellan's landing spot. Before returning to the ship explore **Jeff's Pirates Cove**, a favorite beach hangout dating back to 1953.



# SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, U.S. TERRITORY

Monday, February 19, 2024



## SAIPAN NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3 hours**

Today you will marvel at the sheer rock formation known as **Suicide Cliff**, a conservation area and home to many endangered species. In 1944 this area was part of the Battle of Saipan. The remaining 4,000 Japanese soldiers on the island made a final charge as U.S. forces moved to secure nearby **Marpi Point** and its airfield. Suicide Cliff and Banzai Cliff, which flank Marpi Point, are on the National Register of Historic Places. After departing Marpi Point, you will travel to **Garapan Village**, with a stop at the **American Memorial Park** to visit the Court of Honor and the Visitors Center.

## SAIPAN SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3 hours**

Visit the sites of the south side of Saipan, where nearly 80 years ago American troops landed on Red, Green, Blue and Yellow beaches. Your first stop will be the old Japanese jail where historians believe the famous aviatrix Amelia Earhart was held captive. Traveling on, you may observe the hills where Japanese Capt. Oba hid out for another 15 months after the island was secured by the Americans. Quartermaster Road leads you to the **Red and Green landing beaches**. Next you will visit **Agingan Point** and the old Aslito airfield complex. Finally, visit the **American Memorial Park** in Garapan.



## ISHIGAKI, JAPAN

Friday, February 23, 2024



### HIGHLIGHTS OF ISHIGAKI

**M** \$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **6 hours**

Drive to the **Tamatorizaki Observatory**, located on Hirakubo Peninsula, and then visit **Yoneko-yaki Pottery** for an introduction to Shisa, a mythical creature believed to protect against evil. Stop at a **local crafts studio** to learn about the famous Minsa textiles. Next, **Kabira Bay** features a white-sand beach and emerald-colored water home to beautiful corals and more than 90 different kinds of tropical fish. A souvenir outlet here offers a limited number of Japanese-made **black pearl** products, difficult to find in other places. Enjoy **lunch** at a local restaurant along the way.

### ISHIGAKI CULTURE & CRAFTS

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3.5 hours**

Travel to **Kabira Bay**, designated as a Place of Scenic Beauty, featuring powder-white sand, dense vegetation and turquoise and emerald-green waters. Continue to **Ishigaki Pottery Studio** to see fine examples of

*yutekitenmoku*. Browse in the gift shop for unique ceramics decorated with natural ocean-colored Okinawa glass. Next, visit a **local craft studio** to learn about Minsa, a centuries-old, traditional Ishigaki textile bearing a customary pattern with horizontal lines and groups of small rectangles. Try hand-dyeing a handkerchief or scarf using the dye from plants that grow wild on Ishigaki.

### ISHIGAKI NATURAL WONDERS

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4 hours**

Travel to **Kabira Bay**, designated as a Place of Scenic Beauty, featuring powder-white sand, dense vegetation and turquoise and emerald-green waters. Discover the bay's underwater treasures by **glass-bottom boat**, observing fish, giant clams and coral reefs in the transparent waters. Next, drive to Ishigaki **Yaima Village**, an open-air museum of old traditional houses moved from elsewhere on the island and reassembled here. Proceed to the Ishigaki **Limestone Cave** where spacious caverns create a vast network of tunnels and chambers with fascinating geological formations.



## NAHA, OKINAWA, JAPAN

Saturday, February 24, 2024  
Sunday, February 25, 2024



### GYOKUSENDO CAVE & PEACE MEMORIAL MUSEUM

**M** \$\$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **5 hours**

Walk through **Gyokusendo Cave**, a 2-mile-long cave renowned for its intricate limestone formations and underground streams. Continue to the **Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum** on Mabuni Hill, commemorating the 1945 Battle of Okinawa, a fierce battle that claimed the lives of more than 200,000 people. Here also visit the Cornerstone of Peace at **Memorial Park** which, along with numerous monuments, stands as a symbol of who lost their lives in the war.

### SHURIJO CASTLE PARK, GARDEN AND KOKUSAI STREET

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4 hours**

**Shurijo Castle Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site showing strong Chinese architectural influence, is home to the **Shurei-mon Gate**, the symbol of Okinawa. You'll also see the SonohyanUtaki-Ishimon Gate and visit the Shikinaen Garden, both UNESCO World Heritage sites. Then enjoy free time strolling along **Kokusai Street**, an area that combines cosmopolitan flavor with genuine folk appeal. You will find souvenirs and other goods for sale in the local stores.

### RYUKYUMURA VILLAGE, CAPE MANZAMO & KOKUSAI STREET

**M** \$\$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **6 hours**

**Ryukyu Village**, a reproduction of an ancient Okinawan village, provides an introduction to Okinawan culture. Sample Okinawan cuisine (at your own expense); view exhibits showcasing traditional festivals, cuisine and crafts; and watch villagers create traditional fabrics. Visit **Cape Manzamo** for superb views, and then enjoy free time

strolling along **Kokusai Street**, an area that combines cosmopolitan flavor with genuine folk appeal. You will find souvenirs and other goods for sale in the local stores.

### BATTLE OF OKINAWA

**M** \$\$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **5.5 hours**

Visit **Peace Memorial Park**, 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 in an effort to convey 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.

### OKINAWA IN DEPTH

**M** \$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **8 hours**

Visit the **Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum** on Mabuni Hill. The Cornerstone of Peace is located where one of the fiercest battles occurred. Together with numerous marble monuments at **Memorial Park**, it symbolizes the loss of life here. Next, walk through the amazing **Gyokusendo Cave**, renowned for its intricate limestone formations. Visit the **Shikinaen Garden**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, originally built in 1799 for Ryukyu royalty. Enjoy a brief introduction to Naha's commercial heart with a drive along **Kokusai Street** and enjoy free time strolling through the area.



## TOKYO, JAPAN

Wednesday, February 28, 2024  
Thursday, February 29, 2024



### FUJI-HAKONE NATIONAL PARK, LAKE ASHI CRUISE & MT. FUJI VIEW

**M** \$\$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **8.75 hours**

Take the **Mt. Komagatake Aerial Cableway** to the mountaintop's observation platform, providing a panoramic view of Mt. Fuji and Lake Ashi, Mt. Futago and the mountains of the Izu Peninsula. At the western base of Komagatake, gardens feature alpine plants, wild azaleas and rhododendrons. Hop aboard one of the **boats** that ply the waters of **Lake Ashi**, and then visit the **Hakone Open-Air Museum**, housing sculptures by artists from all over the world.

### THE BEST OF TOKYO

**M** \$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **7.5 hours**

Visit the **Meiji Shrine**, a tribute to Emperor Meiji of the late 1800s. It features twin 40-foot-tall **torii gates**, among the largest in Japan. Head to the **Imperial Palace Plaza** in central Tokyo, home to the Fushimi-yagura watchtower, ruins from the Edo Period, and the famous Nijubashi Bridge. Visit **Asakusa**, the location of the beautiful Senso-ji, or Kannon Temple, enshrining a golden image of the Buddhist goddess Kannon. Enjoy **lunch** at a deluxe local restaurant or hotel. Afterwards, enjoy about an hour to shop in the legendary **Ginza shopping district**.

### TOKYO CITY LANDMARKS

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.25 hours**

Visit the famous and beautiful **Meiji Shrine**, a tribute to Emperor Meiji of the late 1800s. It features twin 40-foot-tall **torii gates**, among the largest in Japan. Passing through the organized chaos of the Shibuya Crossing intersection, you'll head to the **Zojoji Temple**. Originally built in A.D. 1393, it was moved to its present location in 1598 by Tokugawa Ieyasu. Six of

the Tokugawa shoguns are buried on this site. Enjoy a **panoramic drive** through the city before returning to the ship.

### PANORAMIC TOKYO & IMPERIAL PALACE PLAZA VIEW

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **2.5 hours**

Enjoy a **panoramic drive** through metropolitan **Tokyo**, crossing the 800-yard-long Rainbow suspension bridge. See the Odiba Fuji TV Building with its spherical observatory, the Tokyo Tower, the State Guest Houses and the House of Parliament. You'll stop near the **Imperial Palace Plaza** to view the park that surrounds the emperor's palace. On its north side a fountain commemorates the marriage of the Emperor and Empress. To the south stands a bronze statue of Kusunoki Masashige, a 14th-century samurai. A drive past the Ginza district and the Kabbukiza Theatre completes your tour.



## OMAEZAKI, JAPAN

Friday, March 1, 2024



### SUNPU CASTLE PARK & SHIZUOKA SENGEN SHRINE

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **5.25 hours**

**Sunpu Castle Park** contains the remains of the castle, built in 1585, whose moats and stone walls can still be seen. Visit the castle's restored gate and turret and a reference library. Continue to **Shizuoka Sengen Shrine**, a complex of seven shrines. Sengen Shrine is noted for its dramatic architectural style and extensive use of gold leaf, lacquer and wood carvings. Last, head to **Yaizu Fish Market**, boasting shops selling fresh seafood such as tuna, bonito and dried or processed fish, as well as a variety of different tea sellers.

### NIHONDAIRA OUTLOOK & KUNOZAN TOSHOGU SHRINE

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **6 hours**

**Nihondaira Overlook**, a prefecture natural park, affords panoramic vistas of Suruga Bay and Mt. Fuji. Board an **aerial ropeway** for bird's-eye views as you travel up the mountainside to the **Kunozan Toshogu Shrine**. The shrine complex features ornately decorated vermilion buildings. Continue to Shaden, the main



building, comprised of three architecturally diverse and elaborately decorated sections. Last, visit the **Yaizu Fish Market**, boasting shops selling fresh seafood such as tuna, bonito and dried or processed fish, as well as a variety of different tea sellers.

### KAKEGAWA CASTLE & KASUISAI TEMPLE

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **5 hours**

Visit **Kasuisai Temple**, established in 1394 and featuring several buildings including a main hall, *shoin* and abbot's residence. It is also known as the flower temple for its perfect spring peonies, white Japanese orchids in summer and fall maple leaves. **Kakegawa Castle**, originally built in 1513, features sections reconstructed using original methods in 1994. Due to its historical significance, the site is included on the 100 Fine Castles of Japan list. Conclude with a stop at **Roadside Station Kakegawa**, with free time to stroll about and purchase souvenirs.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF OMAEZAKI

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4 hours**

Visit **Ochanosato Museum**, featuring exhibits introducing the tea industry, its history and culture and including a tea ceremony house and garden. Next visit **Horai Bridge**, the world's longest wooden pedestrian bridge at over half a mile long. Finally, arrive at **Ogane-ke**, a family residence built about 300 years ago. The main building and gate are both designated as National Important Cultural Properties. Enjoy the seasonal flowers in the garden and the views of Mt. Fuji and Suruga Bay in the distance.



## KOBE (OSAKA), JAPAN

Saturday, March 2, 2024  
Sunday, March 3, 2024



### KYOTO, THE ANCIENT CAPITAL

**M** \$\$\$ 🕒 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 9 hours

A city of profound history and rich tradition, Kyoto represents the soul of Japan. The **Kinkaku-ji Temple**, originally built in 1397, was reconstructed in 1955, faithful to the 14th-century design. Next visit **Nijo Castle**, boasting “nightingale” floors which squeaked to warn the inhabitants of intruders. Continue to the **Heian Shrine**, a two-thirds scale model of the Heian Imperial Palace surrounded by gardens. Time permitting, your tour concludes at the **Handicraft Center** for some shopping.

### KYOTO & THE SHINKANSEN BULLET TRAIN

**S** \$\$\$\$ 🕒 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 10 hours

Explore **Kyoto** by coach, stopping at the **Kinkaku-ji Temple** for an exterior view. Its second and third stories are covered in pure gold foil. Next visit **Nishiki Market** and see local food and products. Following **lunch** at a local restaurant, you will visit the Heian Shrine, dedicated to Emperor Kammu, the founder of Kyoto, and Emperor Komei, the last emperor of Kyoto. Finally, stop at the **Kiyomizu Temple**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its main hall famously hangs over the side of a cliff! Return to Kobe via the **Shinkansen Bullet Train**.



### THE BEST OF OSAKA

**M** \$\$\$ 🕒 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 8 hours

First visit **Osaka Castle**, destroyed and rebuilt many times, most recently in 1931. Next stop at **Shitennoji Temple**, built in A.D. 593 and believed to be the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan. It 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**, a dense area of restaurants and amusement spots located along the south bank of the Dotonbori Canal and beloved by its residents.

### HIMEJI CASTLE & GARDEN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

**S** \$\$\$ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 5.25 hours

**Himeji Castle** is known as the White Heron Castle because it sports an elegant white façade. Its imposing size and beauty and well-preserved castle grounds lend it status as both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Treasure. Completed in 1609, unlike many other Japanese castles, it has never been destroyed by war, earthquake or fire. It survives today as one of the country’s 12 original castles. Access the lovely **Koko-en Garden** from Himeji Castle. It consists of nine separate, walled gardens representing various Edo-period styles.

### OSAKA & RIVER CRUISE

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 4.5 hours

You’ll board a **dayboat** in Osaka for a cruise down the river to see 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. You will transfer back to Kobe port at the end of your tour.

## FUKUOKA, JAPAN

Tuesday, March 5, 2024



### BULLET TRAIN & KOKURA CASTLE PARK

**S** \$\$\$ 🕒 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 7 hours

Board one of Japan’s famous **bullet trains**, traveling up to 170 mph. In Kokura transfer by coach to **Kokura Castle**, originally constructed in 1602, destroyed by fire in 1837 and rebuilt in 1959. Visit the small museum with spectacular top-floor views and stroll through the beautiful garden. Taste Japanese tea in the garden area and visit the serene Yasaka shrine nearby. Sit down to a delicious **lunch** before a narrated drive by air-conditioned coach brings you back to Hakata.

### YANAGAWA CANAL PUNTING & THE TACHIBANA OHANA MUSEUM

**M** \$\$\$ 🕒 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 6 hours

In Yanagawa explore the pretty, willow-lined canals in a **donko-bune**, a **gondola-like punt** poled by a boatman. Continue to the **Tachibana Ohana Museum**, housed in the former estate of the Tachibana clan that once ruled Yanagawa. Exhibits include art objects and artifacts chronicling the history of the clan as well as armor and swords, exquisite clothing, Noh masks and costumes, paintings, scrolls and an impressive collection of dolls. Enjoy **lunch** at a local restaurant here before returning to the ship.

### KUSHIDA & DAZAIFU TENMANGU SHRINES & FUKUOKA TOWER

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 5 hours

Dedicated in A.D. 905, **Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine** commemorates a Heian official renowned for his learning and his purity of heart. The current shrine dates to 1591 and features elegant, Buddhist-inspired bridges, serene ponds and ancient camphor trees. Browse for souvenirs along the street. Continue to the **Kushida Shrine**, founded in 758. It is the starting point for the Oiyama

race that ends the city’s annual summer festival. You’ll also visit the iconic **Fukuoka Tower**, a city landmark and Japan’s largest seaside tower at 767 feet tall. Covered in 8,000 semi-mirrored panels, it functions as a broadcast antenna for TV and radio networks.

### DAZAIFU TENMANGU SHRINE

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 3 hours

The **Dazaifu shrine** is dedicated to ninth-century scholar Sugawara no Michizane. His character was so admired, there are now 12,000 shrines dedicated to him across Japan. Established early in the 10th century, Dazaifu Tenmangu is perhaps the most famous of these and is well-known for its 6,000-plus plum trees that blossom in early spring. Return to the ship afterwards via motorcoach.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF FUKUOKA

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 3.5 hours

First pass an area known as **Tenjin**, part of Fukuoka’s business and entertainment center and home to major department stores and specialty shops. You’ll also see the Fukuoka Dome, Japan’s first baseball stadium with a retractable roof. Nearby stands the iconic **Fukuoka Tower**, a city landmark and Japan’s largest seaside tower. Your next stop is Fukuoka’s oldest shrine, the **Kushida Shrine**, where local merchants pray for prosperity and health and the centerpiece of a 1,200 year-old festival called Yamakasa. Next head to the **Hakata Machiya Folk Museum**, housed in three *machiya* (traditional townhouses) that provide a recreation of a traditional Hakata neighborhood. View displays of historical photographs and artifacts and watch artisans demonstrate the making of crafts.



## TIANJIN (BEIJING), PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Thursday, March 7, 2024  
Friday, March 8, 2024



### BEIJING & THE FORBIDDEN CITY

**S** \$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 11 hours

Classical Chinese architecture and cultural wealth are on display in the **Forbidden City** in Beijing. The city was originally built as a dwelling for the Ming and Qing dynasties and covers an area of 250 acres. After **lunch** at a hotel restaurant, stop at **Tiananmen Square**, the very heart of Beijing. Continue to the **Temple of Heaven**, a group of temples and buildings in a walled park south of Beijing. After some time to enjoy this remarkable setting, you will return to the ship via the highway to Tianjin.

### BEST OF TIANJIN

**M** \$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 6 hours

Begin with a visit to the **Confucius Temple** and the Ancient Culture Street, depicting aspects of life in China. **Lunch** is served at a local restaurant before the tour continues at the **Tianjin Museum**. This state-of-the-art museum tells the history of Tianjin but also boasts a large collection of arts and crafts treasures. Visit the **Shi Family Mansion**, built in 1875 and covering more than 60,000 square feet. Its 12 courtyards now house the local **Folklore Museum** whose brick, wood and stone carvings are among the best in north China.

### HUTONGS BY RICKSHAW & CIXI'S SUMMER PALACE

**M** \$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 11 hours

In Beijing enjoy a tour through the local hutongs, **narrow streets of the Old Town** lined with courtyard-style houses. Traveling by rickshaw, explore the alleys around the Houhai area. You will visit a **local family** to learn about the regional culture and the people's life here. **Lunch** is served at a local Chinese restaurant. Continue on to the **Summer Palace**, dating back to the Qing

Dynasty and commissioned by Empress Dowager Cixi in 1888. Explore this oasis of peace in the bustling city with your guide.

### THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

**M** \$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 10.5 hours

Take a three-and-a-half hour **scenic drive** to the Great Wall area. You'll enjoy **lunch** at a local Chinese restaurant and a shopping break at a jade crafts store. Explore the **Great Wall of China**, whose construction began as early as the eighth century B.C. 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.



## DALIAN, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Saturday, March 9, 2024



### DALIAN FAVORITES

**M** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 7 hours

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. Next visit the **Pole Aquarium** followed by a **lunch** of northern Chinese cuisine. After lunch, continue to **People's Square** in the center of Dalian, once named Stalin Square. Visit one of the thousands of **nursery schools** in Dalian and spend some time with the adorable children before returning to the ship.

### DALIAN HIGHLIGHTS

**E** \$\$ Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately 3.25 hours

Begin with a visit to **People's Square**, dating back to 1899. Visit one of the thousands of **nursery schools** in Dalian and spend some time with these adorable

children before taking a scenic drive to **Beida Bridge**, completed in 1987 to commemorate Dalian's friendly relationship with its Japanese sister city, Kitakyushu. The last stop on your tour is **Labor Park**, the largest public park in Dalian. It offers a panoramic view of the city and its many new construction sites.

### PANORAMIC DALIAN

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 3.5 hours

Begin your tour of Dalian with a **panoramic drive** around Zhongshan Square (People's Square) as your guide explains a brief history of the 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. Head through the city and along its main street, Zhongshan Road en route to **Xinghai Square**. This large square was built in 1997 to commemorate the return of Hong Kong to China. Continue with an orientation drive along Dalian's most beautiful coastal road and enjoy the scenery along with a photo stop at **Beida Bridge** before returning to the ship.

### THE TRAM & EASTERN DALIAN

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 3.5 hours

Start your tour with a leisurely **walk** through Dalian's **Russian Culture Street**. The highlight today is a **tram tour** through eastern Dalian. The Chinese government removed most of the tramways in Dalian, and 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.



# SHANGHAI, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024



## ZHUJIAJIAO WATERTOWN

**S** **\$\$** **📺** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **7.75 hours**

Visit the small town of **Zhujiajiao** and admire its meandering streets, narrow alleyways, numerous stone bridges and centuries-old buildings. Local women display their handmade wares from wooden boats bobbing in the water. Explore the **Daqing Youju Post Office**, dating to the Qing dynasty, and visit the **Tongtianhe Chinese Pharmacy**. Following **lunch** at a local restaurant, visit a silk factory and learn how traditional Chinese silk products are made, with the opportunity to shop at the factory store.

## BEST OF SHANGHAI

**S** **\$\$** **📺** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **10 hours**

Stop first at the **Shanghai Museum**, which houses a vast collection. In the Pudong New Area, view the futuristic **Oriental Pearl TV and Radio Tower**, a symbol of the city. Travel along Shanghai's premier attraction, the **Bund**. Enjoy a Chinese **lunch** at a fine restaurant before visiting the **Yuyuan Garden**. Finally, visit the **Jade Buddha Temple**. Featuring bright saffron walls, it houses two jade Buddha statues. The centerpiece is a six-foot-tall, white jade seated Buddha encrusted with jewels.

## HIGH-SPEED TRAIN TO HANGZHOU & WEST LAKE CRUISE

**S** **\$\$\$\$** **📺** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **13 hours**

Travel by **high-speed train to Hangzhou** and discover the tranquility of **West Lake** during a leisurely boat ride. Enjoy a Chinese **lunch** before visiting **Lingyin Temple**. Restored several times by ancient dynasties, it now stands as one of the largest and most-visited Buddhist temples in China. This quiet and sheltered sanctuary is surrounded by forested hills. Reboard the high-speed train for your return to Shanghai.



## YUYUAN GARDEN, WEST LAKE & HANGZHOU OVERNIGHT

**S** **\$\$\$\$** **📺** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **18.5 hours**

This Overnight brings you to charming Hangzhou, which the great explorer Marco Polo considered one of the most beautiful and elegant cities in the world.

### Day 1 (Lunch/Dinner)

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. 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 (Breakfast/Lunch)

Enjoy a chartered **boat cruise on West Lake**, situated at the heart of Hangzhou. The **Lingyin Temple** is one of the largest temples in China and features more than 70 halls. The mysteries of Eastern medicine are unveiled at the **Chinese Medicine Museum**. Leaving Hangzhou, you will take the **train back to Shanghai** and rejoin the ship.

## TERRA-COTTA WARRIORS & LI RIVER OVERLAND ADVENTURE

**S** **\$\$\$\$** **📺** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
**4 Days/3 Nights**

This remarkable journey travels from Shanghai to Hong Kong, with stops in Xian, Guilin, and Yangshuo. This itinerary combines historical sites, cultural experiences, and breathtaking natural scenery for an unforgettable adventure in China.

### Day 1 (Dinner)

Transfer from the ship to Shanghai Pudong International Airport for a **flight to Xi'an**. Upon arrival, you will check in at your hotel and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner in the evening.

### Day 2 (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Today starts with a visit to the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, a temple constructed to house Buddhist scriptures. You'll then have a shopping stop at the **Jade Factory**, known for its beautiful stone products. After a local Chinese restaurant lunch, the tour continues to the **Terra-Cotta Warriors Museum**, where you'll witness the astonishing collection of life-size terra-cotta warriors and horses. These statues were created to protect the burial site of China's first emperor, Qin Shihuang. The tour also includes a visit to the ancient **City Wall**. In the evening you'll be treated to a cultural program, featuring a **concert** with Tang Dynasty musical instruments and colorful dances, at the **Tang Dynasty Palace Restaurant Theater**.



### Day 3 (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Begin with a visit to the **Shaanxi Provincial Museum**, known for its vast collection of cultural relics from the region. The museum showcases over 370,000 artifacts including murals, paintings, pottery, coins and precious metal objects. After the museum visit, you'll **fly to Guilin**, where you'll be welcomed with a buffet dinner at your hotel. The rest of the evening is free for you to explore at your leisure.

### Day 4 (Breakfast/Lunch)

Wake up to the fresh air of Guilin and savor breakfast at your hotel. You'll embark on a **cruise** along the **Li River**, marveling at the breathtaking scenery as if witnessing a masterpiece being painted before your eyes. During the cruise you'll enjoy a box lunch. The journey ends in **Yangshuo**, a town characterized by clear rivers, lush vegetation, karst hills and traditional Chinese architecture. Take a leisurely stroll down **West Street**, the town's main commercial strip, and immerse yourself in its lively blend of local and Western influences. In the afternoon you'll be escorted to the airport for your **flight to Hong Kong**. Upon arrival, you'll be met and accompanied back to your ship at the Hong Kong Ocean Terminal.

This condensed description provides an overview of the itinerary, highlighting key activities and destinations. The journey promises a captivating blend of history, culture and natural beauty, offering a truly extraordinary experience in China.

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# HONG KONG, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Saturday March 16, 2024  
Sunday March 17, 2024



## EXPLORE LANTAU ISLAND & MONASTERY

**M** \$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **7.5 hours**

Travel to **Lantau Island**, Hong Kong's largest outlying island. Stop first at **Tai O fishing village**, built on stilts beside a river and 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** followed by free time to explore **Ngong Ping Themed Village**. Take a 25-minute cable car ride down to **Tung Chung** town and drive back to the ship.

## BEST OF HONG KONG

**M** \$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **8.25 hours**

Make a visit to several of Hong Kong's **specialty markets** and then take a quick ride on the **Peak Tram** funicular to the top of Victoria Peak to enjoy views of Hong Kong and the Kowloon Peninsula far below. Continue on a drive to **Aberdeen**, where fishermen and their families live on thousands of junks and sampans. Enjoy **lunch** and a short sampan ride here, followed by a brief visit to jewelry workshops. Next, drive to **Stanley**, one of Hong Kong's oldest settlements, best known today for its markets that specialize in sports shoes, clothing and Chinese handicrafts.

## HONG KONG NIGHT VIEW BY TRAM

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3.25 hours**

Head to Hong Kong Island, traveling under Victoria Harbour by tunnel. 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. Drive back down by coach, and then board a double-decker tram for an **evening tour** of Hong Kong's hottest nightspots. The tram is the ideal way to explore the exciting and bustling city life in Hong Kong.

## EVENING HARBOR CRUISE

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **2.75 hours**

Board a traditional-style **Chinese floating pagoda** for a narrated cruise around **Victoria Harbour**, taking in dramatic views of Hong Kong Island from the water. At night, Hong Kong's spectacular skyline becomes a dazzling neon cityscape. Enjoy unlimited drinks from the bar as you watch the sights and the city lights.

## COOK LIKE A LOCAL: IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FOOD & WINE® MAGAZINE

**M** \$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4 hours**

Follow a professional chef 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 their 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.



# DA NANG, VIETNAM

Tuesday, March 19, 2024



## IMPERIAL HUE

**S** \$\$\$ 🚲 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **9 hours**

Drive through the Hai Van tunnels from Da Nang, arriving at **Hue's Imperial Citadel**. Reconstruction has restored this building to its former splendor. A buffet Imperial Feast **lunch** is served at a local hotel. Afterwards drive through pine forests and orchards to visit one of the imperial tombs. 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 lake, ornate buildings, gardens and hunting grounds.

## BEST OF ANCIENT HOI AN

**M** \$\$ 🚲 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **7.5 hours**

Take a guided **walk** through Hoi An's narrow streets boasting 19th-century wooden buildings. Visit a traditional merchant's house with its mix of architectural



styles. Enjoy some free time for exploring and shopping in town. **Lunch**, featuring exquisitely subtle Vietnamese flavors, is served at a local restaurant. Before returning to the ship, pause at **My Khe Beach**, a favorite military recreation spot during the Vietnam War. Also view the Marble Mountains and a marble workshop operating right on the roadside.

## DA NANG BY RICKSHAW & THE CHAM MUSEUM

**M** \$\$ 🚲 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4 hours**

Travel to the **Cham Museum**, where your pedal cab awaits. 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** before returning to the Cham Museum for a 30-minute museum visit. View a collection of sculpted sandstone items, providing insight into the history and culture of the Cham people. Continue on to **My Khe Beach**, a wartime recreational hangout for American GIs, before returning to the port.

## MY SON HERITAGE & CHAM ART

**S** \$\$\$ 🚲 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **8 hours**

Visit the **My Son** UNESCO World Heritage Site, marking the remnants of more than 70 brick temples built by the Champa civilization to honor Hindu gods. Returning to Da Nang city, stop at a local restaurant for **lunch**. Take a **rickshaw tour** around the main city streets before stopping at the **Cham Museum** for a 30-minute museum introduction. The museum houses the best collection of Cham art in the world, including more than 300 sandstone and terra-cotta sculptures, many of which were excavated from the My Son site.

## ANGKOR WAT OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE

**S** \$\$\$\$ 🚲 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
**3 Days/2 Nights**

### Day 1 (Lunch/Dinner)

Drive to **Hoi An**, a charming town with narrow streets lined with wooden buildings dating back to the 19th century. Visit a traditional merchant's house to see a fusion of architectural styles and witness a handicraft production demonstration. Following lunch at a local restaurant, return to **Da Nang's Cham Museum**, displaying original sculptures. In the evening, **fly to Siem Reap** for a delectable dinner and an overnight stay.

### Day 2 (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Following breakfast, travel to the magnificent **Beng Mealea temple**, an ancient structure boasting remarkable architectural details and minimal restoration. In the afternoon you will visit **Angkor Wat**, the largest temple in the world, exploring its corridors and courtyards and intricate bas reliefs depicting ancient Hindu mythology. After witnessing the sun set over the ancient walls, you will return for dinner at your hotel.

### Day 3 (Breakfast/Lunch)

**Fly to Saigon**, also known as Ho Chi Minh City. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on a **drive** past iconic landmarks such as the Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera House, City Hall and the Presidential Palace. Arrive at Phu My port, where your ship waits.

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# PHU MY (HO CHI MINH CITY), VIETNAM

Thursday, March 21, 2024



## CU CHI TUNNELS

**M** **\$\$** **📹** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **10 hours**

Explore the tunnels used by Vietnamese fighters who both lived in and fought from them. Watch a **short video** that traces the history of the tunnels, their origins, construction and design. Next, a military guide will explain the underground network. Much of the **tunnel complex** has been opened and ventilated so that you can more easily experience the underground areas. Some may choose to experience an unexpanded, unlit passage. **Lunch** is served during the tour, and refreshments (at your own expense) and souvenirs are available nearby, along with displays of military paraphernalia.

## THE BEST OF HO CHI MINH CITY

**M** **\$\$** **📹** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **8.5 hours**

A tour of the city presents views of grand old buildings and colorful street markets. Visit the former **Presidential Palace**, now known as Independence Palace, serving as a museum. See the President's quarters and the basement with American communications equipment and strategic military maps. Drive by Notre Dame Cathedral before enjoying a buffet **lunch** at a local hotel. Visit the **History Museum** and its collection of artifacts illustrating the evolution of the cultures of Vietnam. Browse, shop and observe at a **lacquerware workshop**.

## VUNG TAU HIGHLIGHTS

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4 hours**

**Vung Tau** has always been a popular beach resort for residents of Saigon. Drive along the coast past a 100-foot-tall statue of Jesus and visit a hillside **Buddhist temple** with attractive views. Further on you will see the so-called **Bay of Boats** where colorful wooden fishing boats are anchored. A visit to the former **Royal Residence of Bach Dinh**, the White Villa, is included.



## BA RIA: A LOCAL LIFE EXPERIENCE

**E** **\$** Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **3.5 hours**

Visit a pagoda and drive past the **local market** for a glimpse of everyday rural life. Next, visit a **local home** and visit with the owners as they talk about their simple but traditionally rich lifestyle. Then see the process of **rice papermaking** and a **distillery** producing the local potent form of rice wine. Finally, step inside a colorful **Cao Dai temple**. Cao Daim is a fascinating combination of Eastern and Western religions.

## A TASTE OF VIETNAMESE CUISINE: IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FOOD & WINE® MAGAZINE

**M** **\$\$\$** **📹** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **7 hours**

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** you'll visit the local market. Continue to a **culinary center** for a practical **demonstration of Vietnamese cooking**. Alongside professional chefs, you will discover the art of Vietnamese gastronomy and will savor your creations in a relaxing ambiance. The chef is available during lunch to comment on Vietnamese cuisine and food preparation.

# SINGAPORE, REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

Saturday, March 23, 2024  
Sunday, March 24, 2024



## AROUND THE ISLAND

**S** **\$\$\$** **📹** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **6.5 hours**

Begin at the **Tiong Bahru Wet Market** as locals buy their daily groceries and vegetables. Next, pass by the Kranji Dam area and the **Kranji War Memorial**, the final resting place for many Allied soldiers who lost their lives in World War II. After **lunch** visit the **Bright Hill Temple**, a place of Chinese ancestral worship. The final loop of the tour passes the Johore Battery, built by the British in 1939. Drive through Changi Village on the way back to the pier.

## SINGAPORE BY RIVERBOAT & TRISHAW

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3.5 hours**

Drive to Clarke Quay, the city's earliest commercial center, and board a **riverboat** for a 30-minute cruise along the Singapore River. Pass where Stamford Raffles, founder of Singapore, first landed in 1819, and catch a glimpse of the famous Merlion fountain and Marina Bay Sands Hotel. Hop aboard a **trishaw** for a short ride through the Little India streets, passing the Padang and St. Andrew's Cathedral. Leave the trishaw at Bugis Village and visit the **Goddess of Mercy Buddhist Temple** as well as a Hindu temple before returning to the ship.



## BEST OF SINGAPORE

**M** **\$\$\$** **📹** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **8.75 hours**

Pass through the city's Chinatown and then take a **riverboat** ride to the iconic **Merlion Park**. Stop at the **City Gallery** for an overview of the latest developments and take in a bird's-eye view of the city on an innovative city model. Next, enjoy a different perspective of Singapore at the **Marina Bay Sands observation deck** and then on to the **Gardens by the Bay**. Have **lunch** at a local restaurant before driving down Arab Street and then through Little India and conclude your tour with a **Singapore Sling** at a leading 5-star hotel.

## GARDENS BY THE BAY & MARINA BAY SANDS OBSERVATION DECK

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4 hours**

Visit the impressive **Gardens by the Bay**, home to more than 250,000 rare plants housed in giant domed conservatories representing different regions of the world. Wander through the gardens and visit the **Cloud Forest**, featuring the world's tallest indoor waterfall. Next, enjoy a different perspective of Singapore from **Marina Bay Sands' observation deck**, 650 feet above the ground. Finally, enjoy a coach ride back to the cruise center.

## NIGHT SAFARI

**S** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **4 hours**

The Night Safari offers visitors the opportunity to **observe wildlife** in a tropical jungle at night. Guests may view the 1,000 nocturnal animals of 100 different species in vast natural habitats. Enjoy a relaxing, open-air **tram ride** that slowly weaves through the enclosure or **stroll** along some of the many walking trails designed for safety and set amid a lush tropical forest.



## COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Thursday, March 28, 2024



### THE TAJ MAHAL & THE PINK CITY OF JAIPUR OVERLAND ADVENTURE (COLOMBO TO MUMBAI)

**S** \$\$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
5 Days/4 Nights

#### Day 1 (Dinner)

Transfer to the airport in Colombo and board a **flight to Delhi**. Upon arrival in India's capital, you'll transfer to your hotel. Dinner will be served at your hotel.

#### Day 2 (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After breakfast, take an early-morning transfer to the airport for a **flight to Jaipur**. Arrive in Jaipur and proceed to the Amber Fort (pronounced "Ammer"), with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal along the way. After lunch, take a city tour of Jaipur, stopping to visit the amazing **Jantar Mantar Observatory**. 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 (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After breakfast, relax for five hours of driving time to reach **Agra** in time for afternoon check-in. After lunch you will visit the **Agra Fort**, built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar in A.D. 1565. The fort is made predominantly of red sandstone. Thereafter continue to **Taj Mahal**, quite simply an architectural wonder and the heart and soul of every visit to Agra. Visit a local handicraft shop before dinner is served at the hotel.

#### Day 4 (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

View the **Taj Mahal at sunrise** before returning to your hotel for breakfast. 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. Dinner will be served at your hotel.

#### Day 5 (Breakfast)

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 Mumbai's city highlights.

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### HOLY COLOMBO

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 4.25 hours

Begin at the **Gangarama Buddhist Temple**, featuring an eclectic mix of architectural styles. Next visit the **Captain's Garden Temple**, an ancient Hindu temple with more than 400 years of recorded history. View the **Jami Ul-Alfar Mosque** with its candy-striped red and white brickwork in the Pettah Bazaar area of Colombo. Finally, the Wolvendaal Church or the Dutch Reformed Church, now renamed the **Christian Reformed Church** and completed in 1757, is the oldest Protestant Church still functioning here.



### GALLE: A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

**M** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 10.5 hours

Visit the only producer of Virgin White Tea in Sri Lanka, **Handunugoda Tea Estate**. Walk through the factory, finishing with a tasting of this unique tea (and others) before relaxing with tea and cake at the **Planters' Bungalow**. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant. Next visit Galle, a thriving port whose **Old Town** houses several museums as well as the Dutch Reformed Church; the lively Arab Quarter; and the famous **Galle Fort**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### PINNAWELA ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE

**M** \$\$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 9 hours

An air-conditioned motorcoach is your transportation for the three-hour journey to the **Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage**. Established in 1975, the facility became a conservation and educational center. The success

story of Pinnawela has drawn the attention of scientists from all over the world, and a considerable number of books and research articles on Pinnawela have been published in several languages. 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**.

### MILLENNIUM ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

**S** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 7.25 hours

Visit the **Millennium Elephant Foundation (MEF)**, a nonprofit organization caring for captive elephants since the early 1960s. Enjoy a **close-up encounter** with these majestic animals, helping to **bathe and feed them**. You'll also tour a **paper factory** which uses traditional methods to make paper from elephant dung and other ingredients such as rice paddy straw, cinnamon and banana bark.



## MUMBAI (BOMBAY), INDIA

Sunday, March 31, 2024  
Monday, April 1, 2024



### THE QUEEN'S NECKLACE: MUMBAI BY NIGHT WITH DINNER

**E** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **1.5 hours**

View highlights of the city, including the **Gateway of India**, and follow Marine Drive, a favorite evening promenade whose graceful curve and glittering lights give it the nickname "the Queen's Necklace." Continue past Chowpatty Beach and many charmingly illuminated Victorian buildings, including **Victoria (Chhatrapati Shivaji) Terminus**, the main railway station. After the drive you will **dine** at an upscale Indian restaurant.

### MARVELS OF MUMBAI

**M** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.75 hours**

Begin at the city's most famous landmark, the **Gateway of India**, and proceed to the elaborate **Victoria (Chhatrapati Shivaji) Terminus railway station**. Next, stop at **Mani Bhavan**, Mahatma Gandhi's Bombay base, now a museum and memorial to the famous leader. From here drive to **Dhobi Ghat**, where laundry from all over Mumbai is brought to be soaped, soaked, boiled and beaten. Finally, visit the **Prince of Wales Museum** and its displays of jade, weapons and terra-cotta figures as well as a superb collection of Indian paintings, illustrated manuscripts and exquisite miniatures.

### ELEPHANTA CAVES

**S** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **5 hours**

Travel to the **Gateway of India**, an archway conceived as an entry point for people arriving from England. From here board a **motor boat** to cruise to **Elephanta Island** to visit a series of **caves** elaborately carved by Hindu craftsmen more than a thousand years ago. As you enter, you will see a magnificent sculpture of Shiva as Nataraj. Later, board the motor boat for the return to the Gateway and the transfer back to the ship.

### BANGANGA & KHOTACHIWADI HERITAGE

**S** \$\$ 🍏 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **3.5 hours**

Visit the temple complex of **Banganga**, one of Mumbai's holiest sites and the oldest surviving structure in the city. Its pool's waters are believed to have healing powers and be as sacred as the Ganges. Next, drive to the neighborhood of **Khotachiwadi** to view a cluster of centuries-old Portuguese-style homes. Enjoy **beverages and light snacks** while listening to stories from one of its residents, fashion designer James Ferriera. Pass through the Gateway of India en route back to the ship.

### MUMBAI'S SPICE MARKET

**S** \$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **2.75 hours**

Enjoy a **drive** through the city, showcasing some of its highlights. Visit **Crawford Market**, housing a chaotic wholesale cloth market. Next, visit the **Mumbai Spice Market**, known as Chilli Street. Here find all kinds of spices (whole and ground), from Kashmiri chillies to turmeric, cumin seeds, cinnamon, mustard seeds and much more; but the Spice Market today also deals in jewelry, toys, household items, etc. Here every corner is a repository of ancient stories easily missed in the modern age.



## FUJAIRAH, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Thursday, April 4, 2024



### OFF-ROAD SAFARI: MUSANDAM PENINSULA & THE HAJAR MOUNTAINS

**S** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **5 hours**

Begin with a **scenic drive** north along the coastline, passing fishing villages en route to the port of **Dibba**, at the base of the rugged Hajar Mountains. Enjoy up-close views of fascinating cliffs and deep canyons as you cross the **Musandam Peninsula** on **off-road tracks**. Climb through winding gorges to reach an elevation of nearly 4,000 feet. Return to the pier, passing the United Arab Emirates' oldest mosque, Al Bidya.

### FUJAIRAH & ENVIRONS

**M** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.25 hours**

**Drive** along the **scenic coastline**, passing Fujairah city to reach Kalba. Here you will visit the **Kalba Bird of Prey Center** to learn about the Arabian Peninsula's powerful birds of prey. Returning to Fujairah, explore the **Fujairah Museum's** collections of old weapons, traditional costumes and artifacts excavated from sites nearby. View the adjacent, renovated **Old Fort of Fujairah**, built on a hill overlooking date palm plantations. You will also visit the **Fujairah Heritage Village**, a recreation of 16th-century Arabian village life.



### FUJAIRAH BEACH BREAK

**M** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.5 hours**

Simply relax on the beach or enjoy a leisurely swim in the warm waters of UAE's east coast, a renowned dive destination. Visit a popular **local beach resort** for 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).

### ARABIAN DESERT WONDERS

**M** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4 hours**

This exciting **four-wheel-drive** trip explores the desert of the northern UAE. Drive past the Hajar Mountains to the **Arabian Desert**, where you'll 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.

### PANORAMIC EAST COAST DRIVE

**M** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.5 hours**

Begin with a **scenic drive** along the UAE's east coast. In Fujairah visit the renovated **Old Fort of Fujairah**, complete with crenellations. Stop for photos at the picturesque **Bitnah Oasis** as you ride out of town. Take free time in **Masafi village** to browse the quaint Friday Market which offers a wide range of local products. Take in views of the imposing Hajar Mountains en route to the blue waters of the Indian Ocean. Visit the sleepy fishing village of **Dibba Al Hisn** and drive past Al Bidya Mosque, the oldest in the Emirates, as you head back to port.



## DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Friday, April 5, 2024



### MODERN DUBAI & TEA AT THE BURJ AL ARAB

**M** \$\$\$ 🍷🍷🍷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **5.25 hours**

In the prestigious Jumeirah area drive past upscale homes and modern-day palaces. Stop first at the “trunk” of **Palm Jumeirah**, a fully reclaimed palm tree-shaped island just off the coast of Dubai. See the world’s largest artificial marina and stop at the **Burj Al Arab**, shaped like a spinnaker sail, for traditional afternoon tea. In the downtown area view the iconic **Burj Khalifa**, the tallest building in the world, and stop at the world’s tallest performing fountain.

### ARABIAN NIGHTS: AN EVENING SAFARI & CAMEL RIDE

**M** \$\$ 🍷🍷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **5.5 hours**

Cross the desert of Dubai on an exciting **dune drive** to a camel farm. Learn about “ships of the desert” and then watch the beautiful sunset before reaching a **desert campsite**. Here you may **ride a camel**, try sand boarding or get a henna design on your hands or feet (at your own expense). Enjoy a delicious **barbecue dinner**, and try a sheesha (an Arabian water pipe) in accordance with local tradition. Watch a **belly dancer** performing around the campfire by starlight.



### COCKTAIL DHOW CRUISE

**M** \$\$ 🍷🍷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **2.5 hours**

Drive to the city wharf along the Deira bank of **Dubai Creek**, where a Arabian dhow awaits. Step aboard the **traditionally built vessel** which boasts a modern and comfortable interior. Enjoy refreshments of house **wine, beer and spirits**, along with a selection of Arabian **canapés**. Glide past some of Dubai’s inspiring heritage sites, souks (markets), banks and palaces. Sit back and relax in the wonderful ambience of Arabian hospitality.

### SEAPLANE FLIGHT OVER DUBAI

**E** \$\$\$\$ Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **2.5 hours**

Take a scenic **35-minute seaplane flight** for a bird’s-eye view of the extensive new developments in the megalopolis of Dubai. See highlights such as the iconic Burj Al Arab and Palm Jumeirah. View a cluster of islands reclaimed along Dubai’s coast known as The World Islands. Fly over Dubai Marina, the world’s largest manmade marina, and photograph Burj Khalifa. Watch for scenic Jumeirah Beach and the bustling Sheikh Zayed Road before landing.

## ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Saturday, April 6, 2024



### ABU DHABI HIGHLIGHTS

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.25 hours**

Enjoy a **leisurely drive** to Abu Dhabi’s eastern shore. Visit the **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**, an iconic monument to peace and universal brotherhood and the third-largest mosque in the world. Continue past the six-star Emirates Palace Hotel to the **Heritage Village**, presenting the culture and traditions of the emirate. Take in views of Abu Dhabi’s skyline from the adjacent breakwater before stopping at the **Zayed Center**, a museum for presidential memorabilia.

### AL AIN SIGHTSEEING

**M** \$\$ 🍷🍷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **9 hours**

Drive to the **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**, the third-largest mosque in the world. Continue through the desert before reaching the Hajar Mountains. Visit the **Al Ain Museum** and the renovated **Old Palace of Sheikh Zayed**. Stroll around the nearby **Al Ain Oasis** and see the ancient *falaj* (irrigation system). Finally, visit the **camel market**, the largest in the UAE. Return to a city hotel and enjoy a buffet **lunch** before driving back to Abu Dhabi.



### CORNICHE DHOW CRUISE

**M** \$\$ 🍷🍷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4 hours**

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 nonalcoholic beverages served en route. Then, a panoramic drive along the glittering, tower-lined Corniche brings you to the six-star **Emirates Palace Hotel**. Next, drive to the capital city’s popular **Marina Mall**, where you’ll have time to shop before returning to the pier.

### ARABIAN DUNE SAFARI

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4 hours**

Board a **4-wheel-drive vehicle** and drive east of Abu Dhabi city to the **Al Khatim Desert**. Enter the softly undulating sand dunes, their curious shapes molded by the harsh desert winds. Enjoy a series of exciting **dune drives** interspersed with photo opportunities. You’ll stop for refreshment en route before returning to the pier.

### ARCHITECTURAL MARVELS & THE LOUVRE ABU DHABI MUSEUM

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.5 hours**

Visit the **Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum**, designed as a seemingly floating dome. Its galleries tell the story of humanity, with works from the museum’s own collection ranging from prehistoric artifacts to contemporary works, complemented by masterpieces on loan from renowned French museum. Then stop at the **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**, brilliantly combining resources and materials from all around the world. From the breakwater take photos of the iconic skyline of Abu Dhabi. Return to the port along the tower-lined Corniche.



## MUSCAT, OMAN

Monday, April 8, 2024



### BILAD SAYT ADVENTURE

**S** \$\$\$ 🚗 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **7.75 hours**

Drive to the village of **Nakhl** to visit the fort that once served the imams of Bani Kharous and the Ya'arubah Dynasty. It 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 Sayt**. Enjoy a picnic **lunch** at Wadi Hat before returning to Muscat.

### MUSCAT & AL HAZM FORT

**M** \$\$ 🚗 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **8.25 hours**

Visit the **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque** and then travel to **Al Hazm Fort**, one of the most magnificent of the country's many ancient desert forts. Visit the natural mineral springs of **Ain Thowarah** at the Oasis of Nakhl and enjoy **lunch** at a local restaurant as you return to Muscat. Explore **Muscat's Old Town on foot**, strolling through 16th-century Portuguese forts and past the **Qasr Al Alam Palace**. Drive to the **Muttrah** – the old quarter of Muscat – and walk along the corniche. Sharpen your haggling skills while shopping at the souk.

### MUSCAT & THE MARKET

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.5 hours**

Step inside the **Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque** and admire its splendid Islamic architecture. Stroll through **Muscat's Old Town** and view the 16th-century Portuguese forts of **Jalali and Mirani** and the **Qasr Al Alam Palace**, home to HM Sultan Qaboos. Venture into the **Bait Al Zubair Museum**, housing one of Oman's finest private collections showcasing the country's culture, tradition and heritage. Finally, enjoy a little shopping at the busy souk.

### CULTURE OF MUSCAT

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4.5 hours**

Start with a visit to the **Bait Al Baranda Museum** to experience Muscat from the first century to A.D. 1744. Next, visit the colorful **Muttrah Souq** (market). Here shop for Arabian perfumes and spices, famous Omani *khanjars* (daggers), antiques, traditional silver jewelry, handicrafts and handmade Omani costumes. At the **Bait Adam Museum** view its unique collections and interact with an Omani family whose home is part of the museum. Enjoy a snack of **Arabian coffee and dates** as you hear about the local lifestyle.

### ENCHANTING FORTS OF NIZWA

**S** \$\$\$ 🚗 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **8.5 hours**

Drive through the Hajar Mountains to reach **Nizwa**, the former capital of Oman. Its **17th-century fort** boasts a long and exciting history. At the back of the fort are the remains of the *falaj*, the ancient irrigation system developed around 500 B.C. Next visit the traditional **souk** famed for silver Bedouin daggers. Drive to **Bahla Fort**, a 15th-century UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then visit **Jabrin Castle**, also known as the Palace of Bilyaroub and one of Oman's most beautiful forts. **Lunch** is served at a local restaurant en route to Muscat.



## SALĀLAH, OMAN

Wednesday, April 10, 2024



### BEST OF SALĀLAH

**M** \$\$\$ 🚗 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **7.75 hours**

Depart from Salalah port and head to the souq to enjoy some free time for **shopping**. At the **archaeological site of Al-Baled** view exhibits about the region's human history and heritage. Visit **Taqah Castle** and continue to **Khor Rori Creek**, believed to be the site of Sumhuram, ancient capital of Arabia's frankincense trade, and the Queen of Sheba's palace. Enjoy **lunch** at a hotel in Salalah. On your way back to the ship, view **Mughsail Beach** and the natural blowholes in the rock cliffs.

### THE FRANKINCENSE TRAIL & THE TOMB OF JOB

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **4 hours**

Explore **Mughsail Beach**, a strand of white sand with high cliffs at each end. If the timing is right, you might see the beach's spectacular blowholes. Next, tap your own **frankincense tree** to capture the precious perfume once valued as highly as gold. According to legend, the tomb of the Old Testament prophet Job can be found nearby. Stop to view **Al Hosn Palace** in Dhofar, a residence of Sultan Qaboos, and stroll the stalls selling myrrh, frankincense, oils and artifacts at the **Al Husn Market**.

### THE LOST CITY OF UBAR & THE SANDS OF ARABIA

**M** \$\$\$ 🚗 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **8 hours**

Traveling by **four-wheel-drive** vehicle from the port, you'll stop briefly at **Thumrait**. Continue to the **Khadaf Dunes** at the edge of the Rub Al Khali Desert and drive amid the red sand dunes. The **Ubar excavation site**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located near the village of Shishr. Several small archaeological excavations have

revealed an area that is believed to consist of four cities. Enjoy a picnic-style **lunch** before you return to Salalah via Thumrait.

### SALĀLAH PRIVATE TOURING – FULL DAY (CAR)

**E** \$\$\$ 🚗 Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **8 hours**

**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. 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. Price is per vehicle, not per person. Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

### SALĀLAH PRIVATE TOURING – HALF DAY (CAR)

**E** \$\$\$ 🚗 Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **4 hours**

**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. 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. Price is per vehicle, not per person. Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.



## EILAT (PETRA), ISRAEL

Monday, April 15, 2024



### EILAT & BEYOND

**E** \$\$ Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **4.25 hours**

Visit the palm groves of **Kibbutz Eilat** and learn about the history of palm trees in the Jewish culture and the burgeoning palm industry of today. Next, drive through the salt pools to the *fugarot*, a 1,300-year-old chain of connected wells. Visit a local shopping mall before driving into the red granite **Eilat Mountains**. The top of **Mount Yoash** offers sweeping views over Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Learn about Eilat city, the region, and local flora and fauna before returning to the pier.

### EILAT MOUNTAINS & DESERT HOSPITALITY

**S** \$\$\$\$ 🍏 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **4.75 hours**

Drive into the red granite **Eilat Mountains**, a landscape dotted with acacia trees and herds of ibex. Pass through **Wadi Solomon** and along the Rechavam River, whose riverbed will likely be dry. See part of the pilgrimage route from Jordan to Mecca and descend to Ein Netafim, the only freshwater spring in the area. From the top of **Mount Yoash** take in sweeping views over Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Learn about Eilat city, the region, and local flora and fauna. Finish your desert outing with light refreshments.

### MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

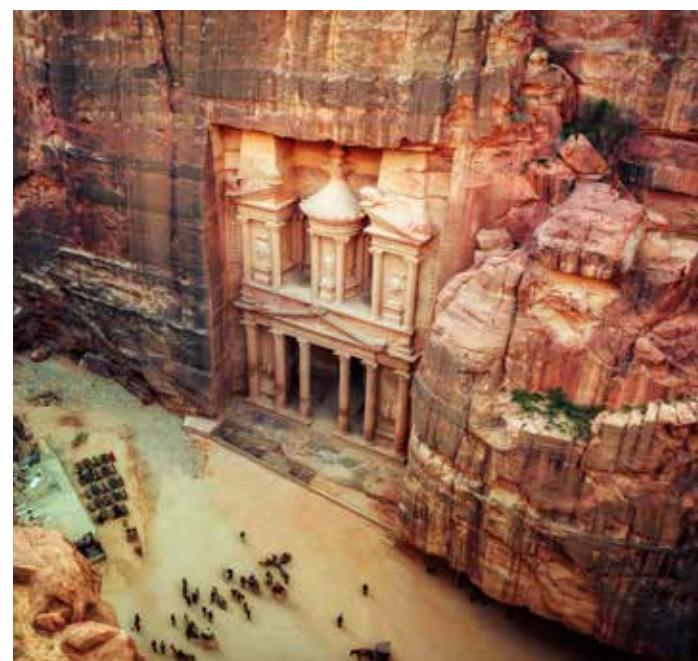
**S** \$\$\$\$ 🏠 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **10.5 hours**

Drive to the Judean desert via Arad. Descend 1,200 feet by road to the lowest place on the Earth. Visit the **Masada Fortress** looming high above the desolate landscape. Once King Herod's luxurious refuge, it was the site of a three-year-long Roman siege that ended when almost a thousand members of the Jewish faith took their lives rather than submit to slavery. Next, enjoy lunch at a hotel on the shores of the **Dead Sea** and take an afternoon **swim** in the sea. Finally, return to Eilat and the ship.

### THE ROSE-RED CITY OF PETRA

**S** \$\$\$\$ 🏠 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **12.5 hours**

Experience **Petra**, the amazing rose-red city of the Nabataeans. It lies isolated in a valley so cleverly concealed that it was once "lost" for a thousand years. **Walk** into the city through a stunning natural canyon called the Siq. Suddenly you emerge from its gloom into the blinding light, with the Treasury before you. Pass the street of the façades leading to the **Greek theater**. It seats around 3,000 spectators. As you approach it, you'll pass the **Royal Tombs**, carved into the face of Jebel Khubtha. Leading west is the main street of Petra, which once boasted numerous stately columns. At the end of the street, to the left of the path, is the partly restored **Qasr Al Bint**. This, the only freestanding structure in Petra, is thought to have been the main place of worship in the city. Mountains surround this extraordinary place, and Bedouin families still inhabit the surrounding areas. **Lunch** is included and will be served buffet-style at a five-star hotel restaurant at Wadi Mussa.



## AL 'AQABAH (PETRA), JORDAN

Tuesday, April 16, 2024



### AQABA HIGHLIGHTS & WADI RUM LUNCH

**M** \$\$ 🏠 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **5.25 hours**

View the **Aqaba Fort** from a distance. In the heart of the city you will find the ruins of the old city of **Ayla**. View the site of the city gates as well as mosques, churches and the city walls. Drive to **Wadi Rum**, a 1.25-hour journey into a red landscape of soaring peaks and plunging valleys. Arrive at the **Desert Camp** and enjoy **lunch** in a Bedouin tent, followed by Arabian tea and local delicacies. Return to the ship via motorcoach.

### SHOUBAK CASTLE

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **5.75 hours**

Travel north of Aqaba to the city of Shoubak to visit one of the best-preserved Crusader castles in Jordan. **Shoubak Castle**, an early 12th-century Crusader castle, perches on the side of a rocky, conical mountain 4,265 feet above sea level. Built in A.D. 1115, Shoubak was 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.

### WADI RUM

**E** \$\$ 🏠 Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **5 hours**

Experience **Wadi Rum** on a two-hour **4x4 journey** through Jordan's largest and most magnificent desert landscape. Observe ridges a thousand feet tall topped with wind-smoothed domes and slabs of rock with inscriptions in early Talmudic writing scattered throughout the valley. You will see the **Seven Pillars of Wisdom Mountain** and the **Jebels**, sandstone rock formations that rise from the Wadi floor. Arrive at the **Desert Camp** and enjoy Arabian tea and delicacies served in a huge Bedouin tent furnished with authentic carpets. Return to the ship by motorcoach.

### PETRA & WADI RUM

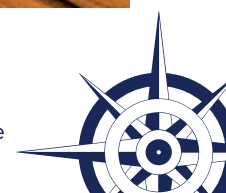
**S** \$\$\$ 🏠 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **13 hours**

Explore this **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World on foot with your guide. Continue exploring the desert landscapes of Jordan, following in the footsteps of British adventurer T.E. Lawrence. Drive to the famous **Wadi Rum**, site of the 1920s Arab Revolt championed by Lawrence. Meet with a Bedouin family and drive in a **four-wheel-drive vehicle** to the **Valley of the Moon**, taking in dramatic vistas of dunes, wind-sculpted hills and striking rock formations.

### PETRA: THE ROSE-RED CITY

**S** \$\$\$ 🏠 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **9 hours**

Your tour of **Petra** begins with a **walk** into the city through a narrow gorge call the Siq. You suddenly emerge into the light, and there before you is the **Treasury**, the most famous of Petra's monuments. Pass the street of the façades and a series of royal tombs before arriving at the **Greek theater**. At the end of the main street of Petra is the partly restored **Qasr Al Bint**, the only freestanding structure in Petra. **Lunch** is included and will be served buffet-style at a five-star restaurant in the upper area of Wadi Musa.



## ASHDOD (JERUSALEM), ISRAEL

Friday, April 19, 2024



### JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM, NAZARETH & THE SEA OF GALILEE OVERNIGHT TOUR

**S** \$\$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
2 Days/1 Night

#### Day 1 (Lunch/Dinner)

On the **drive to Jerusalem** begin with a magnificent view over the Golden City from atop the Mount of Olives; then, walk through the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Reboard your coach for the short drive to **Mt. Zion**, where you will visit the Room of the Last Supper. Enter the **Old City** via the Zion Gate for a walk through the **Jewish Quarter** and the **Roman Cardo** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. Inside the church you will see the five last Stations of the Cross. After a pleasant lunch, drive to **Bethlehem**. There you will visit the **Church of Nativity**, built above the place where Christ is said to have been born. After checking in and enjoying dinner at your hotel in Jerusalem, you'll set off on a drive around the magnificently illuminated **Old Town walls**, stopping at the Dung Gate for a moonlit visit to the **Western (or Wailing) Wall**.

#### Day 2 (Breakfast/Lunch)

After breakfast you'll leave Jerusalem via the Judean Mountains and **drive** through the Sharon Valley to **Nazareth**. You will also see the **Church of St. Joseph**, where Joseph's carpentry workshop is believed to have stood. Next, it's back on the motorcoach for the drive to the **Sea of Galilee** to enjoy lunch on its shores, then you will drive by the Mount of the Beatitudes. Continue to **Capernaum**, St. Peter's village, where Jesus lived during his ministry in the Galilee region. See the ancient synagogue and the archaeological excavations of the 2,000-year-old village. Finally, visit the **Yardenit baptismal site** by the Jordan River, and at the conclusion of two exciting days in Israel, your motorcoach will bring you to Haifa's port where you will reboard the ship. **Notes:** You must bring your passport for the visit to Bethlehem.

Visit [HollandAmerica.com](https://www.hollandamerica.com) for full details.

### PETRA, MASADA & THE DEAD SEA OVERNIGHT TOUR

**S** \$\$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
2 Days/1 Night

#### Day 1 (Lunch/Dinner)

Leave Ashdod port and **drive to Masada Fortress**, located in the Judean Desert and looming high above the Dead Sea's desolate landscape. A **cable car** will take you to the summit for a walk around the site of this last stand. Among the fascinating landmarks are the casement wall, the Northern palace, the synagogue, cisterns, the Western palace and the Roman ramp. Back down on the desert floor, you will drive to a hotel on the shores of the **Dead Sea** to enjoy a buffet lunch in the lowest place on the surface of our planet. After lunch you'll have the opportunity to take an "unsinkable" **swim** in the extremely salty, mineral-rich water of the Dead Sea. In the late afternoon you will **drive** south to the Arava Border Crossing and enter **Jordan**. Your coach will take you to your hotel near Petra in time for dinner at the hotel. Dinner and overnight at the Inbal Jerusalem Hotel (or similar) after an exciting and memorable day.



#### Day 2 (Breakfast/Lunch)

After an early breakfast and hotel check-out, spend the morning hours exploring the magnificent site of **Petra** — a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At the entrance, horses are available for the 10-minute walk to the Siq Canyon. Leaving Petra before noon, you will stop for a buffet lunch at a local restaurant; then, drive north to the Sheikh Hussein/Jordan River Border Crossing. An Israeli guide and coach will be waiting to transfer you to Haifa Port and your ship. **Notes:** There is a strenuous walk of at least 6 miles (each way) into and out of the Petra site along an inclined path with slippery and unpaved surfaces, and temperatures are high — easily 105°F at Petra. Please realistically assess your physical fitness and ability prior to booking.

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### JERUSALEM & THE YAD VASHEM MUSEUM

**S** \$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 10 hours

First stop at **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** and visit the Children's Memorial. Visit the **Israel Museum** with its Second Temple model of Jerusalem, depicting the city in A.D. 70. Then visit the **Shrine of the Book** and see the Dead Sea Scrolls. Drive by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, on your way to **lunch**. Later, drive up Mt. Scopus to view the **Old City and the Temple Mount**. Continue to Mt. Zion for a walking tour to the renovated **Jewish Quarter, the Roman Cardo** and the **Western (Wailing) Wall**.



### MASADA FORTRESS & THE DEAD SEA

**M** \$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 11 hours

Drive to the **Masada Fortress** via Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. A **cable car** takes you to Masada's summit to view the wall, northern palace, synagogue, western palace, Roman ramp and siege camps. After your descent, take time to **shop** before driving to **lunch** at a hotel on the shores of the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on Earth. Later, you may choose to take a **swim** in these mineral-rich waters that are so salty, you can't sink!

### A STROLL THROUGH JAFFA & TEL AVIV HIGHLIGHTS

**M** \$\$ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 5.25 hours

Your **walking tour** begins at **Old Jaffa**, the ancient entry port to the land of Israel. Wander among old stone buildings and winding alleys filled with artists' galleries. View Andromeda's Rock in the distance and visit the new **Jaffa Tales Visitor Center** to discover archaeological finds through a virtual performance that brings past heroes to life. Next, enjoy a narrated driving tour of modern **Tel Aviv**. Disembark at the Tel Aviv Sea Promenade to absorb the atmosphere and stroll among the many trendy cafés and restaurants.



## HAIFA (NAZARETH), ISRAEL

Saturday, April 20, 2024



### THE BEST OF JERUSALEM & THE OLD CITY

**S** \$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 10.75 hours

In Jerusalem view the city from atop the **Mount of Olives**, then walk through the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Visit the church and drive through West Jerusalem, passing the Knesset (Parliament), the Supreme Court and the Shrine of the Book. After **lunch**, drive to the Jaffa Gate for a walking tour through the **Old City** to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, through the Christian Quarter to the Roman Cardo in the Jewish Quarter. Continue to the Western or **Wailing Wall**. Drive to the **Sherover Promenade** and continue to the **Mar Elias Monastery** for views of Bethlehem.

### BETHLEHEM, VIEW OF JERUSALEM & THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

**M** \$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 10.75 hours

In Jerusalem view the Old Town from atop the **Mount of Olives**. Walk through the **Garden of Gethsemane** and then drive to your lunch venue. Next, drive to **Bethlehem** and visit the **Church of the Nativity**, built above the place where Christ is said to have been born. The actual Cave of the Nativity is a small crypt with a vaulted masonry roof.

### MASADA FORTRESS & THE DEAD SEA

**S** \$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 11.75 hours

Drive to the **Masada Fortress** via Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. A **cable car** takes you to Masada's summit to view the wall, northern palace, synagogue, western palace, Roman ramp and siege camps. After your descent, take time to **shop** before driving to **lunch** at a hotel on the shores of the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on Earth. Later, you may choose to take a **swim** in these mineral-rich waters that are so salty, you can't sink!

### NAZARETH HIGHLIGHTS & THE SEA OF GALILEE

**M** \$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 10.25 hours

Drive through the Jezre'el Valley to **Nazareth**, childhood home of Jesus and the City of the Annunciation. Visit the Church of the Annunciation and the Church of St. Joseph. Drive on via **Cana**, where Jesus performed his first miracle, to the **Sea of Galilee**, and enjoy **lunch** there. Next, drive to **Tabgha** to visit the Church of the Primacy of Peter, and Capernaum, St. Peter's village. Continue to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, site of the Sermon on the Mount, and then to the Yardenit baptismal site on the Jordan River.

### GOLAN HEIGHTS & GALILEE

**M** \$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 9 hours

Drive from Haifa to **Mount Carmel**, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and onward to **Zippori National Park**, encompassing ruins from the Roman and Talmudic eras. Drive on toward the Sea of Galilee and Tiberias, stopping at a kibbutz to learn about the everyday life of these communities. After **lunch**, stop at **Yardenit** and then ascend the **Golan Heights**, offering breathtaking vistas of the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan Valley and Northern Galilee. Drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and visit **Capernaum**.



## KUŞADASI (EPHESUS), TURKEY

Monday, April 22, 2024



### KUŞADASI DELUXE PART III

**S** \$\$ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 5 hours

Take a guided **walking tour** through **Ephesus**, past the major sights of this ancient city. Visit the House of the Virgin Mary, set in the Solmissos Mountains and nestled among lush foliage. **Walk among the ruins** of the Basilica of St. John and pass through the arched Magnesian Gate to walk to the ruins of the Roman provincial capital. View highlights such as the Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent Trajan Fountain, the Odeon Theater, the beautiful Celsus Library and the dramatic Great Theatre. Returning to Kuşadası, you may **shop** in town, watch an optional **Turkish carpet demonstration**, or return to the ship.

### THE BEST OF EPHESUS

**S** \$\$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 7 hours

Begin with a visit to the **Virgin Mary's House**, a Catholic shrine. 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; and don't miss the Terrace Houses, finely decorated with mosaics and frescoes. Also visit the Basilica of St. John, then enjoy a **folkloric show** during **lunch**. In Kuşadası you may **shop** in town, watch an optional **Turkish carpet demonstration**, or return directly to the ship.

### ANCIENT EPHESUS & THE VIRGIN MARY'S HOUSE

**S** \$\$ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 4 hours

Begin with a visit to the **Virgin Mary's House**, a Catholic shrine. In **Ephesus**, visit the Great Theatre, where St. Paul preached to the Ephesians. The Marble Road leads you to the Celsus Library and Hadrian's Temple.

Dedicated in A.D. 118, it features beautiful reliefs on the porch. Return to Kuşadası to enjoy an **optional carpet demonstration** while sipping traditional Turkish apple tea. You may stay in town to **shop** or explore independently or make your own way back to the ship on foot.

### EPHESUS & THE TERRACE HOUSES

**S** \$\$ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 4 hours

Visit the ruined city of ancient **Ephesus** and 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 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 **Kuşadası**, you may **shop** in town, watch an optional **carpet demonstration**, or return directly to the ship.

### A TASTE OF KUŞADASI: THE VILLAGE OF SIRINCE

**M** \$\$ 📺 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 6 hours

Visit **Sirince village**, the perfect synthesis of Turkish and Greek culture. Stroll the streets to see its typical Greek houses, and opt to purchase **handicrafts** sold by the residents at street stalls. Taste some of the local grape and fruit wines, and enjoy **lunch** served in a **Turkish home** — a chance to sample the cuisine and embrace the village culture. After you try a cup of strong **Turkish coffee**, a fortune-teller will read your coffee cup! On your return to **Kuşadası**, you will have time for an optional **carpet demonstration** and **shopping**.





## ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Tuesday, April 23, 2024  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024



### ISTANBUL DELUXE PART I & II

**S** \$\$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 3.75–8 hours

**Part I:** Drive to Istanbul's **Old Town** and walk past the myriad stalls of the **Spice Market**, then board a **private motorboat** for a **cruise on the Bosphorus Strait**. Notice its shoreline is bedecked with traditional wooden villas, 19th-century Ottoman palaces, fishing villages and green hills. Watch for Rumeli Fortress and enjoy refreshments and a typical Turkish snack during your cruise. Note: This excursion can be purchased as a standalone tour, but for the best experience should be combined with Deluxe Istanbul Part II.

**Part II:** A short drive through the Old Town brings you to the ancient **Hippodrome**. From there it is a short walk to the **Blue Mosque**, named for the blue Iznik tiles covering its walls. Nearby lies the **Topkapi Palace**, the official residence of the Ottoman sultans. Browse here on your own and then enjoy **lunch** at an authentic Ottoman-style restaurant. Afterward step inside the famous **Hagia Sophia**, completed in A.D. 537 as an Orthodox church but now serving as a mosque. En route to the port, stop for a **carpet demonstration** and at the **Grand Bazaar** for some **shopping**.

### A TASTE OF ISTANBUL: CULTURAL TREASURES & CUISINE

**M** \$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 7.25 hours

Visit the **Spice Market** and watch trading as it has been done for centuries. Stop also at the **Beyoglu Farmers' Market** to learn about ingredients that go into Turkish cuisine. See the largest **fish market** in Istanbul and then enjoy **lunch** at a local kebab house. Stroll the alleys of the **Grand Bazaar** and take in a demonstration of carpet weaving.

### HISTORY & SCENIC CRUISE WITH A PRIVATE GUIDE

**S** \$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 5 hours

Board a **private yacht** with a **private guide** to take in the city's landmarks from the water as your guide recounts Istanbul's colorful history. Transfer to the Old Town to visit the **Blue Mosque**, the **Hippodrome** and the **Underground Cistern**, built in the sixth century with 336 beautiful columns recycled from Roman temples. You'll stop for refreshments at an authentic Turkish **teahouse** then enjoy time at the **Grand Bazaar** and a demonstration of carpet weaving.

### OTTOMAN WONDERS

**S** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 5 hours

First stop at the **Blue Mosque**, named for its richly adorned interior of blue Iznik tiles. Nearby lies the **Topkapi Palace**, official residence of the Ottoman sultans and consisting of courts, pavilions and mosques. Enjoy browsing on your own, then stop for a **carpet demonstration** and visit the **Grand Bazaar** to shop en route back to the pier.

### THE BEST OF ISTANBUL

**S** \$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 7.5 hours

Visit the impressive **Blue Mosque** and take a short walk to the ancient **Hippodrome**. Browse on your own at the amazing **Topkapi Palace**, official residence of the Ottoman sultans. After **lunch** at a city hotel, you'll stop at the magnificent sixth-century **Hagia Sophia**, which has served as church, museum and mosque. Pause at the **Grand Bazaar** for a little shopping and a demonstration of **carpet weaving**.

## MYKONOS, GREECE

Thursday, April 25, 2024



### BEST OF DELOS & MYKONOS

**S** \$\$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 7.5 hours

Board a **local ferry** to the spectacular island of **Delos**. View its shrines, temples and the Terrace of the Lions on your **two-hour walking tour**. Return to Mykonos by ferry and visit the village of **Ano Mera** and the lovely **Panagia Tourliani Monastery**. **Lunch** with wine is served at a local venue followed by a stop at **Kalafatis Beach**, where refreshments are available (at your expense). On a **guided walking tour** explore Mykonos' labyrinth-like streets. Stay in town to **shop** or explore independently, or make your own way back to the ship.

### INSIDER'S MYKONOS

**M** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 3 hours

This **walking tour through Mykonos** town showcases the lifestyle and the true history of this unique settlement. Step inside the **Maritime Museum** and stroll through narrow streets packed with whitewashed houses. In picture-perfect Little Venice, the famous **windmills** of Mykonos offer a wonderful photo opportunity. At the conclusion of your tour, enjoy a



taste of **ouzo** with traditional **mezedes** (snacks) before returning to the ship.

### PANORAMIC MYKONOS ISLAND

**M** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 3 hours

Visit the quaint villages of **Ioannis**, **Ornos** and **Kalafatis**, then continue to Ano Mera, perhaps the most traditional of the island's villages. Visit the **Monastery of Panagia Tourliani**, dating to the 18th century. Inside the chapel are 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.

### ANCIENT DELOS IN 3D

**S** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 4 hours

Board a local **ferry** to the ancient island of **Delos**, said to be the birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister, Artemis. Its numerous ruins are important to Greek history, and today you will see them with the aid of **Augmented Reality Software** (AR). Simply point a tablet's camera at various locations and view them as they stood thousands of years ago. Narration is provided by an **archaeologist**, offering great insight into the history, architecture and significance of the sanctuary.

### MYTHOLOGICAL DELOS

**M** \$\$ 📷 Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 4 hours

Cross on a **ferry** to the ancient site of **Delos**, mythical birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister, Artemis. The sacred island is uninhabited, but its earliest settlements date to the third millennium B.C. A **walking tour** enables you to see one of the most revered sanctuaries of antiquity and other sites: the **Sanctuary of Apollo** complex, the area of the **Sacred Lake**, the **Terrace of Lions**, the sanctuaries on **Cynthus** and the theater and commercial harbor districts.



## PIRAEUS (ATHENS), GREECE

Friday, April 26, 2024



### ACROPOLIS, ANCIENT AGORA & TEMPLE OF OLYMPIAN ZEUS

**S** \$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 7.5 hours

Your **guided walking tour** begins as you climb up to the **Acropolis**. Take in the city views and the Parthenon, the Erechtheum and the Porch of the Caryatids. Next, sample regional delicacies and taste flavorful local wines at **lunch**. Next visit the ancient **Agora** and browse in the **Stoa of Attalos Museum**. View the Thission Temple and take time to **shop** and purchase refreshments if you wish. On a drive through Athens, stop at the **Old Olympic Stadium** and the **Temple of Olympian Zeus**, the largest temple in antiquity.

### ATHENS, THE ACROPOLIS & CAPE SOUNION

**S** \$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 8.5 hours

En route to the **Temple of Poseidon** at Sounion, you'll pass marinas and resort towns. Built in the fifth century B.C., it sits 180 feet above the sea with magnificent views of the blue Aegean. On your way to Athens, stop at a leading Greek taverna for **lunch**. Afterwards, visit the **Acropolis**, high above the city. Pass Hadrian's Arch, marking the border between the ancient Greek and Roman cities. You will pass the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square, the Presidential Palace and the all-marble Olympic stadium built in 1896.

### ANCIENT CORINTH & MYCENAE

**M** \$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 8.5 hours

Visit the famous **Corinth Canal**: 4 miles long, 70 feet wide and with sloping sides 170 feet high. Next stop at Ancient **Corinth**; see the ruins and excavations of both a sixth-century B.C. Greek city and a 44 B.C. Roman

city that existed here. After **lunch** visit the mighty ruins of ancient **Mycenae**, a kingdom that, for 400 years, was the most powerful in Greece. Approach the Citadel of Mycenae on foot through the famous Lion Gate. Visit the **Beehive Tomb**, known sometimes as the Tomb of Agamemnon.

### A FOODIE WALK THROUGH ATHENS (A SMALL-GROUP TOUR)

**M** \$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately 5.25 hours

Set out with a foodie **guide** on this **culinary and cultural walk**. Taste *koulouri* (sesame bread), extra-virgin olive oils, cheese, wine, honey, vinegars, *pastourmas* (cured meat), *bougatsa* (cream-filled pie), *loukoumades* (Greek donuts) and, of course, souvlaki. Visit the vendors at the **Varvakios fish, meat and vegetable market**, and stop at a spice store and step into a traditional coffee shop for strong java.

### THE BEST OF ATHENS

**S** \$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 7.5 hours

Visit the **Acropolis**, a symbol of the glory of ancient Greece. The Propylaea serves as the entrance to the complex of buildings. You'll see the Temple of Athena Nike (Wingless Victory); the Erechtheum with its classical Porch of Maidens, the Caryatids; and the Parthenon. Enjoy a traditional Greek **lunch** at a restaurant before visiting the **National Archaeological Museum**, boasting the world's finest collection of Greek antiquities. Finally, a **scenic drive through the city** takes you past its important landmarks: the 1896 marble Olympic stadium, Hadrian's Arch and the former Royal Palace. At the **plaka (Old Town)** area you'll take a **guided walking tour** of the historical center of Athens, with free time allocated for **shopping**.

## NAPLES (POMPEII), ITALY

Sunday, April 28, 2024



### ULTIMATE BAY OF NAPLES: POMPEII, POSITANO & AMALFI COAST

**S** \$\$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 9.5 hours

Explore the excavated ruins of **Pompeii** on a two-hour **walking tour**. Your guide interprets the remains of the well-preserved city and how its aristocratic inhabitants lived lavishly. You will see the forum, amphitheater, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct and view detailed mosaics and frescoes adorning the interiors of some villas. Enjoy a **four-course meal** with Prosecco here or on the **Amalfi Coast**. Travel to **Positano**, a lovely town built into a sheer cliff. Enjoy a leisurely hour to explore the town or **shop** for souvenirs.

### A CRUISE TO THE ISLE OF CAPRI

**S** \$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 8 hours

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. This tour, although escorted, is unstructured, so you will have free time to explore, browse or **shop**.

### THE BEST OF SORRENTO & AMALFI COAST CRUISE

**S** \$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 9.25 hours

Drive to **Salerno** and board a motorlaunch for a 60-minute cruise along the gorgeous **Amalfi Coast**. In Amalfi town you'll have 60 minutes of free time to explore the town and visit the Amalfi Cathedral. The Cloister of Paradise houses the tombs of Amalfi's wealthy merchants and leads into the Basilica of the Crucifix and its amazing frescoes. Return to **Salerno**

and drive to **Sorrento** for an authentic **meal** using fresh, seasonal ingredients from Campania. Spend an hour at your leisure to **shop** or relax. Visit a local **cameo factory** before returning to Naples.

### POMPEII & HIKE TO THE SUMMIT OF MT. VESUVIUS

**S** \$\$\$ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 6.5 hours

Drive south from Naples to **Mt. Vesuvius**, the still-active volcano that buried Pompeii in A.D. 79. Begin your hike to the volcano's crater at 3,000 feet above sea level. As you walk across hardened lava, crevices still belch fumes, steam and heat. Next visit a local **cameo factory** and shop for handmade jewelry. Stop at a local café where you may purchase lunch (at your expense). Walk through the excavations at **Pompeii** with your guide, who will point out the well-preserved remains that reveal the Romans' customs, buildings and cuisine, as well as how they entertained, decorated and lived. Return by coach to Naples.

### INSIDER'S POMPEII & NAPLES ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

**S** \$\$\$ 🗺️ Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately 7 hours

A **walking tour** of **Pompeii** led by a historian guide reveals the luxurious mansions and fabulous art of its wealthy residents. Visit some of the more modest homes, and explore ancient baths, temples, theaters, marketplaces and the huge forum. Enjoy a typical Italian **lunch** at a local restaurant. Visit the **Archaeological Museum of Naples** and its collections of sculptures, bronzes, ceramics, paintings, mosaics, jewelry and other works of art from this ancient civilization. Don't miss the "secret cabinet" (opening hours permitting), a collection of erotic and sexually explicit finds from Pompeii.



# MÁLAGA (GRANADA), SPAIN

Wednesday, May 1, 2024



## MÁLAGA SIGHTS & THE PICASSO MUSEUM

**S** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **4 hours**

View from the outside the **Alcazaba**, an 11th-century residence of the Arabian caliphs (kings) that is connected by a steep path to the **Gibralfaro Castle**, an ancient Moorish fortress with breathtaking views of the city and the bay. Your coach will transport you up the hill to visit the castle. Next visit the **Museo Picasso Málaga**, where you will have time to appreciate all Picasso's styles and techniques (painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, graphic works) along with an exhibition with pieces dating from 1890 to 1973.

## BEST OF CÓRDOBA

**S** **\$\$\$** **🚶** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **8.5 hours**

Córdoba was established by the Romans but did not reach its prime until the 10th century, the time of Muslim domination in Iberia. Today you will enter a forest of columns that belonged to the mosque of **Córdoba** and discover within it a Catholic cathedral, built when Catholicism overthrew Islam. Complete your time in Córdoba with a **walking tour** through the **Jewish Quarter**. Your guide will point out the Mudejar Synagogue and the quarter's many references to water; Arabian engineering was crucial for the development of the area's supply. Enjoy **lunch** at a local restaurant.

## MIJAS VILLAGE & COUNTRYSIDE

**S** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **4 hours**

Drive to **Mijas**, a typical Spanish village with a strong Andalusian flavor and coastline views. All the houses in Mijas are painted white, and the layout of the streets was planned to protect the houses and residents from the area's strong winds. Experience a pleasant, if somewhat unusual, sightseeing ride via **donkey taxis** (at your own expense). **Shop** the local stores for ceramics, handmade wood items or other locally made crafts and souvenirs.

## GRANADA & THE ALHAMBRA

**S** **\$\$\$** **🚶** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **9 hours**

On the drive to **Granada**, your guide will introduce you to the local traditions and history of this beautiful city. Nothing in all of Spain, however, compares to the wealth of architectural art found in the 14th-century **Alhambra**. This breathtaking example of Muslim architecture, surrounded by walls and towers, includes palaces, military buildings, a fortress and an administrative center. Explore its detailed mosaics, prism-style cupolas and stone-cast latticework of surprising grace and sophistication. You will see the **Nazrid Palace**, the Generalife summer residence and the gardens. **Lunch** is included.

## CAMINITO DEL REY HIKE

**S** **\$\$\$** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **6 hours**

Drive to the **Caminito del Rey**, a trail that crosses the beautiful Gaitanes Ravine. Set out on this stunning walkway carved into cliffs that soar heavenward above the path and plunge hundreds of feet below it. **Walk** approximately 3.5 hours from **Ardales to Álora**, learning about the flora and fauna of the gorge as well as some interesting facts about its geology, history and role in the region's production of electricity. Reboard your motorcoach to return to the ship.



# PONTA DELGADA, AZORES

Saturday, May 4, 2024



## BEST OF THE AZORES: FURNAS VALLEY & HOT SPRINGS

**M** **\$\$\$** **🚶** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **8 hours**

Visit a local **tea plantation** and factory, sampling some of the better-known Azorean blends. Continue up to the lake to see your **lunch** being taken out of an earthen oven, heated using geothermal power. Dine on this special lunch at the Casino Terra Nostra. Visit the **Terra Nostra Botanic Gardens**, featuring a naturally heated swimming pool — you'll have time for a quick **swim** if you wish. Visit some **hot springs** to learn about the different mineral water sources; then return to Ponta Delgada via Vila Franca, the island's first capital.

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK: AZORES

**S** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Strenuous**  
Approximately **3.25 hours**

Traveling by **smaller vehicle**, you'll discover some places inaccessible to buses while your driver details the island's history. Climb to **Sete Cidades Crater Lake** and watch for trees indigenous to the Azores, hydrangeas and other varieties of flora. The surrounding region of vast farmland is the breadbasket of the Azores, providing food and wealth for the inhabitants of the islands. Interestingly, the land here is worked using age-old traditions.



## A TASTE OF AZORES

**M** **\$\$** **🚶** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3.75 hours**

Sete Cidades, the seven cities region, is dominated by an impressive 5-mile-wide caldera. Within the crater lie two lakes — one green and the other blue. See the **lakes** from the highest point and also at close quarters. The village of **Sete Cidades** sits at the edge of the blue lake, surrounded by forest-covered walls. Enjoy some free time in one of the oldest villages of the Azores. On the way back to Ponta Delgada, you will also see Santiago Lake. Savor a small tasting of Azorean **wines** and **cheeses** at a Ponta Delgada hotel with port and city views.

## SETE CIDADES CRATER LAKE

**E** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Easy**  
Approximately **3.25 hours**

Head to the village of **Fajã de Baixo** to visit a **pineapple plantation**. Taste pineapple liqueur (depending upon availability), with time for souvenir **shopping** afterwards. Descend into the village of **Sete Cidades**, with free time for a quick coffee (at your expense) before continuing to the **Santiago Lake** and **Vista do Rei** viewpoints. Reach the main crater of the **extinct volcano** at 1,900 feet above sea level. Within it lie two lakes; one is blue, reflecting the sky, and the other is bright green, reflecting its beautiful setting within the crater walls.

## FIRE LAKE & RIBEIRA GRANDE

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: **Moderate**  
Approximately **3.75 hours**

Drive through Ponta Delgada and along the pleasant roads stretching across the island to **Ribeira Grande**. This oldest and largest city on the north coast has a distinct air of Portuguese influence. From **Pico da Barrosa Mountain** take in fine views of Fire Lake. Return to Ponta Delgada along the new road, descending towards Remedios. At a **pineapple plantation** learn about the process of cultivating and marketing this delicious tropical fruit.



# FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Saturday, May 11, 2024



## EVERGLADES AIRBOAT RIDE & TRANSFER TO FT. LAUDERDALE AIRPORT

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: Moderate  
Approximately 4 hours

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. At the **endangered-species exhibit** you may even be lucky enough to see the rare Florida panther. Notes: Departure time for this tour is 8:30 a.m. on disembarkation days. This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Ft. Lauderdale, with flights from Ft. Lauderdale Airport after 2:30 p.m. for domestic and 3:30 p.m. 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

**M** **\$\$** Activity Level: Moderate  
Approximately 4 hours

Experience the highlights of **Ft. 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 paddlewheeler-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: Departure time of tour is 9:00 a.m. on disembarkation days. Wear sunscreen; bring a hat. This tour is available to guests whose cruise ends in Ft. Lauderdale, with flights from Ft. Lauderdale Airport after 2:30 p.m. for domestic and 3:30 p.m. 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**.

There are no tours available for the following ports at this time:



### DEVIL'S ISLAND, FRENCH GUIANA

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

### BOCA DA VALERIA, BRAZIL

Saturday, January 13, 2024

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## 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 but are subject to change. During your cruise, the most current tour information can be found on the Navigator® app.

## TOUR OFFERINGS

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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 Private Vehicles, 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.

## RESERVATIONS

Visit us online at HollandAmerica.com or phone us at 1-888-425-9376. Online and phone reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling. At the time of your reservation, we will advise you whether your reservation is 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 email 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. 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 Line 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 Finance Manager.

## CANCELLATION OF PRIVATE VEHICLE SHORE EXCURSIONS

A 100% cancellation fee will apply to any private vehicle cancellations, as 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 to 60 days before tour date: 25%
- 14 to 29 days before tour date: 50%
- Within 14 days: Nonrefundable

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.

## SCOOTERS

Depending on the port, the tour operator(s) may impose weight restrictions for electric scooters and/or additional charges may apply. Please contact our Shore Excursions Call Center at 1 (888) 425-9376 if you need to request a bus with a lift. Some venues are accessible; others may not be accessible or may involve an alternative access route. Lift-equipped transportation must be requested (availability is not guaranteed).

## BEST PRICE GUARANTEE

Book your shore excursions with total confidence that you're getting the best value. Find a better price on any tour we offer and we'll refund 110% of the difference in the form of an onboard credit. In order to be eligible to receive the Best Price Guarantee, you must (1) purchase the applicable Holland America Line shore excursion(s) prior to the commencement of your cruise, and (2) complete and submit an online Best Price Guarantee form at least seven days prior to the commencement of your cruise. Failure to meet these conditions will result in your request being denied. Please visit our website for more details.

## DIGITAL TOUR TICKETS

Your Digital Tour Tickets will be available under My Account in Navigator. Please download the Navigator app prior to boarding. You will also be able to request tours on the ship at the shore excursion desk, the Navigator App or on your stateroom TV.





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