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michael merrithew | president & ceo

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We pride ourselves in offering a truly unique vacation experience, available exclusively from Merit Travel. We continue to broaden horizons with destinations and itineraries that offer you a world of experience. ***We can customize a quality vacation itinerary to fit any group.***

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Bon Voyage!



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Galapagos

tour

1 8 days

departures

October 11, 2005

May 6, 2006



voyage to
galapagos

Some of the most incredible wildlife in the world is found on the Galapagos Islands. On this trip of a lifetime you will encounter such rare birds as the blue footed boobie, catch a glimpse of the Galapagos penguin, admire the tri-coloured marine iguanas and watch the sea lions frolic in the surf. Darwin's Galapagos is a relaxed, magical environment of plants and wildlife which cannot be found anywhere else. Nowhere else will you find sea and land animals more approachable. Snorkeling or scuba diving provides a view into the fantastic underwater world of dolphins, tropical fish, sharks and coral gardens. Whether you are underwater or on land, the Galapagos is a feast for the senses!



Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	toronto	vancouver	tax
October 11, 2005			
May 6, 2006	\$2899	\$3399	\$150

Single supplement: please enquire.

Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

included: return economy airfare | airport transfers | 4 breakfasts | 4 lunches | 4 dinners | 2 nights accommodation in Quito | domestic flight to Galapagos | 6 nights Galapagos cruise (twin share cabin on-board motorized yacht) | sightseeing as per the itinerary | services of a local representative

not included: \$250 USD local payment plus \$100 USD Galapagos Park entry fee to be paid locally, meals not mentioned, tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned. Pre-booked scuba dive tours are available at \$70 USD per person. Proof of NAUI or PADI certification required.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Quito, Ecuador

Day 2: Arrive Quito

Day 3: Santa Cruz - Fly to the Galapagos Islands. Transfer to our boat, the Adventurer II. Transfer to the Charles Darwin Station.

Day 4: Seymour - Sail to North Seymour.

Day 5: Bartholomé - Arrive at Bartholomé Island.

Day 6: Santa Fé - Sail to Santa Fé Island.

Day 7: San Cristobal - Fly to Quito.

Day 8: Depart Quito

For the ultimate diving adventure ask about our Agressor fleet dive vacations. Voted one of the best live-aboard dive yachts by the readers of Rodate's SCUBA magazine.



the saalach valley circular trail

(hiking in Austria without luggage)



Hike through the breathtaking scenery of the Austrian Alps and experience the culture and tradition which are so unique to Austria.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	toronto/montreal	vancouver	calgary/victoria	departure tax
May 29, 2005	\$2079	\$2459	\$2529	\$210
Sept 14, 2005	\$2079	\$2459	\$2529	\$210
Oct 12, 2005	\$1989	\$2199	\$2279	\$210

Single supplement: add \$375 CDN per person.

Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

included: return economy airfare | 7 nights accommodation in hotels or inns with shower and washroom facilities | airport transfers | half board plan (daily breakfast & dinner) | hiking map with detailed hike descriptions, souvenir hiking plan and socks | luggage transportation from lodging to lodging
not included: lunch & snacks, tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Salzburg, Austria

Day 2: Hike from Saafelden - Biberg - Saalach Valley.

Day 3: Hike from Maishofen to Maria Alm.

Day 4: Uphill from Maria Alm to Hintermoos.

Day 5: Hike from Hintermoos to Dienten am Hochkönig.

Day 6: Dienten or old Zachlof farm to Hinterdienten Hiking Trail to Priesterhofl. Ascent to the Erichhütte on the Schonbergalm. Descent along Weitwanderweg via Pichalm to Hinterthal.

Day 7: Hinterthal to Gasthof Wachtjufen to Maria Alm and small inclines to Ramseiden and Saafelden.

Day 8: Depart Salzburg



note: Total length of hike - 62 km - 21 hrs walking time - 4000 m total elevation. Hikers should bring: extra socks, sweater, shorts, water & snacks. Emergency assistance is always accessible.

Chile

tour

3

10 days

departure

August 5, 2005



portillo

includes 2 night extension in
santiago chile

ITINERARY

Portillo ski area is the most famous and oldest ski resort in South America, renown for its world class skiing and snowboarding. A self contained ski area with one hotel means fewer skiers and snowboarders, no lift lines and great powder. Spend your day as you please.

Included:

2 night extension in Santiago

Overnight in Santiago before & after your Portillo package.

Portillo Ski Area:

Base Elevation: 3,322 metres

Acres: 280 hectares

Lifts: 13

Easy Runs: 20%

Intermediate Runs: 25%

Expert Runs: 55%



While North America can't beat the summer heat, the majestic Andes offer some of the Southern Hemisphere's best winter sports facilities. From June to October, Chile is one of the favourite destinations for winter sports lovers.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	toronto/montreal	vancouver	departure tax
August 5 , 2005	\$4499	\$4799	\$100

Single supplement: add \$899 CDN per person.

Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

included: return economy airfare | roundtrip transfers Santiago to Hotel Portillo | roundtrip transfer Santiago to airport | 7 nights accommodation at Hotel Portillo | 2 nights accommodation at Plaza San Francisco in Santiago | meal plan: breakfast, lunch, tea & dinner daily | unlimited ski pass
not included: tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned

7 days

tour
4

departures

May - December, 2005

Exclusive Travel Offer**Stay 6 nights & get the 7th night FREE!**

Offer valid year round except during certain black-out dates. Ask for details.



included: roundtrip airport transfers from San Antonio airport to the Mayan Dude Ranch | three meals daily | two horseback rides over picturesque trails encompassing 300 acres | 7 nights real western accommodations | all facilities and activities included | hayrides | barbecues | cowboy breakfasts | steak fries | Mexican fiestas | Texas size swimming pool | tennis courts | nature trails | fishing or swimming in the Medina River | complimentary morning coffee and juice | complimentary beer and wine before and with dinner | plus much more

not included: laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned

mayan dude ranch

banderas, texas



"Everything is bigger in Texas" and Bandera is no exception. Now is your chance to live your childhood dream and be a cowboy or cowgirl at Bandera, cowboy capital of the world, and home to seven world rodeo champions.

Stay at The Mayan Dude Ranch in Bandera, Texas and you can be a part of the western tradition that has produced world champion rodeo cowboys. Picturesque trails wind over 340 acres from the lowlands of the Medina River to high in the hills for a panoramic view of the valleys beyond.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	land only
May - December, 2005	\$1390
Single supplement: add \$200 CDN per person.	

13 days

tour
5

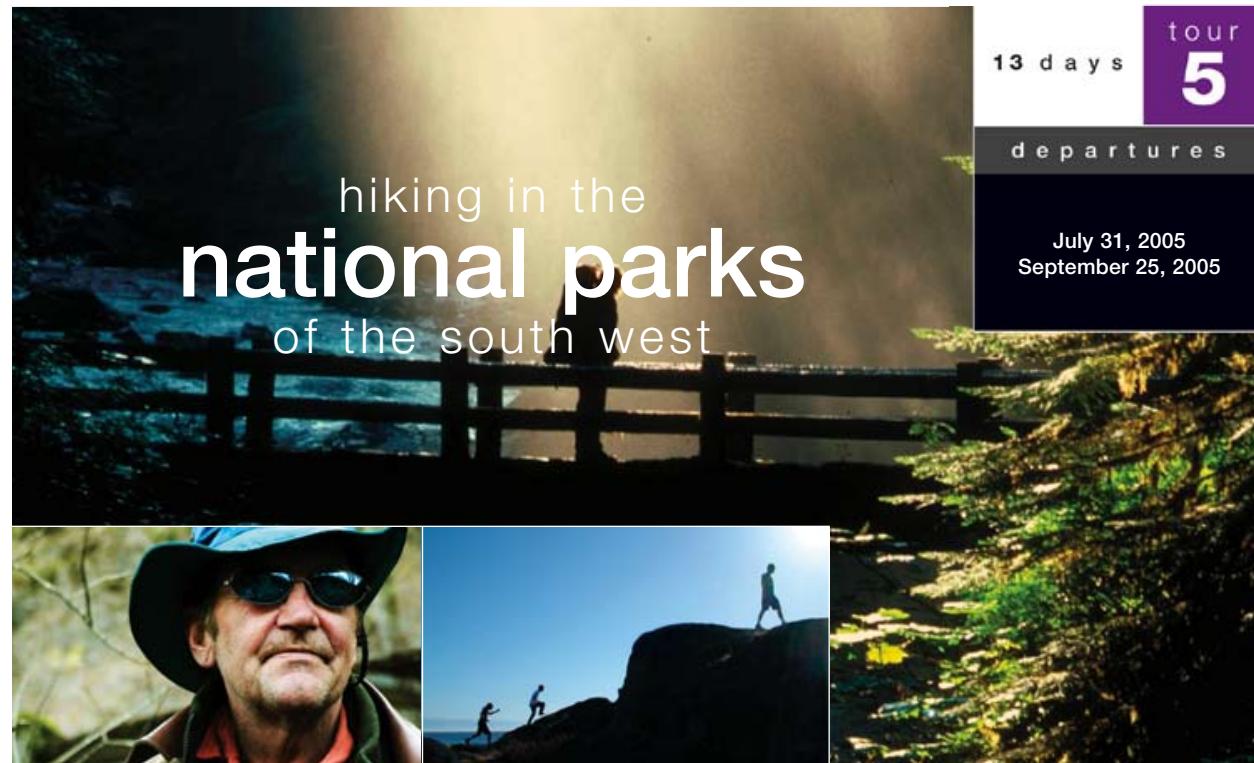
departures

July 31, 2005
September 25, 2005

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Las Vegas**Day 2:** Explore the Zion Canyon park.**Day 3:** Climb up Angel's Landing.**Day 4:** Bryce Canyon - Hike through the red rock formations of the Fairyland Loop, or explore the park with a stroll along the rim.**Day 5:** Hike to Cassidy Arch or stroll through Grand Wash's slot canyon.**Day 6:** Travel to Moab.**Day 7:** Explore Arches National Park.**Day 8:** Explore Canyonlands National Park.**Day 9:** Travel to Monument Valley then to Page on Lake Powell.**Day 10:** Explore the slot canyons of Antelope, then head to Grand Canyon.**Day 11:** Hike to Plateau Point (self guided) or walk to Hermit's Rest on the West Rim.**Day 12:** Drive to Las Vegas.**Day 13:** Depart Las Vegas

**hiking in the
national parks
of the south west**



A fast paced walking and multi-activity extravaganza to the US' most beautiful desert National Parks and Indian lands.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	camping tour - land only	hotel tour - land only
July 31, 2005 Sept 25, 2005	\$1490	\$2190

Single supplement: add \$149 CDN per person camping tour; \$689 CDN per person hotel tour.

included: airport transfers | 7 nights accommodation in a single room | 7 breakfasts | sightseeing as per the itinerary | escort based on minimum 10 passengers travelling

not included: entrance fees for the tours outlined in the itinerary, metro fares, tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, lunches or dinners, items not mentioned

tour
6

20 days

departures

November 5, 12, 2005
February 11, 2006

from the
outback
 to the
glaciers



Visit the Great Barrier Reef, Alice Springs and Ayers Rock. See kangaroos, Tasmanian devils, dingos, crocodiles, koalas, and visit the famed Opera House in Sydney. Learn about the aboriginal people and meet the friendly Aussies.

New Zealand - a country filled with spectacular natural wonders, cosmopolitan cities, friendly people and a comfortable climate. Visit Christchurch, see Franz Josef Glacier, enjoy the Mount Cook National Park and spend the day exploring Queenstown.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	toronto	montreal/ottawa	vancouver	departure tax
November 5, 2005	\$6999	\$7099	\$6599	\$430
November 12, 2005	\$7279	\$7279	\$6779	\$430
February 11, 2006	\$7289	\$7289	\$6789	\$430

Single supplement: November departures add \$1500 CDN per person; February departures add \$1590 CDN per person.

Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

included: return economy airfare | 17 nights accommodation | airport transfers | 14 breakfasts | 2 lunches | 12 dinners | sightseeing as per the itinerary | services of a local representative

not included: tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, local airport tax in New Zealand (approximately \$25NZD must be paid in NZD upon exiting New Zealand) items not mentioned

note: passports and visas are required for this tour. Certain countries require a minimum of six months passport validity. Please enquire for further details.

Due to changes in air schedules while on tour, the order of days may change or an overnight in Los Angeles may be required.

If you purchase the outer reef option in the Great Barrier Reef, the glass bottom boat ride will be replaced by a semi-submersible boat on the outer reef pontoon.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Melbourne, Australia

Day 2: In transit

Day 3: Arrive Melbourne

Day 4: Melbourne - Sightseeing tour.

Day 5: Melbourne - Alice Springs - Fly to Alice Springs.

Day 6: Alice Springs - Visit the Aboriginal people of the Walpiri Tribe.

Day 7: Alice Springs - Ayers Rock - Ayers Rock in the heart of the Australian Outback.

Day 8: Ayers Rock - Cairns - Travel to Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.

Day 9: Great Barrier Reef - Catamaran excursion to the Great Barrier Reef.

Day 10: Cairns - Sydney - Depart for Sydney.

Day 11: Sydney - Cruise on Sydney Harbour.

Day 12: Sydney - Travel to Eukora Clearing for breakfast with the kangaroos.

Day 13: Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand -

Travel to New Zealand.

Day 14: Christchurch - Franz Josef Glacier Region

- Journeying across New Zealand's Southern Alps.

Day 15: Franz Josef Glacier - Queenstown - Arrive in Queenstown.

Day 16: Queenstown - Milford Sound -

Queenstown - Travel through Beech Forest to the Hollyford Valley via the Horner Tunnel to Milford Sound.

Day 17: Queenstown - Free day.

Day 18: Queenstown - Mount Cook -

Visit to Arrowtown.

Day 19: Mount Cook - Christchurch -

Travel to Christchurch.

Day 20: Christchurch - Los Angeles

Depart Los Angeles



Optional post 2 night Fiji tour extension Rates

from \$599 CDN per person.

Ask for details.





12 days

tour
7

d e p a r t u r e

October 5, 2005
April 26, 2006

An unforgettable journey along one of Europe's most famous rivers as it winds its way through the very heart of Europe towards the Black Sea. Enter a world of natural wonders, like the beautiful Wachau Valley, cruise through a world of hilltop castles and gorgeous countryside. Discover grand art, breathtaking cathedrals and a rich cultural heritage. A walking tour of Prague takes you along the same streets walked by Mozart, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departure	deck	toronto	vancouver	air tax
October 5, 2005 April 26, 2006	Dorabella	\$4999	\$5229	\$210

Single supplement: please enquire.

Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

included: return economy airfare | 7 nights accommodation aboard the MV Mozart in an outside cabin | all meals on-board cruise | 3 nights Prague extension at a 4 star hotel | sightseeing in Prague as per the itinerary | welcome dinner and daily breakfast in Prague | all meals on-board the cruise | all transfers throughout | shore excursions | port fees

not included: tipping, drinks, insurance, items of a personal nature, items not mentioned

included shore excursions package: Durstein tour | Vienna City tour | Budapest City tour | Bratislava Old Town Walking tour | Melk Benedictine Abbey tour

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Prague, Czech Republic

Day 2: Arrive Prague

Day 3: Prague - Guided walking tour of Old Prague.

Day 4: Prague - Visit the Prague Castle.

Day 5: Prague - Passau (Embark) - Transfer from your hotel in Prague to the port in Passau.

MV Mozart - 7 night cruise

Day 5: Passau - Embarkation

Day 6: Durnstein - City walk tour in the morning.

Cruise to Vienna.

Day 7: Vienna - City tour, Schonbrunn Palace, Southern Viennese Forest.

Day 8: Esztergom - Danube Bend and Szentendre tour. Depart for Budapest.

Day 9: Budapest - City tour.

Day 10: Bratislava - Old Town tour. Cruise to Vienna.

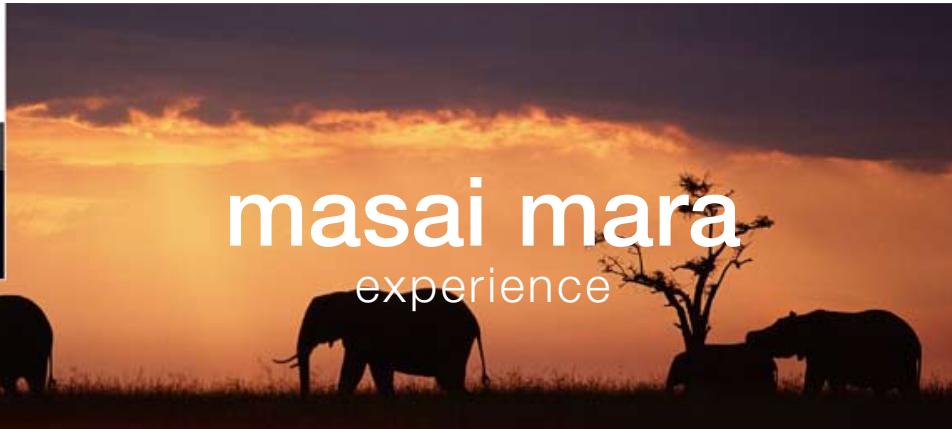
Day 11: Melk - Tour Benedictine Abbey.

Day 12: Arrive Passau - Munich Airport: Arrive Munich transfer to the airport.

Depart Munich

Itineraries and excursions are subject to change.





masai mara

experience



This safari offers a fantastic insight into the diverse nature and landscape of Kenya. Samburu is home to such wildlife as the beisa oryx, gerenuk, grevys' zebra, Somali ostrich and reticulated giraffe. A quick trip to Lake Nakuru brings us in contact with flamingos, rothschild giraffes and white rhino. Camp under the stars in Masai Mara and see the lions, leopards, elephants and rhinos. Watching these fabulous animals in their natural habitat is guaranteed to leave you breathless and planning your next visit.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	toronto	vancouver	departure tax
October 14, 2005	\$3299		
January 13, 2006		\$3599	\$200

Single supplement: please enquire.

Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

note: The Masai Mara trip can be combined with our Serengeti excursion (tour 9) for a 16 day tour.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Nairobi, Kenya

Day 2: Arrive Nairobi

Day 3: Nairobi - Depart Nairobi and drive north to Naro Moru.

Day 4 & 5: Samburu Game Reserve - Tour Samburu Game Reserve.

Day 6: Lake Nakuru - Visit Lake Nakuru - a shallow soda lake.

Day 7 & 8: Masai Mara - Arrive at Masai Mara and set up camp.

Day 9: Depart Nairobi



included: return economy airfare | airport transfers | 4 breakfasts | 5 lunches | 4 dinners | 6 nights camping | 1 night accommodation in Nairobi | sightseeing as per the itinerary | transportation by safari minibus | certified safari guide throughout

not included: \$200 USD local tour payment, meals not mentioned, tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned

serengeti

experience



Tanzania, a country dominated by vast open plains, provides some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities the continent has to offer. Spend a day at Lake Manyara and catch a glimpse of the famous tree climbing lions. Then it is onto Serengeti, Tanzania's most famous National Park. Virtually treeless plains, breathtaking scenery and an abundance of wildlife are waiting for you. The wonders of East Africa continue with a trip to the Ngorongoro crater, an impressive 20 km wide volcanic crater.

departures	toronto	vancouver	departure tax
October 21, 2005	\$3499	\$3899	\$200
March 10, 2006			

Single supplement: please enquire.

Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

note: The Serengeti trip can be combined with our Masa Mara experience (tour 8) for a 16 day tour.

ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Depart for Nairobi, Kenya
- Day 2:** Arrive Nairobi
- Day 3:** Nairobi to Arusha - Travel to Tanzania.
- Day 4 & 5:** Serengeti National Park - Transfer to Serengeti National Park.
- Day 6 & 7:** Ngorongoro Crater - Tour the Ngorongoro Crater.
- Day 8:** Marangu - Travel to Marangu village.
- Day 9:** Depart Nairobi



included: return economy airfare | airport transfers | 8 breakfasts | 7 lunches | 7 dinners | 7 nights camping | 1 night accommodation in Nairobi | sightseeing as per the itinerary | transportation by safari minibus | certified safari guide throughout

not included: \$200 USD local tour payment, meals not mentioned, tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned



trails of indochina

Featuring Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand

A 2,000 mile coastline with white sandy beaches, rice paddies tended by farmers and mountains covered in lush tropical vegetation is the landscape of Vietnam. We begin with a sightseeing tour of Ho Chi Minh City including a visit to Chinatown. Explore the amazing complex underground tunnels in Cu Chi which were used during the Vietnam War.

In Danang, visit Marble Mountain and the famous China Beach before continuing onto Hue. In Hanoi, visit the Royal Tombs of Emperor Tu Duc and Khai Dinh.

Phnom Penh brings us to the National Museum of Arts where most of the exhibits date from the Angkor period.

In Siem Rep, transfer to the Angkor temples for an unforgettable visit to the antique capital of Angkor Thom. Angkor Wat, the most famous of the temples, is comparable in size to the Imperial Palace in Beijing and is considered by historians to be the prime example of classical Khmer art and architecture.

Our adventure ends in Bangkok the most fabulous shopping area in Thailand.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	toronto	vancouver	tax/visa fee
November 11, 2005 April 22, 2006	\$4999	\$4869	\$299

Single supplement: add \$749 CDN per person.

Air add on based on Toronto: Montreal/Ottawa add \$75 CDN per person.

Air add on based on Vancouver: Victoria add \$125 CDN per person Calgary add \$200 CDN per person.

included: return economy airfare | airport transfers | 13 nights accommodation | 16 meals | 13 breakfasts | 2 lunches | 1 dinner | sightseeing as per the itinerary | services of a local representative

not included: tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned, Vietnamese and Cambodian visas required.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Lose one day crossing the international dateline.

Day 2: Arrive Ho Chi Minh City
- Free day.

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh - Sightseeing tour.

Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho -Vinh Trang Pagoda and boat ride on the Mekong River.

Day 5: Ho Chi Minh - Danang-Hoi An - Fly to Danang. Visit Marble Mountain and China Beach.

Day 6: Hoi An - Danang-Hue

- Drive to Danang, boat trip on the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda.

Day 7: Hue - Hanoi - Royal Tombs of Emperor Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. Fly to Hanoi.

Day 8: Hanoi - Halong - Visit the One Pillar Pagoda, Fine Arts Museum, Temple of Literature, Hoan Kiem Lake (Lake of the Restored Sword) and Old Quarters.

Day 9: Halong - Hanoi - Boat trip through Halong Bay.

Day 10: Hanoi - Phnom Penh

Day 11: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap - Visit to the antique capital of Angkor Thom.

Day 12: Siem Reap - Tour the temples of Prasat Kravan, Pre Rup, the Mountain Temple, Eastern Mebon, Ta Som, Neak Pean and Preah Khan.

Day 13: Siem Reap - Bangkok

Day 14: Bangkok - Boat trip along the Chao Phraya River and Klongs (canals) of Thonburi with stops at the Temple of Dawn and the Royal Barges.

Day 15: Depart Bangkok

Optional extension in Thailand

River Kwai Jungle Village: from \$299 CDN. Ask for details.





treasures of
china,
yangtze river &
hong kong

tour

China. A land rich in history and culture. We start in Beijing, one of the world's great cities, with a tour of the spectacular Imperial Palace and the Summer Palace. Then imagine yourself standing in the middle of the historic Tiananmen Square. Explore Hutong, the old alley and experience daily life in this ancient city. Visit the legendary Great Wall which stretches over 5,000 kms across the top of China. Stroll down the "Sacred Way" boulevard lined with stone statues leading the way to the Ming tombs.

In Xian, we encounter the great wonder of the Terra Cotta Warriors, an Emperor's funerary army built to protect him on his journey to the afterlife. Each soldier and horse is unique. A cruise through the Three Gorges provides a stunning display

of massive rock faces forged by the mighty Yangtze River.

In Shanghai, once known as "Paris of the East" visit the new Shanghai Museum. The museum contains the city's priceless collection of artifacts, cultural relics, bronze-ware and pottery.

In Guilin, discover the sublime landscape, it is said that Guilin overshadows all other cities in China for scenery. Limestone peaks are draped in vegetation that reflect in the serenity of rice paddies.

Our journey ends in the fabulous cosmopolitan city of Hong Kong known as the "City of Life".



departure	toronto/ottawa/montreal	tax/visa fee
October 10, 2005	\$6175	\$295

Single supplement: add \$1995 CDN per person.
Other Canadian gateways: Thunder Bay: add \$200 CDN per person. Halifax: add \$300 CDN per person. Calgary/Edmonton: deduct \$50 CDN per person. Vancouver: deduct \$200 CDN per person. Additional Canadian gateways available upon request.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

included: return economy airfare | domestic airfares within China | airport transfers | first class hotel accommodation | 4 nights accommodation aboard Regal China Cruises | sightseeing as per the day by day itinerary with English speaking guides | 41 meals (including daily American buffet breakfast) and 2 special dinners and 2 western dinners in China | shore excursions as listed in the itinerary | services of a local representative

not included: tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items of a personal nature, items not mentioned. Chinese visa required.

I T I N E R A R Y

Day 1: Depart for Beijing, China

Day 2: Arrive Beijing

Day 3: Beijing - Tour Imperial Palace, the Summer Palace and visit Tiananmen Square.

Day 4: Beijing - Tour the Great Wall of China.

Day 5: Beijing - Xian - Visit the Temple of Heaven and the Hall of Prayer.

Day 6: Xian - View the life-sized Terra Cotta Warriors at Emperor Qin Shi Huang Di's Tomb, Hua Qing Hot Springs and the Provincial Museum.

Day 7: Xian - Chonqing - Yangtze River (Regal China Cruise) - Fly to Chongqing.

Day 8: Yangtze River Cruise - Journey along the mighty Yangtze.

Day 9: Yangtze River Cruise - Begin the passage with Qutang Gorge.

Day 10: Yangtze River Cruise - Three Gorges Dam.

Day 11: Yangtze River - Wuhan - Shanghai - Tour to Yellow Crane River; fly to Shanghai.

Day 12: Shanghai - Tour Shanghai.

Day 13: Shanghai - Guilin - Fly to Guilin.

Day 14: Guilin - Boat trip down Li river.

Day 15: Guilin - Hong Kong - Underground chambers of Reed Flute Cave; fly to Hong Kong

Day 16: Hong Kong - Sightseeing tour of Hong Kong.

Day 17: Depart Hong Kong



musical tour to austria



This tour brings to mind Julie Andrews in one of her most famous roles as Fräulein Maria in the Sound of Music. Witness the opening ceremony of the 1st International Festival of Choruses featuring a Barbershop Harmony. Participate in the festival, enjoy concerts and workshops all against the spectacular scenic backdrop of Vienna. Enjoy a tour of some of Vienna's most famous sights including the Hofburg, the Ringstrasse, the Votive Church, St. Charle's Church and Musikverein. Vienna is home to the graveyard known as the final resting place of some the world's greatest composers - Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms and Strauss. A walking tour of Salzburg visiting the birthplace of Mozart and many of the film sites from the "Sound of Music". This tour is definitely alive with the sound of music.

departure	toronto	vancouver	victoria/calgary	tax
July 12, 2005	\$2589	\$2999	\$3099	\$116

Single supplement: please enquire.

Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

included: return economy airfare | 8 days transportation via air conditioned coach | 4 nights accommodation at the 4 star Hotel Ananas in Vienna or similar | 3 nights accommodation at the Hotel Renaissance in Salzburg or similar | all sightseeing and entrance fees as per the day by day itinerary with English speaking guide | 14 meals: 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners | participant fees for the 1st International Festival of Choruses in Vienna (includes access to clinic, workshops and performances) | services of a local representative

not included: local tips, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Munich, Germany

Day 2: Arrive Munich - Transfer to Vienna by coach. Evening concert.

Day 3: Vienna - International Festival of Choruses, featuring Barbershop Harmony, choral workshops, and rehearsal Sightseeing tour of Vienna and evening concert.

Day 4: Vienna - Choral workshops and rehearsal.

Day 5: Vienna - Participate in the first annual International Festival of Choruses. Joint eve-

ning gala concert with other festival participants.

Day 6: Vienna / Salzburg - Transfer to Salzburg.

Day 7: Salzburg - Walking tour of the city.

Day 8: Salzburg - Free day. Evening concert followed by a farewell dinner.

Day 9: Depart Salzburg / Munich

Ask about our 2006 Mozart tour to Austria to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Mozart.

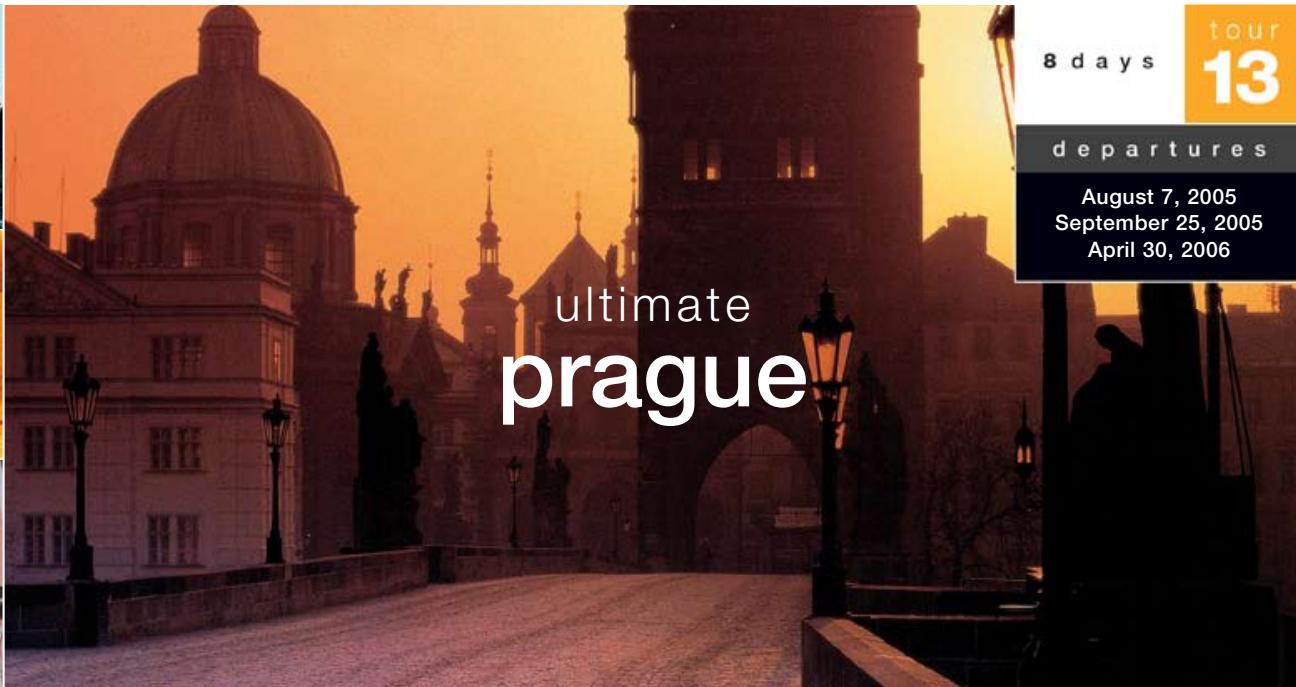
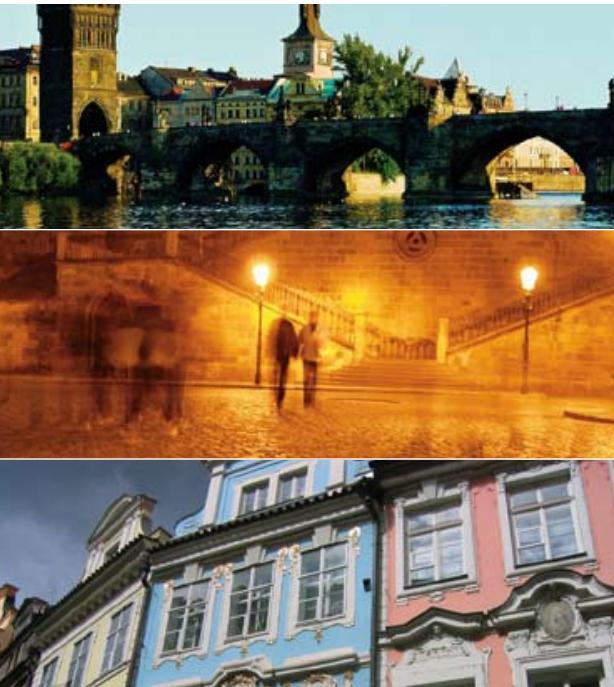


8 days

tour
13

departures

August 7, 2005
 September 25, 2005
 April 30, 2006



ultimate prague

Your trip to Prague begins at the Hotel Adria located in the famous Wenceslas Square in the city centre. An escorted orientation walk provides your first glimpse of this fascinating city. Stroll the same streets as Mozart, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. See the house where Albert Einstein played violin to his friends during his teaching days at the old Charles University. Attend a Czech Folklore Party complete with traditional music, dance and of course local fare.

Visit the Chateau Konopiste and see the bullet that started World War I; tour Prague Castle, one of the largest castles in the world and the seat of kings since time immemorial and take a Ghost Walk through town which provides a more colourful look at this historic city. Travel to Krivoklat Castle, Koneprusy Caves and Nizbor glass factory where the famous Bohemian Crystal is made.

We conclude our trip with a free day. Optional tours to Prague's wine country or to the Mucha Museum are available. A farewell dinner with traditional Czech food and beer, at the U Fleku founded in 1499, caps off a memorable trip.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departure	toronto	vancouver	victoria/calgary	tax
August 7, 2005	\$2399	\$2799	\$2899	\$240
Sept. 25, 2005	\$2299	\$2699	\$2799	\$240
April 30, 2006	\$2449	\$2849	\$2949	\$240

Single supplement: add \$492 CDN per person.

Upgrade supplement: upgrade to the 5 star Ambassador Hotel on Wenceslas Square - Add \$184 CDN per person/double.

Single supplement for Ambassador Hotel - add \$770 CAD per person.

Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

included: return economy airfare | 6 nights first class accommodation | airport transfers | 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners | sightseeing as per the itinerary | services of a local representative
not included: tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned

note: If you are interested in any of the optional evening activities for which tickets are necessary, please sign up as early as possible to enable us to get you the best tickets from our Prague representative.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Prague, Czech Republic

Day 2: Arrive Prague

Day 3: Prague - Tour through the Old Town.

In the evening, Czech Folklore Party.

Day 4: Prague - Chateau Konopiste -

Tour of Chateau Konopiste. Optional evening activities include: Black Light Theatre, Organ Concert or Jazz Boat on Vltava River.

Day 5: Prague - Prague Castle Tour:

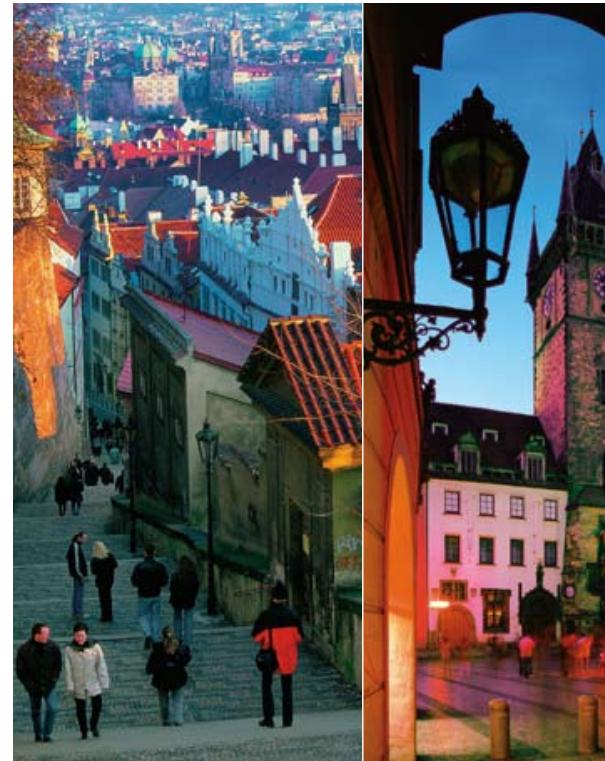
Tour Prague Castle, one of the largest in the world. An evening Ghost Walk brings to life some of Prague's legendary spirits.

Day 6: Prague - Krivoklat Castle -

Koneprusy Caves and Nizbor Glass Factory.

Day 7: Prague - Free day.

Day 8: Depart Prague

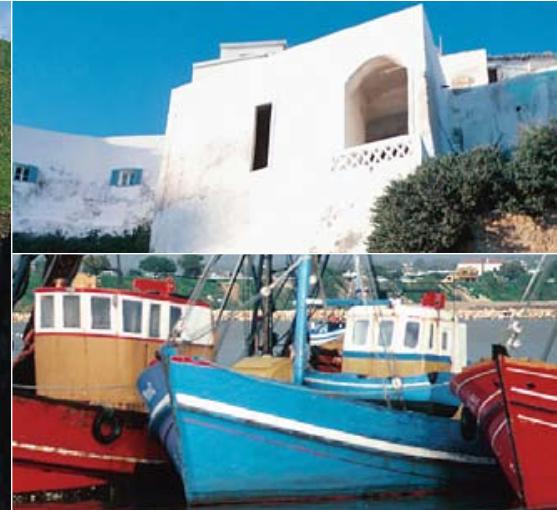
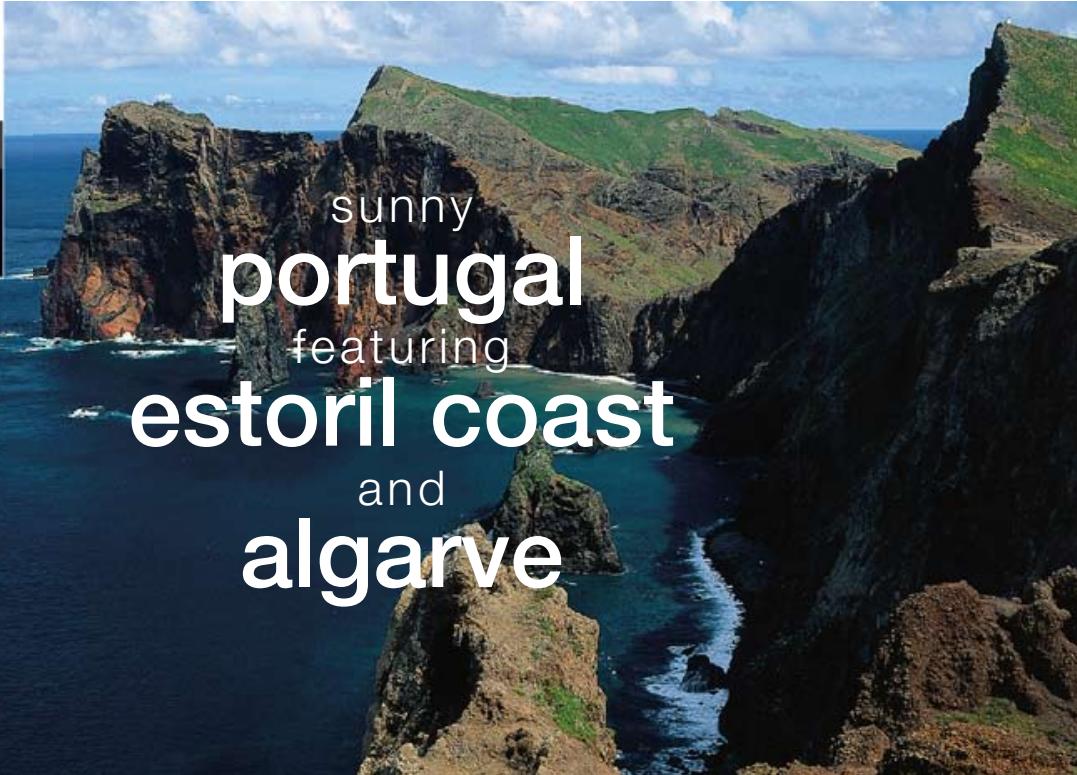


tour
14 10 days

departures

November 3, 2005
March 16, 2006

sunny
portugal
 featuring
estoril coast
 and
algarve



Embark on a tour to Portugal, one of Europe's most hospitable countries filled with ancient castles, Roman ruins, fairy tale palaces, picture-perfect whitewashed villages, and gentle, helpful people.

Stroll the narrow cobblestone streets and shop for ceramics, lace, tapestries and the famous "azulejos" hand painted tiles. Tour century old local wineries and sample some of the finest Portuguese wines available.

Portugal's "Silver Coast" is a spectacular region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards, age-old castles and the world famous pilgrimage centre of Fatima.

A visit to the Algarve is a highlight of the trip. Its year round pleasant climate and beautiful beaches make the region a scenic oasis.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	toronto	vancouver	tax
November 3, 2005	\$2329	\$2629	\$210
March 16, 2006	\$2499	\$2799	\$210

Single supplement: March departures add \$480 CDN per person. November departures: add \$470 CDN per person.
Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

included: return economy airfare | 8 nights accommodation | airport transfers | 8 breakfasts |

7 dinners | sightseeing as per the itinerary | services of local representative

not included: local tips, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Lisbon, Portugal

Day 2: Arrive Lisbon - Estoril

Day 3: Estoril - Cascais - Sintra: Explore the towns surrounding Estoril.

Day 4: Estoril - Free day.

Day 5: Estoril - Fatima - Nazare - Obidos - Travel to Portugal's "Silver Coast".

Day 6: Estoril - Evora - Algarve - Travel to Evora and the Algarve.

Day 7: Algarve - Free day.

Day 8: Algarve - Lagos - Sagres - Cape of St. Vincente - Travel to the historic town of Lagos.

Day 9: Algarve - Lisbon - Return to Portugal's capital of Lisbon.

Day 10: Depart Lisbon

Optional 3 night Madeira Island post-tour extension

Known as the "Pearl of the Atlantic," Madeira offers a combination of beautiful scenery and an excellent year-round climate. 400 miles off the coast of Africa, this lush, semi-tropical island offers cascading waterfalls, sleepy fishing villages, and exotic flowering plants and fruits. Stay in the quaint capital of Funchal, at the deluxe Savoy Hotel, which overlooks the blue Atlantic.

\$1319 CDN per person based on double occupancy.

optional extension includes: roundtrip airport transfers | 3 nights accommodation | daily breakfast | 2 dinners | full day island tour



9 days

tour
15

departures

May 24, 2005
May 27, 2006

a women's paris



Paris. Just saying the name conjures images of fashion, fine dining and romance. This tour of the "City of Lights" takes you on a cruise on the legendary river Seine, a visit to Versailles, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower. Attend a fashion show at Galeries Lafayette. Wander through the Musée D'Orsay; home to such renowned artists as Van Gogh, Manet, Monet, Degas and Renoir. Stroll through the streets of Paris shopping at chic boutiques and art galleries. Stop for a glass of wine at a local café and watch the world go by.

Prices per person \$CDN based on single occupancy

departures	toronto/montreal	vancouver	victoria/calgary	departure tax
May 24, 2005	\$3099	\$3399	\$3499	\$100
May 27, 2006				

Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

note: This trip can be combined with the Woman's Nice & French Riviera experience (tour 16).

8 days

tour
16

departures

June 4, 2005

June 3, 2006

a women's
nice
 and the
french riviera



included: return economy airfare | airport transfers | 6 nights hotel accommodation at Hotel Villa Victoria in a single room | 6 breakfasts | sightseeing as per the itinerary | services of a local representative

not included: metro fares, tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, lunches or dinners, items not mentioned

Combine the best of both worlds with this unforgettable trip to Nice and the French Riviera. Visit the Old Town of Nice containing a treasure-trove of baroque art from the 17th and 18th centuries; museums which house such famous artists as Matisse and Chagall. Lose yourself amongst the rich and famous in Cannes, St. Paul, Monaco and Cap Ferrat. Stroll along La Croisette, Cannes' esplanade, a great place for shopping with such famous labels as Chanel, Christian Dior, Louis Vuitton and Cartier.

Prices per person \$CDN based on single occupancy

departures	toronto/montreal	vancouver	victoria/calgary	departure tax
June 4, 2005	\$3199	\$3499	\$3599	\$195
June 3, 2006				

Land only rate for passengers extending after Women's Paris tour: \$2490 CDN per person plus \$100 CDN taxes based on single occupancy, including flight from Paris/Nice

note: This trip can be combined with the Woman's Paris (tour 15).



Tuscany is not only famous for its wines but spectacular public and private gardens. Explore the rich history of the Italian villa and gardens and experience the Italian love affair with landscape and design. Tour some of the most important examples of Italian gardens such as the Boboli garden and the garden Palazzo Corsini al Prato. The Villa Garzoni is completely decorated with flowers and fountains and inspired the story of Pinocchio.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy and a minimum 10 passengers travelling

departures	toronto	vancouver	victoria/calgary	tax
June 5, 2005	\$5199	\$5429	\$5529	\$170
Sept 10, 2005				

Single supplement: add \$290 CDN per person.

Canadian gateways: departures available from other Canadian gateways, please enquire.

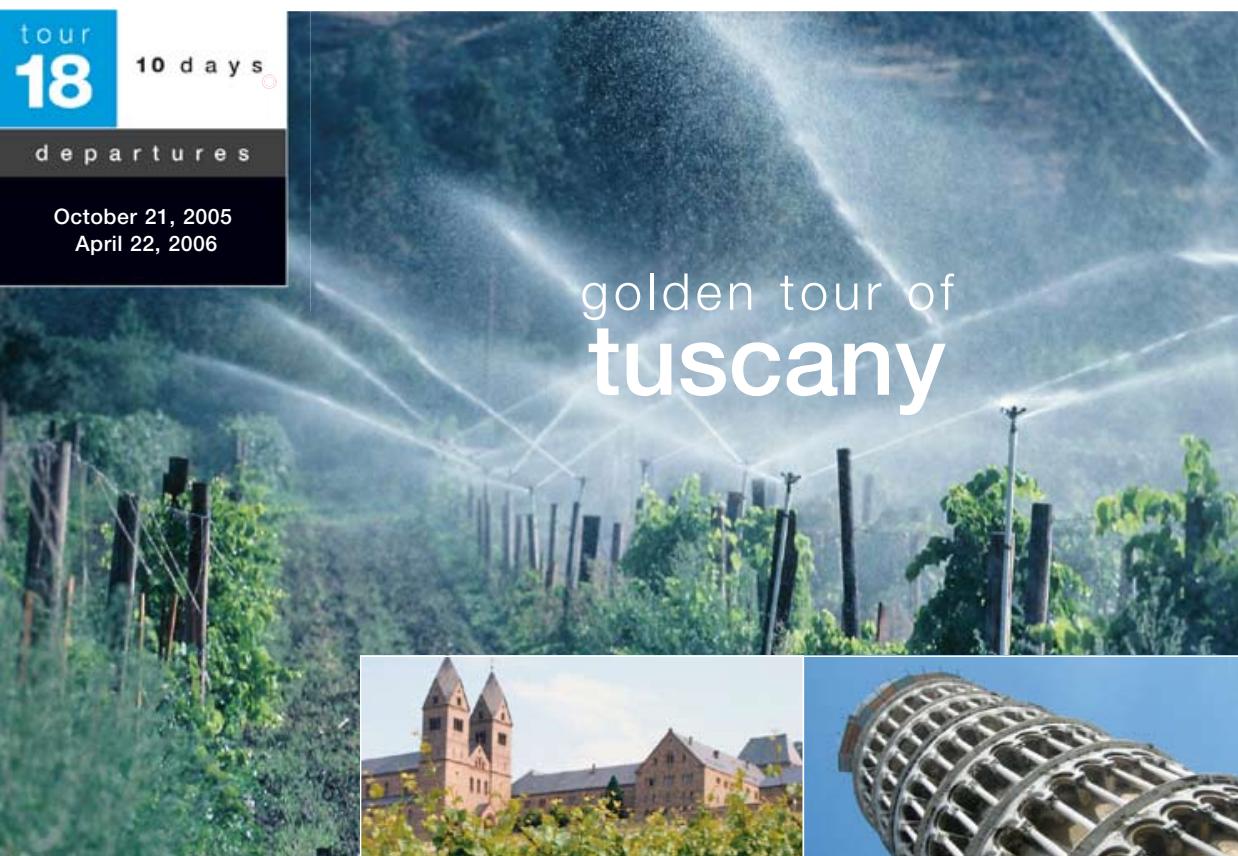
ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Depart for Florence, Italy
- Day 2:** Arrive Florence - Montecatini
- Day 3:** Montecatini - Lucca
- Day 4:** Montecatini
- Day 5:** Montecatini
- Day 6:** Montecatini - Chianti
- Day 7:** Montecatini - Sienna
- Day 8:** Montecatini
- Day 9:** Montecatini - Depart Florence



included: return economy airfare | 7 nights accommodation in Minerva Palace Hotel in Montecatini | airport transfers | 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners | all transportation by private deluxe coach | sightseeing as per the itinerary | services of a local representative

not included: tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned



golden tour of tuscany



Tuscany. Just hearing the name creates images of breathtaking countryside, fabulous villas and endless vineyards. Italian cooking lessons, wine tasting, and sightseeing all contribute to an unforgettable experience under the Tuscan sun.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy and a minimum 15 passengers travelling

departures	toronto	ottawa/ montreal	calgary/ victoria	vancouver	tax/visa fee
October 21, 2005	\$4759	\$4879	\$5089	\$4989	\$140
April 22, 2006	\$4659	\$4779	\$4989	\$4889	\$140

Single supplement: add \$990 CDN per person.

Canadian gateways: add-ons from other Canadian gateways are available, please enquire.

ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Depart for Florence, Italy
- Day 2:** Florence - Chianti - Free day.
- Day 3:** Siena - Cooking lesson.
- Day 4:** Chianti
- Day 5:** Sienna - Wine & cooking lesson
- Day 6:** Chianti - Montalcino Montepulciano
- Day 7:** San Gimignano, Pisa & Carmignano
- Day 8:** Valdarno - Free day.
- Day 9:** Valdarno - Florence
- Day 10:** Depart Florence



included: return economy airfare | roundtrip transfers | 9 nights accommodation | 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 9 dinners incl. 3 cooking

lessons & wine tastings | transportation as per itinerary | excursions as per program | winery tours | taxes and service charges for lunches and wine tasting | services of a local representative

not included: tipping, optional excursions, phone calls, laundry, minibar, items not mentioned

9 days

tour
19

departures

Oct 1 - Nov 30, 2005
Jan 6 - Mar 30, 2006

ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Depart for Tel Aviv, Israel
Day 2: Port of Caserea, Haifa & Mukhraka
Day 3: Cana, Nazareth and Galilee
Day 4: Magdala, Mount of Beatitudes
Day 5: Jerusalem
Day 6: Jerusalem
Day 7: The Dead Sea, Masada and Jericho
Day 8: Jerusalem
Day 9: Depart Israel



included: return economy airfare | all taxes |
 all transfers | 8 nights 3 star hotel accommodation | breakfast and dinner daily |
 all entrance fees as mentioned above | St. Peter's fish dinner in the Galilee | guided touring throughout by licensed Government Tourist Guide
not included: tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items not mentioned.

Walk through history with a trip to the "Land of Milk and Honey". This tour takes you on a religious journey following in the footsteps of Jesus. A walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem includes a visit to the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock; pass the stations of the cross onto the Resurrection Tomb.

Also visit Tel Aviv; Israel's centre of commerce and culture. It bustles with restaurants, art galleries, museums and beaches.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	toronto	montreal	vancouver/victoria/calgary	tax
Oct 1 - Nov 30, 2005	\$2699	\$2899	\$3149	\$150
Jan 10 - Mar 30, 2006				

Single supplement: add \$450 CDN per person.

Other Canadian gateways: Victoria, Vancouver & Calgary add \$450 CDN per person. Montreal add \$200 CDN per person.

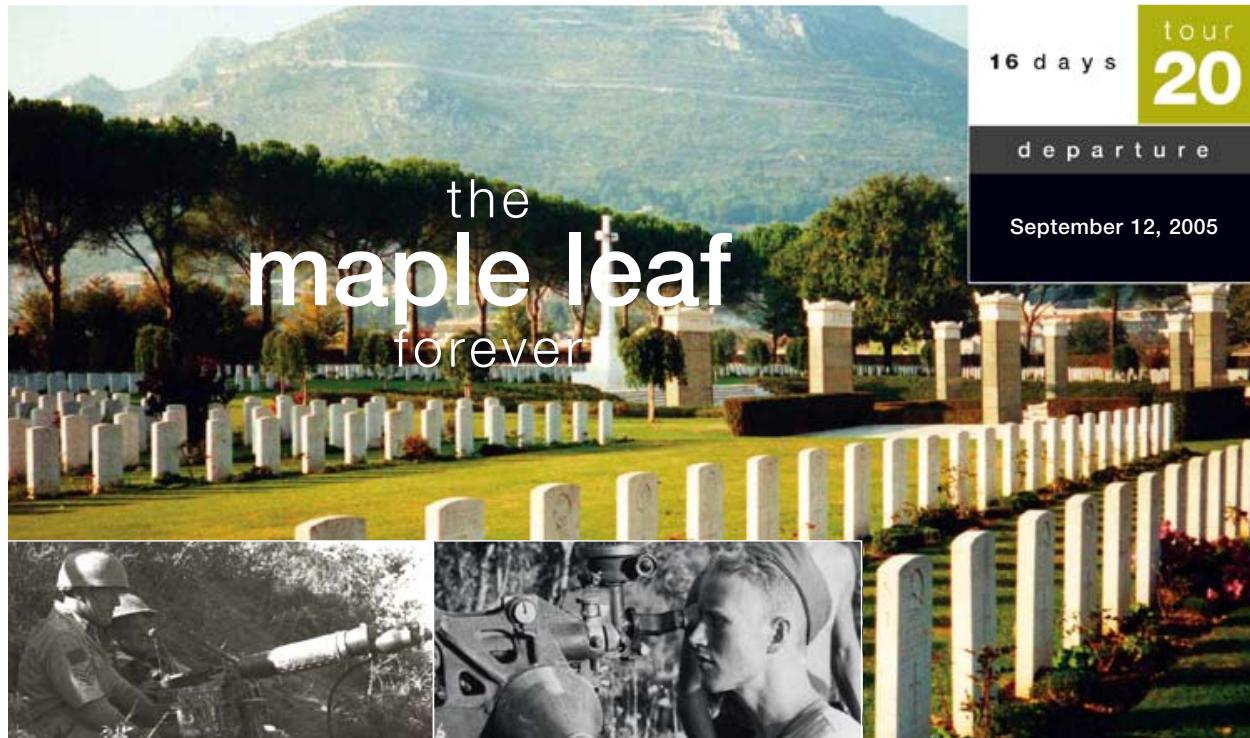
16 days

departure

September 12, 2005

ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Depart for Catania, Sicily
Day 2: Arrive Catania: Free day.
Day 3: Syracuse
Day 4: Syracuse and Giardini Naxos
Day 5: Giardini Naxos & Crotone
Day 6: Crotone and Foggia
Day 7: Foggia - Campobasso
Day 8: Ortona - Casino
Day 9: Casino - Liri Valley - Anzio - Rome
Day 10: Rome
Day 11: Rome - Pisa - Florence
Day 12: Florence
Day 13: Florence - Rimini
Day 14: Rimini - Ravenna - Venice
Day 15: Venice
Day 16: Depart Venice



Trace the footsteps of heroic Canadian soldiers across the battlefields of Italy to the Canadian War Cemetery. End in romantic Venice with a gondola ride through the canals.

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	toronto	vancouver/victoria	calgary/edmonton	land only	tax/visa fee
Sept 12, 2005	\$5145	\$5595	\$5535	\$3995	\$180

Single supplement: add \$850 CDN per person.

Air add on based on **Toronto:** Montreal/Ottawa add \$110 CDN per person.

Air add on based on **Vancouver:** Regina/Saskatoon deduct \$100 CDN per person

included: 14 nights 4 star accommodation | 14 breakfasts, 14 dinners, tea and coffee with meals | cocktail party upon arrival | full time experienced historian | services of a local representative | all entrance fees and sightseeing as per itinerary | guided tours of Rome, Florence, Pisa and Venice | deluxe motor coach | ferry crossing from Sicily to mainland | hotel taxes and service charges | portage

not included: lunches, drinks, personal items, tipping, insurance, items not mentioned



temples & treasures of
thailand

Thailand. An exotic land of temples, tropical jungles and gracious people. Explore the tapestry of culture which is Bangkok - the Marble Temple, Grand Palace, the floating market and hill tribe villages. Steeped in history and culture, our journey takes us to Phra Buddha Badh to the shrine with the holy footprint of Lord Buddha and the Golden Buddha.

From the ancient city of Sukhothai and Sri Satchanalai Historical Park to the elephant camp in Mae Saa, Thailand is a banquet of sights and sounds to charm the traveller. A boat trip down the Chiang Rai with stops at hilltribe villages acquaint us with the local culture. Finally end your trip to this exotic land with a visit to the golden triangle on the Mekong River bordering Thailand, Myanmar and Laos.



Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

departures	toronto	montreal	vancouver	victoria	tax
October 11, 2005	\$3399	\$3399	\$3259	\$3399	\$150
January 21, 2006	\$3499	\$3499	\$3359	\$3499	\$150

Single supplement: please enquire.

Other Canadian gateways: departures from other Canadian cities available, please inquire.

included: return economy airfare | airport transfers | 10 nights accommodation | 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 7 dinners | sightseeing and all transportation as per the itinerary | services of a local representative

not included: tipping, laundry, phone calls, drinks, insurance, items of a personal nature, items not mentioned

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Bangkok, Thailand

Day 2: Arrive Bangkok

Day 3: Bangkok - Free day.

Day 4: Bangkok - Visit the floating market of Damnoen Saduak.

Day 5: Bangkok - Ayuthaya - Lopburi - Phitsanulok

- Travel by bus to Ayuthaya, Phra Buddha Badh and Phitsanulok.

Day 6: Phitsanulok - Sukhothai Sri Satchanalai

- Lampang Travel to the ancient cities of Sukhothai and Sri Satchanalai Historical Park.

Day 7: Lampang - Lamphun - Chiang Mai Depart for Chiang Mai.

Day 8: Chiang Mai - Tour Chiang Mai.

Day 9: Chiang Mai - Mae Saa - Visit the elephant camp in Mae Saa and on to the Hmong Hilltribe Lodge for overnight.

Day 10: Mae Saa - Chiang Rai - Travel to Chiang Dao and Fang, with a 5 hour boat journey down to Chiang Rai with stops at hilltribe villages in the jungle.

Day 11: Chiang Rai - Bangkok - Depart for the Golden Triangle on the Mekong River.

Day 12: Depart Bangkok

Optional extensions

Phuket Beach Stay

From \$499 CDN per person (double)

\$599 CDN per person (single)

Day 1: Arrive Phuket

Day 2: Phuket

Day 3: Depart Phuket

River Kwai

from \$299 CDN per person

Day 1: Bangkok - River Jungle Village

Day 2: River Jungle Village

Day 3: River Jungle Village



northern cyclades cruise

aboard the star flyer



In hidden coves, Star Flyer finds harbours where pristine sands and warm crystalline water beckon you to explore underwater grottos while beachgoers laze away under sun-blessed skies. Yet another dream-like day in the mythic, magical Cyclades. Today the Cyclades are an inviting playground for pleasure seekers aboard Star Flyer. Where white-washed churches point tilted Greek crosses heavenward in brilliant blue skies, while sun worshippers bask on the beaches under Helios' golden gaze. Twisting cobblestone alleyways lead to tavernas where octopus salad and ouzo are in order. Ancient Minoan palaces and medieval fortresses whisper tales of pagan rites and knightly rituals.

departures: September 2, 2005	toronto/montreal	vancouver	calgary/victoria	tax/port fees
Category 6	\$4599	\$4999	\$5049	\$390
Category 5	\$4875	\$5275	\$5325	\$390
Category 4	\$5149	\$5549	\$5599	\$390
Category 3	\$5359	\$5759	\$5809	\$390

Prices per person \$CDN based on double occupancy

included: return economy airfare | 7 nights Eastern Mediterranean cruise aboard Star Flyer | all meals aboard cruise | 2 nights pre extension in Athens includes accommodation in a 4 star hotel in Plaka area, daily breakfast, half day sightseeing tour and evening dinner at a Taverna | transfers to/from the airport to hotel and Pireaus pier | services of a local representative
not included: shore excursions, beverages, items not mentioned

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Athens, Greece

Day 2: Arrive Athens - Transfer to hotel in Plaka area.

Day 3: Athens - Half day sightseeing tour. Evening dinner at a Taverna in Plaka.

Day 4: Transfer to the Pireaus Pier - Board your cruiseship.

Northern Cyclades Cruise

aboard the Star Flyer - mega yacht sailing, true tall clipper class. 170 passengers with 80 crew.

Day 4: Athens, Greece: At sea.

Day 5: Beach & Kusadasi, Turkey

Day 6: Samos, Greece

Day 7: Patmos, Greece

Day 8: Delos & Mykonos, Greece

Day 9: Sifnos, Greece

Day 10: Depart Athens



Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS / PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$500 CDN per person is required at time of booking. Additional deposits may be required subject to our travel service suppliers policies. Confirmation of reservations can only be sent once the deposit has been received. Full payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

CHANGES / REVISION: Changes or adjustments will not be accepted within 30 days of departure. Should cancellation by one or more passengers change the requirements of the remaining passengers, the travelling passengers must still pay the applicable rate for the accommodation occupied.

CANCELLATION PENALTIES: Cancellations or changes made up to 65 days prior to departure will incur a penalty of loss of deposit. Between 64 and 45 days 50% nonrefundable per person, between 44 days and 0 days the penalty will be 100% nonrefundable.

REFUNDS: All claims for refunds must be made in writing through the agent from whom the tour has been purchased within 21 days after termination of the tour. Your failure to provide us with notice in writing will preclude your right to pursue a claim against us. Voluntary non-usage of hotel accommodations, tour features or services on dates specified are not refundable.

INSURANCE: All passengers are strongly advised to take out travel insurance coverage to protect themselves against cancellation due to illness prior to or during travel. Insurance is not included in the prices listed, please inquire for premiums from your reservation agent.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All tour participants require passports and travel documents when travelling abroad. Possession of correct travel documents is your responsibility. In the event that you do not have valid documents, you will

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HOTELS: Rooms with private facilities throughout. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of a similar category should this become necessary due to circumstances beyond our control.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Airfares are based on the group rate applicable airfares. Upgrades to business class are available at an additional supplement. Once tickets have been issued the applicable nonrefundable charges apply. After departure changes to the flight itinerary will entail additional charges.

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HEALTH: Minor medications and/or prescription drugs should be carried by you. Do not pack in checked baggage. Vaccinations may be required. Please check with your doctor or travel clinic for updated health information.

BAGGAGE: Economy class baggage allowance is two suitcases with combined overall dimensions of 107 inches and no single suitcase may exceed 62 inches. Portage of one piece of baggage only is included. Baggage is at the owner's risk throughout the tour. No responsibility is accepted for loss, theft or damage or any of the passenger's belongings however caused. It is recommended to purchase baggage insurance.

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Terms & Conditions (continued)

GRATUITIES: Gratuity is recommended. The following is a guideline to what is considered appropriate for tipping gratuities and portage in US dollars. Porters and bellboys \$2 per bag. Local guides/escorts \$3 per person per day, bus drivers \$3, and national guides \$3 per day.

TOUR ESCORTS: A local English speaking guide is provided at each city to meet you upon arrival and accompany you until departure for the next stop.

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- d) Your failure to report on time at an airport or ground transfer facility;
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