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Avanti® Destinations



THE LEADER IN CUSTOMIZED TRAVEL

EUROPE

FOR THE INDEPENDENT TRAVELER

Avanti Destinations makes it easy for you to travel with family and friends. We've been inspiring independent travelers with innovative and authentic vacations since 1981. We provide seamless multi-destination vacations that will leave you thrilled and ready for the next adventure. With us, you go where you want, when you want, with the flexibility to savor special moments along the way. Your vacation is uniquely yours. That's Avanti!

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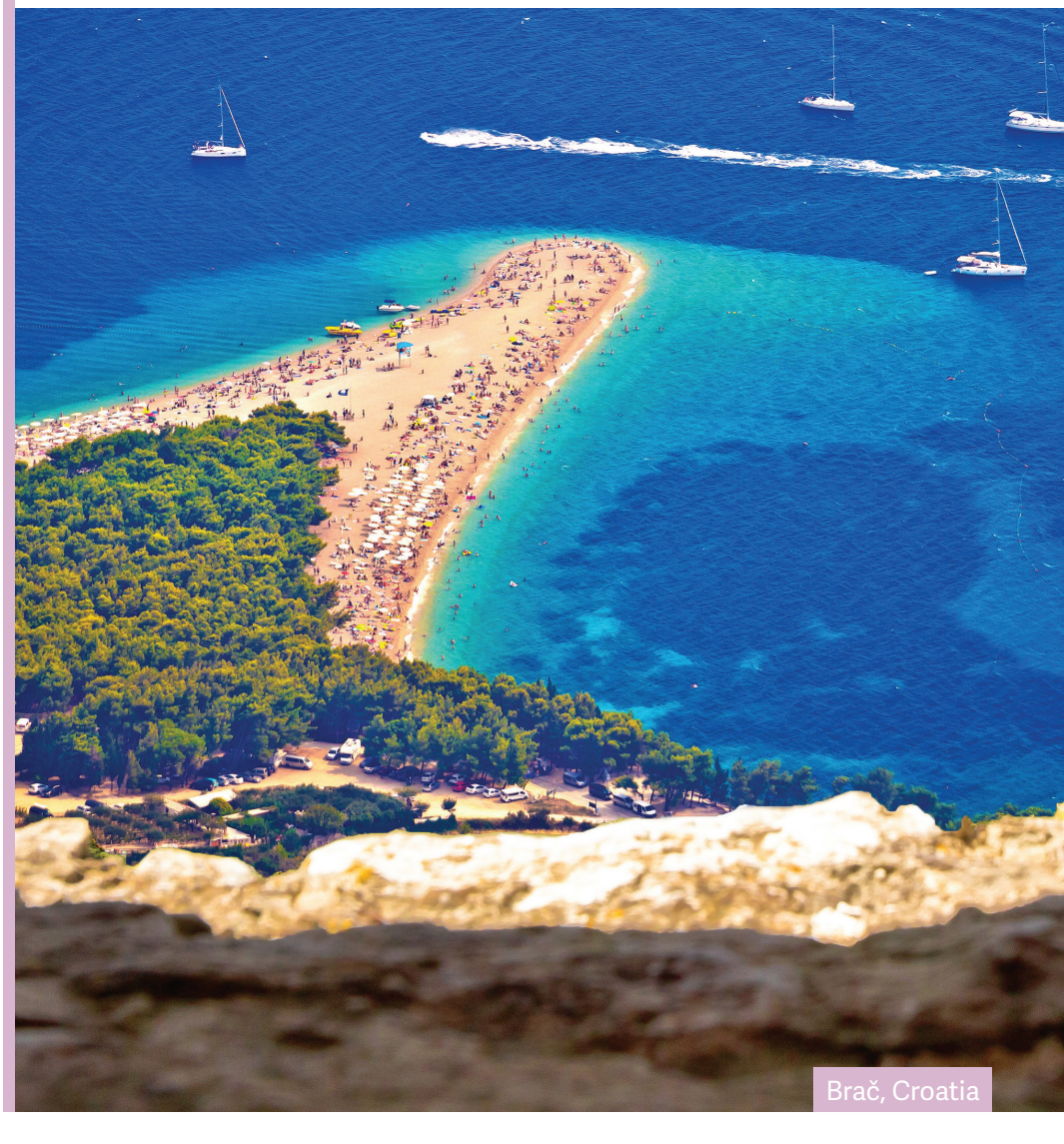
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CUSTOMIZED VACATIONS

Every Avanti vacation is tailored to the specific desires, needs, and tastes of the independent traveler. It begins with planning and getting a feel for the travelers' goals for their vacation. Our skilled Travel Consultants will help create an itinerary that truly is unique. Need a quick starting point to construct an online itinerary? Use one of our Recommended Vacation Packages (RVPs) to begin the process and simply modify to fit the travelers unique needs. Add, subtract, or expand as desired – options abound to create the perfect customized itinerary with Avanti.



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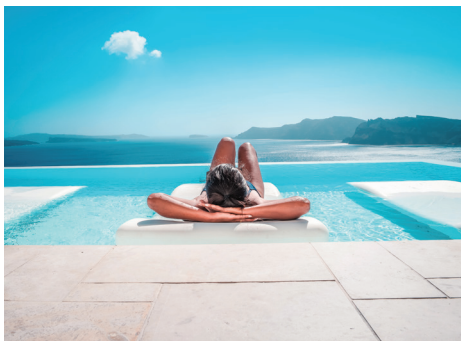
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THE AVANTI DIFFERENCE

- **CUSTOMIZED VACATIONS**
  High quality itineraries, completely flexible and personalized for every traveler.
- **HANDPICKED ACCOMMODATIONS**
  Boutique hotels, resorts, luxury boats, and more, personally selected for their character and charm.
- **PERSONALIZED EXPERIENCES**
  Pre-plan your vacation with dining & cooking options, cultural & historic tours, private drivers & guides, and off-the-beaten path sightseeing.
- **SUPPORT DURING TRAVEL**
  Avanti's professional, local travel partners are available for assistance everywhere you go.
- **TRAVEL-WISE CONSULTANTS**
  Skilled and experienced Travel Consultants help you avoid possible pitfalls to ensure a well-planned vacation.





AVANTI HANDPICKED HOTELS GUIDE

Truly an Avanti differentiator, Avanti's broad hotel selection ranges from 3-star to 5-star luxury. What you will typically find in our portfolio are handpicked boutique hotels and international brands that have been personally selected by our product team. Each property has been visited first-hand to ensure that our high standards are met.

Avanti strives to provide a truly authentic lodging experience unlike other providers. Avanti and our local ground operators have been conducting business with the vast majority of the hotels for many years, and those relationships ensure the Avanti traveler is well cared for when they arrive.

3★ hotels are comfortable and inviting, providing good value and service.

3★ Superior hotels offer enhanced style or amenities.

4★ hotels have a higher level of service and first-class amenities.

4★ Superior properties offer elevated style for an even more refined stay.

5★ hotels provide top-of-the line accommodations with superb décor and impeccable service.

5★ Deluxe hotels stand in a class all their own as a result of their reputation and supreme refinement.

Properties that have the Boutique distinction are typically smaller in size and reflect local character.



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WHO WE ARE

AVANTI DESTINATIONS

Avanti Destinations is celebrating nearly 40 years of providing customized vacations for the independent traveler on four continents. Avanti specializes in delivering unique travel experiences across Europe, Central and South America, and Asia. One of our most significant attributes is our ability to "connect the dots" making multi-city and multi-country travel seamless. Our expertise in rail and air travel gets the Avanti traveler comfortably from locale to locale, and in each destination we offer highly unique experiences for all ages, desires, and tastes. An Avanti vacation provides lasting memories at every turn for individuals and groups.

24/7 ACCESS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER!

From the very beginning, Avanti has selected local companies to work with because they support our travelers 24/7 in all the destinations we offer. They are there to facilitate and ensure that every vacation goes as planned, and in the unlikely event of an issue, they are there to resolve right on the spot. Most of these relationships span multiple decades.

ONE STOP SHOP FOR THE TRAVEL ADVISOR

Another aspect of Avanti's service is our ability to provide a single source for delivering every component of a traveler's vacation. Avanti is the preeminent provider of rail on three continents, contract airfare with over 30 carriers worldwide, and more than 3,000 tours and one-off experiences in hundreds of destinations. There is no need to shop anywhere else.



AIR & RAIL CONNECTIONS

Avanti is an acknowledged industry leader in providing air and rail travel options. Our contracted air rates with many US and national flag carriers provide excellent value, and our rail expertise on three continents is unequaled. Avanti will get you there and move you from city to city or country to country efficiently and effectively.

HOW AGENTS CAN WORK WITH AVANTI

Avanti works exclusively with professional Travel Advisors. There are a number of ways to book or obtain a quote:

- Call one of our highly knowledgeable Travel Consultants at (800) 422-5053
- Visit book.avantidestinations.com to customize an itinerary





PRE AND POST

CRUISE

Avanti's breadth of product provides both ocean and river cruisers with enumerable pre- and post-cruise options in virtually every port city. Avanti can accommodate every option, whether it's private arrival and departure transfers between the pier and a hotel or airport, a one-night stay, or a multi-day add-on to a trip. Simply need a private tour in virtually any port? Avoid crowded cruise company coach tours and let Avanti customize an experience and return the travelers to the pier at the required time.

AGENTS

AVANTI SALES TEAM

Avanti's Sales Team is here to support our valued travel agent partners. Our team of eight Regional Sales Directors are industry veterans with over 150 years of collective experience servicing the travel agent community. Whether it's product knowledge to impart, new promotions, training on our website, or assisting with booking questions, the Avanti Sales Team stands ready to help. Find your Regional Sales Directors name and contact information on our Agent Portal.

EASE OF BOOKING

HIGH CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Over its long history, Avanti has delighted millions of vacationers and we like to say "we've never booked the same vacation twice". Every Avanti vacation is designed specifically for the individual traveler's requirements. Avanti offers so many options to choose from: a multitude of air and rail connections, accommodations ranging from 3-star to 5-star, private or shared transfers, and unforgettable tours and experiences. The options for creating your customized vacation are virtually endless! Whatever the particular desire of the traveler, Avanti has the answer. Whether its exploring historic sites, private immersion into a local culinary class, or a wine tasting – the ability to deliver a truly one of a kind vacation is Avanti's specialty. More and more, today's travelers don't want to simply see a destination, they want to experience it – bringing back with them vivid lasting memories to share with family and friends that are uniquely their own and remain long after their return.

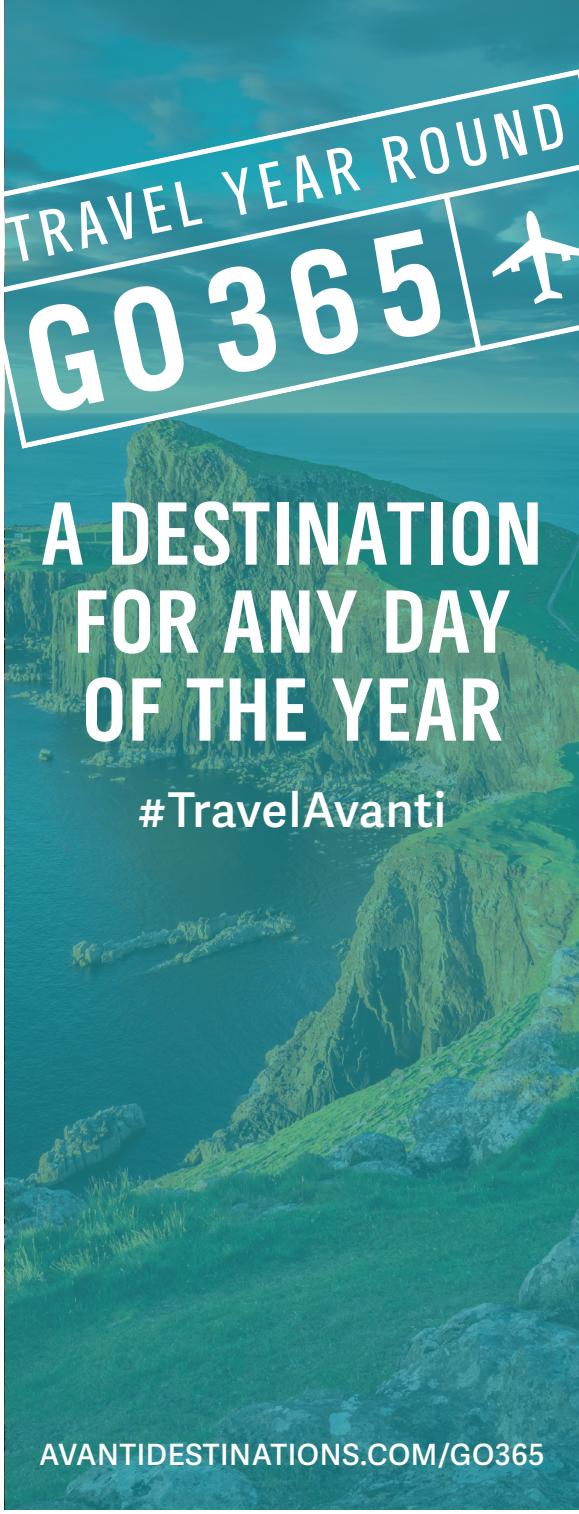
TRAVEL CONSULTANTS

WITH HANDS ON EXPERIENCE

Avanti is recognized as having a cadre of the most knowledgeable and personable Travel Consultants (TCs) in the industry. Our TCs have experienced the destinations, know the little things that make a difference, and can guide you through building that perfect customized itinerary that keeps Avanti travelers coming back time after time. Their level of expertise prevents issues with traveling from destination to destination, or identifying the type of property they instinctively know will fit a particular traveler.



Aer Lingus
norwegian
American Airlines
BRITISH AIRWAYS
IBERIA
FINNAIR
SAS SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES
DELTA
Alitalia
AIRFRANCE
KLM
virgin atlantic
UNITED
AIR CANADA
Lufthansa
brussels airlines
SWISS
ICELANDAIR
TAP PORTUGAL



ACTIVE MEMBER USTOA United States Tour Operators Association $1 MILLION TRAVELERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Avanti Destinations coverage available under the USTOA $1 Million Travelers Assistance Program as an Active Member of the USTOA is required to post $1 Million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA $1 Million Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Avanti Destinations customers in the unlikely event of Avanti Destinations bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the $1 Million posted by Avanti Destinations may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Avanti Destinations. More details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program and a list of affiliates may be obtained by writing to USTOA at 345 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1801,New York, New York 10001, or by email to information@ustoa.com or by visiting their website at www.USTOA.com.



INTRODUCING

GROUPS

WWW.AVANTIDESTINATIONS.COM/GROUPS



At Avanti we employ a designated team of experts who have specialized in group itineraries. Groups larger than 15 passengers benefit from a seamless process while working with a dedicated sales specialist and enjoy the same exceptional quality of products and experiences that all Avanti bookings receive.

At Avanti, we make group travel easy. Complex itineraries become simple as we coordinate every aspect of your group's vacation such as hotels, unique accommodations, transfers, sightseeing experiences, meals, rail travel, and airfare.

Bring families and friends together with exciting journeys across continents; everything from city stays to multi country itineraries. Take a vacation in the heart of Tuscany topped with a cooking class and wine tastings in local Italian vineyards, plan a garden hopping tour in the English countryside, or combine the culinary capitals of Europe for the ultimate food tour. Whatever your group desires, Avanti can work with you to fulfill your group's dream vacation.

Avanti Destinations can customize a diverse range of itineraries. Whether travelers wish to trace back their heritage in Ireland, a wine tasting tour at the foothills of the Alps in Piedmont, island hopping in Greece, or simply just visiting their favorite destinations for a city break, we will personalize each itinerary to focus on the best of the destination.

Experiences are designed around the groups' preferences. With private coaches and expert local guides, groups can enjoy the freedom of visiting their favorite cities and attractions at the pace that they want. With skip-the-line entrances, itineraries can be crafted to avoid crowded entrance times and to create unique experiences. Hotel styles and locations are thoughtfully chosen to match the expectation of the group's itinerary and local authentic restaurants can be reserved to enhance the tastes and flavors of each destination.

Let us help you create memorable experiences for your clients while providing high-quality service and with the peace of mind that all the group's travel arrangements have been taken care of.

THE AVANTI DIFFERENCE

- **ONE-STOP SHOP**
  Avanti Destinations is your one-stop shop for all travel components – for individuals or for groups of 15 or more.
- **KNOWLEDGEABLE TEAM**
  Our dedicated and knowledgeable Rail team is on hand to assist with any routing or ticketing questions.
- **PROPRIETARY BOOKING SYSTEM**
  Our proprietary booking system calculates projected schedules and prices for rail that has not yet been released for sale.
- **EMAIL ALERTS**
  Automated email alerts are sent once pending rail becomes available to ticket.
- **CUSTOMER SERVICE**
  Our Rail team monitors for strikes and disruptions and will find a functional solution to any issues that may arise.



EUROPE BY RAIL





WHY TRAVEL BY TRAIN?

TRAVEL CITY CENTER TO CITY CENTER
Rail stations are typically located in city centers, allowing for easy exploration on foot and connections via public transportation. Traveling by train eliminates the hassle of checking luggage and long lines at the airport, as well as the need for a transfer in to the city center or the stress of driving in a different country.

TRAVEL IN COMFORT
Trains provide added comfort with wider seats, ample leg room, more spacious aisles, and the benefit of being able to get up and walk around while in motion.

BE GREEN
Trains are a more eco-friendly, low impact form of travel. Fun fact: the faster high-speed trains can be up to 3 times more energy efficient than regional trains.

SAVE MONEY
Avanti's broad range of products include rail passes and point-to-point rail tickets to fit the needs and budgets of all travelers: Adult, Senior, Youth, Child, and Groups!

LOCAL EXPERIENCE
Passengers can enjoy a truly European experience from the train; watching the rolling landscapes pass by, strolling to the bar-car for some refreshments, or chatting with fellow travelers and locals!

PASSES VS POINT-TO-POINT RAIL

PASSES

Passes allow for unlimited travel of a set number of days on the indicated rail network. If seat reservations are required for a journey, they are available for a supplemental cost of approximately $15 per passenger, per train. If seat reservations are not required, passengers may simply board their desired train and show their rail pass for travel.

Passes are available for individual countries or as a Global Pass covering 31 countries across Europe. Example: Passengers are traveling through Austria, Germany, and Belgium. They purchase a Eurail Global Pass valid for 5 days within 1 month, and therefore may enjoy unlimited rail travel for any 5 days over 1 month from the date of activation in all countries they are visiting.



POINT-TO-POINT (OR PTP)

PTP rail will be an individual ticket issued for a route, date, and/or train. PTP tickets may be issued in a variety of manners depending on the operating rail company.

OPEN TICKET ONLY

Common for Italian regional trains, open tickets will not have a specific train indicated but is valid for passage on the route indicated and has minor flexibility on the train and date of travel.

OPEN TICKET + SEAT RESERVATION

Common throughout Germany, these are issued as an open ticket and a supplemental seat reservation. The seat reservation is then valid for the specific route, date, and train indicated. Note that some seat reservations may be optional when issued with open tickets and others may be required – this is determined at the discretion of the operating rail company.

COMBINED TICKET PLUS SEAT RESERVATIONS

Premier trains, such as the Eurostar running from Paris-London, will be issued as a combined ticket + seat reservation in one. This means that a seat reservation is always required and will always be automatically included when booking. These ticket types will be valid only for an exact route, date, and train and are non-transferrable.

Rome to Florence in *less* than **two hours**!

FIRST/PREMIER CLASS EXPERIENCE

- 2 x 1 seating configuration
- Comfortable reclining seats with ample leg room
- Plenty of luggage space, both above the seat and at the entrance to the coach
- An upgraded 1st class (available on trains such as Eurostar, Lyria, Thalys, etc.) offers a premier experience including welcome drink, meal served at seat, at-station lounge access, and other exclusive amenities

SECOND CLASS EXPERIENCE

- 2 x 2 seating configuration
- Plenty of luggage space, both above the seat and at the entrance to the coach
- Access to onboard restaurants or bar-cars to purchase food and drink



SCENIC

GRAND TRAIN TOUR OF SWITZERLAND

Zurich, Interlaken, Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz, Lugano & Lucerne

Majestic Switzerland awaits on this robust itinerary that highlights the country's greatest cities, mountaintops, and scenic trains.



SCOTLAND'S JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN

The view of Scotland's highlands, heather moors, and lakes from the West Highland Line is absolutely gorgeous. You can also pretend you're on the Hogwart's Express from the beloved Harry Potter films as you ride along the Glenfinnan Viaduct over Loch Shiel on the Mallaig line.



NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL

Travel from Oslo to Bergen by combining the historic Flåm Railway with the scenic Bergen Railway to experience western Norway's most beautiful fjord scenery. Stop along the way and add hikes, biking, kayaking, or other activities to fully enjoy this pristine region of the world.

ROUTES



SWITZERLAND'S GLACIER EXPRESS

The ultimate scenic rail journey, the Glacier Express offers wonderful panoramic views between Zermatt and St. Moritz in the heart of the Alps. Crossing nearly 300 bridges, 91 tunnels, and the Oberalp Pass, this full-day adventure is a feast for the eyes. With service year round, one of the most picturesque times to visit is during winter when the landscape is gleaming with snow.



AUSTRIAN ALPINE ROUTE

Witness the heart of the Austrian Alps aboard this idyllic train route from Graz to Innsbruck. Pass through lovely river valleys with Alps towering above, historic medieval Austrian towns, and a plethora of postcard-perfect alpine lakes.



FLAVORS OF FRANCE & SPAIN

Madrid, Barcelona, Lyon & Paris

Embark upon an indulgent culinary journey through France and Spain, sampling some of the world's most renowned gastronomic wonders along the way. Classic cities, mouthwatering delicacies, and sunny beaches await.



FLY & DRIVE *Vacations!*

Travel at your own pace. Unbound by tour buses or time limits, a car rental offers travelers the freedom to wander and explore. Opportunities become endless for those who choose to transit independently and create unique memories. Drive through the Tuscan countryside and stop at a local winery, cruise along the French Riviera in search of the best photo opportunities, or set out in search of historic castles through Wales. With an excellent infrastructure and well-connected highways, a self-driven journey through Europe is both easy and leisurely.





When compared to train travel, both present advantages and disadvantages. Trains facilitate transit over long distances, allowing travelers to relax and enjoy the ride to their next destination, but cannot offer the flexibility of a private vehicle. Charming villages or remote beaches are now more accessible than ever. Whether exploring a specific region or progressing on an itinerary, a rental will open the doors to many destinations and sites, without worrying about schedule time or luggage storage.

Our expert Travel Consultants will advise you on the ideal vehicle based on your needs, number of passengers, and luggage, as well as recommend hotels featuring parking facilities. Select the pick-up and drop-off locations ahead of time and book multiple vehicles throughout an itinerary. Taxes and standard vehicle insurance are included in the rental price. Any additional insurance must be purchased locally, along with any accessories such as child seats, GPS, or winter tires.

Depending on the destination and vehicle type, a fee may be required to drop off the car at a different location from the initial pick-up. Thankfully, Hertz provides many rental locations, both at airport and city-center throughout the old continent, making car travel extremely convenient. Destinations such as London or Florence may require additional driving permits, which can be purchased locally.

While a United States issued driver's license is valid in most European countries, an international driver's license is strongly recommended. The process is easy and inexpensive, eliminating the risk of a potential fine.

Draw your own path on a journey through Europe and enjoy the freedom of a self-driven experience. Be inspired and view our recommended vacations in the following pages.




CRUISE ALONG
THE ITALIAN
COAST WITH
Hertz
Traveling short or long distances?
Want to venture out into the
countryside? A car rental provides
the freedom to explore.



ROAD TRIPS

HIT THE ROAD

Europe's natural beauty is legendary from the foothills of the Alps to the coasts of Great Britain. Go at your own pace with the freedom of a rental car.

LEGENDARY CAR COUNTRY

Renowned throughout the world, German car brands such as Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, and BMW stand for high quality and innovative technology. From the past to the present of driving pleasure, explore some of Germany's most famous car brands in Stuttgart, Munich, and on the world famous Autobahn.





GERMANY'S ROMANTIC ROAD

From the vineyards of Würzburg to the fairy-tale castle of Neuschwanstein, the Romantic Road spans 220 miles and highlights Germany's best preserved medieval villages.

Take the drive at your desired speed, but we recommend splitting the route over the course of 4 to 5 days to enjoy charming town centers, leisurely meals, and a walk with Rothenburg's night watchman.

ICELAND'S RING ROAD

Iceland is a very popular destination, but once you leave Reykjavik behind the open road provides amazing rewards. You can completely circumnavigate the island on Route One and explore lava fields, geysers, and waterfalls on your own time. You'll need at least 7 days to make it through all 800 miles of road, but we recommend at least 10 days so you can hike, kayak, and whale watch.

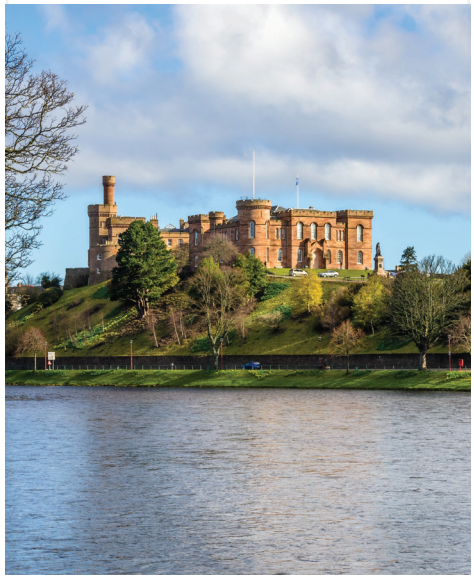


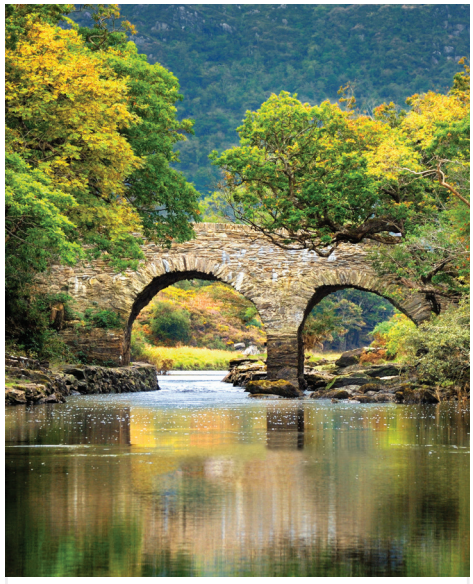


Eilean Donan Castle, Scotland

SCOTLAND'S NORTH COAST 500

For the very best of northern Scotland, the NC500 connects a unique mix of castles, lakes, bridges, and villages. As you travel through the historic countryside, there are opportunities to learn about clan life including some of the battles that were fought in the 18th century. Explore fine gardens and sample even finer whisky over the course of 6 days.





IRELAND'S RING OF KERRY

Although the Ring of Kerry is very well known and can be quite busy, there is good reason why. The natural beauty of Ireland's coast is absolutely stunning and there are some colorful villages for a great stop along the way. Most people will complete the 125 mile drive in a day, but you can stay along the peninsula for a night to spend some more time in this idyllic area.

PORTUGAL'S ATLANTIC COASTAL ROUTE

Growing in popularity, Portugal is making a name for itself as a sunny destination for food and wine lovers. The entire west coast is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and the drive from Porto to Faro still has many undiscovered towns, beaches, and historic sites. With Lisbon in the middle of the coast, you can stretch out the northern portion of the drive over 6 days for a leisurely vacation.



UNITED KINGDOM

The grand and storied union of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland — known better as the United Kingdom — has had an indelible impact on the world at large. Once the world's foremost colonial power, the United Kingdom has become a melting pot of cultures and cuisines, an amalgamation of peoples united under the Union Jack. From London's cosmopolitan character to Edinburgh's historic grandeur, from the stunning bucolic beauty of the Lake District to the castles of Wales, the United Kingdom is the total package.

TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN LONDON TO:

Bath	1½ Hours
Brussels	2 Hours
Canterbury	1½ Hours
Cardiff	2 Hours
Edinburgh	4½ Hours
Liverpool	2 Hours
Newcastle	3 Hours
Oxford	1 Hour
Paris	2½ Hours
Plymouth	3½ Hours
Stratford	2½ Hours
York	2 Hours

BY PLANE:

Dublin	1½ Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

The UK is a destination that many like to return to year after year. With new air routes servicing Manchester and Edinburgh, it takes less time to access the areas north of London and helps travelers avoid backtracking. On the ground, utilize the efficient high-speed rail network to travel from city center-to-city center. In some areas such as Cornwall, Devon, and the Lake District, a car rental allows more freedom to explore where rail service is less available.



Isle of Skye, Scotland



Lake District, England


ORKNEY
Kirkwall
John o' Groats
Ullapool
Gairloch
Dingwall
SPEYSIDE
Isle of Skye
Inverness
THE HIGHLANDS
Inverurie
Aberdeen
Fort William
SCOTLAND
Glencoe
Isle of Mull
Oban
Perth
St. Andrews
NORTH SEA
Inveraray
Stirling
EDINBURGH
Glasgow
NORTHUMBERLAND
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY
Derry
Newcastle upon Tyne
N. IRELAND
LAKE DISTRICT
Windermere
BELFAST
York
IRISH SEA
Leeds
Manchester
Liverpool
Llandudno
Conwy
Chester
Ruthin
Portmeirion
SNOW-DONIA
ENGLAND
CARDIGAN BAY
WALES
Birmingham
Cardigan
Stratford-upon-Avon
Cambridge
Brecon
BRECON BEACONS
THE COTSWOLDS
Oxford
LONDON
Harwich
Bristol
Bath
Windsor
Canterbury
CARDIFF
KENT
Salisbury
Dover
DEVON
Exeter
DORSET
Southampton
Brighton
DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK
CORNWALL
Plymouth
ENGLISH CHANNEL
Falmouth



Oxford

ENCHANTING ENGLAND

LONDON, OXFORD, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON & BATH

Combine England's lively capital with historic and cultural icons easily accessible by car. With private guides and behind the scenes tours, there's no better way to explore England's past, present, and future.

8 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 3 Nights London; 2 Nights Stratford-Upon-Avon & Bath; 1 Night Oxford
- Private Guided Garden Tour at RHS Wisley
- Private Walking Tours in Oxford, Stratford & Bath
- Private Chauffeured Punting Tour (*Seasonal*)
- Behind The Scenes Tour at Royal Shakespeare Theater
- Roman Baths & Pump Rooms with Afternoon Tea
- 6-Day Compact Manual Car Rental or Private Car Plus Driving Guide
- Daily Breakfast



RHS WISLEY

With over 30,000 plant varieties spread out across 200 acres, the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens at Wisley is a garden of delights throughout the seasons.



OXFORD

Board a handcrafted Oxford punt for a relaxing journey through Oxford's riverside attractions. Pass by the Botanic Gardens, through Christ Church Meadows, and more.



STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

In the birthplace of Shakespeare, take a guided tour through the public and private backstage areas of the famous Royal Shakespeare Theater.


London

HISTORIC BRITISH GRANDEUR

LONDON, YORK & EDINBURGH

Discover the legacy left by the cities of London, York, and Edinburgh, all of which have centuries of history, architecture, cuisine, and art to soak in. Influenced by Roman conquerors, Viking invaders, and Saxon kings, each of these cities retains remnants of their ancient past. Explore London in an iconic Black Taxi, tour the cultural center of Harrogate, and walk within the halls of beautiful Stirling Castle in Scotland.

9 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 3 Nights London, York & Edinburgh
- Private London City Tour by Iconic Black Taxi
- Shared City of London Gin Distillery Tour & Tasting
- London Oyster Card
- Yorkshire Hamper Basket
- Private Harrogate Food Walking Tour
- Yorkshire Breweries Tour
- Stirling Castle & Deanston Whisky Distillery Tour
- 1st-Class Rail Between Cities with Seat Reservations
- Daily Breakfast



LONDON

Take a guided tour through the City of London Gin Distillery. Learn more about the process that makes the storied city's gin unique and distinct and enjoy a 3-flight tasting.



HARROGATE

In this charming town, famous for its natural spa and RHS Harlow Carr gardens, take a guided tour through cafés, restaurants, and pubs while sampling treats along the way!



STIRLING CASTLE

Take a guided tour through one of Scotland's most famous castles, both architecturally and historically. Afterwards, sample some famous spirits at the Deanston Whisky Distillery.

London

Aside from being a hotbed of culture, London is also the perfect playground for those who love the finer things in life. There is a plethora of options for travelers, including five-star accommodations, high-end shopping, Michelin-starred dining, and glitzy nightlife.



LONDON LODGE 3*

Popular with Avanti clients, this modest hotel is comprised of two restored Victorian townhouses and is located in a quiet Kensington neighborhood. 28 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



THE QUEEN'S GATE 4*

This Victorian-era property features posh contemporary interiors and is within walking distance from Royal Albert Hall and Kensington Gardens. 90 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



OTHER HOTELS IN LONDON

Phoenix Hotel 3*

Best Western Mornington Hotel 3*

Lancaster Gate Hotel 3*

Thistle Bloomsbury Park 3*

Copthorne Tara Hotel Kensington 3* Superior

Ambassadors Bloomsbury 3* Superior

Kensington House Hotel 4*

The Chesterfield Mayfair 4*

Amba Hotel Charing Cross 4*

Draycott 4*

K+K Hotel George 4*

London Bridge Hotel 4*

Amba Hotel Marble Arch 4*

Thistle Piccadilly 4*

Citadines Prestige South Kensington 4*

The Kingsley 4*

Dorsett Shepherds Bush 4*

Thistle Kensington Gardens 4*

Citadines Prestige Holborn-Covent Garden 4*

Thistle Hyde Park 4*

Mercure Bloomsbury 4*

The Gore Hotel 4* Superior

Millennium Baileys Hotel 4* Superior

The Goring 5*

Doyle Kensington 5*

Café Royal 5*

St. James Hotel and Club 5*

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/england

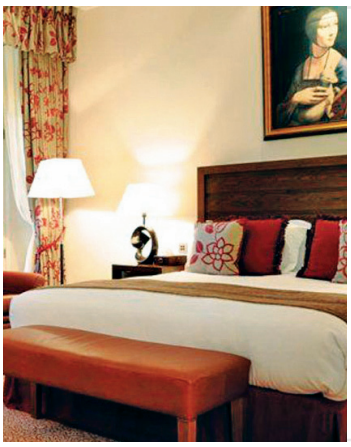


AMBA HOTEL VICTORIA 4* SUPERIOR

Formerly The Grosvenor Hotel, this property fuses classic architecture with modern facilities. 357 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



ROYAL HORSEGUARDS 5*

An elegantly luxurious landmark hotel with a superb location close to the Thames and Houses of Parliament. 280 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

London Experiences





A COSMOPOLITAN CITY

One of the world's largest and most important cities, London has a long history beginning with its Roman roots. Now one of the most sophisticated cities in the world, London is full of surprises.

The tradition and pageantry of the British Royalty is on full-display in London. From the elegance of Buckingham Palace to the Gothic architecture of Westminster and to the ancient Tower of London, the city's history is sharply contrasted by cutting-edge skyscrapers and bustling business centers.

One of the world's greenest cities, London has plentiful parks and gardens featuring a large variety of biomes and horticultural delights. The RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) is dedicated to the art of gardening and the various gardens and parks throughout London are sure to impress.

London is one of the premier world centers for art, theater, and sports. With some of the world's largest arenas, museums, and a legacy in the performing arts, London has something for everyone's tastes.



PRIVATE ICONIC BLACK TAXI TOURS

The iconic Black Taxis provide a personal insight into London, courtesy of the drivers themselves. These private tours are all driven by guides who wish to share the best of the city, whatever your interests may be. From the legendary rock 'n' roll venues that birthed stars to the sights made famous by Harry Potter, you can count on a black taxi to take you there in style.





SMALL GROUP WINDSOR, BATH & STONEHENGE TOUR FROM LONDON

Experience these remnants of British history firsthand, from the montage of monarchs in Windsor Castle, to the ancient Roman past of Bath, and to the prehistoric mystery of Stonehenge. By beginning this tour in Windsor and operating in reverse compared to other tours, explore these monuments easily without the usual crowds.

BUSTRONOME BUS DINNER

A quintessential London experience, take in the city sights aboard a high-end double decker bus with a panoramic dining room. Savor a 6-course dinner which can feature, depending on the season, various local delicacies like mushroom soup with truffle whipped cream, lemon sole fish and chips, well seasoned roasted lamb fillet, and more. The menu is subject to change.



PRIVATE BOROUGH MARKET WALKING TOUR

Join a guide and discover the secrets and delights of London's most renowned food market. Explore the huge range of exceptional British and international produce available and learn all the fascinating facts about the market's rich history.

Kicking off with a meet and greet session over drinks and pastries at a chic restaurant within the Market, accompany the guide for an exclusive tasting tour. As a passionate food expert, the guide knows the best that the Borough has to offer and can provide bespoke tastings of the unique foods and wines on offer here. Taste an array of treats, including rare breed meats, fine cheeses from Britain and beyond, super food juices, fresh scallops, olives and antipasti, plus many more, while hearing the stories behind the creation of these fabulous artisan foods. Two tutored wine tastings are also included in this educational, delicious and demystifying Borough Market experience.



GORGEOUS GARDENS OF GREAT BRITAIN

BY ALISON A.

When you ask "what is a typical English garden?" People might think of a formal space with hedges and topiaries, while others might picture a cottage garden or maybe a rose garden. There is no single answer to the question, which is why I think Britain does gardens better than any other country. No two gardens are the same and even the smallest establishments will have some greenery front and center. Besides the weather, it's one of the most popular conversations I hear at the pub.

For an incomparable introduction to the subject, nothing compares to Britain's stunning Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Gardens. One of the most popular is just south of London. 200-acre RHS Wisley is an oasis with over 30,000 plant varieties with 26 different brilliantly landscaped utopias. Wisley Garden, I learned, was founded by a man named George Fergusson Wilson who began the garden — previously known as the Oakwood — in the 19th century and was fascinated with plant experimentation. To this day the staff of scientists who specialize in Herbology continue Wilson's dedication by releasing a rolling program of plant trials, which means the stunning paradise is constantly evolving and growing.

If you are looking for the best location to see roses, Garden Rosemoor in North Devon is a must. With a famed Hot Garden and Fruit & Vegetable Garden, Rosemoor distills the natural beauty of southwest England in many unique forms. The climate here is completely different than the area northeast of London where Garden Hyde Hall is located — the driest part of Britain. Although there are bogs and a pond, I especially liked the colorful Dry Garden because of the focus on water conservation and the use of drought tolerant plants.

The northernmost of the four gardens, Garden Harlow Carr promises to delight anyone who includes it during a visit to Yorkshire. For a possible "superbloom" situation, the Streamside garden is one of the longest in the country and is absolutely stunning, especially when the Himalayan blue poppies are in bloom. But I think May is the best month to visit Harlow Carr Garden to see the allium, bluebells, and rhododendron in all their splendor, or maybe February when its daffodil season.

What I love about gardens is that they each have their own independent beauty that balance science and aesthetic. The desired result takes thought, time, experimentation, and some luck, but can be the source of joy and inspiration for many including me.






Inverness

BEST OF SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS & LOWLANDS

EDINBURGH & INVERNESS

From misty mountain peaks in the Scottish Highlands to the rolling hills of the Lowlands, explore dreamy Scotland. Delight in the history and grandeur of buzzing Edinburgh and the quaint yet cosmopolitan city of Inverness, with Scotland's natural wonders on its doorstep.

7 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 4 Nights Edinburgh & 3 Nights Inverness
- Edinburgh City Tour by Mini Cooper
- St. Andrews Tour
- Entrance & Afternoon Tea at Edinburgh Castle
- 3-Course Dinner & Scotch Whisky Tasting
- Loch Ness Tour with Boat Cruise & Entrance to Urquhart Castle
- Eileen Donan Castle & the Isle of Skye Tour
- Daily Breakfast



EDINBURGH

Tour through the streets and avenues of Edinburgh in a Mini Cooper, visiting the most beloved sites, both popular and unknown. Next, enjoy a meal at a Scottish pub.



ST. ANDREWS

Discover the medieval Kingdom of Fife, traveling along the coastline of east Scotland in the direction of historic St. Andrews. See the city's historic cathedral, castle, and more.



URQUHART CASTLE

In Inverness, embark upon the mythical Loch Ness. The voyage includes a stop at the historic Urquhart Castle, a magnificent castle with a turbulent past.



Isle of Skye

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH, STIRLING, FORT WILLIAM, ISLE OF SKYE & INVERNESS

Visit all of Scotland's beloved cities, historic castles, and bespoke cultural institutions. With the Scottish Heritage Pass, entrance to all of Scotland's historic attractions, from Edinburgh Castle to Urquhart Castle and more, is taken care of. With a rental car, set out upon a Scottish adventure, through the Lowlands and Highlands, stopping along the way to marvel at the wonders of this majestic country.

9 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 3 Nights Edinburgh; 2 Nights Isle of Skye & Inverness; 1 Night Stirling & Fort William
- Pickering's Gin Distillery Tour & Tasting
- 3 Course Dinner & Scotch Whisky Tasting at the Scotch Malt Whisky Society
- 7-Day Scottish Heritage Pass
- 7-Day Compact Manual Car Rental
- Private Tour to St. Andrews by Mini Cooper
- Daily Breakfast

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SCOTTISH HERITAGE PASS

The Scottish Heritage Pass provides entry to Scotland's most famous and must-see historic sites. Including Edinburgh Castle, Culloden Battlefield, Urquhart Castle, Stirling Castle, and more.



PICKERING'S GIN DISTILLERY

Handcrafted in the heart of Edinburgh, see how this small batch gin is made. Learn the history of gin while sampling a variety of Pickering's gin selection.



SCOTCH WHISKY TASTING

Visit the Scotch Malt Whisky Society, a private club who is the foremost authority on malt whisky. Enjoy a 3-course dinner followed by a tasting of the rare whisky housed here.



Edinburgh

'Historic grandeur'

The capital of Scotland is a dreamland of cultural and historical delights. Both Edinburgh's Old Town and New Town are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites, nearly making the entire town feel like walking on hallowed ground. From the Greek revivalist architecture of New Town to the medieval remnants of Old Town, Edinburgh feels trapped in time. As the home to so many cultural and artistic marvels, it is no surprise that Edinburgh continues to attract a youthful, vibrant energy that continues to carry the city's cherished traditions forward.

OTHER HOTELS IN EDINBURGH

Old Waverley Hotel 3*

Brooks Hotel 3*

Cairn Hotel 3*

Holyrood Aparthotel 3*

Holyrood Hotel 4*

Radisson BLU Edinburgh 4*

The Principal George Street 4*

Hilton Edinburgh Carlton 4*

Courtyard by Marriott 4*

Kimpton Charlotte Square 4*

The Rutland Hotel 4*

The Bonham 4*

The Caledonian A Waldorf Astoria Hotel 5*

The Scotsman Hotel 5*

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/scotland



B+B EDINBURGH 3* SUPERIOR

Housed inside a Victorian-era building, this privately owned boutique accommodation offers stylish modern rooms with period features. 27 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | Family Friendly | Elevator | Breakfast



TEN HILL PLACE 4*

A modern hotel that's perfectly situated near the city center and boasts excellent views of Arthur's Seat in Holyrood Park. 129 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



THE BALMORAL 5*

This historic Edinburgh hotel is a paragon of luxury and Scottish grandeur. It also features a Michelin-starred restaurant. 188 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast

HIGHLAND LOCHS, GLENS & WHISKY TOUR

Beyond the city borders of Edinburgh, follow in the footsteps of historic Scots at magnificent Rannoch Moor, Glencoe, the Great Glen, Loch Ness and Pitlochry.

Start at Glencoe, scene of the clan massacre of the Mac-Donalds by the Campbells in 1692. Continue on to Fort William, the beginning of the 'Great Glen' and the Caledonian Canal, which you follow up to Fort Augustus, nestling on the banks of Loch Ness.

Return south to Edinburgh via 'Monarch of the Glen' country, and Highland Perthshire. A great introduction to the Highlands for those short on time.



SECRETS OF THE ROYAL MILE WALKING TOUR

With an expert guide, walk the streets of Old Town of Edinburgh and explore buildings and courtyards you'd probably overlook on your own. A treasure-chest of historic gems, the Royal Mile is a fascinating street full of secrets waiting to be revealed. Learn why, to this day, Scots spit on a stoney heart. A fun and informative introduction to the city.

Scotland Experiences



EDINBURGH FOOD SAFARI WALKING TOUR

Discover the eclectic and off-beat side of Edinburgh. The Broughton Street area has become a hub for the artistic and independent, attracting boutique shops, bars, restaurants, and cafés all filled with character. Start at the top of the street and begin a food tour of pubs, shops, and cafés.





Wales

'Endless adventure'



SYCHNANT PASS COUNTRY HOUSE 3*

An elegant, privately owned property situated at the edge of Snowdonia National Park in Conwy. 12 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Parking | Breakfast



ST. GEORGE'S HOTEL 4*

Built in 1854, this refined Victorian hotel overlooks the beautiful Llandudno coast of North Wales. 81 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Beach Access | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



BODYSGALLEN HALL & SPA 5*

This 17th-century manor house in Llandudno offers spectacular views of Snowdonia and Conwy Castle. 30 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Parking | Romance | Breakfast

A short, scenic drive or rail journey from London, this small but magical country boasts 641 castles, 3 national parks, 750 miles of stunning coastline, and 11 million sheep. Easily combine Wales with touring England, sightseeing in London, or visiting Ireland with Dublin just a 90-minute ferry crossing from north Wales.

OTHER HOTELS IN WALES

Ty'n Rhos 3* *New!*

Hilton Cardiff 4*

Gwesty Cymru 4* *New!*

Penmaenuchaf Hall Hotel 4* Superior *New!*

St. Brides Spa Hotel 4* Superior* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN WALES

Brecon Beacons Railway Tour (Pant to Torpantau) *New!*

Welsh Foraging & Food Tour with Lunch & Dinner *New!*

Roman Sites & Tintern Abbey Tour

Gwinllan Conway Vineyard Tour & Wine Tasting *New!*

Private Snowdonia Tour

Private Pembrokeshire Tour



WINTER IS COMING

BY KATHERINE J.

Have you ever been compelled to travel across the globe because of a TV show? The first time I felt drawn to Northern Ireland, I was watching Game of Thrones, which we know has captured the imaginations of just about everyone around the world. From the spiraling plot twists and array of characters, it was the beginning of the series that drew me in. The dramatic landscapes and daunting structures of Winterfell captivated me. By the time the series ended, I knew that some of my favorite scenes were filmed in Northern Ireland.

I flew into Belfast and was excited to explore the various Game of Thrones filming locations. During my full-day tour I visited the Cave in Cushendun, where the Shadow Assassin was born. In later episodes, Renly swears to avenge Ned Stark's death but instead, the Shadow Assassin takes Renly's life among the Giant's Causeway. I walked along the 40,000 interlocking basalt columns - the result of an ancient volcanic fissure eruption - and agreed it is the perfect place for the scene to take place.

The next day I got the opportunity to do something I'd never done before. Two words: Axe - Throwing. Yes, it was as fun as it sounds, better even. Upon arrival we were matched with our Master-At-Arms who ensured we dressed up in full costume, dawning any character we wanted. Once in the proper gear and appropriately channeling my inner Arya, we chose an axe made out of the finest Valyrian steel, and posed for a photo-op while slinging the axe like a true warrior. Making this the best photo-shoot ever. After dressing up, I paid close attention to our guide who confided stories and behind-the-scenes secrets about the film sets created.

Film location scouts found a jackpot in Northern Ireland. The rugged landscape and unusual geological formations are the perfect backdrop for a dramatic journey.

IRELAND

From the Atlantic coastline on the rugged western shore to the rain washed hills of green to the east – Ireland's nickname as the "Emerald Isle" rings true in a multitude of ways. The country is a gem, with castles, breathtaking cliffs, mythical mountains, charming towns, and welcoming people all draped against a backdrop of pristine emerald green. Whether exploring the country's magnificent natural marvels or enjoying a pint of Guinness in one of Dublin's quaint pubs, Ireland manages to create both feelings of surprise and comfort at every turn.

TRAVEL TIMES BY CAR DUBLIN TO:

Belfast	2 Hours
Cork	3 Hours
Galway	2¼ Hours
Killarney	3½ Hours
Kinsale	3½ Hours
Shannon	2½ Hours
Waterford	2 Hours

BY PLANE:

London	1½ Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

Staying in a castle can be a very special experience! These grand estates are located throughout the country and have hundreds of years of history, fantastic grounds, and elegant accommodations. Due to limited supply and high demand, we recommend booking your castle stay as early as possible especially during the peak summer months.

Create unique experiences! Our team of Travel Consultants have first-hand destination knowledge to help customize personalized vacations.



Ross Castle



Connemara


GIANT'S
CAUSEWAY
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Donegal
BELFAST
Sligo
MAYO
LOUTH
IRISH
SEA
MEATH
CONNEMARA
IRELAND
DUBLIN
Galway
Kildare
Wicklow
CLIFFS
OF MOHER
Ennis
Shannon
Limerick
Kilkenny
Wexford
Waterford
Dingle Peninsula
Killarney
Cork
RING
OF KERRY
Kinsale



Kilkenny Castle

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

DUBLIN, CO. MEATH, CO. KILDARE, CO. WEXFORD & CO. WICKLOW

Ireland's captivating cities, welcoming culture, lush rolling hills, quaint towns, and Celtic curiosities are all on the itinerary of this self-driven vacation. Explore Ireland at your own pace, in all its bucolic and relaxing splendor.

Filled with castles, archaeological sites, and dazzling cathedrals, discover all the stories and secrets that Ireland's ancient east has to offer.

7 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 2 Nights Dublin & Co. Wexford; 1 Night Co. Meath, Co. Kildare & Co. Wicklow
- Entrance to Guinness Storehouse
- Entrance to Glendalough Visitor Center
- Entrance to Trinity College & Book of Kells
- Entrance to Brú na Bóinne Visitor Center
- Entrance to Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens
- Entrance to Dublinia & Christchurch Cathedral
- Entrance to Kilkenny Castle
- 8-Day Compact Manual Car Rental
- Daily Breakfast



COUNTY MEATH

This seemingly innocuous bend in the Boyne River is home to over 30 Neolithic archaeological sites, including the tremendous underground temple of Newgrange. Brú na Bóinne is a must-see.



COUNTY KILDARE

The only stud farm in Ireland open to the public also contains the beloved Tully Japanese Gardens. These renowned gardens symbolize the "Life of Man", from birth to death.



COUNTY WICKLOW

In a picturesque glacial valley with dual lakes, Irish folk hero St. Kevin founded the ancient, thousand-year old Christian monastic site with tangible archaeology and history amidst an idyllic countryside.

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

DUBLIN, CO. SLIGO, CO. MAYO, CO. GALWAY, CO. CLARE, CO. KERRY & CO. CORK

Explore Ireland's iconic west coast from the staggering cliffs, verdant fjords, hidden beaches, and everything in between. Fans of movies and television will likely recognize the vistas here, as Ireland's Atlantic Coast has been the setting for some of the world's biggest cinematic wonders.

10 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 2 Nights Dublin, Co. Sligo & Co. Mayo; 1 Night Co. Galway, Co. Clare, Co. Kerry & Co. Cork
- Entrance to Guinness Storehouse
- Irish Fjord Ferry Cruise
- Entrance to Kylemore Abbey
- Entrance to The Burren & Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centers
- Entrance to Foynes Flying Boat Museum
- 10-Day Compact Manual Car Rental
- Daily Breakfast



KYLEMORE ABBEY

The home to Benedictine Nuns and Ireland's largest walled Victorian garden, Kylemore Abbey contains a storied past, gorgeous Gothic architecture, and hearty home-cooked food.



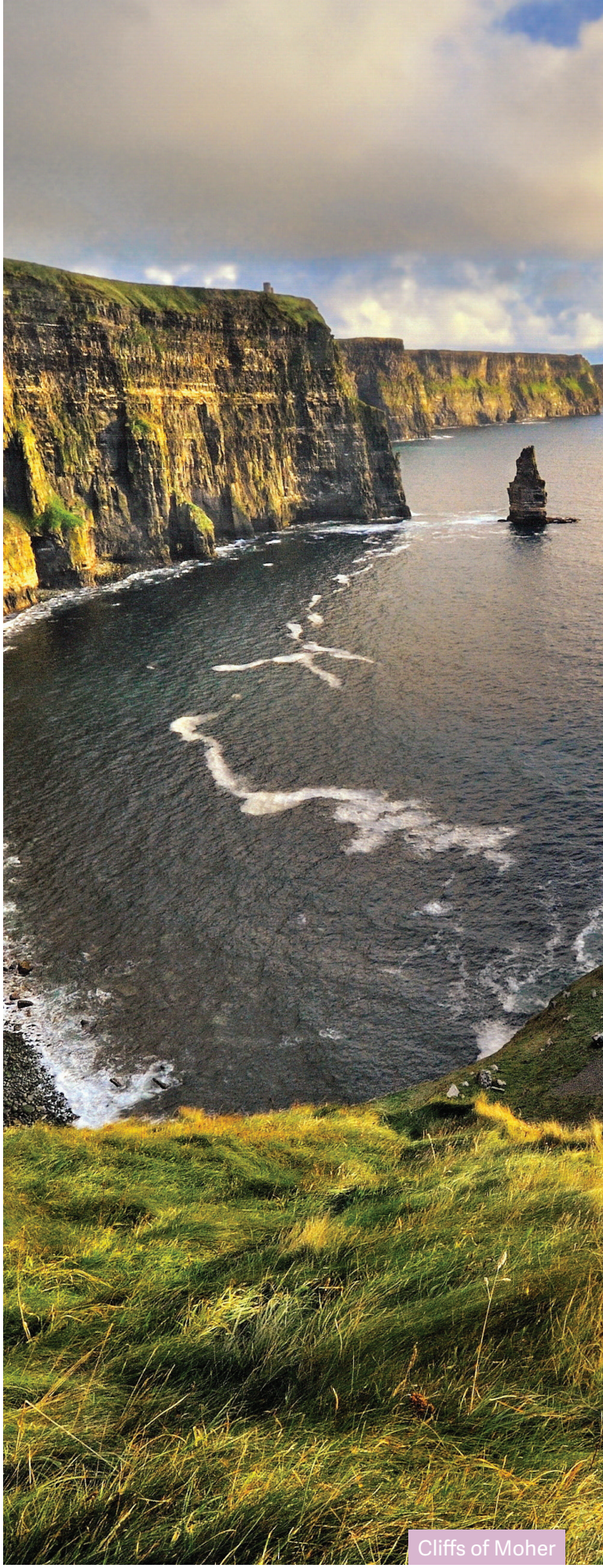
COUNTY CLARE

These stunning cliffs are some of Ireland's most visited tourist attractions. The Visitor Center's "Cliffs Exhibition" immerses visitors with a sensory experience to feel the full majesty of the cliffs.



COUNTY KERRY

A place of tradition, Dingle Peninsula celebrates culture with its organic lifestyle filled with crafts, legends, and cozy pubs housing great brews, Gaelic proverbs, and lively folk music.



Cliffs of Moher



Dublin

'This fair city...'

Overlooking the dark-blue Irish Sea and nestled atop rocky crags, Dublin is a treasure trove of medieval architecture juxtaposed by modern engineering in a dense metropolis. Dublin is dynamic, intimate, and cosmopolitan – full of peaceful parks and cozy Irish pubs.

The capital and cultural center of Ireland, Dublin is a truly global city and a historic hub for Irish arts. Dublin's theater, literature, music, and culinary scenes are world-class, with five restaurants being awarded with Michelin stars.

OTHER HOTELS IN DUBLIN

The Fleet Street Hotel 3*

Cassidy's Hotel 3*

Hilton Garden Inn Custom House 3*

Academy Plaza Hotel 3*

Davenport Hotel 3* Superior

Trinity City Hotel 4*

The Gresham Hotel 4*

North Star Hotel 4*

The Clarence Hotel 4*

Radisson BLU Royal Hotel 4*

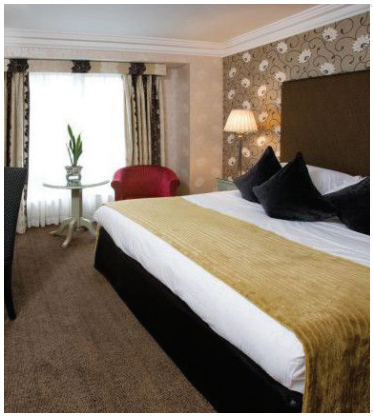
Clontarf Castle Hotel 4*

The Gibson Hotel 4*

The Dylan 5*

The Westbury 5*

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/ireland



THE BROOKS HOTEL 4*

A sophisticated boutique hotel situated near popular attractions like Grafton Street, St. Stephen's Green, and Dublin Castle. 98 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



THE ALEX 4*

A stone's throw away from Trinity College, this centrally-located hotel offers spacious contemporary rooms with cool retro touches. 103 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



THE MERRION HOTEL 5*

Exuding period charm, this restored Georgian property is ideally located in the heart of Dublin. 142 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Family Friendly | AC | Swimming Pool | Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast

DUBLIN CITY TOUR

Explore the north and south sides of the River Liffey on this 3-hour tour of the "Fair City". Along the main thoroughfare on the north side of Dublin, O'Connell Street, discover the impressive General Post Office, the Custom House along the quays, and then Phoenix Park – the largest public park in Europe.

The south side of the river provides ample opportunities to reminisce on some of Dublin's literary history. Visit Oscar Wilde's House with its colorful doors, see the house of Bram Stoker, the author of Dracula, and marvel at the ornate craftsmanship of the venerable Book of Kells at the Trinity College Library.

Quickly orient yourself at Phoenix Park by locating the famous monuments throughout the park, including the Papal Cross, President's House, and the Farmleigh House.

End the tour at either the famous Guinness Storehouse, home of the esteemed Guinness Stout, or at Trinity College. With travel bearings now set, it's time to explore Dublin at leisure!

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY & BELFAST

Depart from Dublin towards Northern Ireland passing through beautiful countryside and the stunning green Glens of Antrim. On a clear day you can see the volcanic Rathlin Island and Scotland's rocky shore.

On the northern coast, The Giant's Causeway is an otherworldly collection of over 40,000 basalt columns, the result of an ancient volcanic eruption. This UNESCO World Heritage Site demonstrates the humbling and bewildering power of nature.

Now it is time to experience Belfast, bustling port city and capital of Northern Ireland. Choose from either visiting the Titanic Experience or the Black Taxi Tour of Belfast. The Titanic Experience brings to life the history of this ship with artifacts and virtual reality exhibits. The Black Taxi Tour will illuminate the frightening history that Belfast endured during "The Troubles".



IRISH FOOD WALKING EXPERIENCE

Go on a deep dive of Dublin's rich history, delving into the hidden side of Dublin before checking out some of the city's hidden gems.

Steeped in romance and legacy, this tour brings Dubliners to the forefront. Expect storytelling, pub crawling, and sampling some of the best hearty Irish cuisine on this detailed and delicious tour.

CLIFFS OF MOHER, BURREN & GALWAY BAY

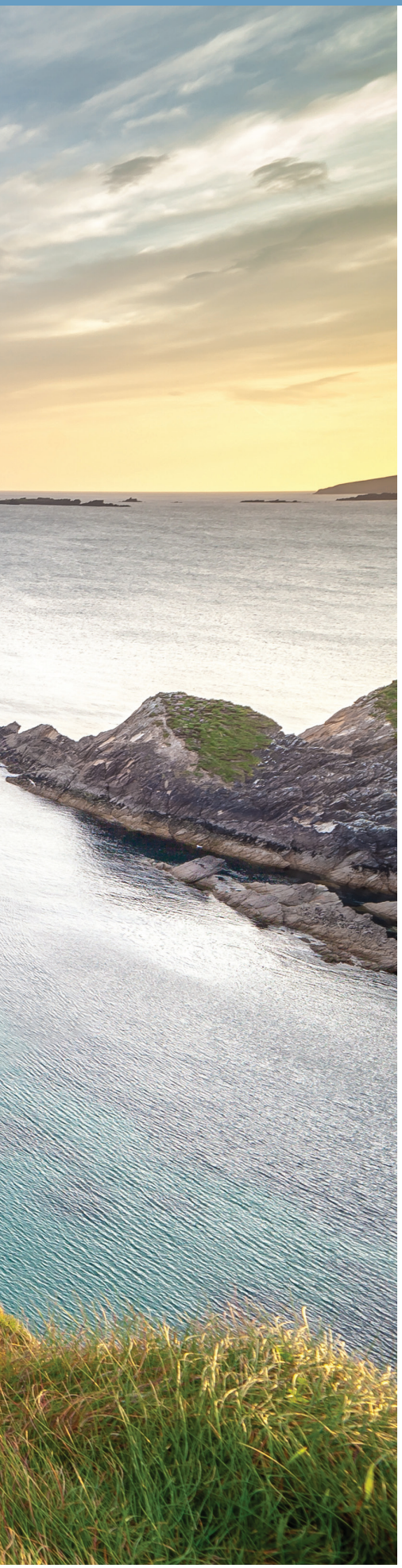
Begin this railway tour with a short stop in Limerick and then onward to Bunratty Castle before reaching the Cliffs of Moher on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. The next trek from the Cliffs of Moher to Galway city is regarded as one of the best coastal routes in Europe. The return journey goes through The Burren, a desolate yet striking national park.





Ireland Experiences





EXPLORING THE EMERALD ISLE

BY CINDY W.

I've visited Ireland over a dozen times and I've fallen in love with the country over a dozen different ways. It's not just the beauty of the rolling hills, but also the infectious wit, chat and craic (fun) of these passionate people that make me want to stay and call it home.

On my last trip to the Emerald Isle, we rented a car for an epic girl's trip starting with a visit of Ballyseede Castle, just a 90-minute drive from Shannon Airport. Built in the 1500s, the battlements ran atop the Castle walls. Styled after an authentic defense used to give archers the ability to shoot their arrows at their opponent from high above while being protected from retaliation.

For the full Irish experience, we chose to stay in B&Bs in the south. This allowed us to visit the breathtaking Dingle Peninsula and see the awe-inspiring coastline there. Our Bed & Breakfasts were cozy, with a homey atmosphere and the most generous hosts. The two we stayed at were located in the countryside, among the rolling hills; peaceful in the warm summer nights and more stars than we could count.

Although we adored the charms of the south, we definitely wanted to spend some time pampering ourselves as well. We headed north to stay at the luxurious Ballynahinch Castle Hotel which is set on a private 700-acre estate of woodlands, rivers, and walks. The natural setting is exquisite and there are more outdoor activities than we had time to try. Upon arrival, we splurged for afternoon tea with champagne in the elegant Owenmore Restaurant. The selection of sandwiches and sweets were divine, but I would have been happy with a scone and an extra-large bowl of clotted cream. We spent the rest of the afternoon with the in-house walking guide getting acquainted with the grounds and saw the most spectacular view of the castle from the Riverside Walk trail.

The real surprise of the journey was our day trip to Achill Island — this definitely ranks in my top 3 Irish experiences. First inhabited 5,000 years ago with ruins still in place, Achill Island is the largest of all islands off the N.W. coast of Ireland and is conveniently accessible by bridge. The lush green hills, jagged mountain edges, golden sandy beaches and crystal clear waters are the definition of County Mayo's Wild Atlantic Way. The raw majestic beauty of Ireland gets me every time. It's the reason that I return time after time.

FRANCE

As a worldwide favorite, France continues to enchant with an immeasurable heritage and an everlasting charm. History, cuisine, and culture abound, and every traveler can revel in one of its many outstanding destinations.

Experience the eternal romance of Paris, savor the finest Burgundy wines, or walk through lavender fields of Provence. From the French Alps to the Mediterranean, the allure of La Republique is bold and bright.

TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN PARIS TO:

Amsterdam	3¼ Hours
Avignon	2¾ Hours
Barcelona	6½ Hours
Bordeaux	2 Hours
Brussels	1½ Hours
Caen	2 Hours
Geneva	3 Hours
London	2½ Hours
Lyon	2 Hours
Nice	6 Hours
Strasbourg	2 Hours

BY PLANE:

Rome	2 Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

Dating back to the 12th century, Fontainebleau was originally built as a hunting lodge for the French kings. Over time, pieces of art were collected and the castle developed into a grand royal residence home to many including Francis I and Napoleon III. Just an hour from Paris, this site surprises many with its riches and lack of crowds.

Beyond flights and accommodations, include some local experiences to personalize an itinerary.



Lavender Fields, Provence



Eiffel Tower, Paris


Bayeux
Caen
NORMANDY
PARIS
Reims
Mont Saint-Michel
CHAMPAGNE
ALSACE
Strasbourg
BRITTANY
Orléans
Tours
Nantes
BURGUNDY
Dijon
LOIRE VALLEY
Beaune
FRANCE
Chamonix
Lyon
ATLANTIC OCEAN
AQUITAINE
Sarlat
Bordeaux
RHÔNE RIVER
OCCITANIE
Avignon
PROVENCE
Monaco
Toulouse
Arles
Nice
Biarritz
Aix-en-Provence
Cannes
Lourdes
Marseille
Carcassonne
MEDITERRANEAN SEA



Côte d'Azur

HIGHLIGHTS OF FRANCE

PARIS, NORMANDY, AVIGNON & NICE

From the iconic sites of Paris and the historical beaches of Normandy, to the stunning scenery of Provence, and the sunshine of the French Riviera, this vacation highlights some of France's most prized treasures.

10 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 3 Nights Paris & Nice; 2 Nights Normandy & Avignon
- 3-Day Central Zone Paris Visite Pass
- Paris City Tour & Seine Cruise
- Private WWII Landing Beaches & Sites
- Provence & Côte d'Azur Full Day Tours
- 1st-Class Rail Between Cities with Seat Reservations
- Daily Breakfast

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PARIS

Get accustomed to the City of Love on a sweeping experience through its most popular attractions, and board a scenic river cruise offering great views of the Eiffel Tower.



NORMANDY BEACHES

Walk in the footsteps of the young and brave who laid down their lives for a brighter future, before visiting the inspiring Juno, Gold, and Omaha landing beaches.



PROVENCE & CÔTE D'AZUR

Journey through the scenic charms of southern France, with medieval villages and stylish cities of the French Riviera, such as Nice and the principality of Monaco.



St. Emilion Vineyard

DISCOVER FRENCH WINES

PARIS & BORDEAUX

Savor the refined aromas of some of the best wines in France and travel from the poetic city of Paris to Bordeaux, the Sleeping Beauty.

Dive into over 2,000 years of history in this magical capital while visiting its most popular gems. Walk along grand boulevards or quiet alleys, and savor the finest wines on a tasting experience.

Admire the elegance of Bordeaux on an enlightening walking experience, and choose between 5 different vineyards to visit, each with a unique charm. Drive along endless fields of wine country, sample some of the local wines, and enjoy the magic of rural France.

6 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 3 Nights Paris & Bordeaux
- Private Paris Sightseeing Tour
- Le Tour de France Wine Tasting in Paris
- Private Bordeaux Discovery Walking Tour
- Choice of Full Day Wine Excursion To: Medoc, St. Emilion, Graves & Sauternes, Bordeaux & Margeaux, or Bordeaux & St. Emilion
- 1st-Class Rail Between Cities with Seat Reservations
- Daily Breakfast



PARIS

Indulge in an exquisite wine tasting in the heart of Paris. Sample from a selection of elegant red wines, white wines, and champagne from many renowned provinces of France.



BORDEAUX

Familiarize yourself with the city's icons such as the Grand Theater or Saint Andrew's Cathedral. Gaze at the majestic 18th-century architecture and fall in love with the City of Art.



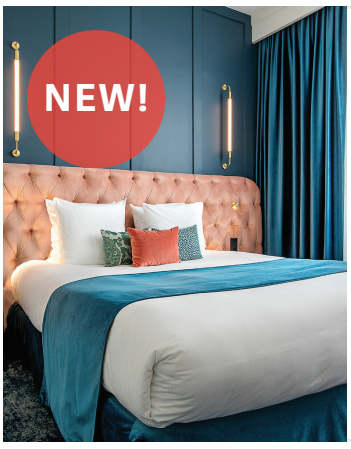
ST. EMILION

Visit 3 delightful wineries and indulge in the superb blends of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon, all while engulfed in the ambiance of this medieval town.

Paris

The city that captivates with a bewitching appeal and a passion for the fine arts, tastes, and flavors. Discover its majesty, from the grandiose monuments to the quaint alleys.





HOTEL ETOILE
ST. HONORÉ 4*

A short walk from Champs Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe, it offers spacious, air-conditioned rooms and suites. 85 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



HOTEL LE LITTRE 4*

A traditional hotel that radiates peace and tranquility located just minutes away from the Luxembourg Gardens. 90 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



OTHER HOTELS IN PARIS

Suede 3* *New!*
Marais Home 3* *New!*
Hotel Louison 3*
Hotel Taylor 3*
Hotel Design Sorbonne 3* *New!*
Hotel Louvre Montana 3* Superior
Hotel Floride Etoile 3* Superior
Hotel Bourgogne & Montana 4*
Hotel Cambon 4*
Hotel Belmont 4*
Le Relais Montmartre 4* *New!*
Hotel Le Mareuil 4*
Hotel Square Louvois 4*
Hotel Baume 4* Superior
Hotel Les Dammes du Pantheon 4* Superior
Hotel Le Saint 4* Superior
Hotel Pont Royal 4* Superior
Le Belle Juliette 4* Superior *New!*
Terrass Hotel 4* Superior *New!*
Hotel Regina 5*
La Clef Tour Eiffel 5* *New!*
La Clef Louvre 5* *New!*
Hotel Napoleon 5* *New!*
Hotel Lancaster 5* Superior *New!*
Bel Ami 5* Superior *New!*
The Peninsula 5* Superior *New!*

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HOTEL BELLOY ST. GERMAIN 4*

Upscale and chic featuring unique décor, the hotel is set in the heart of the Latin Quarter, ideal for lovers of old Paris. 50 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



HOTEL D'AUBUSSON 5*

This 17th-century hotel is immersed in Parisian history with antique furniture and Versailles parquet floors. Offers superb service, luxury, and comfort. 49 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast



Paris Experiences

COOKING CLASS & MARKET VISIT

Experience the culinary excellence of France through a cooking experience. In true local fashion, start the day with a lovely visit to the local market and select the freshest ingredients needed for the feast that awaits.

Return to the chef's apartment, a charming property bordering the 11th and 20th districts with beautiful panoramic views of Paris. Under the chef's careful eye, learn how to prepare a delightful meal comprising of seasonal dishes such as cucumber spaghetti with smoked salmon, veal blanquette with vanilla sauce, or any other exquisite recipes fitting the mood of the day.

A tasty cultural immersion where the chef will dive into France's marvelous culinary culture, along with sharing expert tips and techniques that can be easily applied at home. Explore the country's beauty through its refined flavors.



PRIVATE PERE LACHAISE CEMETERY TOUR

Spend an afternoon walking through the most popular cemetery in the world. Welcoming over 3 million visitors each year, it has become a main attraction in Paris due to the many personalities and historical figures that lie here.

Spanning over 43 acres, amid more than 5,000 trees, the cemetery houses the tombs of Marcel Proust, Chopin, Jim Morrison, and countless others. Learn about its extensive history and visit the iconic tombstone of Oscar Wilde and the unique tradition behind it.

BICYCLE TOUR

Starting at the foot of the Eiffel Tower, explore the capital's highlights on a bicycle tour. Fit for all types of riders, the itinerary will include Parisian classics such as the Invalides, Champs Élysées and Louvre Museum.

The bicycles feature cushioned seats and upright handlebars for increased comfort. Riding primarily on flat terrain, this leisurely experience immerses travelers in the beauty of Paris, with the opportunity to stop for lunch.





STREET ART WALKING TOUR

Travel off the beaten path to the Belleville neighborhood and explore Paris' creative side. Now a hub for the city's urban art movement, it has experienced a complete rebirth, with former industrial buildings now hosting many art studios.

Explore the works of many French and international artists, such as the giant wall fresco by Jerome Menager, mosaics, and graffiti.

PRIVATE MUSEE D'ORSAY TOUR

An enlightening experience through the historical walls of The d'Orsay Museum, housing one of the largest art collections in Europe.

Set in the monumental Gare d'Orsay, it boasts the largest selections of impressionist paintings, featuring masterpieces from artists such as Monet, Renoir, and Van Gogh.





MACARON BAKING CLASS

Spend a lovely afternoon with the chef during a hands-on experience. Craft colorful and simply irresistible macarons, a dessert that has delighted Central Europe since the 8th-century.

Under the chef's expert guidance, choose between a variety of flavors and learn the culinary secrets behind these delicate pastries.

MONTMARTRE LOCAL GASTRONOMY WALKING TOUR

Enjoy a delightful experience through the historic streets of Montmartre, the village in the heart of Paris.

Walking through the neighborhood alleys, indulge in many artisanal products such as pastries, wine, and charcuterie specialties, all while immersed in an old-fashioned ambiance.



MONTMARTRE WITH CHAMPAGNE NIGHT TOUR

Admire magnificent Paris at night on a spectacular excursion, highlighting the most famous sights. Aboard the iconic Citroen 2CV, a Parisian symbol since the late 1940's, drive through the capital's streets and admire many of the illuminated attractions of Paris. During summer days, enjoy the ride with the top down for better views.

Ride along the romantic Champs Élysées, pass the Arc de Triomphe, and witness the imposing Eiffel Tower. This experience will offer fantastic views of the Invalides, Opera Garnier, Pyramide du Louvre, and many more.

After touring central Paris, proceed to the famous village of Montmartre, with the colorful Moulin Rouge, the Pigalle, and Sacre Coeur.

To top the evening, a bottle of champagne will be available on the ride. The driver will also stop on request for photo opportunities.



Normandy

´Rugged history´



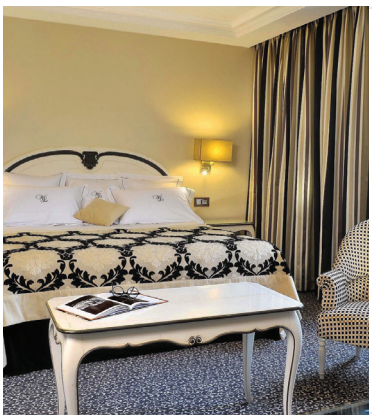


LE CHATEAU D'AUDRIEU 4*

An 18th-century historical monument in Audrieu with a Belle Epoque décor and marvelous gardens. 29 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Swimming Pool | Parking | Breakfast



HOTEL VILLA LARA 4* SUPERIOR

An elegant hotel across the Bayeux Cathedral with chic design. Relax by the fireplace in the intimate library lounge. 28 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



HOTEL DE BOURGTHEROULDE 5*

Set in the heart of Rouen, a 15-century property reminiscing the Renaissance extravagance. 78 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Swimming Pool | Parking | Breakfast

The stage for many historical battles, from Viking invasions to the dreaded D-Day, Normandy is a living history book that combines an outstanding cultural heritage with a delightful cuisine and stunning coastlines - from white-chalk cliffs to the beaches.

OTHER HOTELS IN NORMANDY

Le Lion d'Or 3*

Churchill Hotel 3*

Hotel Le Cheval Blanc 3*

Hotel Les Maisons de Lea 3*

Normandy Barriere Hotel 4*

Chateau La Cheneviere 5*

EXPERIENCES IN NORMANDY

Mont St. Michel Tour

Normandy WWII Landing Beaches

Taste of Normandy Tour

Rouen Walking Tour



LOIRE VALLEY

Filled with stunning châteaux and beautiful vineyards, for centuries this region has been a luxurious retreat for the aristocracy. As France's lush green garden, Loire Valley is known for its enticing delights, pleasing both the eyes and the palate.



LE CHOISEUL 4*

Three 18th-century residences located in the heart of Amboise. Airy rooms feature delightful river and garden views. 32 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Romance | Parking | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN LOIRE VALLEY

Château de la Bourdaisiere 3* *New!*

Hotel Oceania L'Univers 4* *New!*

Château de Verrieres 4* Superior

Château D'Artigny 5* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN LOIRE VALLEY

The Greatest Loire Valley Tour

Royal Loire Valley Tour

Must-Tastes of Loire Valley

Beautiful Loire Valley Tour



CHAMPAGNE RETREAT

VINAY

A visually captivating region in northeast France and home to the distinct and celebratory wine that bears its name, Champagne is the quintessential destination for those in search of refined tastes and genuine retreats.

2 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 2 Nights Vinay
- Moët et Chandon Imperial Visit with Tastings
- One 4-Course Dinner
- Daily Breakfast



HOSTELLERIE LA BRIQUETERIE 4* SUPERIOR

This exclusive gastronomic residence offers a peaceful setting and carefully decorated rooms. 40 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Swimming Pool | Parking | Breakfast



ALSACE WINE DISCOVERY

COLMAR

Enjoy the peace and charm of Alsace in Colmar, a well-preserved medieval city with charming canals in the romantic Petite Venice, local markets, and a delightful Christmas Market.

2 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 2 Nights Colmar
- Alsace Wine Country Experience with Wine Tasting
- Daily Breakfast



GRAND HOTEL BRISTOL 4*

Only 5 minutes away from city center, this property features clean and contemporary designs, a sauna, and impeccable service. 91 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Parking | Breakfast



STRASBOURG

Experience the lovely fusion of French and German motifs through flowery alleys of half-timbered homes, art galleries, and cosmopolitan boulevards.



REGENT PETITE FRANCE 4*

Located in historic La Petite France, the hotel offers sophisticated rooms with views of the Ill River and traditional homes. 75 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN STRASBOURG

Le Grand Hotel 3* *New!*

Cour du Corbeau 4*

Boma Hotel 4* *New!*

Sofitel Grande L'ile 5*

EXPERIENCES IN STRASBOURG

Alsace Wines Tour from Strasbourg

Strasbourg Market & Gourmet Tour

Private Alsace Tour from Strasbourg

Private Freiburg & The Black Forest Tour from Strasbourg



Burgundy: Beaune & Dijon

'The land of noble flavors'

Known for its spectacular wines, Burgundy's fame goes beyond refined flavors and a postcard-perfect countryside. History lies behind every corner, and sleepy villages harbor beautiful châteaux and medieval walls.

Colorful Beaune seduces visitors at first glance with its splendid architecture and patterned roofs. Incredibly well preserved, this window into the noble past will offer an immersive experience with endless photo opportunities.

The gastronomic center of Dijon is a celebration of great cuisine and wines. A delectable city for the eye and palate, it gracefully blends French elegance with the region's relaxed lifestyle.

OTHER HOTELS IN BURGUNDY

Hotel de la Paix 3*

Hotel des Remparts 3* *New!*

Grand Hotel La Cloche 4* Superior

Chateau de Gilly 4* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN BURGUNDY

Private Côte de Beaune Tour with Wine Tasting

Private Côte de Nuits with Wine Tasting

Private Maconnais Tour with Wine Tasting

Private Abbaye de Vezelay & Fontenay with Wine Tasting

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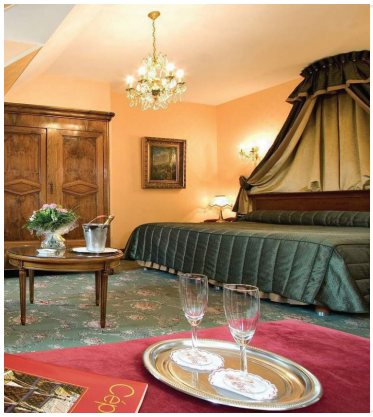


ABBAYE DE MAIZIERES HOTEL 4*

This enchanting hotel within a 12th-century abbey offers cozy rooms, with historical accents in Beaune. 14 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Swimming Pool | Parking | Romance | Breakfast

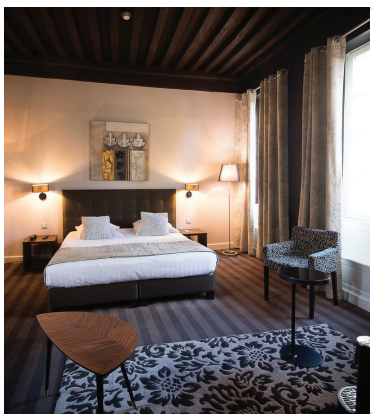


HOTEL LE CEP 4* SUPERIOR

A historic hotel in the heart of Old Town Beaune, this property boasts gorgeous antique furnishings. 57 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast



HOTEL PHILIPPE LE BON 4*

With an exquisite restaurant specializing in regional flavors and a private garden, it immerses guests into the quintessential beauty of Dijon. 32 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



LYON

This dynamic city is a dream come true for any urban explorer. Visit one of Lyon's many museums, shopping centers, or indulge in its fusion culinary scene.



GRAND HOTEL DES TERRAUX 4*

Within walking distance to many attractions, this boutique 19th-century town house features a modern, innovative design.
53 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN LYON

Hotel Charlemagne 3*

Axotel Lyon Perrache 3*

Hotel Silky 4*

Cour des Loges Hotel 5*

EXPERIENCES IN LYON

Lyon River Cruise with Dinner

Private City Tour

Private Food Markets Walking Tour

Private Beaujolais Tour from Lyon with Lunch & Wine Tasting



BORDEAUX

The region's reigning wine capital, this revitalized city houses an astonishing historical center with 18th-century buildings and sculpted façades, the towering Flèche Bell Tower, and Notre Dame de Bordeaux.



HÔTEL DE SEZE 4*

Centrally located, within walking distance from museums and cathedrals. The hotel features a traditional French restaurant.
55 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN BORDEAUX

Hotel Continental 3* *New!*

Best Western Etche-Ona 4*

Burdigala Hotel 4* Superior

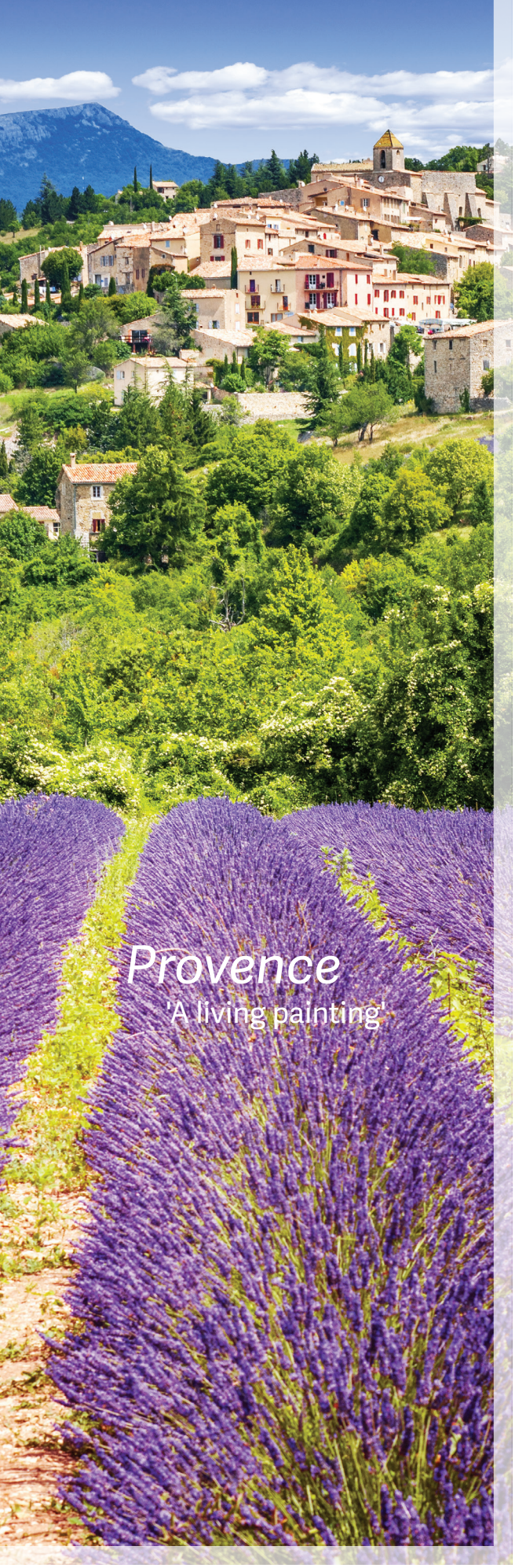
Intercontinental Bordeaux Le Grand 5* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN BORDEAUX

Bordeaux Cheese & Wine Tasting

Private St. Emilion Tour from Bordeaux with Wine Tastings

Private Biarritz & Basque Villages Tour from Bordeaux



Provence

'A living painting'



HOTEL CLOITRE SAINT LOUIS 4*

Set in a 16th-century edifice, it combines the historic feel of Avignon with modern touches, preserving the timeless appeal. 80 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



HOTEL JULES CESAR 4*

Once a 17th-century convent, the Arles hotel offers a journey through time with sublime romantic and contemporary elements. 56 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Parking | Romance | Breakfast



HOTEL LE PIGONNET 5*

Luxurious boutique hotel in Aix-en-Provence with contemporary décor, boasting delightful views of the Sainte Victorie mountain. 49 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

A visually stunning region covered with lavender fields, olive groves, and vineyards, popular for foodies and wine lovers alike. The divine tranquility has reigned here for centuries, a historic destination since Roman times. Soak in the millenia-old atmosphere that inspired artists throughout the ages.

OTHER HOTELS IN PROVENCE

Grand Hotel 3*

La Mirande 5*

Auberge de Cassagne 5*

Hotel le Galice 3*

MGallery Grand Hotel Roi Rene 4*

Hotel Cezanne 4* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN PROVENCE

Avignon Cooking Class & Wine Country

Avignon & Pope's Palace Walking Tour

Van Gogh in Provence Tour

Pure Luberon Tour

Wines of Cezanne Country

Cassis Tour

Luberon Market & Villages Tour

Côte d'Azur

'Sunlit extravagance'





SPLENDID HOTEL 4*

A stylish hotel on a quiet residential street, just blocks away from Nice's Promenade des Anglais and the beach. 128 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



LA PEROUSE 4* SUPERIOR

Built on a promontory next to the beach, with stunning views, it is only minutes away from the flower market and Nice's Old Town. 62 rooms

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



HOTEL LE CAVENDISH 4*

Preserving the French charm with a Belle Epoque rotunda, the centrally located Cannes hotel features an elegant, old world décor. 34 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

For centuries, the French Riviera has been a vacation retreat for the rich and famous, reveling in the region's extravagance coupled with the Mediterranean ambiance. Revel in the refinement of Nice, Cannes, and Monaco, drive along the scenic coast, and enjoy the great cuisine and sunny days of the Côte d'Azur.

OTHER HOTELS IN CÔTE D'AZUR

Hotel Gounod 3*

Hotel Beau Rivage 4*

The Deck Hotel 4* *New!*

Negresso 5*

Hotel Le Canberra 4*

Kube 5*

Metropole 5*

EXPERIENCES IN CÔTE D'AZUR

Nice Tastes & History Walking Tour

Nice Gourmet Cooking Tour

Private Monaco & Eze Tour

Private Illuminations of Monte Carlo

Private St. Tropez Tour

Private Côte d'Azur Tour



MAJESTIC MARSEILLE

BY SHEENA L.

The first time I visited Marseille, it was a shore excursion I took during a week-long Mediterranean Sea cruise. I had just enough time to take a tour of the beautiful Old Port section of the city dating back over two thousand years. Founded by Greek sailors from modern day Turkey, formerly Phocée, this strategic port connecting North Africa and Southern Europe is one of the most diverse cities in the country.

About a year later, I returned to Marseille so I could spend some quality time exploring the various bouillabaisse recipes that the multi-cultural city is famous for. This savory fish stew with three types of fresh fish, mussels, and tomatoes are transformed when Herbs de Provence are added to the pot. The dish can be found at every restaurant around the port, but only a few are truly excellent.

On the quest for a great bouillabaisse, I ventured out to Château d'If, the famous castle set upon an island, much like Alcatraz. Both were previously used as remote prisons, although Château d'If is known for far more than just that. While it was a penitentiary from 1580 - 1871 and it was used to protect the coast from invasion, it was put on the maps of the imagination when Alexandre Dumas used it as the prison Edmond Dantes was held in the world renowned novel The Count of Monte Cristo.

As the afternoon started to fade, the crowds of day-trippers started to thin out as they returned to their vessels. My hotel concierge gave me a tip on a nearby restaurant with a surprise – rooftop dining popular with the locals. I started small with a bowl of olives and a chilled glass of Pastis - a locally made, licorice flavored drink – and watched the Château in the distance as the sunset exploded in color. It's a brilliant symphony of flavors that thoughtfully reflects the ingredients available nearby.

BELGIUM & THE NETHERLANDS

These delightful countries that pair perfectly are positively packed with cultural vitality, beautiful landscapes, and historic importance. Belgium impresses with its World Heritage Sites, museums, and exciting inventory of beer bars and chocolate shops. The Netherlands entices with hip, historical Amsterdam and countryside charm accentuated by charming windmills and vast tulip fields.

TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN BRUSSELS TO:

Antwerp	¾ Hour
Bruges	1 Hour
Ghent	½ Hours
London	2 Hours
Paris	1½ Hours

BY TRAIN AMSTERDAM TO:

Bruges	3 Hours
Brussels	2 Hours
Cologne	2¾ Hours
London	4¾ Hours
Paris	3½ Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

With the popularity of European river cruising, many people are heading to Amsterdam.

Instead of doing a preset option pre- or post-cruise, this is a great time to try a customized 2 or 3 night stay. Embark on a canal cruise, rent a bike, or go on a guided walking tour.

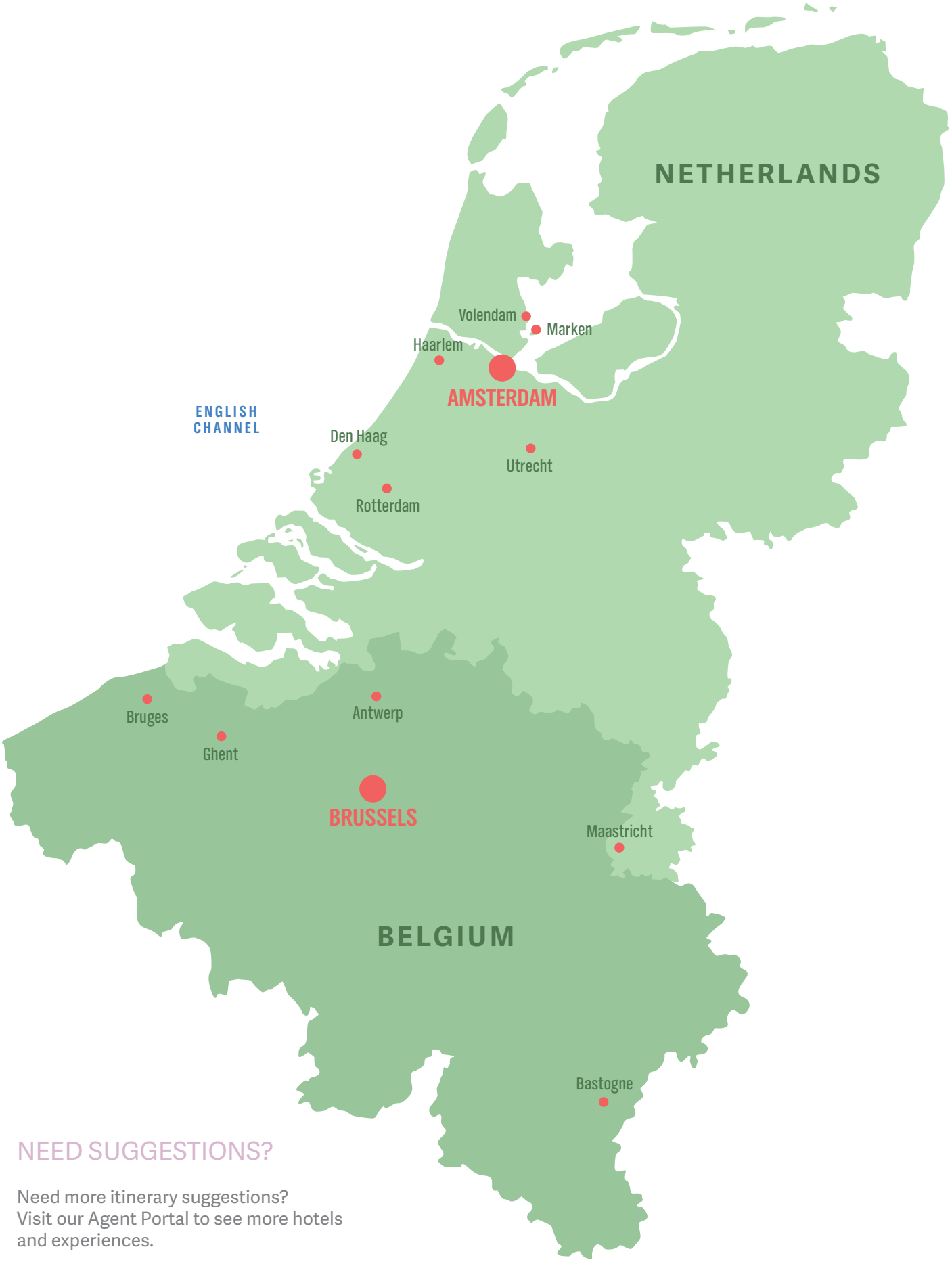
Be sure to check some of the great art collections in the city — at the Rijksmuseum, Hermitage, or the Van Gogh Museum.



Bruges, Belgium



Zaanse Schans, Netherlands



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Amsterdam

'Beauty in harmony'

A walk through the historic center is all it takes to fall in love with Amsterdam. Narrow alleys lead along beautiful façades and quiet canals to one of many museums, charming cafés, or art galleries.

Enjoy an enlightening visit to the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum, or head out to photogenic Jordaan — a beautiful neighborhood with its iconic architecture.

OTHER HOTELS IN AMSTERDAM

Rho Hotel 3*

De Roode Leeuw 3* Superior

Bilderberg Hotel Jan Luyken 4* *New!*

INK Hotel 4*

Park Hotel 4*

Catalonia Vondel Amsterdam Hotel 4* *New!*

Pulitzer Hotel 5*

EXPERIENCES IN AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam as a Local - Pub Visit & Dinner

Dutch Masters & Marvels *New!*

Private Aalsmeer Flower Auction & Keukenhof Gardens *New!*

Charm of Holland

Volendam, Marken & Windmills Excursion

Private Amsterdam Jewish Heritage

Amsterdam City Bike Ride

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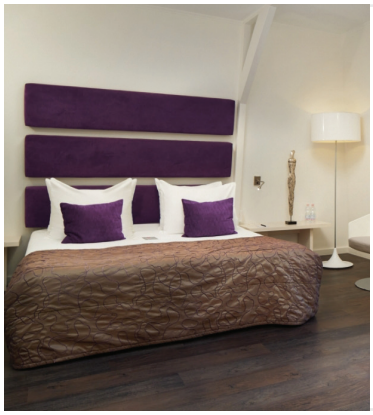


HOTEL ESTHERÉA 4*

An extremely charming boutique hotel notable for its flamboyant décor and fantastic location along Singel Canal. 95 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



THE ALBUS 4*

This trendy design hotel, situated at the center of Amsterdam's Canal Belt, offers ultra-modern rooms and classy amenities. 77 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Elevator | Family Friendly | Breakfast



GRAND HOTEL AMRATH 4* SUPERIOR

A city landmark formerly known as The Shipping House, this stylish property proudly reflects its Art Nouveau heritage. 165 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast



THE DOMINICAN 4*

Built over the site of a 15th-century Dominican Abbey, this upscale hotel combines classic architecture with modern interior design. 150 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



HOTEL LE PLAZA 5*

One of the oldest in the city, this luxurious hotel has hosted luminaries like Sir Winston Churchill and Brigitte Bardot. 193 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



HOTEL AMIGO 5*

This lux property is adjacent to Grote Markt, the city's central square, and features Tintin and Magritte-themed suites. 173 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast

Welcome to a city of culture. As the capital of the European Union, Brussels has become a global melting pot of nationalities, leading to a delightful emergence of markets, restaurants, and shops. Experience the many treasures of this worldly city, along with the much beloved Belgian chocolates and beers.

OTHER HOTELS IN BRUSSELS

Aris Hotel 3*

Novotel Brussels Center 3* Superior *New!*

Thon Brussels Airport 4*

Crowne Plaza Le Palace 4* Superior *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN BRUSSELS

Private Brussels Gourmet Walking Tour *New!*

Bruges & Ghent Tour *New!*

Battle of the Bulge Tour *New!*

Luxembourg & Ardennes Tour *New!*

In Flanders Fields - World War I *New!*

Private Brussels Walking Tour

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/belgium



SPAIN

Bordered by the Mediterranean Sea, Atlantic Ocean, and the Pyrenees Mountains, discover an intriguing country that blends unique cultures and distinct flavors. From Bilbao to Mallorca, explore a wide range of art, culture, and cuisine that celebrates each region.

Spain's storied past was told by a variety of cultures that has made the nation into what it is today. The legacy of the Roman and Moorish occupations of Spain can be felt in the architecture, city streets, and art. Passionate people, world famous cuisine, and a diverse set of stories await in Spain.

TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN BARCELONA TO:

Bilbao	6½ Hours
Madrid	3 Hours
Paris	6½ Hours
Valencia	3¼ Hours

BY PLANE

Mallorca	¾ Hour

BY TRAIN MADRID TO:

Bilbao	5 Hours
Pamplona	3 Hours
Seville	2½ Hours
Valencia	2 Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

In terms of wine, the Rioja region is the most popular and can easily be accessed by car from either Madrid or Bilbao. There are a variety of wineries in the region from boutique vintners to large scale labels. It is fun to mix and match to get a better understanding of traditional techniques and modern efficiencies. Or for wine tasting in a beautiful medieval village, head toward Haro in Rioja Alta or Laguardia in Rioja Alavesa.



Pope Luna's Castle, Valencia



Plaza de España, Seville



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Park Güell, Barcelona

SPLENDORS OF SPAIN

BARCELONA, VALENCIA, MADRID & SEVILLE

A vast diversity of cultures, cuisine, art, and architecture are delightfully on display throughout Spain's distinct mainstays. Marvel at the eclectic architecture in Barcelona, ponder upon the works of famous artists in Madrid, and discover the many surprises that Spain has to offer.

10 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers Per City
- 3 Nights Barcelona & Madrid; 2 Nights Valencia & Seville
- Private Panoramic Tours in Barcelona & Madrid
- Private Walking Tours in Valencia & Seville
- 1 Lunch in Barcelona & 1 Dinner in Madrid
- Flamenco Show plus Tapas
- 1st-Class Rail Between Cities
- Daily Breakfast



VALENCIA

Valencia's storied past and future gracefully coexist within the city's architecture. Explore the historic city center, with tours of the Cathedral and La Lonja Silk Exchange.



BARCELONA

Savor Spain's finest seafood during a 3-course lunch at Marina Bay, with a seaside view overlooking Port Olympic and the Barcelona beaches.



SEVILLE

Delight upon authentic tapas inside a Flamenco restaurant. Located on the riverbank, next to the bullfighting arena, this is a quintessential Spanish night on the town.


San Sebastian

TASTE OF NORTHERN SPAIN

LA RIOJA, SAN SEBASTIAN, BILBAO, OVIEDO & SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Known as 'Green Spain', the northern coast of Spain is a verdant region with a more temperate climate. From the vineyards of La Rioja to the beaches and gastronomy of San Sebastian within Basque Country, from the natural and architectural beauty of Bilbao to the old world splendor of Oviedo, and to the arcaded streets in the pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela – Northern Spain is a hidden gem, ripe with opportunities and secrets to be discovered.

7 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 2 Nights San Sebastian & Santiago de Compostela; 1 Night La Rioja, Bilbao & Oviedo
- Museum of Wine Tour
- Private San Sebastian Walking Tour
- Private Bilbao Walking Tour
- Private Albariño Wine Tour with Lunch
- 8-Day Compact Manual Rental Car
- Daily Breakfast

Remember: All our Recommended Vacation Packages are fully customizable!



LA RIOJA

Learn the dynamic history and culture of wine at the Vivanco Museum of Wine Culture. Visit the museum's extensive vineyards before enjoying an authentic Riojan lunch.



SAN SEBASTIAN

Explore vibrant San Sebastian on a walking gastronomic tour. Visit the city's bars, restaurants, and even entire neighborhoods that specialize in tapas.



SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Travel along the Rias Baixas Wine Route, where Albariño white wine is produced. Discover the storied vineyards, cellars, and homes of this region.



Barcelona

'Independent yet inviting'

Once the stomping grounds of icons like Gaudí, Picasso, and Dali, the beautiful seaside city of Barcelona is a highly-artistic cultural capital that also has a thriving culinary scene.

One of Europe's largest metropolitan areas, Barcelona is packed with staggering architectural monuments, enthusiast sports fans, and a bustling nightlife.

OTHER HOTELS IN BARCELONA

Gaudi 3*

Catalonia Born 4*

H10 Casanova 4*

H10 Universitat 4*

K+K Hotel Picasso 4*

H10 Cubik 4* Superior

Erik Vokel Apartments 4*

The One Barcelona 5*

EXPERIENCES IN BARCELONA

Special Modernism Tour

Private Spanish Wine Tasting Tour

Private Barcelona Vineyards Wine Tour with Lunch *New!*

Private Sweets & Chocolates Walking Tour

Private Girona, Figueres & Dali Tour with Lunch

Private Wine, Cooking & Sunset Wine Tasting in Penedes Tour with Tapas Dinner *New!*

Barcelona Bicycle Tour

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THE CORNER HOTEL 4*

Located in the heart of L'Eixample District, this chíc hotel is surrounded by cultural sites, museums, restaurants, and more. 72 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



HOTEL 1898 4* SUPERIOR

A colonial-style property overlooking iconic La Rambla Street. It features a rooftop pool with panoramic views of the city. 169 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast



HOTEL NERI RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX 5*

This upscale hotel is situated in the historic Gothic Quarter, and is a superb choice for travelers looking for a combination of sophistication and location. 22 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

PRIVATE CITY TOUR WITH DRIVER & GUIDE

Drive through the historic center of Barcelona, visiting the beautiful La Barceloneta Beach and the many stunning architectural marvels throughout the city. Admire panoramic views from the mirador. Stand in awe of La Sagrada Familia, one of the most fantastic works by renowned architect Antoni Gaudí.





TAPAS SMALL GROUP WALKING TOUR

Experience Catalan culture and cuisine all at once through a tasting tour of Barcelona's best tapas bars. Stroll through La Rambla, with its many restaurants, before exploring the La Boqueria food market, with its vast array of local foods. Then tour through the Gothic Quarter to discover some of the city's unique architecture and gastronomy.

NEW! PRIVATE COSTA BRAVA WINE TOUR & DALI MUSEUM WITH PICNIC

Escape the city with your private driver to Costa Brava, a beautiful coastline sculpted by the Mediterranean. Visit Catalonia's botanical gardens and wineries before visiting the Dalí Theatré Museum in his hometown, Figueres. A monument to surrealism, the museum embodies the Catalonian dialectic of Seny and Rauxa, and is the crypt of Dalí himself.



PRIVATE MONTSERRAT & WINE CELLAR TOUR WITH LUNCH

A short drive from Barcelona, at an altitude of over 4,000 feet, Montserrat is both a monument and a Sanctuary dating back to the 12th century. Visit the Royal Basilica to admire the Virgen Moreneta and explore the monastery before enjoying lunch in a local restaurant. You'll also visit the Penedes wine region and the famed Cava route to enjoy an interesting tour of an underground wine cellar with tastings.

TRADITIONAL PAELLA COOKING CLASS WITH LUNCH

At a local restaurant, don a chefs hat, roll-up your sleeves, and learn how to cook the most famous Spanish dish: Paella - a slow cooked rice dish laden with seafood, meat, and vegetables. As the rice cooks, prepare tapas, set the table, and get ready for a feast! A wonderful way to learn about the culinary heritage of Spain from an expert.





Madrid

'The beating heart of Spain'

The metropolitan capital of Spain has long been the home to many prominent thinkers, writers, and artists. Madrid remains to this day a hub for the arts, with plenty of inspiration housed in its museums to draw from, including works by Goya, Velázquez, Picasso, Dalí, and more. Madrid's culinary scene is characterized by handcrafted specialties, featuring local ingredients and generational recipes that please even the pickiest palates.

OTHER HOTELS IN MADRID

Eric Vokel Madrid Suites 3*

Aparto Suites Muralto 3*

Palacio San Martin 4*

Quatro Puerta del Sol 4*

Dear Hotel 4*

Las Letras 4*

Westin Palace 5*

EXPERIENCES IN MADRID

City Tour with Royal Palace

Private Tapas Walking Tour

Taverns & Markets Walking Tour

Madrid Tour by Bike

Private Escorial Tour

Traditional Paella Cooking Class with Lunch

Flamenco Dancing Lesson *New!*

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/spain



HOTEL H10 VILLA DE LA REINA 4*

An elegant property housed within a restored early 20th-century building and features well-designed rooms, Las Infantas restaurant, and La Villa bar. 74 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

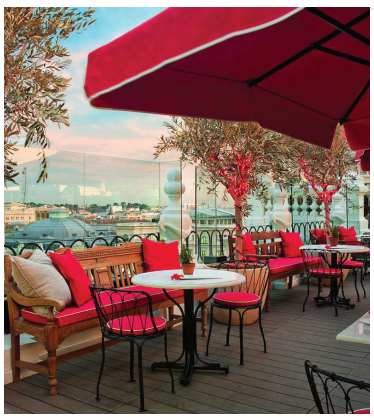


HOSPES PUERTA DE ALCALA 5*

Designed in 1883, this hotel is known for its historic façade, chic interiors, excellent restaurant, and luxurious spa facilities. 42 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



THE PRINCIPAL 5*

Situated in a prime location, this lavish hotel offers one of Madrid's best views through its well renowned rooftop establishments such as La Terraza and Ático. 76 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

Madrid Experiences





PRIVATE CULTURAL TOUR WITH LUNCH

Explore Madrid's city center, a living remnant of the rapid development the city experienced during the reign of King Philip II in the 16th and 17th centuries. Go people-watching in the Plaza Mayor before visiting the resplendent Museo del Prado, one of the best museums in Europe with the most complete collection of Spanish paintings and other masterpieces. Then tour the Royal Palace of Madrid, a regal 2,000-room mansion.

PRIVATE TOLEDO TOUR WITH LUNCH

The old city of Toledo, once the ancient capital of Spain, is now itself a museum demonstrating Spanish heritage. Known as 'the Imperial City' for its history as the seat of kings, Toledo has magnificent examples of Roman, Moorish, and Castilian architecture. Visit the 13th-century Gothic cathedral of Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue, a unique structure in that it was built by the Christian Kingdom of Castille by Islamic architects for Jewish use.





PRIVATE AVILA & SEGOVIA TOUR

Explore historical cities in Central Spain for history, architecture, and marvels of medieval times. Avila, a city resembling a great castle with 11th century walls, was the birthplace of St. Teresa de Jesus, one of the great mystics of the Catholic church. Take in the views of the city during a walk on the Wall, which is 46 feet high, 1.5 miles long, and as much as 10 feet thick.

Next, travel to an important Roman military site and one of the best preserved medieval cities in Spain. Visit Segovia's famed Aqueduct and the Alcazar the nation's most spectacular castle. On the site of successive Roman, Visigoth, Arab, and Christian fortifications, the Trastamaras built this majestic castle in the 15th century, which was later reformed and expanded with French and Italian influences.

NEW! PRIVATE RIBERA DEL DUERO TOUR WITH LUNCH & WINE TASTING

Wine making has deep cultural roots in Spain and vineyards can be found in every corner of the country. One of the finest wine producing regions is Ribera del Duero, just a couple hours from Madrid. Start your tasting at a winery in Aranda de Duero and appreciate the beautiful landscapes of the region. Enjoy a typical lunch at a nearby village passing by various monasteries, churches, and castles. Finish up the excursion with a visit to a bodega for final toast to Spanish wine country.

THE AWE OF ANDALUCIA

BY ALYSE S.

It's an understatement to say Spain is diverse, but the way the Spanish people have integrated with the landscape is undoubtedly an art form. No place better demonstrates the most beautiful vistas of the country than my favorite region – Andalucia.

Small white-washed towns are surrounded by rolling hills weaving their way into rugged terrain and connected by god-like bridges. They look almost mystical linking the sides of 400-foot deep canyons. Sun-worshipers flock to the soaked beaches lining the southern coastline for 600 miles, reaching from the Atlantic Ocean in the west to the Alboran Sea in the east. The capital of Andalucia is Seville and is the heart and soul of Flamenco, an emotionally charged cultural art form that combines music and dance. Throughout the city, and the region, you'll get the chance to hear spirited Flamenco music and watch women twirling in bold dresses both beautiful and strong.

This just adds to the wondrous feelings already experienced by the scenery, not only in Seville, but also in Granada and Córdoba. In the south, the cultural melting pot includes the Moors, whose influence has left a beautiful legacy of architectural gems. I had already pre-booked my entrance months in advance and had planned to stay the entire day at the Alhambra Palace to take my time in the 'crimson castle' exploring its towers and walls. It was eerie walking through the renowned fortress knowing the amount of history that took place within these walls starting in the 9th century. Before sunset, I went over to the viewpoint on Mirador de San Nicolas Street for the most iconic view of the Alhambra and Sierra Nevada Mountains glowing in the distance.

As much as I love a beautiful sunset, I also will stop for cheese shops, vineyards, and olive groves. Contrary to popular belief that olive oil primarily comes from either Italy or Greece, Spain is actually the world's biggest producer. Andalucia, to be more specific. It has been said that the region has been a significant source since the arrival of the Phoenicians. During my first olive oil tasting, I learned how to properly capture the oil's aroma and aerate the oil in my mouth to identify the flavor profile of each press. We cleaned our palates with a slice of green apple or plain piece of bread. My 'sommelier' of olive oil was passionate and knowledgeable about production, pressing, and quality.

Dining in Andalucia is a farm-to-table dream. Throughout Andalucia, there are a wealth of traditional farmers and food purveyors that hold a common respect for the land. Both top restaurants and corner cafés showcase a rainbow of local ingredients with pride ranging from simple potatoes to decadent seafood. That's the real beauty of Spain — whether simple or elaborate, there is a pride of being able to elevate the best nature has to offer.





MOROCCO

The desert Kingdom of Morocco is only a few hours away from major European destinations, but feels like a world away. The sights, sounds, smells, and culture of Islamic Africa are staggering and magnificent.

At the intersection of Africa and Europe, Morocco shares much of both continents. From the French influence in Casablanca to the decades-old medinas of Marrakesh – Morocco is full of history and culture waiting to be discovered.

Beyond the culturally vibrant cities, Morocco's landscapes range from the vast Sahara Desert to Mediterranean mountains and forests.



Moroccan Desert

TRAVEL TIMES BY CAR MARRAKESH TO:

Casablanca	3 Hours
Essaouira	1½ Hour
Fes	5½ Hours
Rabat	3½ Hours

BY CAR FES TO:

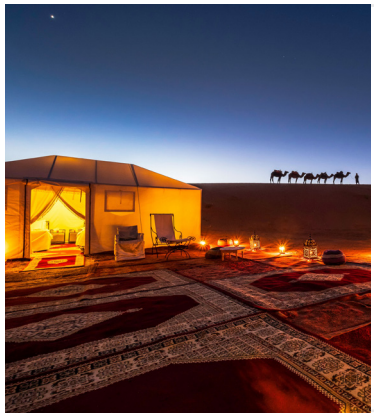
Casablanca	3 Hours
Chefcahouen	3½ Hours
Merzouga	7 Hours
Rabat	2½ Hours
Tangier	4 Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

Separated by less than 10 miles, Morocco and Spain are wonderful destinations to combine for a colorful vacation. However, for an in-depth introduction to the country, there is plenty to explore both in its ancient cities and expansive desert. Beyond the medina's shopping and food stalls, you can stay in a traditional Arab campsite for the night. Listen to musicians playing Bedouin tunes as dusk falls and the night sky meets the memorable Sahara Desert.

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GOLD SAND CAMP

An Arabian-style encampment set amidst the Merzouga Desert dunes of the Sahara and features spacious bedrooms, Berber carpets, and ensuite facilities. 5 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Parking | Breakfast



RIAD CHERIFA 4*

Oozing with period charm, this property is a combination of two traditional Chefchaouen houses and is conveniently located near the old Medina. 12 rooms.

FEATURES

Swimming Pool | AC | Parking | Breakfast



RIAD KNIZA 4* SUPERIOR

Set in a restored 18th-century building, this upscale hotel is a short distance away from Jamaâ el Fna - Marrakesh's famous main square. 11 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Swimming Pool | AC | Breakfast

Known for its exotic cities, lavish cuisine, and a vibrant culture that is conveyed daily through regular rituals and habits, such as a daily mint tea shared with friend. Take part in Morocco's customs before perusing the wares of hundreds of vendors at Marrakesh's Jamaâ el-Fna, the busiest market square in Africa, or wandering amidst the Blue City of Chefchaouen.

OTHER HOTELS IN MOROCCO

Riad Myra 4*

Riad Almaha 4*

Fairmont Royal Palm 5*

Palais Namaskar 5*

La Maison Arabe 5*

EXPERIENCES IN MOROCCO

Marrakesh Secret & Hidden Sides

A Ride through the Garden City

Go Berber in the High Atlas

Argan Forest Adventure

Experience a Day in a Fez Family Way of Life

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/morocco



PORTUGAL

Charming Portugal is a brilliant collection of romantic seascapes, and modern interpretations of a rustic cuisine. Explore the countryside to find wonderful villages perfect for strolling, medieval castles that offer up a true taste of the Old World, and stunning sun-soaked beaches.

Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Estrela Mountains, the Portuguese cherish their countryside. Somewhat isolated from Spain by the mountains, the Portuguese are proud but notably pleasant and humourous when welcoming international guests. With a warm climate and some of the finest golf courses and beaches in Europe, Portugal is an ideal vacation year-round.

TRAVEL TIMES BY CAR LISBON TO:

Algarve	3 Hours
Coimbra	2 Hours
Douro Valley	4 Hours
Porto	3 Hours
Santiago de Compostela	5 Hours

BY TRAIN

Madrid	9 Hours
Lagos	4 Hours
Porto	3 Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

With frequent high-speed rail between select cities, travelers have more options to explore colorful Portugal. From Lisbon to Porto, the travel time is just over 2 1/2 hours, while taking the train down to Lagos is just under 4 hours. To visit small villages and explore the countryside, rent a car for ultimate flexibility. Keep in mind that if you plan to go down those attractive country roads, rent a small sized car to comfortably drive the narrow village lanes.

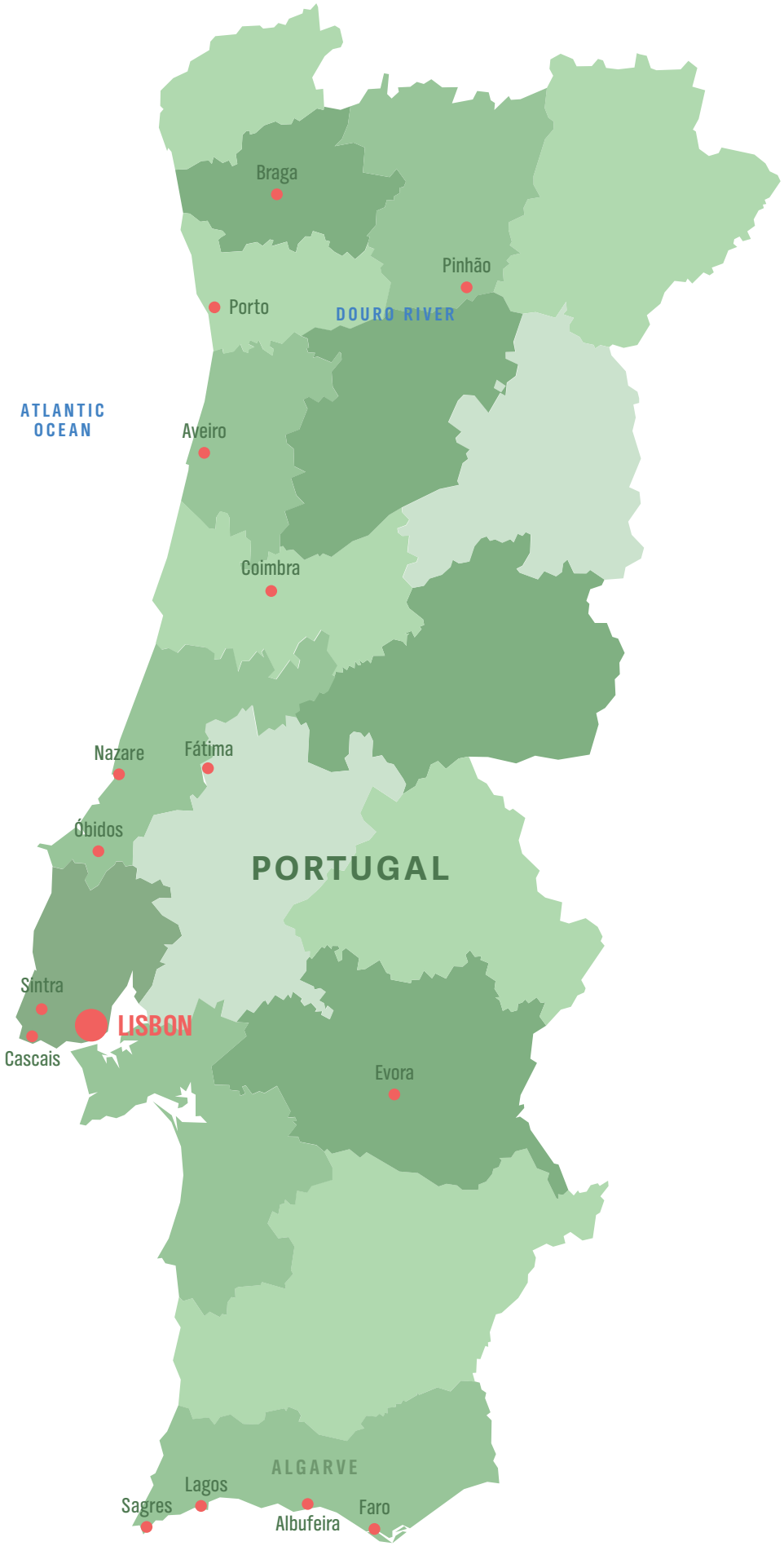
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Evora



Algarve


Braga
Pinhão
Porto
DOURO RIVER
ATLANTIC
OCEAN
Aveiro
Coimbra
Nazare
Fátima
Óbidos
PORTUGAL
Sintra
LISBON
Cascais
Evora
ALGARVE
Lagos
Sagres
Albufeira
Faro



LISBON

The home of Old-World explorers, Lisbon captivates visitors of today with intimate and narrow lanes, Gothic cathedrals, white limestone buildings, and quaint museums. An exciting modern city with a bustling nightlife and culinary scene centered around fresh seafood.



H10 DUQUE DE LOULÉ 4*

This charming hotel, housed inside an 18th-century building, features stylish interiors that mix traditional Portuguese design with modern sensibilities. 89 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN LISBON

My Story Rossio 3*
My Story Ouro 3*
Heritage Lisboa Plaza 4*
Avani Avenida Liberdade 4*
Hotel Do Chiado 4*
Janelas Verdes 4*
Pousada Praça do Comércio 4*
Pestana Palace 5*



ALGARVE

The sun and sea offer visitors a blissful retreat where a succession of cliffs, rock formations, and caves dot the sun-drenched coastline.

The beaches of the Algarve are the most popular in Portugal with warm and calm waters, perfect for picturesque coastal getaways.



BELA VISTA HOTEL & SPA 5*

A Moorish-style mansion that dates back to 1918 and is surrounded by breathtaking scenery. 38 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Beach Access | AC | Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN THE ALGARVE

Pousada de Sagres Infante 3*
Praia Verde 4*
Vila Monte Resort 4*
Pousada Palacio de Estoi 5*
Vila Vita Parc Resort & Spa 5*
Monte Santo Resort 5*



PORTO

Admire architectural gems along the Douro River while delighting in irresistible cuisine and the finest local Port, the world-famous fortified wine of Portugal. A historic city with a vibrant arts scene and youth culture, Porto is an exciting and continually evolving city.



PESTANA VINTAGE PORTO 5*

Partly due to its privileged location within walking distance from a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Douro River, this luxury property is one of the best in Porto. 48 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN PORTO

Hotel Das Artes 4*

Porto Batalha 4*

Infante de Sagres Palace 5*

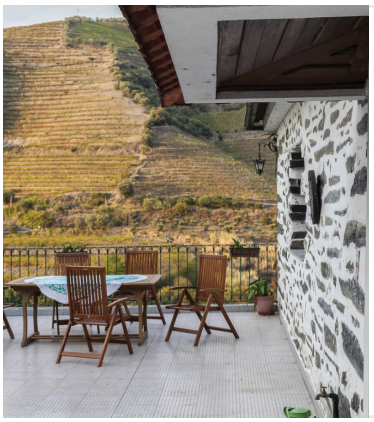
The Yeatman 5*



DOURO VALLEY

Bask in terraced vineyards sprawled across rolling hills before heading underground for palate-whetting in 18th-century wine cellars.

This majestic mountain landscape is characterized by peaceful rivers, charming towns, and historic country estates called *quintas*.



QUINTA DE MARROCOS 4*

Formerly a 17th-century Franciscan Monastery, this lovely wine producing estate sits beside the scenic Douro River. 4 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Parking | Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN THE DOURO VALLEY

Douro Palace Hotel 4*

Vintage House Hotel 5*

ITALY

Italy's beauty is enticing in many ways. History, art, a spectacular cuisine, and heart-stirring landscapes, the list is endless and so are the possibilities.

Venture from romantic Venice down to sunny Sicily, and anywhere in-between, with an open heart and an eagerness to explore. Whether exploring Roman ruins or tasting the finest wines of Tuscany, travelers will soon share the people's appreciation for la bella vita.

TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN ROME TO:

Florence	1½ Hours
Milan	3 Hours
Naples	1¼ Hours
Venice	3¾ Hours

BY TRAIN FLORENCE TO:

Bologna	½ Hour
Milan	1¾ Hours
Rome	1½ Hours
Siena	1½ Hours
Venice	2 Hours

BY TRAIN VENICE TO:

Milan	2½ Hours
Rome	3¾ Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

One of the most popular vacation destinations, Italy offers diverse experiences all year round in each unique region. For an alternative to the typical hot spots, there are still plenty of high quality places that offer authentic local experiences such as Sicily, Puglia, Piedmont, and Umbria.

Be inspired by our Recommended Packages and create your own unique itinerary. Possibilities are endless!



Ragusa, Sicily



Naples


LAKE ORTA
LAKE COMO
Milan
Turin
Verona
Venice
Parma
Bologna
Genoa
CINQUE TERRE
Portovenere
Florence
Pisa
Siena
Perugia
TUSCANY
UMBRIA
ADRIATIC SEA
ITALY
ROME
Naples
Sorrento
Bari
Fasano
Matera
Lecce
TYRRHENIAN SEA
AMALFI COAST
Messina
Palermo
Taormina
SICILY
Catania
Agrigento
Ragusa


Florence

CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY

VENICE, BOLOGNA, FLORENCE & ROME

Travel through Italy's most alluring cities and savor the local specialties. From food markets to hands-on cooking classes and renowned restaurants, Italy is a foodies dream come true.

10 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers Per City
- 3 Nights Florence & Rome; 2 Nights Venice & Bologna
- Private Gondola Ride with Appetizers
- Private Emilia Romagna's Food Experience
- Private Tuscany Wine & Cheese with Lunch & Wine Tastings
- Private Market Tour & Cooking Class with Lunch in Rome
- Roman Dinner in Private Palazzo
- 1st-Class Rail Between Cities plus Seat Reservations
- One Traditional 3-Course Dinner Per City
- Daily Breakfast



VENICE

Embark on the iconic gondola to explore Venice! Gliding through quiet canals, marvel at the architectural excellence while indulging in the local cicchetti and prosecco.



EMILIA ROMAGNA

Explore Emilia Romagna in search of new flavors and discover traditional food specialties such as Parmigiano Reggiano, Lambrusco wine, and balsamic vinegar.



ROME

Start off at a sensational local market before heading to Gianni and Cesare's studio. Learn to prepare an antipasto, two types of pasta from scratch and a delicious dessert.


Portovenere

NORTHERN ITALY'S HIDDEN GEMS

TURIN, LAKE ORTA, GAVI & PORTOVENERE

Dive into the charms of northern Italy, from cosmopolitan cities to lakeside villages. A journey filled with visual beauties and local delights, it uncovers a different yet delightful aspect of the country.

Wander through Turin and share its passion for chocolate, enjoy the quiet and romance of Orta, and savor some of the region's finest wines. End this broadening experience with the poetic scenery of Portovenere and the everlasting beauty of Cinque Terre.

7 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- All Private Ground Transfers
- 3 Nights Portovenere; 2 Nights Lake Orta; 1 Night Turin & Gavi
- Private Lake Orta Walking Tour & Boat Ride
- Wine Tasting & Dinner in Gavi
- Private Cinque Terre Tour
- One 3-Course Dinner in Portovenere
- Daily Breakfast

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LAKE ORTA

Discover elegant and quiet Orta with its medieval walls and stately baroque buildings. Navigate the lake on a relaxed boat ride, featuring delightful views of the romantic villages.



GAVI

An authentic experience where the refined flavors of Gavi are the main attraction. Start with an exquisite wine tasting from a local winery, followed by a delectable dinner.



CINQUE TERRE

Experience the beauty of the timeless Cinque Terre villages. A day focused on the classic Italian glee from the peaceful charm of narrow cobbled streets to the stunning sea views.

Rome

The Eternal City boasts countless remnants of its glorious past. Art, history, and culture abound in the city fueled by passion and romance.



HOTEL DEL SENATO 3* SUPERIOR

This elegant property has beautifully decorated rooms and a rooftop terrace overlooking Piazza della Rotonda. 56 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



HOTEL DEI BORGOGNONI 4*

Near the Spanish Steps, this 19th-century palazzo has been renovated into an elegant and contemporary hotel. 51 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



OTHER HOTELS IN ROME

Hotel Windrose 3*
Hotel Nord Nuova Roma 3*
Hotel Canada 3*
Trianon Borgo Pio Aparthotel 3*
Hotel Ariston 3* Superior
Romanico Palace 3* Superior
Hotel Modigliani 3* Superior *New!*
Hotel Damaso 3* Superior
Mascagni Dependence 4*
Gioberti Art Hotel 4*
Marcella Royal Hotel 4*
Albergo del Sole al Pantheon 4*
Starhotel Metropole 4*
Starhotel Michelangelo 4*
Hotel Art by the Spanish Steps 4*
Hotel Dei Mellini 4*
Hotel Degli Artisti 4* Superior
Inn at the Roman Forum 4* Superior
Bernini Bristol Hotel 4* Superior
Grand Hotel de la Minerve 5*
Starhotel D'Inghilterra Roma 5*
Regina Baglioni 5*
Hotel Hassler Roma 5* Deluxe *New!*

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/italy



LUXE ROSE GARDEN PALACE 4* SUPERIOR

A boutique hotel in an exclusive area of Via Veneto with elegantly furnished rooms. 65 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



INN AT THE SPANISH STEPS 5*

This lux hotel offers exemplary accommodations with elegant décor and a rooftop terrace. 24 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

Rome Experiences





PRIVATE MORNING ROMAN HOLIDAY TOUR BY VESPA

Eternal Rome has provided the setting for countless motion pictures throughout the years. Joined by an English speaking driver, ride on a vintage Vespa to discover the main filming locations of the classic film 'Roman Holiday', starring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck.

Stop by famous Roman sites and relive the scenes of this iconic movie, or recreate the poses while visiting the Spanish Steps, Piazza della Repubblica, Via dei Fiori Imperiali, and countless other locations. Zip through the romantic streets of Rome on the Vespa Moped and chase these beautiful and timeless scenes.

PRIVATE BORGHESE GALLERY TOUR

Set on the grounds of Villa Borghese, this vast and spectacular art collection is a true nourishment to the soul. Stand in awe while admiring the masterful works of artists such as Caravaggio with its Baroque paintings, Raffaello's Madonna del Velo, and the masterpieces of Tiziano.

Admire the otherworldly craftsmanship of Bernini and its famed Apollo and Daphne sculpture, polished so thin it allows light to pass through. Enjoy this great collection and be inspired by the most creative minds of Italy.



PRIVATE ANCIENT APPIAN WAY, CATACOMBS & AQUEDUCTS PARK TOUR BY BIKE

On this cycling experience, cruise along the 2,300 year-old cobblestone Roman road, the Appian Way. One of the most important roads of ancient Rome, it connected Rome to the influential trading hub of Brindisi.

Enjoy this leisurely journey with an expert guide while passing by an ancient sepulchre, the ruins of a circus (an open-air venue used for public events), and an imperial palace.

Leaving the Regina Viarum, proceed towards the monumental Roman aqueducts, stretching out into the countryside. Marveling at inspiring sites such as the Aurelian Walls, Caffarella Park, Circus Maxenitus and countless others, this immersive bike experience is a gateway into the glorious past of the world-changing Senatum Populusque Romanus.

PRIVATE VATICAN MUSEUMS TOUR & ST. PETER'S BASILICA

The epicenter of Christianity harbors one of the most significant museums in the world. Established in the 16th century, it showcases over 20,000 works of art dating from ancient to modern times.

A walk through this museum offers a divine experience, an emotional and sensory overload while surrounded by the world's greatest artists. The works of Raphael, Caravaggio and Leonardo da Vinci not only inspire, but leave a permanent mark on the visitor's soul.

The monumental Sistine Chapel, featuring Michelangelo's famous ceiling and altar frescoes will be one of the main highlights, with the iconic Creation of Adam at its center.

Finish with St. Peter's Basilica, greeted by another stirring masterpiece, La Pietà. Along with many other masterful works of artists such as Bernini, Bramante, Maderno, this place of pilgrimage awakens many powerful emotions.



NEW! SMALL GROUP COLOSSEUM & ROMAN FORUM TOUR

Travel back to the times of the illustrious Roman Empire. Visit the iconic Colosseum, the stage where brave gladiators would achieve eternal glory, and walk among the millenia-old ruins of the Forum. The remains of the most noteworthy buildings are still visible today, reminiscing of the once center of the known world.

NEW! PRIVATE ANAGNI & WINERIES TOUR

Visit two exquisite wineries in the quaint countryside of Lazio, indulging in the local Nero Buono and Cesanese wines along with delicious charcuterie.

Enjoy a stroll through the "City of Popes", a perfectly preserved medieval town with winding alleys, panoramic views, and frescoes.





FOOD, GLORIOUS ITALIAN FOOD

BY ARTHUR B.

No matter where you live, food is part of every culture around the world. And, after living in Italy for the past year with my family, I've learned from my in-laws why this diverse country is so well-known for their cuisine. With locally sourced ingredients and specific microclimates, each region has its own delicious specialties that leave your mouth watering. Even the internationally influenced city of Rome maintains its culinary heritage with fried artichokes and carbonara pasta paired with succulent Cesanese wine from Lazio.

We were based in Naples, in the heart of the Campania region of southern Italy. The unique combination of incredibly rich volcanic minerals provided by Mt. Vesuvius' ashes creates some of the best produce in the world. I vividly remember trying a pomodorini — a small tomato — and was absolutely blown away by the flavor. Of course, you can't visit this UNESCO protected paradise without trying limoncello — a sweetened liqueur made from alcohol and especially fragrant lemons grown in home gardens.

On the heel of the boot, in Puglia, I found some of the most delicious gastronomic gems in all of Italy. I will never forget the experience of cutting open my first burrata, a mozzarella ball full of cream and stracciatella, handmade just a few hours prior to being served. I savored the glass of smooth Nero di Troia, aromatic flavors of cherry and violet filled my palette. In this region, it's difficult to discern a snack from a meal and portion control doesn't seem to be a concern.

When we first moved to Italy, we had to go on a family food pilgrimage to the food capital of Italy — Emilia Romagna. Home to some of the heartiest and sophisticated dishes in all of Europe, many of the well-known Italian classics have their roots in this region. Bolognese, Parmigiano-Reggiano, lasagna, prosciutto, and balsamic vinegar all originated from these productive lands, but you'd have a hard time finding a plate of spaghetti.

To be fair, spaghetti as we know it doesn't actually exist in Italy and if you order it you may unintentionally offend someone. The local dish is actually called Tagliatelle al ragu Bolognese — a specific kind of fresh egg pasta, very different from dried spaghetti.

If you really want to get a handle on Italian dishes, then you have to learn how to cook it! I met up with Chef Rita to shop for fresh ingredients at the local market. Her banter back-and-forth with the vendors about their produce was a show in itself. Afterward, we went back to her home to prepare a 4-course meal all the while sipping wine and getting to know each other. What a great way to spend an afternoon!

Many of the meals I've had over the course of the year celebrated wonderful moments in the lives of our friends and family. Those are the best keepsakes and what I'll miss most from our Neapolitan home.





Amalfi Coast Experiences

COOKING CLASS WITH DINNER

Situated just above Positano, Montepertuso has enjoyed captivating sea views for over 1,000 years. Overshadowed by the more popular towns below, this enchanting destination revels in a tranquility that has reigned for centuries.

Under the expert guide of Chef Salvatore, create a fabulous meal comprised of hand-made pasta, a main course, dessert, and more, using only fresh, locally-sourced ingredients.

The beauty of this experience lies not only in the discovery of the local cuisine, but in the joy of creating meals in a family-like environment.

After learning which wines best complement the meal, how to set the table, and how to create a unique atmosphere for a special event, dinner will be enjoyed on the restaurant's terrace overlooking the sea.



SORRENTO MORNING COUNTRYSIDE TOUR WITH CHEESE, LIMONCELLO & PIZZA MAKING

Set out on a scenic drive to Schiazzano, a small hamlet nestled in the hills. From here, ride a classic 3-wheeled calessino towards Turziello farm, a cheese factory renowned for its mozzarella and caciottine production.

Return to a local restaurant in Schiazzano and learn how to make the iconic pizza, guided by an expert chef. After a fantastic lunch, end this journey with a limoncello tasting in a lush citrus grove, and celebrate the refined flavors on this exquisite experience.

PATH OF THE GODS HIKING TOUR WITH LUNCH

From Bomerano to Nocelle, set out on a leisurely hike through the enchanting countryside, the ideal place to enjoy the area's amazing scenery.

Greeted by farmers and shepherds in their little corner of heaven, walk along the trail while admiring the Li Galli archipelago, old vineyards, and terraces, before reaching a typical Italian trattoria, where an exquisite lunch awaits. Enjoy a brief visit of Positano on the way back to Sorrento.





PRIVATE POMPEII & WINE TASTING AT THE FOOT OF MT. VESUVIUS

Walk among the ruins of this iconic city that faced the wrath of a volcanic eruption. Incredibly well preserved under a thick layer of ash, Pompeii still boasts many temples, shops, houses, and even an arena.

Continue to the foot of Mt. Vesuvius for a delightful winery visit. Indulge in four different types of wine paired with exquisite local treats, and enjoy a lovely afternoon in true Italian fashion.



CANDLELIT DINNER ON PRIVATE BOAT

A truly unforgettable experience in the Bay of Naples. After cruising along the Sorrento coast, arrive at the scenic Faraglioni Rocks.

Enjoy a romantic candlelit dinner with an aperitivo & prosecco, followed by a Mediterranean 3-course dinner, paired with the best regional wine.

NEW! SMALL GROUP AMALFI COAST TOUR WITH LUNCH

Drive along one of the most beautiful roads in the world and visit the coast's stunning jewels. Start with colorful Positano before reaching Amalfi with its lovely mosaic façade of St. Andrew's Cathedral. After a light lunch, continue to Ravello, a quaint town that has inspired many renowned artists such as Wagner and Vidal.





DINNER IN A NEAPOLITAN HOME

Live like a local and experience the genuine Neapolitan lifestyle in a beautiful central apartment.

Marianna, the host, will have prepared an apertivo and a delicious traditional dinner, ensuring her guests enjoy a cozy atmosphere along with the most beautiful sunset in Naples.



PRIVATE CAPRI TOUR WITH BLUE GROTTO

Enjoy the poetic view of the Amalfi Coast from the comfort of a private boat on the way to Capri. Gliding over the crystalline waters along the coast, it will be the perfect opportunity to immortalize this idyllic destination.

Once arrived, explore the charming island by private vehicle and visit the perched town of Anacapri. There will be enough time at leisure to enjoy the quaint streets and local shops, or even climb up Monte Solaro by way of chairlift.

Proceed to the famous Blue Grotto and, weather permitting, venture inside the marine cave aboard a rowboat.

Finish the experience in the town of Capri and find a charming restaurant to enjoy the local delights. Return to the Jetfoil and enjoy the peaceful cruise back to the Amalfi coast.



Florence

'The noble city'

A living masterpiece that lives and breathes art, Florence is a major Renaissance exponent, housing masterful works behind every corner. Ponte Vecchio, Michelangelo's David, and countless others contribute to the city's grandeur, with the imposing Duomo as its centerpiece.

Lined with exquisite restaurants, boutiques, and delightful markets, Florence is the dream come true for any Italian culture lovers.

OTHER HOTELS IN FLORENCE

Alba Palace 3*

Hotel Rosso 23 3*

Hotel Cellai 3* Superior

Hotel Della Signoria 3* Superior

Hotel Rapallo 4*

Forte 16 Aparthotel 4*

Eden Rock Resort 4*

Hotel Balestri 4*

The Frame Hotel 4* *New!*

Palazzo Castri 4* *New!*

Degli Orafi 4*

Bernini Palace 4* Superior

Golden Tower Hotel & Spa 4* Superior

Palazzo Vecchietti 4* Superior

Hotel L'Orologio 4* Superior

Relais Santa Croce 5*

Villa Cora 5* Deluxe

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PLAZA LUCCHESI 4*

Facing the River Arno, a few blocks away from the Uffizi Gallery, this modern property offers a new rooftop terrace pool. 97 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



SANTA MARIA NOVELLA 4*

Walking distance from the rail station, Duomo, and shopping streets. Elegant rooms are decorated with antiques. 38 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



HOTEL BRUNELLESCHI 4*SUPERIOR

Originally a Byzantine tower and a medieval church, this elegant hotel is ideally located in the heart of Florence. 96 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

PRIVATE PISA & LUCCA TOUR WITH LIGHT LUNCH

Set out from the noble city of Florence to explore the alluring towns of Pisa and Lucca. Two excellent examples of Italian architecture and class, they continue to capture the hearts of many with an effortless nonchalance.

Arrived in Pisa, marvel at the classic masterpieces found in Piazza dei Miracoli with the Cathedral — where Galileo Galilei was inspired to invent the pendulum clock, the Baptistery, and the monumental Leaning Tower.

Proceed to the peaceful Lucca with its incredibly preserved city wall. Quaint, romantic, and pedestrian friendly, it allows visitors to wander in peace and take in the delightful vibe emanated by this town. At a local restaurant, savor a delicious meal paired with an exquisite Tuscan wine, and enjoy this dreamy experience while reveling in the region's charming delights.



PRIVATE FLORENCE WALKING TOUR WITH UFFIZI & ACADEMY ENTRANCES

Enjoy a delightful morning while exploring the highlights of Florence with the Duomo, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Baptistery.

After a visit to the Academy with Michelangelo's David, proceed to the iconic Ponte Vecchio and the Uffizi Gallery.

SHARED AFTERNOON COOKING CLASS

Experience the beauty of Florence through its special flavors. At Mama Florence, learn the art of Italian cooking and prepare some exquisite Florentine classics.

With the help of internationally acclaimed chefs, cook and enjoy a delightful dinner, paired with fragrant local wines in a cozy atmosphere.



SMALL GROUP CHIANTI TOUR WITH LIGHT LUNCH & WINE TASTING

A day spent through the timeless beauty of Tuscany with its rolling hills and burgundy treasures. The journey will begin with a visit of Greve, a quintessential hilltop village offering an immersive experience into the quaint Tuscan lifestyle.

Visit a local farmhouse where, after admiring its grapevines and cellars, you'll savor the nuances of the local wine accompanied by local specialties.

Proceed to the quaint town of Montefioralle, a living painting surrounded by olive groves, vineyards, and classic cypress trees, offering a great opportunity to experience Tuscany's tranquil atmosphere.

On the way back to Florence, stop by Badia a Passignano, a historic Benedictine Abbey set atop a scenic hilltop. Enjoy this fantastic day focused on the classic charms of Tuscany, and return with an extensive wine knowledge, many delightful photos, and countless memories.





VILLA & COOKING DISCOVERY

Uncover the essence of Tuscany through the subtle undertones of its prized wines and regional cuisine. Relax in a welcoming villa hidden amongst the rolling hills for an immersive experience into the unrivaled culture.

- 3 Nights Countryside Villa
- 2 Hands-On Cooking Classes
- Three 3-Course Dinners
- 1 Wine Tasting
- 4-Day Compact Manual Car Rental
- Chosen Area Guidebook, Map & Suggested Itineraries
- Daily Breakfast



VILLA FATTORIA VALLE 3* SUPERIOR

A former residence of a noble family, this carefully restored house is set in the beautiful Chianti countryside, surrounded by vineyards, and olive groves. 13 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Elevator | AC | Parking | Breakfast | Dinner



TASTE OF TUSCANY

Discover the beauty of Tuscany with every sip and bite. Visit a local cheese farm in Pienza for a taste of the delicious pecorino, travel to Montalcino for a taste of the world-acclaimed Brunello wine, and enjoy a hands-on cooking experience.

- 3 Nights Accommodations
- Two 3-Course Dinners
- 1 Cooking Class
- 1 Wine Tasting
- Cheese Factory Visit & Tasting
- 4-Day Compact Manual Car Rental
- Daily Breakfast



LOCANDA DEL LOGGIATO 3*

This 14th-century bed and breakfast overlooks quaint Bagno Vignoni village in beautiful Val d'Orcia National Park. 9 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Parking | Breakfast

Tuscany & Umbria Experiences





PRIVATE SIENA & SAN GIMIGNANO WITH LUNCH & WINE TASTING

Start with the charm of 13th-century San Gimignano and its 14 remaining medieval tours. Visit a local winery and revel in a lunch showcasing delightful wine and olive oil tasting.

Continue to Siena, a city with a distinct architecture and home of the world-renowned Palio race that takes place in the central square.



NEW! PRIVATE SUNSET APERITIF IN THE VINEYARDS

Experience Italian romance like never before. Travel to a charming hamlet in the heart of Umbria offering amazing views of the surrounding countryside.

At a local vineyard, enjoy a delightful aperitivo with champagne and appetizers, paired with the most beautiful sunset of them all.

NEW! PRIVATE FULL DAY ORVIETO WITH FOOD & WINE EXPERIENCE

From Perugia, set out to the Umbrian hilltop town of Orvieto. Home of the second largest dome in Italy, it is an instantly lovable place.

At Tenuta Decugnano Winery, savor the local wines and learn the art of pairing them with the right cuisine, all while engulfed in the magic of a once medieval chapel.



COOKING CLASS WITH LUNCH IN SAN GIMIGNANO

Learn the art of Italian cooking, as well as the classic family culture around the table. On this appetizing experience, learn how to prepare antipasti, pasta, and a tasty dessert.

The authentic recipes have been passed down from one generation to the next, preserving the timeless flavors of the past.





Venice

'A different kind of romance'

The city of extravagance, flamboyant carnivals, and dreamy canals, Venice is a world symbol of Italian romance. The typical Venetian Gothic façades enlighten the atmosphere into an ensemble of architectural grandeur, along with the iconic Doge's Palace and San Marco Square.

Drifting gondolas glide along gorgeous palazzi, and Murano glass shines in the most exclusive of venues. Such is the charm of La Serenissima, the floating city of immense beauty.

OTHER HOTELS IN VENICE

Hotel Olimpia 3*

Hotel Bel Sito 3*

Riva del Vin 3* Superior *New!*

Kette Hotel 4*

Hotel Giorgione 4*

Hotel Ai Mori d'Oriente 4*

Palazzo Paruta 4*

American Dinesen 4*

Hotel Colombina 4*

Bucintoro 4* *New!*

Savoia Jolanda 4*

Ruzzini Palace 4*

Palazzo Morosini Degli Spezieri Aparthotel 4* Superior *New!*

Monaco & Grand Canal 4* Superior

Centurion Palace 5*

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HOTEL LA COMMEDIA 4*

Situated between Rialto Bridge and Piazza San Marco, it features rooms with luxurious fabrics and furnishings. 35 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



HOTEL L'OROLOGIO 4*

Modern, minimalist rooms in a historic building in the San Polo District, near the local market. Has its own water taxi dock. 43 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



LUNA BAGLIONI 5*

Luxurious property, just off Piazza San Marco, features sumptuous decor, superb service and its own water taxi entrance. 104 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



VENETO VILLA & WINE EXPERIENCE: PROSECCO & VALPOLICELLA WINES

Venture outside Venice and stay in a peaceful countryside villa for several nights, experiencing two of the most renowned wine areas, Prosecco and Valpolicella.

Explore the gorgeous mountainous landscapes and learn from the locals about their prized wines.

Each property brings out a charming aspect of Veneto with exquisite dinners from locally sourced produce, regional wine, and the quintessential ambiance of the Veneto region.



CA DEL POGGIO 4*

Overlooking its prized vineyards and the wonderful Veneto countryside, this property offers impeccable service. 28 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Romance | Parking | Breakfast



Venice Experiences



PRIVATE GONDOLA RIDE WITH APPETIZERS

Board a romantic gondola cruise through Venice's stunning canals. Admire the typical façades, pass under charming bridges, and soak in the city's essence in the most iconic way.

For an unforgettable experience, enjoy the local cichetti and a bottle of Prosecco aboard the gondola.

SMALL GROUP VENICE WALKING TOUR

Join an expert guide on a journey to discover the history and beauty of Venice. From St. Mark's Square, visit the imposing Byzantine Basilica dedicated to the city's patron, along with many other great sites. Finish with the Doge's Palace, one of the greatest examples of Gothic architecture, along with the famed Bridge of Sighs.





Puglia

'The azure retreat'

Rustic and genuine, Puglia is blessed with endless sunny days, dreamy retreats, and a perfect climate for wines.

Crystalline waters meet fine-sand beaches while the countryside harbors charming towns and villages. With an extensive history with much to boast, a cuisine that celebrates the land, and an ethereal peace that reigns throughout, Puglia is an authentic getaway,

OTHER HOTELS IN PUGLIA

Hotel Oriente 4*

Grande Albergo delle Nazioni 4*

Risorgimento Resort 4*

Altavilla Relais & Charme 4*

Sextantio le Grotte della Civita 4*

La Fermontina Urban Resort 5*

Masseria Torre Coccaro 5*

EXPERIENCES IN PUGLIA

Afternoon Mozzarella Cheese, Pasta, and Focaccia Making Class with Dinner in Lecce

Private Ostuni & Olive Oil Tour

Private Cooking Class with Ada from Bari

Private Alberobello Tour

Private Countryside Tour with Tastings & Traditional Lunch

Private Castel del Monte and Ruvo di Puglia

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MASSERIA MONTENAPOLEONE 4* SUPERIOR

Dating back to the 1600's, this fortified farmhouse in Pezze di Greco has been beautifully renovated with elegant rooms. 12 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



DON FERRANTE 5*

A boutique hotel situated in the heart of Monopoli's Old Town, once a fortress on the reef. This property features refined rooms that face the Mediterranean Sea. 10 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



LA SOMMITA 5*

A luxurious 16th-century residence with a garden, tranquil solarium terrace, and a spa with a Turkish bath in the heart of Ostuni. 15 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



PRIVATE MARTINA FRANCA, CISTERNINO & LOCOROTONDO TOUR

Explore the quintessential treasures of Puglia. From charming towns with unique architecture to famed butcher shops and delicious barbecues, this journey will be a joy for both the eye and the palate. Finish this exciting day with a visit to the cellars of I Pastini, and savor an exquisite wine tasting.

PRIVATE MATERA & ALBEROBELLO TOUR

Depart for Matera and the spectacular sassi. These centuries-old homes, carved directly into the limestone cliff façades have been inhabited for hundreds of years.

Once in Alberobello, visit the charming trulli homes with their unique cone-shaped roofs, heritage from the ancient Apulians.





MORNING MARKET VISIT & COOKING CLASS IN LECCE

This experience teaches how to combine flavors and passion into one exquisite meal.

Start with a delightful visit at the local market, stop at a café for a taste of the typical Leccese coffee, and head to the studio to prepare a 4-course meal, accompanied by 3 Salento wines.



PRIVATE BARI WALKING TOUR WITH LUNCH IN LOCAL HOME

Forward-thinking and youthful, Bari manages to gracefully preserve its historic side. At the core of this industrialized city lies a living museum, showcasing many periods throughout its history. Travel to everlasting Bari Vecchia and experience firsthand its timeless Italian charm.

Join an expert guide on a leisurely walk along the cobbled alleys and explore this fine example of Italian beauty. Dive into the magic of southern Italy while passing by the imposing San Nicola's Basilica and the Norman Castle.

The true experience will commence on the way to Signora Nunzia's home. Famous nationwide for her pasta making skills, she will await with a traditional feast in true Italian fashion. Some of the local specialties include her prized orecchiette pasta, braciole – veal rolls seasoned with pine nuts, parsley, and parmesan cheese, all topped with a delightful glass of wine.



Northern Italy

'Lakes & subalpine gardens'

At the foot of the Alps, this picturesque side of Italy boasts a different culture. Serene and grounded, with a climate that allows the exquisite Prosecco and Moscato varietals to thrive, northern Italy is dotted with small, hilltop villages, crystal lakes, and modern cities.

From Turin's chocolate to Lake Como's scenery and historic Orta, enjoy a leisurely experience through the lush garden of Italy.

OTHER HOTELS IN NORTHERN ITALY

Corte Gondina Boutique Hotel 3* *New!*

Marchesi Alfieri 3* *New!*

San Mattia 3* Superior

Palace Maria Luigia 4*

Palazzo Alexander 4*

Square Milano Duomo 4*

Palazzo di Varignana Resort 4*

Villa Flori 4*

Royal Victoria 4*

Relais & Chateaux Villa Crespi 4*

L'Ostelliere 4*

Hotel Calissano 4* *New!*

Relais Villa d'Amelia 4* Superior

Villa Aminta 5*

Grand Hotel Principe di Piemonte 5*

Palazzo Parigi 5*

Grand Hotel Tremezzo 5* Deluxe



CORONA D'ORO 4*

A Liberty Palace dating back to the 14th century, it has been beautifully renovated with polished rooms in the heart of Bologna. 40 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



HOTEL BELVEDERE 4*

Panoramic views of Lake Como are highlighted at this 19th-century hotel with spa services, dining terrace, and a private garden. 64 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Parking | Romance | Breakfast



GRAND HOTEL PORTOVENERE 5*

Overlooking the picturesque village of Portovenere, this former 17th-century monastery has been completely renovated. 56 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

Northern Italy Experiences



NEW! LAKE COMO SUNSET BOAT TOUR

The first sight of Lake Como is a one of a kind experience. A striking yet mesmerizing view complemented by the natural hues as backdrop, it is an ideal destination for romance seekers.

Set in a subalpine paradise, surrounded by lush forests and lakeside towns, this crystalline mirror invites travelers to leave everything behind and enjoy the moment. The magic of this area is best enjoyed while gliding over the lake's calm waters.

Board a private boat from either Como, Bellagio, Tremezzo, or Menaggio and take in the spectacular view, a living painting that unfolds with the sunset. Sit back and enjoy this marvelous spectacle of color while enjoying a glass of prosecco.

Joined by a loved one, admire the changing shades of the sky as the sun falls behind the mountains, on the best experience Lake Como has to offer.

PRIVATE LANGHE FOOD & WINE TOUR

Travel to the enchanted region of Langhe, where tradition thrives and the urban chaos has been exchanged for the quiet countryside.

In the heart of this magical region, visit Alba, a medieval town that became famous for its white truffle, and fantastic wines. Stroll through the Old Town, studded with artisan shops, restaurants, and cafés before visiting a local cascina, a typical Langhe farmstead focusing on sheep herding and dairy production. Enjoy this opportunity to indulge in a variety of cheeses and olive oil, accompanied by a glass of wine. Proceed to the second cascina and savor the many hazelnut products they produce.

Finish this exciting day with a drive to Canelli, the birthplace of the first Italian Spumante and visit the underground wineries, steeped in history for over 100 years. After a compelling exploration of the complex tunnel grid below the city, enjoy a lovely degustation of the local wines while learning more about the fascinating culture behind it.





PRIVATE LAKE GARDA & SIRMIONE TOUR

From the romantic city of Verona, pass through the Veneto Region and reach the charming lake town of Peschiera. Overlooking Lake Garda, this peaceful gem has been immersed in history ever since Roman times.

Walk around the narrow lanes filled with old family shops, visit its fortified castle, and let the timeless ambiance take over with the crystalline lake in the background.



Sicily

'Cultural fusion'



PALAZZO NATOLI 4*

A boutique hotel with individualized rooms and an intimate environment, it is steps away from the Palermo Cathedral and Quattro Canti. 9 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Elevator | AC | Romance | Breakfast



LA FORESTERIA ESTATE 4*

A peaceful Menfi resort offers splendid views of its vineyards and olive groves and is just a short bike ride to the beach. Cooking classes and wine tastings available. 14 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Parking | Romance | Breakfast



THE ASHBEE 5*

This historical English villa in Taormina features a panoramic terrace with views of the Sicilian coast. 24 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast

Standing at the crossroads of many civilizations, Sicily has become a delightful melting pot, reflected in many aspects of life. Indulge in the exquisite Italian cuisine with an original touch, visit the peaceful countryside where small villages hide baroque churches and stunning mosaics, and relax on endless golden beaches.

OTHER HOTELS IN SICILY

La Plumeria 4*

Masseria della Volpe 4*

Principe di Villafranca 4*

Hotel Villa Diodoro 4*

Fontes Episcopi 4*

Donna Carmela 4*

Villa Athena 5*

EXPERIENCES IN SICILY

Private Valley of Temples & Kolymbetra Garden Tour

Private Palermo Market Tour & Cooking Class

Private Corleone Tour and the Royal Hunting Lodge

THE MALTA EXPERIENCE

BY TAMI C.

Floating between Africa and Sicily, the island nation of Malta has cities with original Baroque buildings dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries. I had the best time exploring the island and meeting all the friendly locals who kindly let me ooh over their distinct Maltese balconies and ahh over the colorful front doors of their homes.

The tiny capital of Valletta was constructed by the Knights Hospitaller in the 16th century. For anyone interested in architecture or photography, Valletta is an absolute gem with a variety of styles ranging from Neoclassical to Modern. My eyes kept darting from one building to the next trying to take in each exquisite detail.

In terms of beaches, there are plenty of white sandy beaches to choose from for a sun-soaked day of snorkeling and swimming in sapphire colored waters or relaxing with a cold drink and a good book. If the pace of Malta's northern shore might be too busy, then we recommend the 26 square-mile island neighbor of Gozo. The rural and peaceful setting is said to be how Malta was 50 years ago. Eating a plate of fresh seafood pasta, while sitting under the sun in front of Xlendi Bay felt like winning the lottery. A local cat curled at my feet while I soaked in the moment. I can still recall the bliss I felt.

Time stands still here and for now, little development has taken place. The past and the present; separated by a 20 minute boat ride.

GREECE

Historic mainland or the sunny islands, Greece is a dream come true for any traveler in search of Mediterranean pleasures. Start with the ancient capital, a living museum of Hellenic culture with the majestic Acropolis reaching for the sky.

Follow the footsteps of heroic men and mythical creatures in Thessaloniki, or set out to one of the breezy islands, and enjoy the blend of traditional wine and dine with the turquoise waters of the Aegean Sea. Visit popular destinations such as Santorini, avoid the crowds and revel in the genuine, atmosphere of Naxos, or enjoy them all on a Celestyal Cruise.

TRAVEL TIMES BY CAR ATHENS TO:

Corinth	1½ Hours
Delphi	2½ Hours
Kalamata	2½ Hours
Nafplion	1¾ Hours
Olympia	4 Hours
Pylos	3½ Hours

BY PLANE:

Corfu	1 Hour
Crete	1 Hour
Istanbul	1½ Hours
Mykonos	½ Hour
Naxos	¾ Hour
Paros	¾ Hour
Rhodes	1 Hour
Santorini	¾ Hour
Thessaloniki	¾ Hour

AVANTI INSIGHT

Fairly undiscovered, the Peloponnese region holds many treasures from ancient sites to temples, palaces, medieval towns, and countless small churches. The country's first capital, Nafplion is small and charming with a seaside promenade lined with cafés, small restaurants, and locally owned boutiques. Best of all, you can rent a car and explore the region's olive groves and vineyards on your own.


Mykonos


Santorini



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Customize land and sea experiences
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GREEK ADVENTURE

ATHENS, MYKONOS, SANTORINI & CRETE

Discover Greece's most beloved destinations and transition from the active capital to the low-key island life. Packed with historical significance and captivating views, this journey will cover some of the most beautiful places in the Mediterranean, making it an ideal romantic escape.

11 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Arrival Transfer with Meet & Greet
- 3 Nights Athens; Santorini & Crete; 2 Nights Mykonos
- Athens City Tour
- One 3-Course Dinner in Athens, Mykonos, & Santorini
- Air Transfer Athens to Mykonos & Crete to Athens
- Ferry* Transfer Mykonos to Santorini & Santorini to Crete
- Small Group Santorini Wine Roads Tour
- Daily Breakfast

*Ferries included June 1 - September 15


Kalamata

SPLENDORS OF SOUTHERN PELOPONNESE

ATHENS, NAFPLION & PELOPONNESE COAST

Travel to the Peloponnese region and experience the authentic heart of Greece. Amongst ancient ruins, villages, and crowdless beaches, absorb the peaceful essence of this peninsula in all of its glory.

Set out from Athens to these quaint lands steeped in history and mythology. Explore awe-inspiring castles and a traditional dinner at a seaside restaurant.

6 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- All Private Transfers
- 3 Nights Peloponnese Coast, 2 Nights Athens & 1 Night Nafplion
- Athens City Tour
- One Dinner in Athens & Nafplion
- Private Messinian Castles Experience with Lunch
- Daily Breakfast



Athens

'The birthplace of democracy'

The ancient capital of thought and wisdom, Athens is a living museum. Remnants of this spectacular civilization are found at every corner, with the grandiose Acropolis at its center.

The beauty of this capital goes beyond ruins. Byzantine churches hide astonishing masterpieces, markets showcase local crafts, and the nightlife raves until sunrise. Indulge in the local cuisine with fresh ingredients and subtle Ottoman hints.

OTHER HOTELS IN ATHENS

Philippos 3*

Hermes Hotel 3*

Hera Hotel 4*

Herodian Hotel 4*

Royal Olympic 5*

EXPERIENCES IN ATHENS

Ancient Corinth Tour

Delphi Full Day Tour

Hydra, Poros & Aegina Cruise

Athens Walk, Shop & Cooking Class

Mycenae & Nafplion Tour

Private City Tour with Acropolis Museum

Private Flavors of Athens Walking Tour

Private City Walking with Wine Tasting

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/greece



ACROPOLIS HILL 3*

This modern boutique hotel is just steps from the Acropolis and an easy walk to all major sights with rooftop terrace and swimming pool. 37 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



ATHENS GATE HOTEL 4*

Opposite from the Temple of Zeus, this modern hotel features a panoramic breakfast room. Many guest rooms offer Acropolis views. 99 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



GRAND BRETAGNE 5*

Built in 1842, this historic property situated in a great location offers pools, a spa, and excellent rooftop views. 321 rooms.

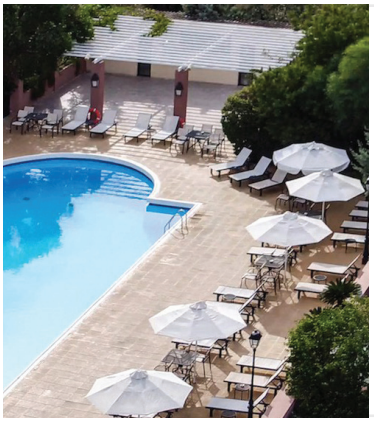
FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



NAFPLION

As a true Mediterranean destination just a 2 hour drive from Athens, it boasts a warm climate, charming seaside restaurants, and a maze of quiet, narrow alleys. Explore the surrounding castles, learn the local cuisine, and enjoy the laid-back atmosphere.



AMALIA HOTEL 4*

Set in spacious surroundings, this neoclassical building offers beautiful gardens with palm trees and flowers. 171 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN NAFPLION

Ippoliti Hotel 3*

Hotel Amphitryon 5*

EXPERIENCES IN NAFPLION

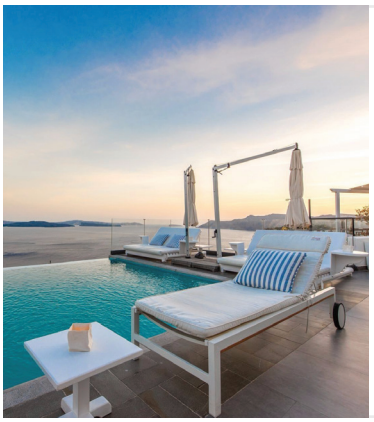
Private Mycenae & Epidaurus Tour

Private Traditional Greek Cooking Class



SANTORINI

A romantic destination sought by many world-wide, Santorini is the embodiment of a perfect Greek destination. From striking views, to unique wineries, and exquisite accommodations, this island is a fairy-tale come true.



SANTORINI SECRET 5*

A luxurious boutique hotel. Each suite offers breathtaking views and a terrace or balcony with a private pool or hot tub. 17 suites.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN SANTORINI

Cori Rigas Suites 4*

Dana Villas 4*

EXPERIENCES IN SANTORINI

Semi-Private Santorini Wine Roads Tour

Private Oia's Hidden Treasures Walking Tour



MYKONOS

Famous for its whitewashed houses and blue-domed churches, Mykonos is one of the most lively Greek islands, attracting many visitors with its beaches, charming viewpoints, and vibrant nightlife.



ROYAL MYCONIAN 5*

This resort hotel with an illuminated rustic façade overlooks its own sandy beach in a quiet picturesque location outside of town. 112 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN MYKONOS

San Marco Hotel 4*

Vencia Hotel 4*

EXPERIENCES IN MYKONOS

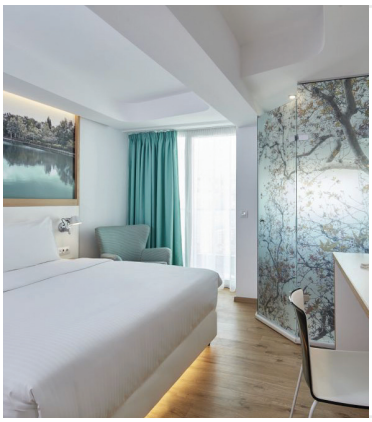
Best of Mykonos: Private City Tour with Cooking Class

Mykonos Sailing Tour with Lunch



CRETE

Greece's largest island and birthplace of Zeus, it distinguishes itself with a spectacular blend of cultures, from Byzantine to Roman, Arab and many others. Spend time in vibrant Heraklion, Crete's urban center or set out to the peaceful countryside.



OLIVE GREEN 4*

Eco-friendly property in Heraklion Town near the Archaeological Museum, offering bike rentals and an onsite restaurant. 48 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN CRETE

Porto Veneziano 4*

GDM The Island 5*

EXPERIENCES IN CRETE

Small Group Places, People & Flavors of Crete from Chania

Private Half Day Knossos & Winery Visit from Heraklion

CROATIA

A country of spectacular coastlines, Croatia gracefully encompasses the essence of the Mediterranean, with great temperatures and even better flavors. Experience this wonderful blend of cultures along the coast and venture inland towards cosmopolitan destinations and heavenly gardens.

TRAVEL TIMES BY CAR DUBROVNIK TO:

Korčula	4 Hours
Makarska	2½ Hours
Split	3 Hours

BY CAR SPLIT TO:

Plitvice Lakes	3 Hours
Zagreb	4 Hours

BY BOAT:

Brač	1 Hour
Hvar	2½ Hours

BY CAR ROVINJ TO:

Split	5 Hours
Venice	3 Hours
Zagreb	3 Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

Spread across the Adriatic Sea, Croatia has two main regions: the south, a haven for island hoppers along the Dalmatian Coast; and the north, a mountainous region on the Istrian Peninsula populated by seaside villages and charming hilltop towns. If you plan to explore the Mediterranean by ship, a few nights in the countryside could make a wonderful post-cruise option.

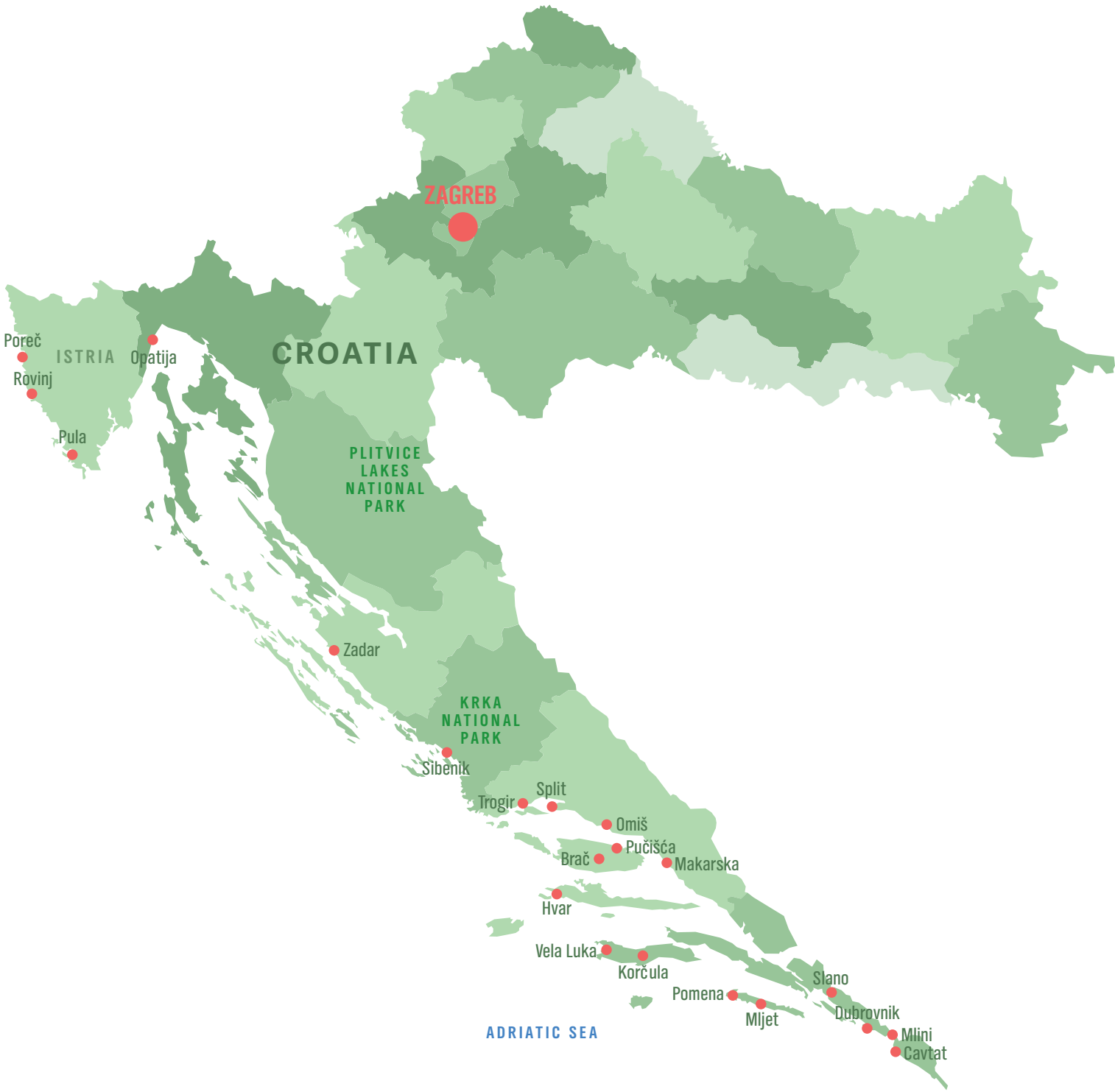
Combine land and sea for a customized vacation and personalized experience!



Dubrovnik



Makarska Riviera


ZAGREB
CROATIA
Poreč
ISTRIA
Opatija
Rovinj
Pula
PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK
Zadar
KRKA NATIONAL PARK
Šibenik
Trogir
Split
Omiš
Pučišća
Brač
Makarska
Hvar
Vela Luka
Korčula
Slano
Pomena
Mljet
Dubrovnik
Mlini
Cavtat
ADRIATIC SEA


Mljet

DALMATIAN HIGHLIGHTS CRUISE

DUBROVNIK, KORČULA, SPLIT, HVAR & MLJET

Cruise over Dalmatia's crystal waters on a relaxing journey, highlighting the beauty of the island lifestyle. Aboard a small and swift vessel, sail along the Adriatic Sea in search of Croatia's cultural treasures.

Accompanied by a warm sun and the Mediterranean breeze, visit the Old Town of Dubrovnik, marvel at the Venetian architecture of Split, and swim in the glass-like waters of a secluded bay. Embark on a hunt for memorable experiences along Croatia's picture-perfect coast.

9 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Arrival & Departure Transfers
- 2 Nights Dubrovnik (Pre & Post Cruise)
- 7 Night Cruise
- Walking Tours in Dubrovnik, Korčula, Split & Hvar
- Daily Breakfast & Light Lunch



DUBROVNIK

Explore the Pearl of the Adriatic, a world-renowned landmark and Game of Thrones filming set with its 13th-century fortifications, narrow alleys, and spectacular history.



SPLIT

A fascinating culture blend dominates Split, having influences from Roman to Venetian and even Turkish. Visit Diocletian's Palace, interact with the locals and enjoy the beauty of its promenade.



HVAR

Visit the sunniest island in Croatia, known for its fields of lavender and rosemary. Walk along its ancient alleys and continue to Pakleni Otoci for a relaxing swim in the island's famed warm waters.


Split

SCENTS OF CROATIA

ZAGREB, OPATIJA, ZADAR, SPLIT & DUBROVNIK

Beyond the crystal waters and arresting islands lies a profound Croatia. Vaunting a bold history, an optimal climate for the finest of wines, and many pockets of local culture, it is more than just a beach-dweller's heaven.

From cosmopolitan Zagreb to sun-kissed Zadar and stunning Dubrovnik, experience a sweeping Croatia, in the company of a private local guide along the way.

9 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Private Ground Transportation & English Speaking Assistant throughout
- 2 Nights Zagreb, Opatija, Split & Dubrovnik; 1 Night Zadar
- Zagreb Sightseeing Tour
- Fuzine, Cave Vrelo & Lake Bajer Tour with Lunch in Bitoraj
- Buzet, Motovun, Buje & Rovinj Tour
- Island of Pag Tour with Cheese Tasting & Seafood Dinner
- Krka National Park Tour
- Split Walking Tour with Wine Tasting
- Ston Tour with Wine Tasting
- Dubrovnik Walking Tour & Konavle Region Visit
- Daily Breakfast



ZAGREB

Venture in the capital's historical landmarks. Visit the fortified upper town, St Mark's Church and Trakoscan Castle. After a traditional Zagorje lunch, continue with the 15th-century Veliki Tabor Castle.



ISTRIA

Sample local spirits at a traditional Istrian distillery. After touring the picturesque Motovun, enjoy a typical beer house meal at San Servolo, and end the day with a visit to the romantic Rovinj.



KRKA NATIONAL PARK

Explore the park's extensive waterways and complex history. After marveling at the intricate Skradinski Buk Waterfall, enjoy a Dalmatian lunch at a local konoba. Finish with a stop in charming Trogir.



Croatia

'The golden ribbon'

Croatia features many delightful experiences and accommodations. Whether traditional, boutique, or luxurious — many of which offer stunning views — there will always be one that speaks to the traveler's heart.

From historic and visually stunning Dubrovnik, travel up the Dalmatian coast to sun-kissed islands, and Istria's culinary scene. Combined with the beauty of Plitvice Lakes and urbane Zagreb, Croatia is a destination to remember.

OTHER HOTELS IN CROATIA

Hotel Jezero 3*

Hotel Neptun 4*

Hotel Adriana 4*

Hotel Korčula de la Ville 4*

Vile Mlini 4*

Hotel Luxe 4*

Hotel Marmont 4*

Monte Mulini 5*

Hilton Imperial 5*

Hotel More 5*

EXPERIENCES IN CROATIA

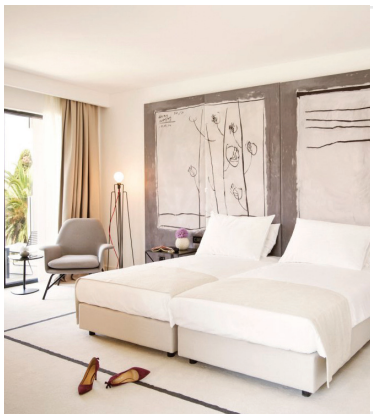
Sea Kayaking Tour

Private Excursion to Elaphiti Island by Boat

Private Cavtat Tour and Cooking Class in Konavle Region Tour with Lunch

Private Truffle Hunter for a Day Tour with Light Lunch and Wine Tasting

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/croatia



HOTEL KOMPAS 4*

This Dubrovnik property offers spacious, contemporary rooms with balconies facing the Lapad Bay and the blue Adriatic. 173 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Parking | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



HOTEL PARK 5*

A traditional yet elegant hotel in the heart of Split, situated close to the famous Bacvice Beach. 72 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast



HOTEL MILENIJ 5*

Situated alongside the famous Lungomare seafront, this Opatja property has a relaxed atmosphere. 99 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast



PRIVATE ANCIENT MONTENEGRO TOUR

Sunny beaches, clear waters, and stunning mountains that plunge into the sea greeting travelers arriving into the Gulf of Kotor – welcome to Montenegro! Along with Risan, these are the earliest inhabited regions with traces of the Illyrian and Roman civilizations.

From Dubrovnik, follow the footprints of past times, embark on a short boat ride from Perast to the artificial island and the 16th-century Church of Our Lady of the Rocks, housing one of the finest collection of icons in this part of Europe. Ever since the island's creation in 1452, a ceremony is held every year to recreate the moment when the first stone was cast.

Continue the journey to Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage town and an impeccably preserved medieval settlement. A stunning maze, once designed for defensive purposes, is now ideal for visitors to lose themselves in history, almost immortalized in time. At dusk, the youthful nightlife takes over, illuminating the town with chic cafés, boutiques, and bars.



Croatia Experiences

PRIVATE PLITVICE LAKES TOUR

Nestled in the lush forests of Plitvice National Park, the eden-like gardens of Plitvice Lakes offer one of the most stunning natural sights in all of Europe.

The distinct appeal comes from a delightful color palette. Rich in minerals, the park gracefully balances shades of azure, teal, and blue water with the spectacular deep green flora that engulfs it. A total of 16 lakes are connected by 92 waterfalls that gently cascade over travertine and limestone formations.

Walk along the serpentine pathways through this poetic landscape that offers stunning photo opportunities at every step.

Enjoy the surreal beauty of Plitvice Lakes and the connecting waterfalls, personal insights from your private guide, and a great outdoor adventure in Croatia's very own paradise.



GAME OF THRONES DUBROVNIK WALKING TOUR

Fantasy is now reality on the ancient streets of Dubrovnik, the beautiful setting as King's Landing and home of the Iron Throne.

An exciting walk to the many filming locations in the city will become an immersive experience in the footsteps of the Lannisters.



SWITZERLAND

The history, cultures, and astounding beauty of this majestic country continues to impress all types of travelers. From crystal clear lakes to magnificent mountains, from cosmopolitan cities to charming medieval towns, all will fall in love with Switzerland.

Although four languages are spoken in Switzerland, the Swiss share a strong cultural identity centered around democracy and peace. Indulge in Swiss cheese, chocolate, and their warm hospitality.

TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN LUCERNE TO:

Interlaken	1¾ Hours
Geneva	3 Hours
Montreux	3 Hours
Paris	5¼ Hours
Zurich	1 Hour

BY TRAIN ZURICH TO:

Basel	1 Hour
Bern	1 Hour
Interlaken	2 Hours
Lucerne	¾ Hour
Zermatt	3¼ Hours

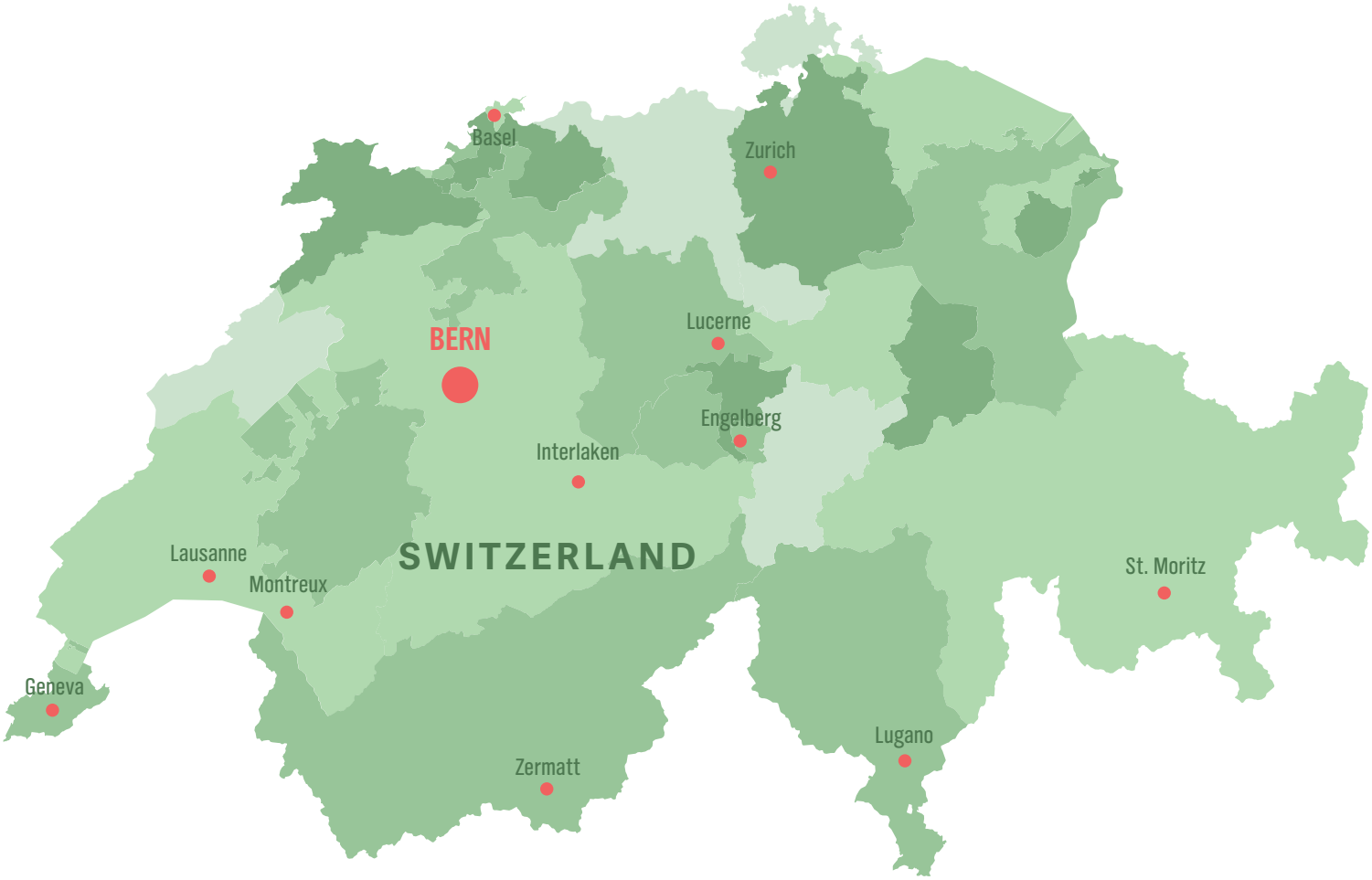
AVANTI INSIGHT

Purchasing a Swiss Travel Pass prior to departure complements any trip to the heart of the Alps. Valid for travel on the Swiss Travel System's trains, buses, and boats, as well as museum entries, city transit, and select mountain top excursions to Mt. Titlis, Matterhorn, and many other. Don't forget that scenic rail routes such as the Glacier Express require seat reservations to be purchased in advance. This route also features panoramic windows on both first and second class, offering spectacular views of the rolling scenery.

Beyond flights and accommodations, include some local experiences to personalize an itinerary.


Lugano


Zermatt





SELF-GUIDED EXCURSION TO JUNGFRAUJOCH - TOP OF EUROPE

Travel to the highest train station in Europe! At an altitude of 11,371 ft., Jungfraujoch offers otherworldly views of the frozen mountainscape. Easily accessible by cogwheel, witness the change in landscape from lush forests to rugged ranges covered in ice.

Engulfed in this freezing wasteland, admire the Bernese Oberland Alps views from the Sphinx Observatory, extending from the Aletsch Glacier to the Jungfrau, and all the way to the Black Forest.

Other exciting sights include the ice sculptures on the inside of the glacier, as well as the ultra-scenic Top of Europe glacier restaurant, allowing visitors to combine great sights with exquisite meals.



Grindelwald

SWISS PANORAMA

ZURICH, LUCERNE, GRINDELWALD, MONTREUX & GENEVA

Enjoy a panoramic journey while discovering one country, multiple languages, vibrant cities, glaciers, high mountain peaks, peace and tranquility, cheese and chocolate before ending the holiday relaxing along Lake Geneva.

9 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 3 Nights Grindelwald; 2 Nights Lucerne & Geneva; 1 Night Zurich & Montreux
- GoldenPass Line Scenic Train to Montreux
- Jungfraujoch Excursion (Self-guided)
- Chocolate Train from Montreux
- Chamonix Mont Blanc Excursion from Geneva
- Swiss Coupon Pass
- 2nd-Class Rail Travel with Seat Reservation
- Daily Breakfast


Bernina Express

GRAND TRAIN TOUR

ZURICH, INTERLAKEN, MONTREUX, ZERMATT, ST. MORITZ, LUGANO & LUCERNE

Majestic Switzerland awaits on this robust itinerary that highlights the country's greatest cities, mountaintops, and scenic trains.

10 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 2 Nights Interlaken, Zermatt & Lucerne; 1 Night Zurich, Montreux, St. Moritz & Lugano
- Jungfraujoch Excursion
- GoldenPass Line Scenic Train to Montreux
- Gornergrat Excursion
- Glacier Express Scenic Train to St. Moritz
- Bernina Express Scenic Train to Lugano
- Gotthard Route Train & Boat to Lucerne
- Pre-Alpine Express OR Mt. Pilatus Excursion
- 2nd-Class Rail Travel
- Swiss Coupon Pass
- Daily Breakfast


Sils Lake

DELUXE SWITZERLAND

SILS, ZERMATT & VEVEY

Experience all the charms of Switzerland, the magical land of mountains, clocks, on-time trains, and culinary delights. Visit the alpine resort town of St. Moritz and take a spell-binding rail trip on the Glacier Express before stopping in postcard-perfect Zermatt. Enjoy an excursion to Gornergrat on the historic rack railway, the highest open-air railway in Europe. End in Vevey, considered "One of the Pearls of the Swiss Riviera". A romantic carriage ride and a private wine tasting in the Laveaux valley are the proverbial frosting on the cake to this memorable adventure.

6 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- All Private Transfers
- 2 Nights Sils, Zermatt & Vevey
- Private Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride in Sils Maria
- Zermatt Culinary Pass
- Self-Guided Excursion to Gornergrat from Zermatt
- Private 3-Hour Wine Tasting Tour to Laveaux
- 1st-Class Rail Between All Cities
- Seat Reservation Glacier Express & 3 Course Meal
- Daily Breakfast



LAVEAUX

Visit this historic region of Switzerland and lavish in its exquisite wines. North of Lake Geneva, this area has been producing exquisite wines ever since the ages of the Roman Empire.



GLACIER EXPRESS

Revel in the comfort of the Glacier Express on a scenic ride along snow-crowned peaks and lush valleys. Enjoy a delightful meal while admiring the view through the panoramic windows.



SILS MARIA

A special way to enjoy the outdoors on this magical carriage ride where time loses relevance. Make the most of this romantic setting with beautiful natural landscapes and many photo opportunities.



ZURICH

One of the world's most liveable cities, Zurich has a rich history that coexists gracefully with rapid modernization. Discover a vibrant cultural scene with ample museums, delicious food, and a high standard of living.



HOTEL STORCHEN 5*

Within walking distance from the affluent Bahnhofstrasse, this historic Old Town hotel offers traditional rooms and great views of the Limmat River. 67 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN ZURICH

Adler Hotel 3*

Glockenhof 4*

St. Gotthard 4* *New!*

Dolder Grand Hotel 5* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN ZURICH

Mountains, Cheese & Chocolate

Swiss Traditions Experience *New!*

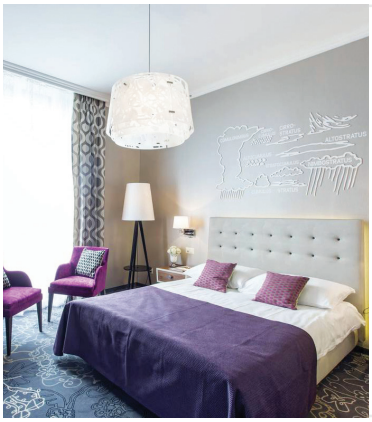
Rhine Falls & Stein am Rhein Tour

Private Zurich Walking Tour



LUCERNE

Featuring gorgeous façades and medieval buildings, Lucerne looks like a fairy tale. Divided into Old Town and New Town, it is easy to explore and offers a variety of cultural and culinary experiences.



HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF 5*

This posh family-owned property near the Kapellbrücke footbridge has hosted celebrities like Mark Twain and Leo Tolstoy. 101 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Family Friendly | AC | Swimming Pool | Parking | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN LUCERNE

Hotel de la Paix 3*

Hotel Waldstätterhof 3*

Romantikhotel Wilden Mann 4*

Hotel Des Balances 4*

EXPERIENCES IN LUCERNE

Private Walking Tour & Lunch Cruise *New!*

Mt. Titlis - Eternal Snow & Glaciers

Bern - Swiss Capital & Countryside *New!*



INTERLAKEN

Nestled between magnificent mountains and lakes, Interlaken is a natural paradise. An ideal destination as a homebase for adventurous excursions, from skiing in the Alps to taking a relaxing boat ride on Lake Thun and Lake Brienz.



VICTORIA JUNGFRAU 5*

Situated in the picturesque Bernese Highlands, this luxurious resort hotel has a history that spans more than 150 years. 216 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN INTERLAKEN

Hotel Oberland 3*

Hotel Beausite 3*

Hotel Interlaken 4*

Grand Hotel Beau Rivage 5*

EXPERIENCES IN INTERLAKEN

Swiss Food & Culture *New!*

Jet Boat on Lake Brienz *New!*

Excursion to Jungfraujoch *New!*

Excursion to Mt. Schilthorn *New!*



ZERMATT

This affluent car-free winter wonderland offers grand views of one of the world's most famous peaks – The Matterhorn. Get to know more about the monolithic icon overlooking the scenic mountain city by visiting the Matterhorn Museum.



MONT CERVIN PALACE 5*

A posh alpine-style hotel located at the foot of the famous Matterhorn. It has accommodated well-heeled guests since 1852. 133 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Elevator | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN ZERMATT

Hotel Garnia Testa Grigia 3*

Romantikhotel Julen 4*

Hotel Alpenhof 4*

Mirabeau Hotel 4*

EXPERIENCES IN ZERMATT

Excursion to Gornergrat *New!*

Glacier Express to St. Moritz

Private Matterhorn Hike *New!*

Ride to Matterhorn Glacier Paradise *New!*

AUSTRIA

Known for its natural and cultural beauty, Austria seems trapped in time yet still surprises with contemporary and ambitious artistic expression. Amazing classical operas and waltzes, a cutting-edge art and fashion scene, dignified architecture spanning many epochs, and more than 2,000 years of fascinating history shine in grand Vienna, magical Salzburg, peaceful Innsbruck, and everywhere in between.

TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN VIENNA TO:

Budapest	2½ Hours
Graz	2½ Hours
Munich	4 Hours
Prague	4 Hours
Venice	7½ Hours

BY TRAIN SALZBURG TO:

Hallstatt	3½ Hours
Innsbruck	2 Hours
Kaprun	3 Hours
Lucerne	6½ Hours
Munich	1½ Hours
Vienna	2½ Hours
Zermatt	10 Hours

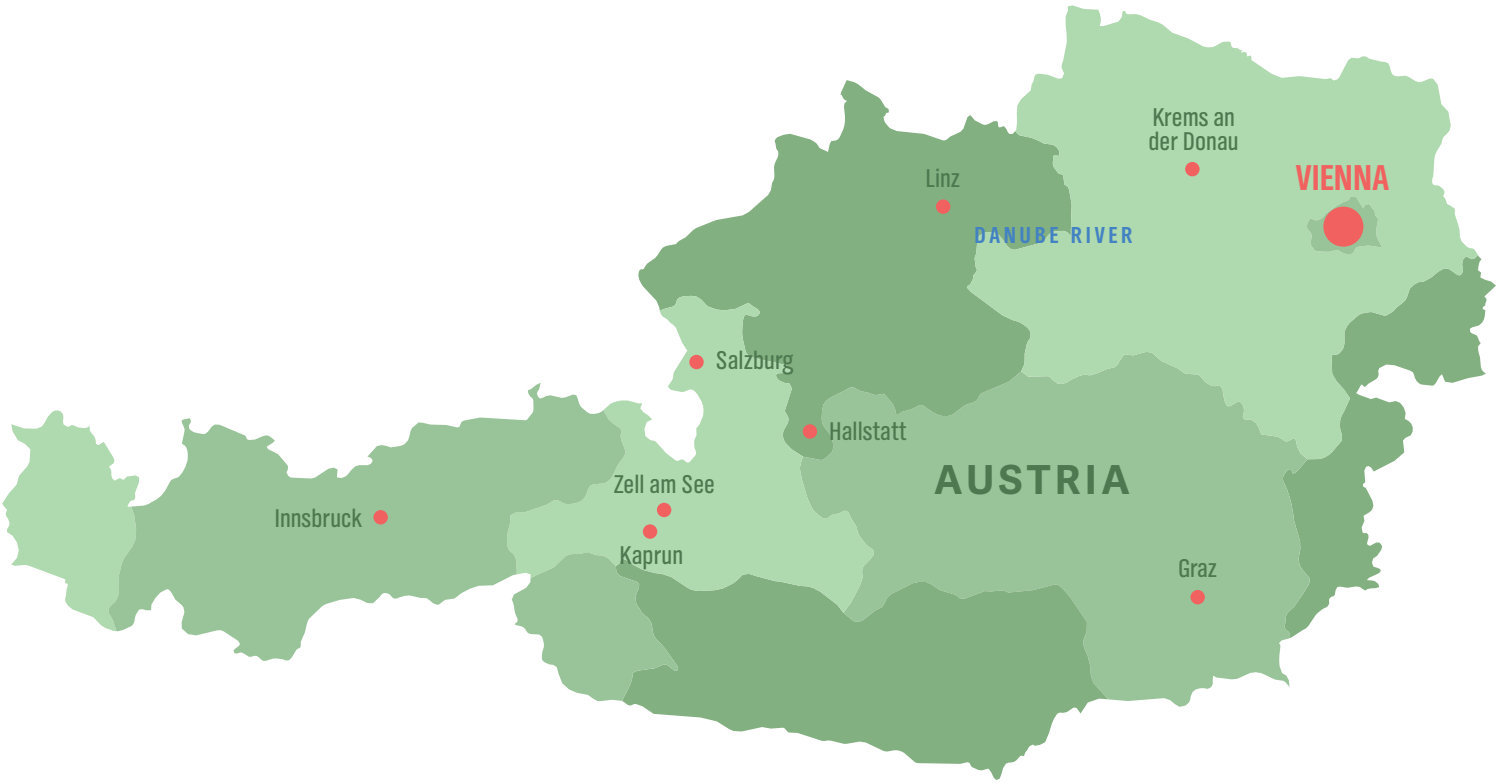
AVANTI INSIGHT

Once the home of the Habsburg Monarchy, Vienna shines with its old world grandeur and elegantly blends tradition with innovation. To taste a bit of old and new, head to the Cafe Sacher Wien for a sweet treat dating back to 1832. The original Sacher-Torte is a delectable chocolate cake kissed by apricot jam, iced with an indulgent layer of chocolate, and topped with whipped cream.

Need more itinerary suggestions? Visit our Agent Portal to see recommended vacations, hotels, and experiences.


Ehrwald


Hallstatt





SALZBURG & THE GLACIER

SALZBURG

Explore the city of Mozart and the Von Trapp family, basking in the romantic atmosphere while enjoying captivating views of the Austrian Alps. Embark on a full day excursion to Kitzsteinhorn, the home of Gipfelwelt 3000 — Salzburg's highest panoramic platform at 9,937 feet above sea level. Learn about the glacier, rock formations, precious stones, and more while being accompanied by a National Park Ranger.

3 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers
- 3 Nights Salzburg
- Salzburg Card 48 hours
- Sound of Music Tour
- Dinner at Restaurant Sternbräu
- Full Day Excursion to Kitzsteinhorn Glacier
- Guided tour of Gipfelwelt 3000 & the National Park Gallery with National Park Ranger
- Daily Breakfast



Vienna

'The imperial city'

Whether looking for music, art, or gastronomic treasures, there's no limit to what the curious can uncover in this beautiful, historic city brimming with Austrian culture.

A truly cosmopolitan city with a long history, Vienna offers dynamic architecture and marvelous museums of all varieties. Relax in a park with a cup of Viennese coffee or wine and bask the idyllic beauty of this grand city.

OTHER HOTELS IN VIENNA

Hotel Post 3*

Hotel Astoria 4*

Hotel Europa 4* *New!*

Lindner am Belvedere 4* *New!*

Fleming's Selection Wien City 4* *New!*

Hotel Sacher 5*

Hotel Ambassador 5*

Sans Souci Vienna 5*

EXPERIENCES IN VIENNA

Private Culinary Tour of Vienna's Ringstrasse

Morning Practice at Spanish Horse Riding School

Private Naschmarkt Tour *New!*

Private After Hours Tour of Schönbrunn Palace *New!*

Private Viennese Wine Tavern Tour & Dinner

Dinner & Concert at Schönbrunn Palace or Kursalon *New!*

Private Music in Vienna Walking Tour

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/austria



MAX BROWN 4*

A hip hotel that's perfectly at home within Vienna's vibrant creative district. Its spacious rooms are designed to reflect the area's laidback vibe. 143 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast

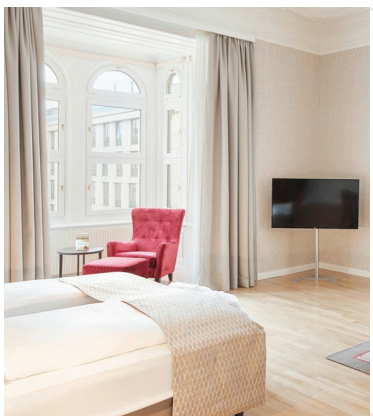


HOTEL KAISERHOF 4*

Notable for mixing modern and period furnishings to great effect, this centrally-located hotel is a few steps away from the State Opera and the Ringstrasse. 76 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

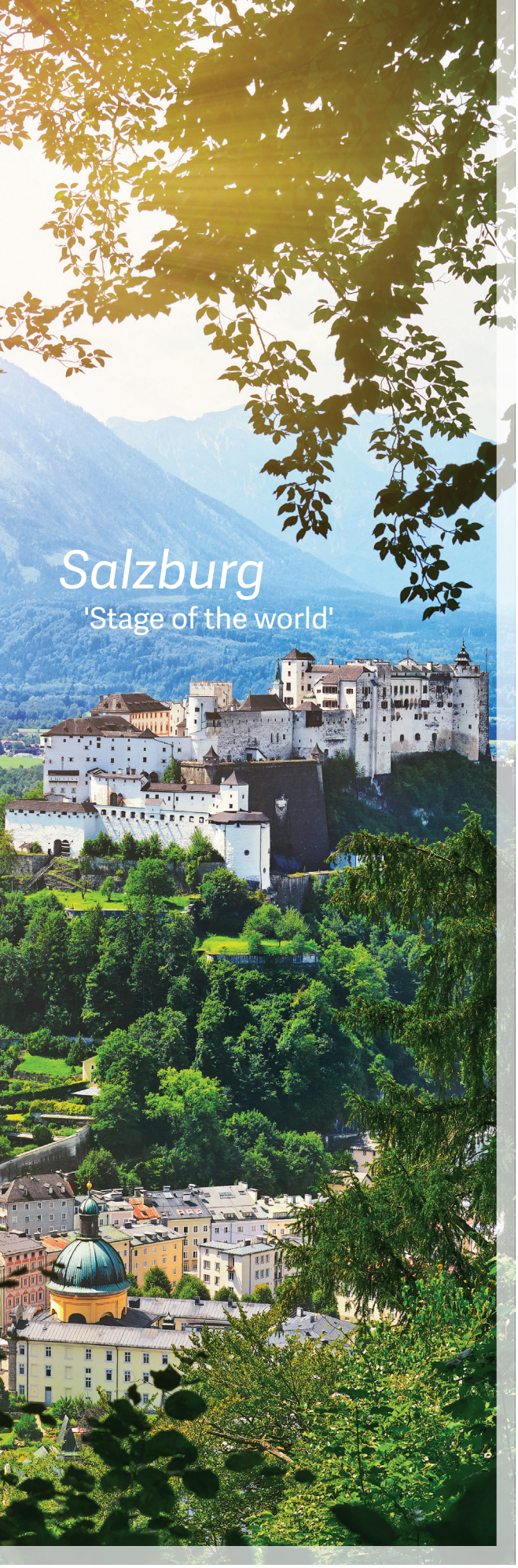


HOTEL RATHAUSPARK 4*

Formerly the residence of Stefan Zweig, the famous Austrian writer, this palatial building was transformed in 2004 into the first-class hotel that it is today. 117 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast





HOTEL AM MIRABELLPLATZ 3*

Built in 1653, this elegant property originally served as an ecclesiastical residence. Today, the hotel sports a fusion of traditional and modern design elements. 74 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | Elevator | Breakfast

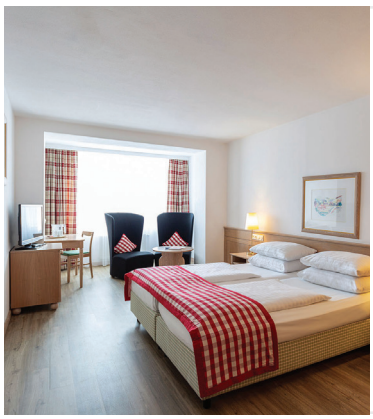


VILLA TRAPP 4*

Perfect for 'Sound of Music' fans, this was the actual residence of the famed von Trapp family. The property is maintained according to the style from that era. 16 rooms.

FEATURES

Elevator | Parking | Romance | Breakfast



HOTEL IMLAUER & BRÄU 4*

Walking distance to the Mirabell Palace, this hotel is ideally located and features contemporary rooms and its own beer garden. 60 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast

Renowned for its pristine Baroque architecture, Salzburg has long been a hotbed of art and culture, the birthplace of Mozart and the home of the von Trapp family, this picturesque city presents Austria's history through the intricate and splendid amalgamation of architecture going back eras.

OTHER HOTELS IN SALZBURG

Schloss Leopoldskron 4*

Hotel Imlauer Pitter 4* Superior

Radisson Blu Altstadt 5* *New!*

Hotel Sacher 5*

Goldener Hirsch 5*

EXPERIENCES IN SALZBURG

Beer & Food Pairing with Beer Sommelier at Trumerei *New!*

Sound of Music Tour

Candelit Dinner & Best of Mozart Fortress Concert

Salzkammergut Lakes & Mountains Tour *New!*

Private Hallstatt Tour

GERMANY

A beautiful bouquet of contrasts, Germany is both bustling cities and idyllic countryside. From the sky-high mountains of the Alps to the hilltop castles perched over river valleys, from the modern, forward-looking cities of the north to the traditional Bavarian architecture of the south, Deutschland is a varied masterpiece of styles.

TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN BERLIN TO:

Dresden	2½ Hours
Hamburg	1¾ Hours
Nuremberg	3½ Hours
Warsaw	6 Hours

BY TRAIN FRANKFURT TO:

Berlin	4 Hours
Cologne	2 Hours
Heidelberg	1 Hour
Munich	3½ Hours

BY TRAIN MUNICH TO:

Berlin	4 Hours
Füssen	2 Hours
Nuremberg	1½ Hours
Salzburg	1¾ Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

In the northern city of Bremen, the largest collection of German wines (approximately 600) can be found at the Council Cellar of City Hall. The Gothic architecture dates back to 1405 and is the perfect ambiance for a unique dining experience in the cellar where you can peruse their 60-page wine menu.

Create unique experiences! Our team of Travel Consultants have first-hand destination knowledge to help customize personalized vacations.



Neuschwanstein Castle



Nuremberg Old Town


Hamburg
Bremen
BERLIN
Hanover
GERMANY
Wittenberg
Düsseldorf
Leipzig
Eisenach
Erfurt
Dresden
Cologne
RHINE VALLEY
Frankfurt
Bamberg
Bayreuth
Rüdesheim
Würzburg
RHINE RIVER
Nuremberg
Heidelberg
Rothenburg
Baden-Baden
Stuttgart
Tübingen
Augsburg
BLACK FOREST
Munich
Freiburg
Füssen



Victory Gate, Munich

HIGHLIGHTS OF GERMANY

FRANKFURT, BERLIN, DRESDEN, NUREMBERG & MUNICH

Historical grandeur and modern flair are on delightful display in Germany's most exciting cities. From modern Frankfurt to dazzling Dresden, Germany's best kept secrets are found in the people and streets of these cities.

9 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 3 Nights Munich; 2 Nights Berlin & Nuremberg; 1 Night Dresden & Frankfurt
- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers
- Frankfurt City Tour
- Walking Tours in Berlin, Dresden & Munich
- Savory Nuremberg Walking Tour
- Neuschwanstein & Linderhof Castles
- 1st-Class Rail Between Cities
- Daily Breakfast



FRANKFURT

Historic yet modern, Frankfurt has maintained its legacy and importance throughout the centuries. A bustling economic hub with a fascinating mix of glass skyscrapers and gothic architecture.



DRESDEN

Stroll through Dresden's beautiful Old Town, full of historical buildings with influential baroque and Rococo architecture. The photogenic capital of Saxony has much to offer.



NUREMBERG

The history of Nuremberg is closely entwined with its cuisine. Discover the gastronomic delights of the city on a tour through its narrow alleyways, and across its bridges.



Marienberg Fortress, Würzburg

THE ROMANTIC ROAD

WÜRZBURG, ROTHENBURG, AUGSBURG, FÜSSEN & MUNICH

Trek through Bavaria to find picturesque towns with old city walls and half-timbered houses, hidden monasteries, and hilltop castles while driving along the famed Romantic Road. From the vineyard-covered hills of Franconia to the fairy tale castles nestled in the Bavarian Alps near Füssen, and to the modern marvels of Munich, discover Bavarian heritage along this scenic route.

5 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 1 Night Würzburg, Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, Augsburg, Füssen & Munich
- Private Würzburg Walking Tour with Optional Wine Tasting
- One 3-Course Dinner in Rothenburg
- Night Watchman Walk
- Neuschwanstein & Hohenschwangau Castle Entrance
- 1-Week Compact Manual Car Rental
- Romantic Road Map plus Suggested Driving Itinerary
- Daily Breakfast



WÜRZBURG

Renowned for the Würzburger Residenz and baroque architecture, uncover the many sites that illustrate this city's overlooked history, followed by an optional wine tasting.



ROTHENBURG

In timeless Rothenburg, accompany one of the Night Watchmen on one of their patrols — an exciting and immersive way of discovering the medieval history of the city.



FÜSSEN & NEUSCHWANSTEIN

The quaint town of Füssen, snug against the foothills of the idyllic Bavarian Alps, is the gateway to the grand fairy-tale castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau.

GERMANY'S HIDDEN GEMS

BY MILA K.

Although its rail service is frequent and efficient, Germany is one of the best countries in Europe to take a road trip. The country's infrastructure is enviable and there are a few scenic driving routes that highlight historic cities, medieval villages, fairy-tale castles, and natural areas.

A superb region to explore by car is Baden-Württemberg — the land of Cuckoo clocks, half-timbered houses, and the world-famous Black Forest. With rolling hills, lakes, and castles, southwest Germany is known to be sunny with some lovely wine country. The people that live in this region are warm and welcoming, as I found out during my Dinner with the Heidelbergers. My host was so accommodating and cheerful that I didn't even have a chance to be nervous when I arrived at her home. We had a fun evening with her friends and they loaded me up with personal recommendations about wineries to visit, where to stop for lunch, and the prettiest towns for a stroll.

One of their best suggestions was to visit an 11th-century castle that was just two hours away. As I approached the castle, it was easy to appreciate its perfect hilltop position just over 2,800 feet elevation. I had just visited impressive Heidelberg Castle and I wasn't sure how it would compare. The immensity and completeness of Hohenzollern Castle is an absolute wonder of preservation to behold.

On the way to Stuttgart, I stopped by the historic university town called Tübingen, which has a lovely little town center, numerous flower boxes spilling over, and student operated punt rides on the Neckar River. On sunny days, people lounge along the river banks reading, people watching, and having picnics. I even saw a group of friends enjoying a picnic on a punt — noted for next time!

The last stop my dinner companions recommended was Ludwigsburg Palace — one of the largest baroque palaces in Europe. With intricate interiors, some restored in Rococo style, and formal gardens, the palace has been nicknamed the 'Versailles of Swabia.' I couldn't believe the opulence for a place originally intended to be a hunting lodge.

By connecting these sites, I was able to span centuries of history in just a few days with no more than 2 hours on the road per day. How's that for German efficiency?







Berlin

'A city reborn'



ABBA BERLIN 4*

A sophisticated hotel ideally situated near the exclusive shops, boutiques, and restaurants along the splendid Kurfürstendamm Avenue. 214 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Family Friendly | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



HOTEL ANGLETERRE 4*

Located close to the famous Checkpoint Charlie, this historic hotel offers high-end accommodations and easy access to the city's most noteworthy sights. 155 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



MÖVENPICK HOTEL BERLIN 4*

Housed within the former Siemens Building, this full-service hotel close to Potsdamer Platz expertly fuses industrial design elements with contemporary décor. 243 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast

One of the world's foremost centers of art, fashion, design, and everything in between. Berlin's impeccable infrastructure makes it easy to explore a range of museums, restaurants, bars, clubs, and cafés in this cosmopolitan yet unpretentious city. With a legendary nightlife, Berlin is entertaining throughout night and day.

OTHER HOTELS IN BERLIN

Clipper City Home 3* *New!*
Crowne Plaza 4* *New!*
Arcotel John F. 4*
Hotel Zoo 4* Superior
Adlon Kempinski 5*
Hotel De Rome 5*
Regent Berlin 5*

EXPERIENCES IN BERLIN

Craft Beer & Breweries Tour *New!*
Berlin Food Crawl *New!*
Berlin Street Art Tour *New!*
Evening Food Bicycle Tour *New!*
Private Architecture Tour *New!*
Trabi Self-Drive Experience

Berlin Experiences

POTSDAM TOUR WITH VISIT TO SANSSOUCI PALACE

Spend a few hours in the Brandenburg state capital of Potsdam — the home of former Prussian rulers. Walking through the Dutch Quarter and the recently rebuilt Potsdam City Palace, you'll be amazed at how many stately residences are built in this garden city. The crown jewel of Potsdam is Sanssouci Palace, the summer retreat of Frederick the Great. As your guide tells the story of this spectacular site, soak in the opulence and grandeur of this architectural treasure.



NEW! BERLIN STREET ART TOUR

Americans may have given the world street art, but it was perfected in Berlin. From the tension-filled 1960s all the way to Berlin's hedonistic heyday in the 1990s, artists from all over the world have come to the Hauptstadt to leave their mark. You'll get out of the city center into the neighborhoods to find the hidden corners that most visitors never get to see. You'll see the giant murals, little stickers, and secret stencils that make up the ever-changing Berlin street art scene.



NEW! CULINARY EXPLORATION OF BERLIN

Germany's rich culinary heritage is on display in urbane Berlin. Join a native German cook for a tour of the city's food delights. From the farmers' market to the cook's home kitchen, explore the regional nuances of Berlin's food and its storied history.



Munich

"Heart of Bavaria"



This flourishing city is the perfect haven for nature lovers, beer fans, and car enthusiasts. Outdoor summer fun, fall festivals including the famous Oktoberfest, and cozy winter markets are just some of the festivities that welcome visitors all year long. Explore the Old City center, featuring beautifully restored architecture juxtaposed with high-end shopping and restaurants. The city balances its traditional heritage with its forward-thinking energy. From the Olympic Park to the English Garden, Munich exudes Bavarian charm.

OTHER HOTELS IN MUNICH

King's Center Hotel 3*

Arthotel 3*

St. Paul 3*

Excelsior 4*

Schiller5 4*

Kempinski Vier Jahreszeiten 5* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN MUNICH

Dachau Memorial Site Tour

Munich by Night with Dinner at Hofbräuhaus

BMW Museum & Factory Tours

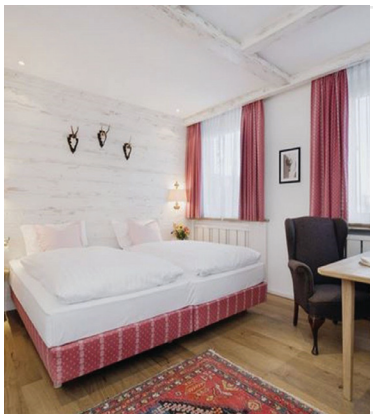
Munich by Bike Tour

Royal Castle Herrenchiemsee *New!*

Berchtesgaden & Eagles Nest Tour

Evening Beer & Food Walking Tour *New!*

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/germany



HOTEL EDEN WOLFF 4*

Just across from Munich Central Station, this upscale family-run property offers a rooftop terrace, a traditional Bavarian restaurant, and spa services. 214 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



HOTEL ANNA 4*

This stylish design hotel stands right on Karlsplatz Square, within walking distance to Marienplatz and the famous shopping belt on Kaufingerstraße. 73 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



KING'S HOTEL FIRST CLASS 4*

A charming boutique hotel located in central Munich, characterized by its cozy atmosphere and elegant interiors. 82 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast

Munich Experiences



BAVARIAN BREWS

One of the world's beer capitals, Munich is the birthplace and home to the largest Oktoberfest celebration. From late September into the first week of October, nearly six million people every year make the pilgrimage to Munich to revel in good company and imbibe upon Bavarian beer. With 2 centuries of tradition, Oktoberfest is the ultimate commemoration of beer, friends, and joyful festivity.



ROYAL CASTLES

Head south toward the Bavarian Alps for a royal day visiting King Ludwig II's fairy-tale castles of Linderhof and Neuschwanstein. Although the smallest castle, Linderhof's elegant exterior houses opulent rooms and décor. Continue on a drive along the famous Romantic Road, until you reach the foot of the majestic castle of Neuschwanstein. Hike up to Mary's Bridge (Marienbrücke) for the best place to get those postcard views of the castle. Continue to the castle entrance for a tour of the interior including the beautifully painted Singers' Hall and the Throne Hall richly adorned in gold leaf.

NEW! PRIVATE BAVARIAN MOUNTAINS TOUR

There's nothing quite as scenic as a day in the mountains! Take the cable car up to Herzogstand Mountain where the Bavarian Kings once hunted and go for a short hike with amazing views overlooking Lake Walchensee. Continue to the old town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, a charming mountain resort town where you'll be surrounded by the highest mountains of Germany. Visit the deep Partnach Gorge, a natural monument which was formed by the River Partnach, and make your way through the 2,303-foot-long canyon on a narrow path hewn into the rock.



PRIVATE CITY TOUR FOR FOODIES

Spend a day in Munich like a local! Start with a Bavarian breakfast and take an all-encompassing tour of Munich's city center, including the markets, bakers, and butchers. Afterwards, stroll through the magnificent English Garden and enjoy Bavarian beer, cheese, meat, and baked goods on the green.



CENTRAL EUROPE & THE BALTICS

Central Europe boasts a different kind of appeal. Focused on the rich culture and complex history, there's no end to the genuine experiences and welcoming people in these European countries. With less crowds and tremendous value for money, exploring major cities such as Prague, Budapest, Warsaw, and many others can provide rich encounters.

TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN BUDAPEST TO:

Munich	7 Hours
Prague	6½ Hours
Vienna	2½ Hours

BY TRAIN PRAGUE TO:

Berlin	4 Hours
Český Krumlov	3 Hours
Kraków	7 Hours
Munich	6 Hours
Vienna	4 Hours

BY TRAIN WARSAW TO:

Gdansk	3 Hours
Kraków	2½ Hours
Prague	8 Hours

BY PLANE TALLINN TO:

Riga	1 Hour
Vilnius	1 Hour

BY BOAT:

Helsinki	2 Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

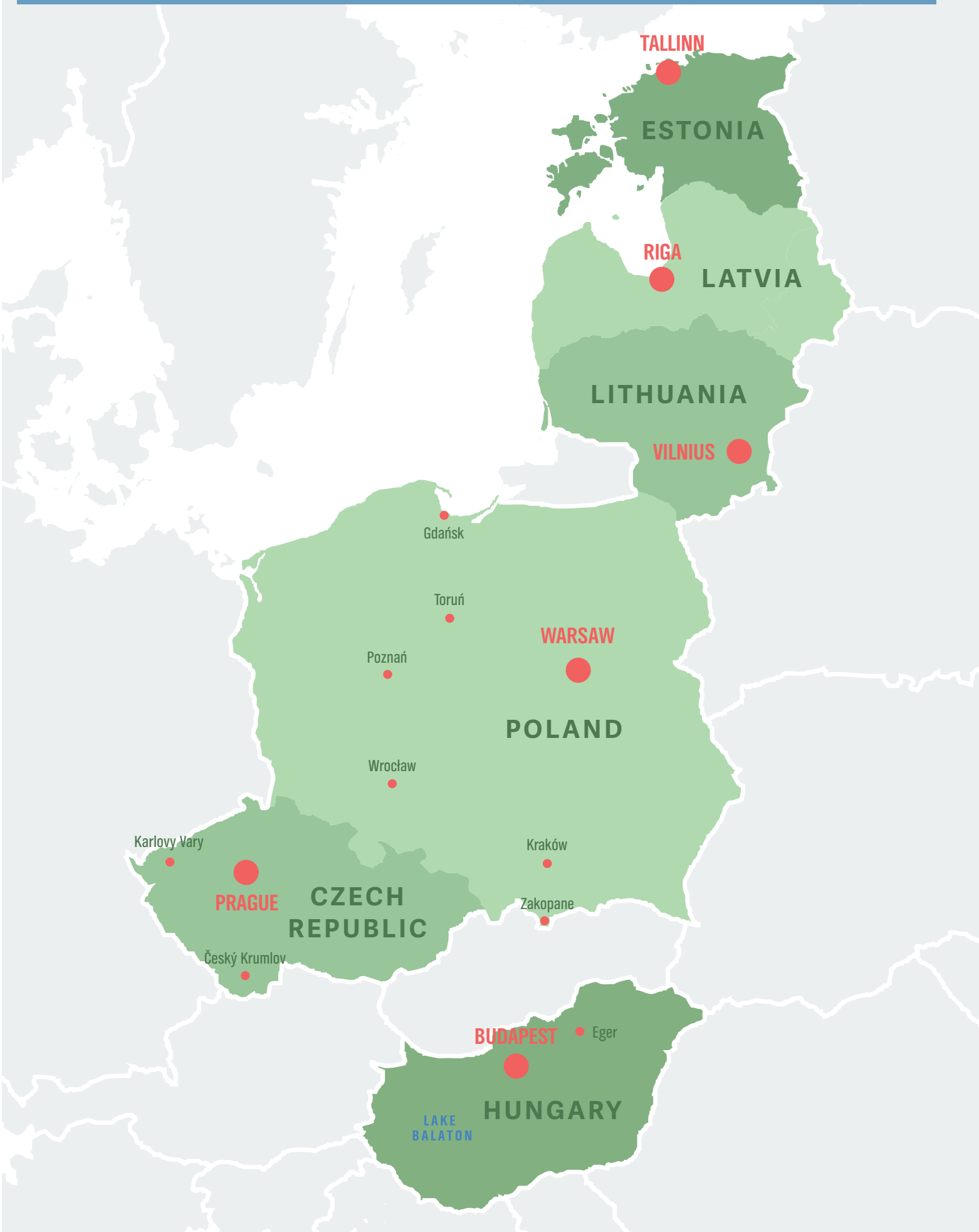
Winter is a magical season in Central Europe with festive advent traditions and gatherings. From Tallinn to Prague, outdoor Christmas markets are a social celebration with hearty snacks and delicious cups of mulled wine.

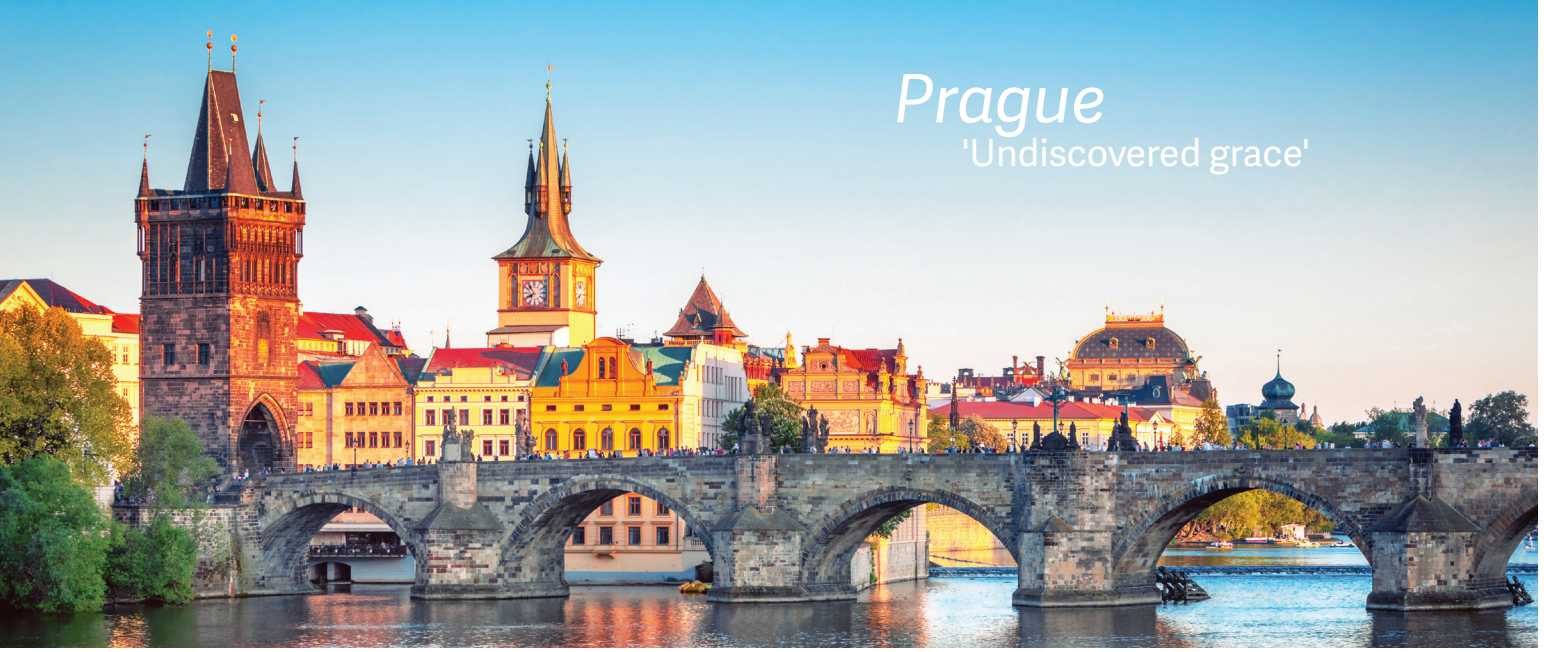


Liberty Bridge, Budapest



Old Town Square, Prague


TALLINN
ESTONIA
RIGA
LATVIA
LITHUANIA
VILNIUS
Gdańsk
Toruń
WARSAW
Poznań
POLAND
Wrocław
Karlovy Vary
Kraków
PRAGUE
CZECH REPUBLIC
Zakopane
Český Krumlov
BUDAPEST
Eger
HUNGARY
LAKE BALATON



Prague

'Undiscovered grace'

An enchanting capital filled with art, stunning architecture, and history, Prague offers a refreshing take on European culture as a youthful and admirably genuine destination.

OTHER HOTELS IN PRAGUE

Hotel Adria 3* *New!*

BW Kinsky Garden 3* Superior *New!*

Hotel Elysee 3* Superior

Hotel Liberty 4*

Hotel Rott 4*

Innside Prague Old Town 4*

Hotel Klarov 4* *New!*

Hotel Golden Key 4*

Casa Marcello 4*

Hotel Suite Home 4* *New!*

Bishop's House 4* Superior

The Three Storks 5*

Grand Mark Hotel 5* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN PRAGUE

Market Visit & Cooking Class with Lunch + Wine Pairing

Beer Spa Treatment with Massage

Lobkowicz Palace Concert with Coffee + Dessert

Terezin Tour from Prague *New!*

Český Krumlov Tour from Prague *New!*

Private Prague Beer Tour with Visit to Staropramen Brewery



K+K CENTRAL 4*

Formerly a cabaret theater, this hotel boasts Art Nouveau details in public areas, modern furniture in guest rooms, and a modern bar & bistro. 127 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



HOTEL GOLDEN STAR 4*

A historic building close to the castle, it features tasteful rooms with lacquered wood floors, and period furniture. 26 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



HOTEL PARIS 5*

Located in the heart of Old Town, this historical property offers 1920's inspired public areas and stunning mosaics. 86 rooms.

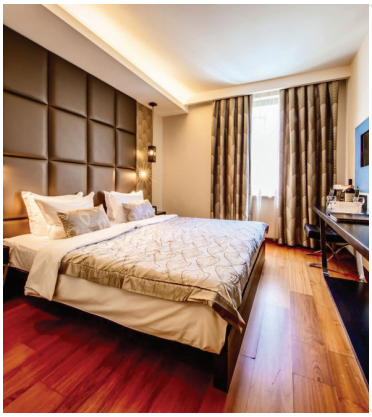
FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



Budapest

'Magyar excellence'



CONTINENTAL HOTEL BUDAPEST 4*

Conveniently located in the chic Jewish Quarter, this high-end property features a great restaurant and retro bar. 272 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



HOTEL PARLAMENT 4*

A colorful, modern design hotel located in the heart of Budapest within walking distance of the Danube bank, House of Parliament, and St. Stephen's Basilica. 65 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



HOTEL PRESTIGE 4* SUPERIOR

With an exquisite marriage between excellent service and cuisine, the hotel alludes to the early 1900's culture and class. 85 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast

One of the four capitals on the Danube River, elegant Budapest is famous for its thermal bath houses, architecture, and unique cuisine. Between the Habsburg-era extravagance by day and the youthful nightlife at dusk, Hungary's capital is a delightful hub to explore.

OTHER HOTELS IN BUDAPEST

Boutique Hotel Budapest 3* Superior

Hotel Palazzo Zichy 4*

Hotel Astoria 4*

Hotel Clark 4* *New!*

Corinthia Grand Hotel 5* *New!*

Four Season's Gresham Palace 5*

New York Palace 5*

EXPERIENCES IN BUDAPEST

Private Grand Market Hall Tour with Tastings *New!*

Private Wine Bars Walking Tour *New!*

Night City Tour with Ruin Bars *New!*

Private Cold War Trabi Tour

City Tour with Parliament Visit *New!*

Thermal Bath Passes: Gellert or Szechenyi

Dinner Cruise on the Danube *New!*

Folklore Show with Dinner

ST. PETERSBURG



Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood

Filled to the brim with resplendent baroque and neoclassical architecture, Russia's former imperial capital is a destination wherein the country's vibrant colors bloom like flowers after a long winter. Centuries of Russian history, art, and culture can be experienced first-hand in St. Petersburg, which was locked away from the rest of the world at one point in time. Despite the cold weather, Russian people can be quite warm and welcoming. Exploring this huge country can be daunting, but it's awash with bespoke experiences unlike anywhere else in Europe.

TRAVEL TIMES BY BOAT ST. PETERSBURG TO:

Helsinki	14 Hours
Tallinn	14 Hours

BY TRAIN:

Helsinki	4¼ Hours

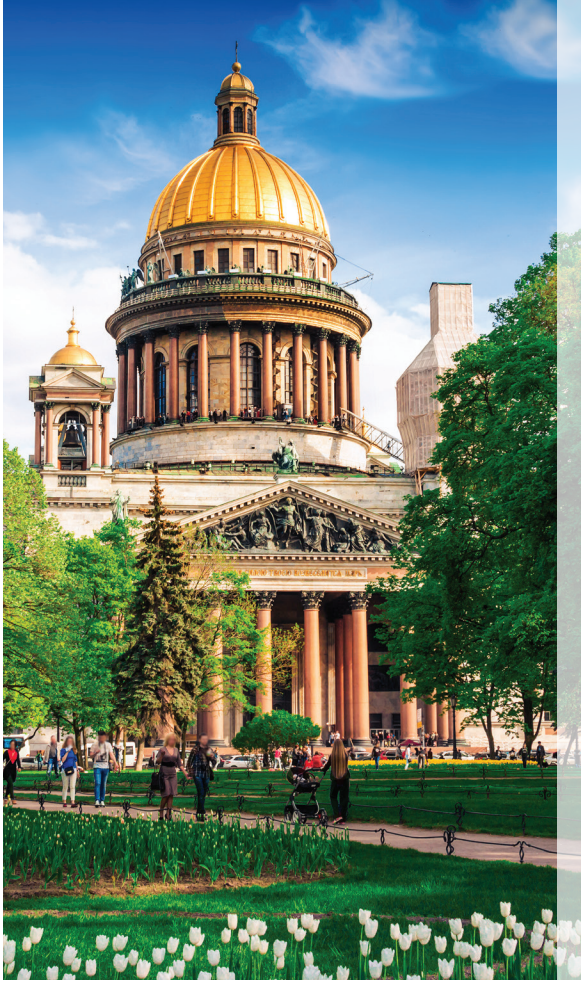
AVANTI INSIGHT

American travelers in Russia are required to have a visa; however, cruise ship passengers are allowed to visit St. Petersburg visa-free for 72 hours. Take the overnight cruise from Helsinki, where you will present your passport.

On board, you will receive an arrival-departure card to be completed and shown to the immigration officer upon arrival at the St. Petersburg marine terminal. The officer will hand you a migration card. Please keep these documents throughout your stay.

If you want to explore more of the Baltic Sea, start in Stockholm or Tallinn and connect to Helsinki by ship, prior to departing for Russia.


Peterhof



ST. PETERSBURG

This photogenic canal-laden metropolis has remained essentially unchanged since its architectural revolution of the 18th and 19th centuries. Home to the Hermitage Museum, the second-largest art museum in the world, St. Petersburg is one of Europe's supreme cultural centers and a bucket-list vacation for any art, history, and architecture aficionados.



BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE 5*

One of the most opulent hotels in the city, this 19th-century property has hosted celebrities from Tchaikovsky to Elton John. 266 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Swimming Pool | Parking | Elevator | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN ST. PETERSBURG

Petro Palace 4*

Holiday Inn Moskovskye Vorota 4*

Corinthia 5*

Kempinski Moika 22 5*

EXPERIENCES IN ST. PETERSBURG

Private Ballet School Guided Tour

Nikolayevsky Palace Folk Show

Private St. Petersburg City Tour including Entrance to Peter and Paul Fortress



ST. PETERSBURG DISCOVERY

HELSINKI, ST. PETERSBURG

Visit the innovative city of Helsinki with its fantastic art and architecture scene, before boarding a cruise to dazzling Russia. See the best of St. Petersburg, including the opulence of the Hermitage and the refinement of the Mariinsky Theater. Learn the history of St. Petersburg's long-standing cultural institutions and traverse the city by rooftop and canal. This special cruise package provides you 72 hours to experience St. Petersburg with no visa required!

6 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 2 Nights St. Petersburg & Helsinki
- 2 Nights on Overnight Cruise Helsinki-St. Petersburg and Return
- Helsinki Design Walk
- Private St. Petersburg City Tour with Entrance to Peterhof or Hermitage Museum
- Ballet Performance at Mariinsky or Hermitage Theater
- Rooftop Tour of St. Petersburg
- Daily Breakfast

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/russia

SCANDINAVIA

An idyllic blend of breathtaking landscape, picturesque cities, exquisite cuisine, and welcoming people – Scandinavia has much to offer, whether you're looking for outdoor adventure or a cozy cultural trek.

TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN

OSLO TO:

Bergen	6½ Hours
Stockholm	5½ Hours

BY PLANE:

Helsinki	1½ Hours
Tromsø	2 Hours

BY BOAT:

Copenhagen	17 Hours

BY TRAIN COPENHAGEN TO:

Aarhus	3 Hours
Stockholm	5 Hours

BY PLANE:

Helsinki	1½ Hours

BY BOAT STOCKHOLM TO:

Helsinki	16 Hours

BY TRAIN:

Gothenburg	3½ Hours

BY PLANE HELSINKI TO:

Rovaniemi	1½ Hours

BY BOAT:

Tallinn	2 Hours
St. Petersburg	14 Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

The most northern countries in Europe see a wide fluctuation of daylight. In the summer, catch the peak of the Midnight Sun phenomenon toward the end of June. Glimpse Polar Night, when the sun doesn't fully rise above the horizon, in December. Some of the most beautiful light quality occurs in November and January, during Polar Twilight, where the sky and snow reflect a spectrum of pastel colors.



Trolltunga, Norway



Lapland, Finland

CREATE YOUR VACATION!

Create your own unique experiences on both land and sea!





Finland

'Land of the polar twilight'

NEW! UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS WITH REINDEER

From the small town of Inari, take a short jaunt into the Lappish countryside by reindeer drawn sled. An integral part of the history of Lapland, reindeer are the symbol of the area. As you travel through the forest, learn how the local Sami people have lived in this remote region of the world for thousands of years. Sit back, enjoy the ride, and observe the sky for signs of the Northern Lights.



NORTHERN LIGHTS VILLAGE 4*

In the village of Saariselka, this hotel uses laser-heated glass panels to ensure their guests have the best chances of seeing the Aurora Borealis right from their cabins. 80 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Family Friendly | AC | Romance | Breakfast



NEW! BEAR WATCHING

About an hour from Ruka-Kuusamo, you'll have a 99% chance of seeing the King of the Forest – the mighty bear. The evening starts with a drive east toward the Russian border. With your guide, go to a safe hut to spend a few hours watching for bears and other wild animals like eagles. Enjoy the company of your fellow animal lovers and snack on some local treats, while watching Finland's greatest creatures going about their daily routines.





NEW! FINNISH SAUNA & DINNER IN RUKA KUUSAMO

Experience traditional sauna at Iisakki's Lakeside, one of the first to be awarded with the Authentic Finnish Sauna Experience certificate. Learn more about sauna culture and why it is so important to the Finns. Step into a warm outdoor Jacuzzi or dip into the ice hole before enjoying a traditional Lappish buffet dinner with local delicacies.

Sweden

'The vanguard of modernist design'



NEW! STORFORSEN NATURE RESERVE HIKE

Welcome to northern Europe's largest rapids. Even in extreme cold, the water does not freeze here. A combination of trails and wooden walkways, you'll go on an easy upstream hike until you reach the rapids. Follow up the hike with a local tradition – a freshly prepared snack made on a traditional Muurrikka pan over an open fire.





NEW! WEST COAST DINNER CRUISE

Aboard a 3-hour cruise from Gothenburg and enjoy a two or three course meal with panoramic views of the southern archipelago. Begin the night with a glass of Swedish sparkling wine before having typical Swedish pickled herring as an appetizer. Choose between locally sourced meat, fish, or vegetarian options for the main course.



NEW! ARCHIPELAGO SAILING DAY TOUR

Embark on a luxury yacht for a day of sailing through Stockholm's fairy tale archipelago. Sail through the narrow straits near the coastal town of Vaxholm before crossing into bigger bays, with more wild and uninhabited islands. Around midday, explore and enjoy some lunch on a secluded island of choice.



CLARION SIGN 4*

Characterized by sleek modern design, this premium hotel is situated within the heart of Vasastan — a homey Stockholm district populated by restaurants, small shops, vintage stores, and parks. 558 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Elevator | Parking | Breakfast



Norway

'Land of fjords'



NEW! PRIVATE FISH MARKET VISIT WITH LUNCH

Bergen's historic Bryggen area is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site with Hanseatic wharfs dating back to the 14th and 15th centuries. Today, a few commercial establishments still remain such as the picturesque Fish Market, one of Norway's most visited and oldest markets. Since the 1200s, this has been one of the most important places for trade between fishermen, farmers and the inhabitants of the city. Nowadays locals and visitors visit the market to shop for fresh seafood or have a meal with friends. You'll have a lovely 3-course lunch at Fish Me Restaurant complete with soup, salad, and a chilled seafood platter.



NEW! MIDNIGHT SUN & SAMI CULTURE

This wonderful Tromsø experience enables travelers to learn more about the Sami — the indigenous people of Northern Scandinavia — as they pass fjords and mountains on their way to visit a former Sami camp and hear stories first-hand. They will then hike atop the Lyngen Alps to admire the Midnight Sun — a magical phenomenon where the sun never sets and the sky is bathed in deep reds and oranges.

BEER WALKING TOUR

Making a name for itself, the microbrewery movement in Oslo is producing the best beers in Norway. You'll check out the vibrant neighborhood of Grunerlokka Bryghus to taste their permanent taps as well as some seasonal brews. Learn about the beer making process, hear the stories of breweries in Norway, and experience how simple ingredients are transformed into a delightful drink.





NEW! KAYAK TOURS FROM BERGEN

In Bergen, on the rugged and craggy western coast of Norway, set out on a kayak for a 5-hour guided tour through the magnificent Herdlefjorden. Paddling past bird sanctuaries and cultural heritage sites, the tour weaves together the natural and cultural history of the area, embedding the legacy of harmonious existence that permeates Norway's society. Halfway through the tour, stop for lunch or dinner under the open sky.



SOGNEFJORD IN A NUTSHELL

OSLO, BERGEN & BALESTRAND OR SOGNDAL

Discover some of Europe's most dramatic landscapes by train and boat, as you travel on scenic railways and cruise along Norway's longest and deepest fjord. This succinct yet intricate tour travels through Norway's majestic natural wonders, scenic railways, and charming towns.

3 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 1 Night Oslo, Bergen & Balestrand or Sogndal
- 2nd-Class Rail Oslo-Myrdal with Scenic Bergen Railway
- Historic Flåm Railway Myrdal-Flåm
- Scenic Sognefjord Cruise Flåm-Balestrand & Balestrand to Bergen
- Daily Breakfast



OSLO

Norway's capital has plenty of museums and outdoor attractions, including the world's largest sculpture park. Explore the city using an excellent public transit system before heading into fjord country.



HISTORIC RAILWAYS

Traveling through west Norway's jagged peaks is a memorable experience. Take the Flåm Railway featuring grand vistas of thundering waterfalls, snow-capped mountains, and deep fjords.





SOGNEFJORD

Adorned by breathaking natural scenery, the area where Sognefjord — known as the 'King of the Fjords' — meets the Jostedalsbreen Glacier is one of the most beautiful places in Norway.



NEW! DANISH CASTLE TOUR - FREDERIKSBORG & KRONBORG CASTLES

Just north of Copenhagen, spectacular castles sit on the Danish Riviera toward Helsingør. Take in the beautiful views of the Øresund Strait with the Swedish coast beyond. In the center of Hillerød, Frederiksborg Castle is built on three islets and is now a Museum of National History. Featuring the largest portrait collection in Denmark, a well preserved Renaissance chapel, and a copy of the Danish flag from 1427. Surrounded by multiple gardens created in different styles — English Romantic and French Baroque — the Frederiksborg estate has been a source of inspiration for multiple painters and remains a popular destination for Danes and visitors alike.

Continue on the coast to Kronborg Castle, mostly known as the setting of Shakespeare's Hamlet, and as such most English speakers will recognize this castle as Elsinore. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Europe's best preserved Renaissance castles, it overlooks the Øresund Strait and the Swedish coast beyond.



NEW! AARHUS WINE WALK

Explore Denmark's second largest city, the university town of Aarhus through all of its small alleys and unique neighborhoods on a wine walk. Guided by a local wine enthusiast you'll make your way to four to five different establishments to try some exquisite wines. It is important to introduce you to places in the city you would not find on your own. Starting in the Latin Quarter, you'll sip and sightsee over the course of an afternoon.

NEW! PRIVATE SMØRREBRØD COOKING CLASS

Come and discover the art of sandwich making, Danish style. Learn how to create Smørrebrød, an open faced sandwich, starting with a lesson on Danish rye bread, the foundation for all good sandwiches . Find out just how important this dark, delicious bread is for the Danes. While the bread bakes, create a variety of seasonal toppings. Lastly, it's time to assemble your smørrebrød with precision so that they are as beautiful as they are delicious. Take a seat at the communal dining table, where everyone will come together to dine on the best treats in the world.





Copenhagen

ULTIMATE SCANDINAVIA

COPENHAGEN, OSLO, BERGEN, STOCKHOLM, HELSINKI & ROVANIEMI

Experience Scandinavian hygge in all its forms! Explore the cosmopolitan destination of Copenhagen by bike, just as the Danes do. Cruise through the fjords surrounding Norway's cities before venturing to Finland for an excursion to adventurous Lapland.

12 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- 2 Nights Copenhagen, Bergen, Stockholm & Rovaniemi; 1 Night Oslo & Helsinki
- 1 Night Overnight Cruise Copenhagen to Oslo & Stockholm to Helsinki
- Private Bike Tours of Copenhagen & Helsinki
- Oslo Beer Walking Tour
- Bergen Fjord Cruise to Mostraumen
- Taste of Stockholm: Nordic Food Walking Tour
- Santa Claus Safari or Aurora Borealis Tour
- Daily Breakfast

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ROVANIEMI

Embark upon a river cruise through Finland's hinterlands. Relax while sipping on warm, Finnish beverages and keep your eyes on the sky for the Aurora Borealis above.



STOCKHOLM

Explore the colorful streets and culinary treats of Stockholm. Pioneers in locally-sourced food, taste the finest cheese, meat, world-class beer, and aquavit of Sweden.



OSLOFJORD

Embark on a cruise aboard a traditional wooden ship through the Oslofjord. Enjoy scenic views, and savor upon freshly caught seafood and Norwegian beverages while enjoying the majesty of this area.

ICELAND

A trip to Iceland is an adventure in every sense of the word. Begin the day by rejuvenating in the Blue Lagoon before hiking across surreal lava beds en route to mountaintops that feature kaleidoscopic colors and sweeping vistas of glaciers, geothermal geysers, and waterfalls. With almost no tree cover, Iceland's alien landscape stretches as far as the eye can see, evoking a feeling of comfort despite the isolation and being subjected to nature's extremes.

In friendly Reykjavik, colorful architecture hides quaint bars, charming bakeries, scenic views of the city, a botanical garden, and an open-air history museum.


Godafoss

TRAVEL TIMES BY CAR REYKJAVIK TO:

Akureyri	5½ Hours
Flúðir	1 Hour
Höfn	5½ Hours
Mývatn	5¼ Hours
Vik	2 Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

At the head of Breiðamerkurjökull Glacier on the south coast, Jökulsárlón lagoon is a hauntingly beautiful sight. Once, the glacier reached the Atlantic Ocean a mile away, but has receded over the past 50 years leaving a deep lake in its place. Icebergs fill the lake and are washed up on the black sand Diamond Beach, a popular destination for both tourists and seals.



Iceland Experiences



TAKE A WALK ON THE ICE SIDE GLACIER HIKE

Less than two hours' drive from Reykjavik is the Eyjafjallajökull Glacier, and just beyond, is the Solheimajökull glacier tongue, which extends down from its mother glacier, Myrdalsjökull, right on top of Katla Volcano. After putting on the necessary crampons (included) and learning how to use the basic ice equipment, you will take an easy walk on the glacier. Discover incredible ice formations, ridges and crevasses. On the way back to town, stop at the picturesque waterfalls of Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss, two of Iceland's most spectacular sights.



HOTEL BORG 4*

Highly regarded for its sophisticated Art Deco styling, modern amenities, and an ideal location overlooking Austurvöllur Square, this lux property is a Reykjavik landmark in itself. 56 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Elevator | Breakfast

NORTHERN LIGHTS

No trip to Iceland is complete without viewing the blazing Northern Lights, or *Aurora Borealis*. Appearing when electrically charged solar particles interact with Earth's atmosphere, illuminating the horizon with a greenish glow or sometimes a faint red, painting the sky with everchanging color. A powerful reminder of nature's mystifying power visible September - April.





GOLDEN CIRCLE & FONTANA STEAMBATH

Travel along the iconic Golden Circle and witness the spectacular nature of Iceland. Stand atop the rift between two continental plates at Thingvellir National Park. Marvel in nature's power at the Gullfoss Waterfall before relaxing within the healing waters of the Geysir geothermal area. Experience Iceland's natural wonders first-hand.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: **1.1 Traveler Information** - A traveler's full passport name, date of birth, and gender are required to create a quote, as well as to hold airline space. Failure to provide correct passport names will result in penalties and may result in the loss of airline space. Name corrections may not be possible on some carriers and, if possible, will require a fee and may require complete cancellation and rebooking at additional cost to the traveler. Any penalties associated with name corrections are the responsibility of the traveler and are not the responsibility of Avanti Destinations or the airlines. Avanti Destinations urges travelers to provide a mobile telephone number that may be used in case of emergency during travel. Please see Section 5 for important information regarding travelers with Special Mobility Needs. **1.2 Passport Information** - Passport number, expiration date, and date of birth may be required to confirm services. **1.3 Passport/Visa/Health** - It is the traveler's responsibility to obtain a valid passport and any necessary visa and health documentation required by the country/countries they wish to enter or transfer through. Passports must be valid for six (6) months after the U.S. departure date. Avanti Destinations accepts no responsibility for cancellations due to the lack of proper travel documentation, passport validity, or immunizations. **1.4 Discrepancies** - It is the responsibility of the traveler to ensure all arrangements are booked as requested and that the itinerary contains no errors. Avanti Destinations accepts no responsibility for discrepancies between oral quotes/information and written quotes/information. After payment has been made, all information contained on the itinerary is considered correct by Avanti Destinations. All fees are the responsibility of the travel agent or traveler. Fees will apply up to the full amount paid. **1.5 Exceptions** - Any exception/waiver to these Terms and Conditions is not valid unless given in writing by Avanti Destinations. **1.6 Responsibility** - Avanti Destinations is the tour operator. Avanti Destinations, its agents, and representatives act as agents only for purchasers of these packages in making and securing all arrangements for transportation, sightseeing, hotel accommodations, and other services related to the program. Avanti Destinations is not responsible for errors and omissions contained in its brochures, nor is it liable for acts of God, fires, acts of government and other authorities, wars, civil disturbances, riots, terrorist acts, strikes, thefts, incidents at sea, land, or air travel, and other similar acts or incidents beyond its ability to control.

2. PAYMENT POLICY AND DEPOSIT INFORMATION: **2.1 Fares and Rates** - All prices expressed on this website are in U.S. dollars and are subject to change without notice. Rates are guaranteed once full payment is received. All rates are subject to change until paid in full. **2.2 Reservations** - Reservations should be made as early as possible to assure confirmation of selected travel components and require a minimum of $750.00 in land services. This land minimum is total for the reservation, and travel protection does not qualify toward the land-minimum requirement. Reservations for travel components (air, hotels, car rentals, tours, rail, etc.) are subject to availability. Should circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right to vary itineraries and/or inclusions or to substitute hotels of similar standard. Avanti Destinations accepts no responsibility for any increased cost incurred by such substitutions once accepted by the Travel Agent. **2.3 Deposits** - For bookings made more than 75 days prior to departure, a mandatory non-refundable land deposit of $250.00 per person is due within 7 days after the booking date to activate the booking and to avoid cancellation. Additional deposits may be required for certain products and will be indicated on the initial quote. By providing the deposit, you are agreeing to these Terms and Conditions. Avanti Destinations reserves the right to treat any booking as cancelled by you if the balance is not paid by the option period specified on the booking invoice. **2.4 Final Payment** - Full payment is due 75 days prior to the U.S. departure date, unless otherwise indicated. Avanti Destinations reserves the right to cancel a booking if full payment is not received on time. Bookings made less than 75 days prior to departure require full payment to activate the booking. Please note: any payment constitutes acceptance of the itinerary and our Terms and Conditions. A special handling fee of $50.00 will be assessed to any booking made 21 days or less from the U.S. departure date, in addition to the $45.00 Design, Document, and Delivery Fee. Reservations must be made at least 7 days prior to U.S. departure. Please note there are no Saturday or Sunday deliveries of physical documents. **2.5 Refund Applications** - Refunds of purchased travel components must be requested in writing to Avanti Destinations' Customer Relations department within 30 days of the traveler's return to the U.S. Supporting documentation may be requested to process post-travel claims. For more information, please visit the claims section of our website to submit your client's refund request.

3. CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: **3.1.1 Changes and Cancellations** - Avanti defines Changes and Cancellations as the following: Change - When a land service changes dates or when the number of travelers booked on that service changes, this constitutes a Change. If land services are changed after the initial deposit is received, a revision fee of $50.00 per booking will be charged, in addition to any other noted penalties. Any confirmed services that are completely removed from the booking are subject to the penalties below. Further, the substitution of travelers on bookings that are under payment shall be charged a non-refundable $250.00 per-person deposit. Cancellation - When a traveler is completely removed from a reservation or when the booking is cancelled in full, this constitutes a Cancellation. Cancellation fees are based on the U.S. departure date and the type of service, not the date of service. Each service may have its own additional fees. Requests to remove travelers from a booking, or to cancel bookings in full, must be received in writing by Avanti Destinations' Cancel Requests department at cancelrequests@avantidestinations.com before action will be taken. This written notice must be received by 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time (Monday - Friday) in order to be recorded as cancelled for that date. You will receive an acknowledgement of the cancellation request via email by the end of the next business day.
Land Service Penalties:

Days from Departure	Fee
Prior to full payment	Full deposit per person, plus restrictions below
60 to 11 days prior to departure	Full deposit per person, plus 30% of gross land total plus restrictions below
10 to 1 day(s) prior to departure	Full deposit per person, plus 100% non-refundable
Day of departure, No Shows, and during travel	Full deposit per person, plus 100% non-refundable

3.1.2 Air Cancellations - Upon receipt of full air payment or air deposit, airline tickets are issued, and penalties apply for any change or cancellation. Total air fees are dependent upon the type of fare purchased. All air tickets are non-refundable/non-changeable within 24 hours of departure. Name changes/corrections are considered full cancellations and will be subject to the same cancellation penalties. Any penalties associated with incorrect names are the full responsibility of the traveler and are not the responsibility of Avanti Destinations. In limited cases where a name correction is feasible, a $100.00 fee per name-correction will be assessed. **Air Penalties:**

Fare Type	Fee Per Ticket
Contract Economy/Premium Economy	$400.00
Contract Business/First	$1,000.00
Published (All Cabins)	Non-refundable

3.1.3 Cruise Cancellations - Cancellation policies for cruises vary by cruise line and may be more stringent than those imposed by Avanti Destinations. You will be advised of the cancellation penalties at the time of booking. Please note most cruises are non-refundable. **3.1.4 Rail Cancellations** - Upon receipt of full rail payment, rail passes and any tickets and seat reservations that are currently loaded and ready for confirmation by the various national rail agencies are confirmed and issued. Rail products only can be ticketed when loaded for international issue by the appropriate rail agency for that country. Once payment is made for the rail and it is available to ticket, if the price of the ticket increases, Avanti will contact the Travel Agent for approval to charge the new price and issue the tickets. All rail pricing is subject to change until ticketed, and all rail is non-refundable once issued. **3.1.5 Additional Cancellation Fees** - Some of the properties and services offered by Avanti Destinations have their own cancellation fees. These fees are in addition to any cancellation fees imposed by Avanti Destinations and may not always be disclosed by the property or service provider until the time of cancellation. Any pre-determined fees of which Avanti Destinations is advised in advance will be noted with that property or service on your invoice. All cancellation fees are the sole responsibility of the traveler. **3.1.6 Deposits** - All deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. **3.1.7 Date of Departure** - The date of departure is defined as the date on which the traveler is originally scheduled to leave from North America on their trip. **3.2 Refunds** - No refund claim will be considered or pursued and no action will be taken by Avanti Destinations unless notice of claim is received in writing to Avanti Destinations' Customer Relations department within 30 days of the traveler's return to the U.S. Supporting documentation may be requested to process post-travel claims (the use of traceable mail is strongly recommended). For more information, please visit the claims section of our website to submit your client's refund request. No refunds will be granted for unused land arrangements once the trip has commenced. Refund decisions are determined by Avanti Destinations per the signed contract existing between Avanti Destinations and the supplier(s). No refund determination can be made by anyone other than Avanti Destinations. Avanti Destinations may assess an administrative fee on any refund. Refunds only can be made to the same form of payment originally used and only up to the amount originally charged. Refunds for payments made by one person cannot be made to another person.

4. ACCOMMODATIONS: **4.1 Hotels** - Hotel rates found on this website include (unless otherwise stated): accommodations with private bath or shower, continental breakfast, hotel taxes, and general service charges. Local municipal city taxes may be additional in some cities/resorts and must be paid locally by the traveler. Hotel rates do not include any expenses of a personal nature or any incidental charges. Room assignments are at the discretion of the hotel management, and specific requests cannot be guaranteed. Avanti Destinations guarantees room types that have appropriate bedding for the number of guests requested per room. We do not guarantee a specific bed type. **4.2 Check-In** - Check-in cannot be guaranteed prior to 4:00 p.m. Departure is normally required by 10:00 a.m. **4.3 Air Conditioning** - Avanti Destinations is not responsible for air-conditioning standards or availability, as these factors can vary greatly between properties and countries. Please note hotels in Europe typically do not offer the type of air conditioning to which we in the U.S. are accustomed. Rather, they have a "climate control" system that keeps temperatures within a comfortable range. Therefore, the indoor environment may not be as cool as guests prefer, especially during periods of high outdoor temperatures.

5. SPECIAL MOBILITY NEEDS: Requests for special accommodations and services to meet specific physical requirements - such as wheelchair-accessible rooms, tours, or transfers - must be made at the time of booking (prior to the payment of deposit) and require the submission of a completed Special Mobility Needs Form detailing the limits of mobility and a description of any mobility-assistance devices. Failure to correctly submit this information may result in a disruption of service and/or increased cost to the traveler. Please note accommodation and service requests are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. Further, Avanti Destinations cannot accept responsibility for the standards of the facilities requested, as they can vary between properties.

6. TRANSPORTATION: **6.1 Airline Tickets** - Tickets purchased from Avanti Destinations carry restrictions and penalties for any change, however slight. Not all fares allow mileage upgrades or mileage credit. Airline tickets are non-endorsable, non-transferable. An itinerary is sent immediately from Avanti Destinations so that all information can be checked before payment is made and tickets are issued. Prior to payment and issuance, all airfares are subject to change without notification, and any increase in cost is the responsibility of the traveler. Once payment is made, Avanti Destinations considers the information contained on the itinerary to be correct, and any fees associated with changes or cancellation are the responsibility of the travel agent or traveler. **6.2 Airline Schedule/Equipment/Seat Assignment Changes** - Airlines reserve the right to change schedules, equipment, or routings at any time. Avanti Destinations will automatically pre-assign seats where possible at the time of initial booking. However, advanced seat assignments may not be available on certain flights, can be changed or cancelled by the airline at any time, and never can be guaranteed by Avanti Destinations. It is the traveler's responsibility to contact the airline 72 hours prior to departure and on the day of departure to reconfirm their flights. Any traveler who misses their flight due to a schedule change will not be reimbursed by Avanti Destinations for expenses resulting from a missed flight, such as transfers, hotel nights, tours, or other pre-booked services. Schedule changes may result in lost seat assignments, including upgraded seats and cabins. Avanti Destinations reserves the right to accept on the travel agent's or traveler's behalf any change of schedule within 15 minutes of the originally quoted departure time. Schedule changes greater than 15 minutes will be deferred to the travel agent and must be accepted before tickets are issued/reissued. **6.3 Airline Baggage Allowance** - The number of allowed pieces and the weight of each piece of baggage, whether checked or personally carried onto the plane, varies depending on the airline and the cabin booked. It is the traveler's responsibility to contact the airline directly to inquire about their specific baggage allowance. **6.4 Air Fares** - Fares and schedules are based on regular scheduled carrier service. All applicable airline rules apply, and schedules are subject to change. Basic airfares do not include fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes, passenger facility charges (PFCs), Customs or immigration fees, and excess baggage charges. Airfares require a land minimum of $750.00 for economy/economy plus or $1,000.00 for business/first class in conjunction with the airline ticket. This land minimum is total for the reservation, and travel protection does not qualify toward the land-minimum requirement. For mileage accrual information, please contact the carrier directly for details. **6.5 Transfers and Baggage** - Porterage and baggage handling are not included with transfers unless specifically stated on the transfer voucher. Baggage allowance is limited and varies by country and vehicle type. In general, one (1) medium-sized suitcase and one (1) personal item per person are allowed, and the personal item should fit on the traveler's lap. A larger vehicle must be booked in advance for oversized bags and additional baggage. Failure to do so may result in additional local charges or the cancellation of service with no refund. **6.6 Car Rental** - Drivers must be at least 25 years of age; a maximum age may apply, subject to car rental company rules. Basic car rental rates include unlimited mileage and VAT (value added tax). Rates do not include tolls, gasoline, additional driver surcharge, overtime charges, or VAT on additional items that are paid, agreed to, and/or accepted locally. Specific car models cannot be guaranteed. Airport surcharges and one-way drop-off fees may apply when picking up a vehicle in one location and returning it to another. **6.7 Rail Tickets and Passes** - Avanti Destinations reserves the right to accept on the travel agent's or traveler's behalf any change of schedule within 15 minutes of the originally quoted departure time. Schedule changes greater than 15 minutes will be deferred to the travel agent and must be accepted before tickets are issued. Avanti Destinations is not responsible for rail passes, train tickets, or vouchers that are lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed. Refunds cannot be authorized in such cases. To protect yourself against such losses, please refer to the optional Rail Protection Plan.

7. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Travel documents are sent approximately 4 weeks prior to departure if full payment has been submitted and processed. Avanti Destinations is not responsible for lost or stolen documents; therefore, any re-issuance of documents may be assessed at their full face value and may include an increase in cost. Expedited delivery requests will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday - Friday. Saturday and Sunday deliveries are not currently possible. Travel documents are mailed to the agency of record's street address. Avanti Destinations must be notified 60 days in advance of the travel date if travel documents should be mailed to a different street address, such as the agent's home office or directly to the traveler. **7.1 Traveler Information and Passport/Visa** - The traveler's full passport name, passport number and expiration date, date of birth, and gender are required to hold airline space. Failure to provide correct passport names may result in the loss of airline space, and any penalties associated with incorrect names are not the responsibility of Avanti Destinations or the airlines. The traveler assumes complete and full responsibility for, and hereby releases Avanti Destinations from, any duty of checking and verifying any and all passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements for each destination. Passport number, expiration date, gender, mobile phone number, and date of birth may be required to confirm services. Please note most countries require at least six (6) months remaining passport validity at the time of travel. To facilitate communication during travel, Avanti Destinations urges our clients to provide the traveler's mobile telephone number that may be used during travel in case of emergency.

8. TRAVEL PROTECTION: Avanti Destinations is not responsible for missed or unused services for reasons including, but not limited to, flight delays, weather, traveler injuries or illness, strikes, or other unforeseen circumstances. Avanti Destinations strongly encourages all travelers to purchase travel protection or other qualified travel insurance. If you have purchased travel protection, please refer to your plan information for all plan details.

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