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Merit Travel's **Hosted Tours** are expertly-crafted tours, curated to bring you the best travel experiences and unforgettable memories.

Our brilliant Hosted Tours program offers 9-18 day themed itineraries to the most interesting, exciting, and beautiful destinations around the world. These guided tours focus on local lifestyles, cuisine, history and natural and cultural attractions, ensuring enjoyable, authentic and immersed experiences for everyone.

### BY LAND

Hosted land-based tours will journey by comfortable coach transportation, with specially chosen guest speakers or local representatives, providing in-depth local destination knowledge and daily excursions and activities.

### BY SEA AND RIVER

Hosted cruise tours include open water voyages and river cruises carefully selected from regions around the world. Guests enjoy a highly inclusive experience while aboard, land tours at ports of call and expert presenters on themes including maritime, geography, language, history and cultural traditions.



### Group and Single Travellers

Merit Travel can assist with creating a customised group trip for you and your companions as well as provide flexible options for single travellers.

 [Contact us for more information or visit our website for full detailed itineraries.](#)  
[MeritTravel.com/HostedTours](https://www.merittravel.com/HostedTours)

### All Hosted Tours include the following:

- Round-trip airfare
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Airport transfers in country
- High quality accommodation
- Guided excursions and activities
- Comfortable ground transportation
- All taxes, fees and gratuities
- Guidebooks for most land-based tours
- Local representatives or a Merit Travel tour host

### ACTIVITY LEVELS

#### Easy Pace

**APPROPRIATE FOR:** Travellers in good health with overall good mobility and are comfortable participating in at least three hours of activity each day. Suitable for those with minor mobility issues.

#### Sight-seeing

**APPROPRIATE FOR:** Travellers who are physically fit and comfortable with longer days of touring by transport and by foot and do not require mobility aids.

#### Out & About

**APPROPRIATE FOR:** Travellers who lead active lives and are comfortable participating in physically busy and full days of sightseeing. Not suitable for those requiring mobility aids.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$4,295\*** p.p.

**9 nights**

Departs Toronto:  
Oct. 18, 2018

Group size: 24 maximum



Host: Lidia Serras  
Portuguese Food and Wine Expert

## PORTUGAL CULINARY TOUR

Round-trip by land: Lisbon



As part of our culinary series, our Porto to Lisbon tour is not to be missed. This tour is a week full of Portuguese treats and traditional cuisine to learn about, taste and enjoy. In addition to feasting on local specialties, we will also travel through the peaceful and quaint countryside passing olive groves and vineyards famous for wine and of course, Port. The Douro Valley, home to Port wine production, will be a key feature of the tour, incorporating tastings of both Ports and wines of the region. Our sightseeing also includes visiting Coimbra and the medieval village of Obidos, the former Royal Summer Residence in Sintra, as well as the seaside resort areas of Cascais and Estoril and, finally, Lisbon.

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- nine nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- breakfast and dinner with wine daily
- one lunch in a farm in Peso da Régua
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- all entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Winery visits to: Porto (cellar), Vila Nova de Gaia, Lamego (sparkling wine cellar), and Casa de Santar at Viseu
- local market visit with cooking class in Lisbon
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

### Visits to:

Lisbon - Porto - Douro Valley - Pinhao - Lamego - Viseu - Coimbra - Obidos - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril - **Detailed itinerary available online**

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$995. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$5,295\*** p.p.

**12 nights**

Departs Toronto and Vancouver:  
Mar. 29, 2019

Group size: 30 maximum

## THE MAGIC & CHARM OF PORTUGAL & SPAIN

By land: Lisbon to Barcelona

Traverse Portugal and Spain, passing through Lisbon, Sintra, seaside resorts, medieval villages and famous monasteries and pilgrimage sites. See Gothic masterpieces, monuments and UNESCO Heritage sites and attractions. Visit Seville, the birthplace of Flamenco dancing, embrace the lively street scenes and plazas and see famous original art and architecture by Picasso, Dalí, Miró and Gaudí!

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- 12 nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- 12 breakfasts, three dinners
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- all entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

### Visits to:

Lisbon - Sintra - Estoril - Obidos - Fatima - Evora - Seville - Cordoba - Granada - Toledo - Madrid - Barcelona - **Detailed itinerary available online**

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,100. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$4,295\*** p.p.

**8 nights**

Departs Toronto:  
Sep. 29, 2018

Group size: 24 maximum

## TUSCANY CULINARY TOUR

*Round-trip by land: Rome*

Pass through the kitchens and vineyards of beautiful Tuscany. Learn and indulge in the delicious culinary traditions of Italy on this unique hosted tour. Visit the world-renowned wine region of Chianti and sample fine wines and cuisine and then enjoy the fabulous art and architecture of Florence, Siena and Pisa. Have fun in a cooking class in San Gimignano and then arrive in Rome for a tour of the Vatican! Come with us as we explore the towns, streets and countryside of this picturesque region, rich in fresh produce and hearty cuisine. A luscious feast for all of your senses!

### Visits to:

Rome - Tuscany - Florence - Pisa - Chianti Wine Tasting - San Gimignano - Siena  
*Detailed itinerary available online*

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **Tuscany:** six nights 4-star accommodation at the Grand Hotel Vittoria in Montecatini
- **Rome:** two nights 4-star accommodation at the Le Meridien Visconti Palace
- 16 meals: eight breakfasts, one cooking class with lunch, one wine tasting with lunch, six dinners with wine
- two wine tastings: in Chianti and San Gimignano
- five excursions: Florence, Pisa, Siena, Chianti, San Gimignano
- full-day Vatican and Colosseum excursion
- private motor coach transportation
- professional local tour manager
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,100. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.

\*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$5,575\*** p.p.

**9-night cruise & tour  
onboard *Royal Clipper***

Departs Aug. 29, 2018

Toronto - **\$5,575\*** p.p.

Vancouver - **\$5,975\*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum

## ROME, SICILY & THE AMALFI COAST

*Round-trip by sea: Rome*

This is the perfect Roman summer holiday. Begin your journey with two days in Rome and a culinary walking tour through Rome's most popular attractions including the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona and more! We then head to the coast to set sail on *Royal Clipper*, the world's largest five mast cruise ship. This luxurious yet authentic cruise with under 230 passengers will sail down the glamorous Amalfi Coast, calling in to Sorrento, Amalfi, the island of Lipari, and the Sicilian town of Taormina, before returning to Rome.

Onboard you'll enjoy gourmet cuisine, a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere, engaging staff and many opportunities to wander the outdoor deck space as you are under sail. You'll also have the opportunity to swim in the Mediterranean Sea, and can take advantage of onboard water sport equipment including kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and more.

### 📍 Ports of Call:

Rome - Sorrento - Amalfi - Taormina - Sicily - Lipari

*Detailed itinerary available online*

### 📌 Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **Rome:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- culinary walking tour of ancient Rome
- seven-night cruise onboard *Royal Clipper* with meals
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities



**STAR CLIPPERS**  
*Unique Sailing Adventures*

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. based in cat 5 stateroom. Taxes included. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.

\*\*Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



ACTIVITY LEVEL:  
Easy Pace

**\$4,450\*** p.p.

**16-night cruise & tour  
onboard *ms Koningsdam***

Departs Oct. 25, 2018

Toronto - **\$4,450\*** p.p.

Vancouver - **\$4,775\*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum



## PASSAGE TO AMERICA

*By land and sea:*

*Rome to Fort Lauderdale*

This Trans-Atlantic voyage begins by spending two days in Italy's incredible Rome, wandering amongst famous sites and attractions. We then transfer to Civitavecchia where we will board Holland America's masterpiece—*ms Koningsdam*! The cruise then sails through the Mediterranean, calling upon ports in Spain and Portugal, before heading across the mighty Atlantic to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Holland America's *ms Koningsdam* ocean liner is a fine example of 21<sup>st</sup> century service and style. The design is light-filled and sophisticated, and displays a union of modern technology and elegance. Architecturally inspired by music and nature, don't miss seeing the central atrium, which reaches three decks high, and watching the changing ceiling as it moves from blue skies to starry nights.

### Ports of Call:

Italy: Rome | Spain: Alicante - Malaga - Cadiz  
| Portugal: Funchal | USA: Fort Lauderdale  
*Detailed itinerary available online*

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **Rome:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- culinary walking tour in ancient Rome
- 14-night cruise onboard *ms Koningsdam* with meals
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities





## VOYAGES TO ANTIQUITY

### Small ship cruising

FOR THE INTELLECTUAL TRAVELLER

- ❖ Only 350 guests
- ❖ Guided shore excursions
- ❖ Scholarly lecture program
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- ❖ Gratuities on board



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$6,390\*** p.p.

**12-night cruise & tour  
onboard Aegean Odyssey**

Departs Oct. 17, 2018

Toronto - **\$6,390\*** p.p.

Vancouver - **\$6,590\*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum

## THE AEGEAN EXPERIENCE & CAIRO

*Round-trip by land and sea: Athens*

Begin your cruise with a two-night hotel stay in Greece's capital, Athens. You'll have time to see sites in and around Athens before boarding the *Aegean Odyssey* in Piraeus. At sea, the cruise will call at Heraklion and Crete, before arriving in Egypt's Alexandria for an overland trip to the capital, Cairo. During your two-night stay in Cairo, you'll see world famous sites including the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Sphinx and the Egyptian Museum. On the return, the cruise will call in at the fascinating Greek Island of Rhodes, known for its beach resorts, ancient ruins and remnants of its occupation by the Knights of St. John during the Crusades.

Voyages to Antiquity is renowned for delivering the best of small-ship cruising, and incorporating an experience that displays a passion for the historical, cultural and natural wonders of the destinations travelled to. With a maximum of just 350 passengers on board, guests can enjoy fine cuisine, impeccable service and a comfortable journey.

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- 12-night cruise and tour
- **Athens:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- **Delphi:** one night 4-star hotel accommodation
- **Nauplia:** one night 4-star hotel accommodation
- **Cairo:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- overland tour in Cairo
- excursions: Minoan Knossos in Crete, Giza Great Pyramids, Memphis, Sakkara, and the Egyptian Museum
- dinner cruise on the Nile
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

### Ports of Call:

Greece: Athens - Delphi - Nauplia - Piraeus  
- Crete - Rhodes | Egypt: Alexandria - Cairo

**Detailed itinerary available online**

**VOYAGES TO ANTIQUITY**

*Small-ship cruising at its best*

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. based in cat L stateroom. Taxes included. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.

\*\*Minimum of 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.





**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Easy Pace

**\$5,495\*** p.p.

**10-night cruise & tour  
onboard Amadeus Silver III**

Departs Oct. 3, 2018

Toronto - **\$5,495\*** p.p.

Vancouver - **\$5,995\*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum



## THE RHINE DANUBE SYMPHONY

*By river: Cologne to Prague*

Experience the best of these two iconic rivers in one voyage. Begin with a night in Cologne, where a private guide will lead you through the city to iconic attractions including the Cathedral, where it's believed the remains of the "Three Wise Men" are entombed. Your river cruise then journeys along the Rhine and onto the Danube, passing by picturesque German countryside and ending in Passau. You will then transfer to the Czech Republic, where you will have two days in Prague to experience the City of a Thousand Spires.

Enjoy the *Amadeus Silver III*, designed with elegance. You will be delighted by the unexpected luxuries onboard, a passionate and smiling crew, and traditional European cuisine and hospitality.

### Ports of Call:

Cologne - Rudesheim - Miltenberg - Wertheim - Wurzburg - Bamberg - Nuremberg - Regensburg - Passau - Prague  
*Detailed itinerary available online*

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **Cologne:** one night 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast and city tour
- **Prague:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast and city tour
- seven-night cruise onboard *Amadeus Silver III*
- gourmet meals and free flowing wine onboard
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. based in cat C1 stateroom. Taxes included. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$5,695\*** p.p.

**6 nights**

Departs Toronto or Vancouver:  
Sep. 13, 2018

Group size: 20 maximum



**Host: Cindy Taylor**  
Professional Photographer

## EXPLORE ICELAND

*Round-trip by land: Reykjavik*

At the place where two continents quite literally brush up against each other is Iceland, land of fire and ice. Join your tour host Cindy Taylor to see

this incredible country's natural highlights. Visit the beautiful Blue Lagoon and relax in the warm mineral-rich geothermal water, surrounded by a very old black lava field. Whilst on the tour you will also see geysers spouting, boiling mud pits, an exhibition on the eruption of the Eldheimar Volcano in the 1970s and have the opportunity to explore the stunning landscape and rich birdlife of the Westman Islands.

### 📍 Visits to:

Reykjavik - Westman Islands - South Shore -  
Glacier Lagoon - Gullfoss - Geysir - Thingvellir  
- Saefellsnes Peninsula - Blue Lagoon

**Detailed itinerary available online**

### 📍 Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- six nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- six breakfasts, three lunches, two dinners
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary
- Blue Lagoon visit includes entrance fee and towel rental
- ferry to Westman islands and boat tour
- excursion to Fridheimar including: Greenhouse visit, tomato tasting and an Icelandic horse show
- Iceland destination guidebook
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,550. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.

\*\*Minimum 10 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Easy Pace

**\$4,995\*** p.p.

**15-night cruise & tour  
onboard *Celebrity Silhouette***

Departs Aug. 16, 2018

Toronto - **\$4,995\*** p.p.

Vancouver - **\$5,395\*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum

**Celebrity X Cruises®**  
That's modern luxury.™

## ICELAND & IRELAND

*Round-trip by sea: London*

Experience 'island hopping' with this cruise from Dublin, Ireland to Reykjavik, Iceland and back to England. Begin in London with an overnight stay before transferring to the *Celebrity Silhouette*, your home for the next 14 nights.

Once on board indulge in the exceptional cuisine, comfortable accommodation and stellar service that Celebrity Cruises is known for. Cruise to naturally stunning Iceland, pass rugged Atlantic coastlines and into the warmth of Irish hospitality in Dublin.

### Ports of Call:

London - Channel Islands - Cork - Waterford  
- Dublin - Akureyri - Reykjavik - Belfast  
Southampton - *Detailed itinerary available online*

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **London:** one night 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- London city tour
- 14-night cruise onboard *Celebrity Silhouette*, with overnights in Dublin, Reykjavik and Belfast
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. based in cat 10 stateroom. Taxes included. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$4,895\*** p.p.

**8 nights**

Departs Toronto or Vancouver:

Sep. 26, 2018

Group size: 30 maximum



## HIGHLIGHTS OF IRELAND

*Round-trip by land: Dublin*

Discover Ireland's charm, natural beauty and culture on this complete hosted tour that will take you on a loop through the emerald green rolling landscape of Ireland, along the coastline, the gentle farmlands, the quaint villages and the cosmopolitan city of Dublin. Commencing in Dublin, the tour journeys south west into the southern Counties of Cork and Kerry, west to the breathtaking landscapes of the Dingle Peninsula, north to Galway and finally east to Dublin.

### Visits to:

Dublin - Guinness Storehouse - Stillorgan -  
Jameson whiskey Distillery - Cork - Killarney  
- Dingle Peninsula - Galway - Dublin  
*Detailed itinerary available online*

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- eight nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- eight breakfasts, six lunches, eight dinners
- sightseeing as per the itinerary including entrance fees
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- Ireland destination guidebook
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$900. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$5,495\*** p.p.

**9-night cruise & tour  
onboard Polarys**

Departs Oct. 3, 2018

Toronto - **\$5,495\*** p.p.  
Vancouver - **\$5,695\*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum



## NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE & THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

*By land and sea: Oslo – Kirkenes – Bergen*

Described as the “world’s most beautiful voyage”, sailing along the Norwegian Coast offers epic landscapes, fresh and local cuisine and uniquely Nordic experiences. This cruise, which incorporates a land-based component, journeys from Kirkenes in northern Norway, south to Bergen, through beautiful fjord scenery and mountainous landscapes. Afterwards, enjoy the epic scenery all around on the Bergen Railway and the breathtaking Flåm Railway, seeing both the narrow Aurlandsfjord and the dramatic UNESCO-protected Nærøfjord.

Onboard *Polarys*, you will be joined by an expert expedition team, who will share details and stories about Norwegian culture, history and experiences. You can join hikes and excursions along the coast, participate in deck activities and lectures, and experience the magic of Lofoten where you may be lucky to catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights!

### **Includes:**

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **Oslo:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- domestic flight
- five nights onboard *Polarys* in an ocean view stateroom, carrying only 420 guests
- all meals onboard the ship
- **Bergen:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Bergen city tour
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

### **Ports of Call:**

31 ports of call including Kirkenes - Tromsø - Trondheim - Ålesund - Bergen

*Detailed itinerary available online*



**HURTIGRUTEN**

\*CDN p.p. dbl. occ. based in cat N3 stateroom. Taxes included. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.

\*\*Minimum of 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Out & About

**\$4,995\*** p.p.

**8 nights**

Departs Apr. 4, 2019

Toronto - **\$4,995\*** p.p.

Vancouver - **\$5,495\*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

## HIDDEN GEMS OF SCOTLAND

*By land: Edinburgh to Glasgow*

Experience an exclusive and unrivalled walking tour through spectacular scenery and discover Scotland with a local expert. Enjoy guided walking tours through local villages, while exploring stunning landscapes like the Scottish Highlands and iconic Loch Ness, visit beautiful castles and enjoy a tour of one of Scotland's famous whiskey distilleries. You will sample local delicacies and stay in charming hotels. This magnificent natural wilderness will inspire your inner sense of adventure and leave you with memories to last a lifetime!

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- eight nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- eight breakfasts, three lunches, seven dinners
- excursions and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- private motor coach transportation
- ferry from Armadale to the mainland
- local English speaking tour guide
- Scotland destination guidebook
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

### Visits to:

Edinburgh - Scottish Highlands - Ben Nevis - Fort Augustus - Isle of Skye - Arisaig - Ceilidh performance - Glasgow

**Detailed itinerary available online**

\*CDN \$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,200. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$6,395\*** p.p.

**8 nights**

Departs Toronto:

Sep. 21, 2018

Group size: 20 maximum

## KEGS & KATHEDRALS OKTOBERFEST ADVENTURE

*By land: Munich to Frankfurt*

The Beer Lovers' Tour Company and Merit Travel are delighted to return to Europe with our annual Bavarian adventure. Resplendent with incredible mountain scenery, romantic medieval towns and a beer culture that is the envy of the world, our journey will visit and explore brilliant breweries and many iconic sites and attractions including UNESCO World Heritage sites, Regensburg and Bamberg, and of course Oktoberfest! For the first-time traveller to Germany, this will be a delightful introduction to this historic land; for the veteran, there will be many 'off the beaten track' surprises; for the beer lover, this will be pure heaven!

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- eight nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- eight breakfasts, four lunches, four dinners (dinners include beer)
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- Oktoberfest admission with VIP lunch
- Brewery visits with beer tastings as per the itinerary including: Kloster Andechs Brewery, Klosterbrauerei Ettal, Weihenstephan Brewery, Maisel Brewery Bayreuth, Bamberg, Festspielhaus, Würzburger Hofbräu, Würzburg
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

### Visits to:

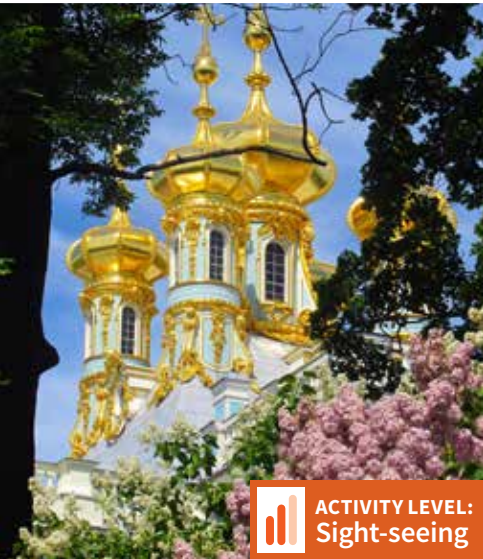
Munich - Starnberg - Oktoberfest - Franconia - Regensburg - Bamberg - Frankfurt

**Detailed itinerary available online**

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$895. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 10 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



Host: Oliver Dawson  
Beer Expert



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$6,495\*** p.p.

**7 nights**

Departs Toronto or Vancouver:  
Oct. 4, 2018

Group size: 30 maximum



**Host: Bob Kaszanits**

*President of the State Hermitage  
Museum Foundation of Canada*

## THE TREASURES OF THE HERMITAGE

*By land: St. Petersburg to Moscow*

You are invited to experience the art treasures of the Hermitage Museum as well as the palaces and museums of St. Petersburg and Moscow. You will have ample time to enjoy the masterpieces of art and architecture that defined the grace and beauty of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Imperial Russia. As a special treat, arrangements have been made for us to visit the Hermitage on a Monday when it is closed to the public. You are guaranteed to be impressed and amazed at the exquisite details of the newly restored Amber Room, in the Catherine Palace, and other sights in the "Tzars Village" in St. Petersburg. We will also visit the stunning Forbes Collection of Imperial Easter Eggs, at the recently opened Fabergé Museum.

### Visits to:

St. Petersburg - Peterhof Palace - Catherine Palace - Privileged access to the Hermitage Museum - Fabergé Museum - Moscow - Kremlin - Pushkin Museum - Tretyakov State Gallery

*Detailed itinerary available online*

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **St. Petersburg:** four nights 5-star hotel accommodation at the Astoria Hotel
- **Moscow:** three nights 5-star hotel accommodation at the Intercontinental Tverskaya Hotel
- seven breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner
- economy class train from St. Petersburg to Moscow
- arrival and departure transfer assistance and fast track portage
- museum curator/specialty expert guide for the Hermitage visits
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- privileged access to the Hermitage Museum
- St. Petersburg destination guidebook
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,200. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. Not included: Russian visa fee approx. \$200. \*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$5,695\*** p.p.

**12 nights**

Departs Toronto:  
Jun. 10, 2018

Group size: 55 maximum



Host: Ted Barris  
Historian and  
Best-Selling Author



## EASTERN EUROPE “BEYOND THE WALL”

*By land: Kraków to Berlin*

On January 19, 1989, the head of the East German state exclaimed, “The Wall will be standing in 50 and even 100 years.” Ten months later, both he and the Berlin Wall were gone. For 40 years, concrete and wire had physically divided a Germany already ruined by WWII. It had often brought the Communist Bloc and the Western Democracies to the brink of another world war. Back by popular demand, join award-winning author and journalist Ted Barris, and his wife Jayne MacAulay, on a wartime tour of Poland, Czech Republic and northern Germany. This *Beyond the Wall* itinerary will focus on the wartime events and experiences in Eastern Europe, before the wall was erected, the post-WWII Cold War deadlock and how Europe has changed since the wall was destroyed.

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **Krakow:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation at the Qubas
- **Prague:** three nights 5-star hotel accommodation at the Jalta
- **Dresden:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation at the Pullman Newa
- **Berlin:** five nights 4-star accommodation at the Indigo Ku'damm
- 12 breakfasts, two lunches, four dinners
- private motor coach transportation
- professional local tour director
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

### Visits to:

Poland: Kraków - Auschwitz - Zagan | Germany:  
Berlin - Birkenau - Dresden - Potsdam | Czech  
Republic: Prague - Terezin

**Detailed itinerary available online**

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,400. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.





**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$6,595\*** p.p.

**7-night cruise & tour  
onboard M/V Galapagos Legend**

Departs Toronto:  
Apr. 16, 2019

Group size: 20 maximum

## THE WONDERS OF ECUADOR & THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

*Round-trip by land and sea: Quito*

Embark on an experience of a lifetime on an adventure to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, a place like nowhere else on earth! Start your once-in-a-lifetime journey with two nights in Quito, the first city to be declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then we fly to Baltra Island in the Galapagos and board a four-night Galapagos cruise onboard the luxurious M/V *Galapagos Legend*. There will be time to explore the islands, walking amongst volcanic formations and see the unique animals that have made the Galapagos Islands famous; the blue-footed booby, Galapagos tortoise and the land iguanas.

**MV Galapagos Legend:** This legendary, 100-passenger, luxury vessel offers all the amenities of a large cruise liner without sacrificing the intimacy you'd expect on a small sailing craft. The *Legend* is equipped with five decks, a swimming pool, a library, and much more.

### Visits to:

Quito - Galapagos Islands: Tagus Cove (Isabela Island) - Espinosa Point (Fernandina Island) - Vicente Roca Point (Isabela Island)

**Detailed itinerary available online**

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- domestic flights
- **Quito:** three nights 4-star accommodation at the Dann Carlton Hotel
- **Galapagos cruise:** four nights onboard M/V *Galapagos Legend* in a junior suite ocean view stateroom, with meals (coffee, tea and snacks available 24 hours)
- seven breakfasts, four lunches, four dinners
- multilingual speaking naturalist guides
- all excursions as per the itinerary
- snorkeling gear provided onboard
- Galapagos National Institute Migration control card and entrance fee to Galapagos National Park
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. based on a junior suite ocean view stateroom. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$2,100. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. \*\*Minimum 10 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.





**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$4,895\*** p.p.

**8 nights**

Departs Toronto:  
Apr. 4, 2019

Group size: 30 maximum



## HIGHLIGHTS OF PERU

### Round-trip by land: Lima

Peru is a fascinating country with incredible history, inspiring nature and an endearing hospitable culture. Discover spectacular scenery, learn of ancient civilizations and experience age-old skills and traditions. This comprehensive tour is an inclusive cultural immersion, with great food, and boutique-style accommodations.

#### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- domestic flights
- eight nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- eight breakfasts, four lunches, two dinners
- sightseeing as per the itinerary
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- entrances fees as per the itinerary
- Peru destination guidebook
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

#### Visits to:

Lima - Machu Picchu - Cusco -  
Sacred Valley - Lake Titicaca

**Detailed itinerary available online**

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,300. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$5,995\*** p.p.

**10 nights**

Departs Toronto:  
Nov. 1, 2018

Group size: 30 maximum

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ARGENTINA & CHILE

### By land: Buenos Aires to Santiago

Argentina is the birth-place of the tango! What better place is there to learn about the history of this passionate and expressive dance? We start the tour in Buenos Aires, Argentina's fascinating capital with its unique architecture, cobblestone streets and vibrant neighbourhoods. We then travel to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and visit Tierra del Fuego National Park before flying to El Calafate. We end our visit in Chile's capital, Santiago, a city framed by the majestic Andes Mountain range.

#### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- domestic flights
- 10 nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- 10 breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners with wine
- sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- Argentina destination guidebook
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

#### Visits to:

Buenos Aires - Ushuaia - Tierra del Fuego  
National Park - Calafate - El Perito Moreno  
Glacier - Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine  
National Park - Santiago

**Detailed itinerary available online**

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,300. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



ACTIVITY LEVEL:  
Easy Pace

**\$3,775\*** p.p.

**10-night cruise & tour  
onboard *Infinity***

Departs Toronto:  
Aug. 30, 2018

Group size: 24 maximum

**Celebrity X Cruises®**  
That's modern luxury.™



## PACIFIC COASTAL FOOD & WINE CRUISE TOUR

*By land and sea: Vancouver to San Diego*

Begin your Pacific journey in Vancouver to discover the gems of Gastown, Granville Island and all the natural beauty. Then board *Celebrity's Infinity* for a southbound journey from Vancouver to San Diego, calling on ports along the way. Enjoy both onboard and on-shore experiences like gourmet dining, wine tastings, vineyard tours and unique culinary experiences.

### Ports of Call:

Canada: Vancouver | USA: Seattle - Astoria - San Francisco - Monterey - Santa Barbara - San Diego - **Detailed itinerary available online**

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **Vancouver:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- **San Diego:** one night 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- seven-night cruise onboard *Celebrity Infinity* in an oceanview stateroom
- custom shore experiences
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. based in cat 8 stateroom. Taxes included. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. \*\*Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



ACTIVITY LEVEL:  
Easy Pace

**\$10,975\*** p.p.

**16-night cruise & tour  
onboard *Crystal Symphony***

Departs Oct. 23, 2018

Toronto - **\$10,975\*** p.p.  
Vancouver - **\$11,500\*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum

**CRYSTAL  
CRUISES**

## COLONIAL AND CARIBBEAN CHARMS

*By land and sea: New York to Fort Lauderdale*

Onboard *Crystal Symphony* you will experience the all-inclusive luxury that is Crystal Cruises. In addition to sightseeing and ports of call, simply being onboard is a highlight in itself. Enjoy a variety of amenities and dining options, including complimentary evenings at specialty restaurants onboard including Prego, Nobu Matsuhisa's Silk Road or The Sushi.

Experience a balanced mix of bustling New York City, relaxed cruising down the west coast of the USA and the tropical energy of the Caribbean. Begin in New York City, on a hop-on hop-off bus tour, then board the *Crystal Symphony* and cruise to Puerto Rico, calling on various ports along the way, before swinging north again to Florida's Fort Lauderdale.

### Ports of Call:

USA: New York City - Charleston - Savannah - Cape Canaveral - Fort Lauderdale | Bahamas: Bimini | Jamaica: Ocho Rios | Aruba | Puerto Rico - **Detailed itinerary available online**

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **New York City:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- two days sightseeing tour bus pass
- 14 nights luxurious accommodation onboard the *Crystal Symphony*
- fine dining onboard the ship—all meals and snacks
- open bar beverages with a selection of fine wines and spirits
- comprehensive wellness program with instruction for yoga, Tai Chi and more
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. based on a veranda suite in cat B2 stateroom. Taxes included. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. \*\*Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Easy Pace

**\$4,895\*** p.p.

**16-night cruise & tour  
onboard *Vision of the Seas***

Departs Toronto:  
Nov. 28, 2018

Group size: 24 maximum



## PASSAGE THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL

*By sea: Los Angeles to New Orleans*

The Panama Canal is considered one of the Wonders of the World. The engineering masterpiece is of mammoth proportion with 77 km of waterways connecting the Pacific with the Atlantic Ocean. Commence the cruise tour in Los Angeles boarding the *Vision of the Seas*, cruising south along the coast calling in at popular beach and surf ports along the way. We'll visit Guatemala's capital Antigua, and then make our way towards the Panama Canal, with a stop in Costa Rica. Once on the Caribbean Sea, we have time to stop in Colombia's Cartagena, before cruising north to the buzzing and smooth music and art scene of New Orleans. Enjoy the culture of this vibrant city with two nights in the French Quarter with a walking culinary tour and a Jazz brunch.

This relaxed and exotic voyage on board Royal Caribbean's *Vision of the Seas* offers fantastic onboard experiences including multiple dining venues, fantastic entertainment, and resort-style shipboard amenities.

### Ports of Call:

USA: Los Angeles - California |  
Mexico: Cabo San Lucas - Puerto Vallarta  
| Guatemala: Puerto Quetzal | Costa Rica:  
Puntarenas | Panama: Panama Canal -  
Colon | Colombia: Cartagena | USA:  
New Orleans - Louisiana

**Detailed itinerary available online**

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **Los Angeles:** one night 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- 16-night Panama Canal cruise onboard *Vision of the Seas*
- **New Orleans:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- culinary walking tour of New Orleans
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. based in cat L stateroom. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. \*\*Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$4,595\*** p.p.

**9 nights**

Departs Toronto or Vancouver:  
Apr. 5, 2019

Group size: 24 maximum

## MEXICO CULINARY TOUR

*By land: Mexico City to Oaxaca*

A full-flavoured culinary tour of Mexico, visiting Mexico's richest culinary regions. After sampling and sightseeing our way around Mexico City, the tour winds through the streets of Puebla to local attractions including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Oaxaca. We will also visit a Mezcal factory and learn about the fermentation process, walk through traditional villages of historical importance and continue to enjoy traditional and more modern styles of Mexican cuisine.

### 📍 Visits to:

Mexico City - Teotihuacán - Frida Kahlo Museum - Canals of Xochimilco - Cholula - Puebla - Zocalo - Oaxaca - Santa Maria del Tule - Mezcal factory - Mitla archaeological site - wool making demonstration

*Detailed itinerary available online*

### 📌 Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- nine nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- nine breakfasts, five lunches, five dinners
- sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities



\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$700. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.

\*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$5,995\*** p.p.

**12 nights**

Departs Toronto:  
Sep. 2, 2018

Group size: 30 maximum

## BEST OF THE MARITIMES

*By land: Halifax to Sydney*

On this complete hosted tour you will discover just how much there is to see, visit, taste and experience in three of Atlantic Canada's provinces. The tour will pass through Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, visiting brilliant natural and cultural attractions including Halifax, the UNESCO town of Lunenburg, Peggy's Cove, the Acadian National Historic Site at Grand Pre, stunning Cape Breton island, the winding Cabot Trail and Louisbourg National Historic Site. We will also visit Hopewell Rocks and Moncton, famous for the tidal bore and the Bay of Fundy, and enjoy fresh lobster and a lobster and whale watching cruise. A visit to Prince Edward Island wouldn't be the same without seeing the red sand beaches, the Green Gables Heritage Place and the Confederation Bridge.

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- 12 nights 3.5- to 4-star hotel accommodation
- 12 breakfasts, three lunches, three dinners
- sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- private motor coach transportation
- arrival transfer in Halifax
- professional local tour manager
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

### Visits to:

Halifax - Peggy's Cove - Cape Breton Island  
- Moncton - Hopewell Rocks - Lunenburg -  
Prince Edward Island

**Detailed itinerary available online**

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single Supplement: \$1,600. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Easy Pace

**\$8,275\*** p.p.

**12-night cruise & tour  
onboard *Nieuw Amsterdam***

Departs Sep. 9, 2018

Toronto - **\$8,975\*** p.p.  
Vancouver - **\$8,275\*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum

## CANADIAN ROCKIES BY RAIL AND ALASKA CRUISE

*By land and sea: Calgary to Vancouver*

This incredibly scenic journey begins in Calgary with a five-day excursion across the Canadian Rockies aboard the Rocky Mountaineer to Vancouver. You will experience the remarkable Rockies by rail, take a panoramic helicopter flight in Kananaskis and continue along lake shores, over ranch lands and through tunnels via both Banff and Kamloops. After arriving in Vancouver, spend two evenings sightseeing before boarding Holland America's ocean liner, *Nieuw Amsterdam* for seven nights of Alaskan sailing bliss, cruising along the stunning Canadian and Alaskan coast.

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- five nights 3.5- to 4-star hotel accommodation
- seven-night cruise onboard *Nieuw Amsterdam*
- Signature Silver Leaf Service aboard Rocky Mountaineer
- \$25 USD p.p. shipboard credit
- sightseeing tours: Calgary Tower, Panoramic Helicopter, Banff Gondola Ride, Vancouver Lookout, Vancouver City & Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

### Visits to:

Calgary - Kananaskis - Banff - Kamloops -  
Vancouver

### Ports of Call:

Vancouver - Juneau - Skagway - Glacier Bay -  
Ketchikan - **Detailed itinerary available online**

\*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. with Silver Leaf train service and cat L stateroom onboard cruise. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. \*\*Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$10,395\*** p.p.

**9 nights**

Departs Toronto:

Apr. 3, 2019

Group size: 20 maximum

## DECCAN INDIAN ODYSSEY

*By land: Delhi to Mumbai*

Since the advent of the railways in India, train journeys have been the subject of much fascination and mystery. Today, *Deccan Odyssey* continues this legacy with its rail journeys covering the length and breadth of the exotic, vibrant and fascinating ever-changing vistas of India. Start your journey with two nights in Delhi, the magnificent capital, and visit the UNESCO site of Qutab which exhibits ancient and medieval structures and ruins. On the way to the metropolis of Mumbai, we will visit and explore the glorious Taj Mahal at Agra, the sparkling city of Jaipur, and the lakes and glorious palaces at Udaipur. We'll also visit the stunning monuments of Vadodara, as well as a number of relatively unexplored destinations of west-central India.

The Deccan Odyssey is comprised of 21 luxuriously appointed coaches, 11 to accommodate guests, and the rest for dining, lounging, and a health spa. Inspired by the imperial carriages used by the Maharajas of yore for travelling, each of the coaches of this luxury train is inspired from a different royal era of Maharashtra ruled by diverse dynasties.

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **New Delhi:** two nights 5-star hotel accommodation at the Imperial Hotel (Heritage room)
- seven nights onboard *Deccan Odyssey* (deluxe cabin) with meals & non-alcoholic beverages, free WiFi and personalised guest amenities
- **Mumbai:** hotel room at Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai until 8 p.m. on day of departure
- nine breakfasts, six lunches, eight dinners
- welcome dinner in Delhi with glass of Indian wine/or bottle of Indian beer
- sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

### Visits to:

Delhi-Qutab -Sawai Madhopur - Ranthambore National Park -Agra-Taj Mahal- Jaipur - Udaipur - Vadodara- Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park-Aurangabad-Ellora Caves-Mumbai

**Detailed itinerary available online**



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$4,650\*** p.p.

**9-night cruise & tour  
onboard *Star Clipper***

Departs Feb. 6, 2019

Toronto - **\$4,975\*** p.p.

Vancouver - **\$4,650\*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum



**STAR CLIPPERS**  
Unique Sailing Adventures



## TROPICAL THAILAND

*Round-trip by land and sea: Phuket*

Experience the most beautiful turquoise bays and dramatic scenery of Thailand's west coast. Each day wake up to a new adventure and each evening retreat to the familiar and comfortable surroundings of your ship. Spend two days in Phuket to relax before boarding the tall ship, *Star Clipper* and sailing to nearby islands including the paradise-like Similan Islands and the Koh Surin Islands, where we can meet the Moken sea gypsies and visit their thatched roof boat villages. We will also cruise into Malaysia's resort island of Lang Kawi before returning to Phuket. Gorgeous white beaches and tranquil water await. *Star Clippers* offers a new age of sailing onboard unique vessels where historical maritime meets modern comfort. *Star Clipper* is for luxury-loving passengers who also love the traditions and romance of the legendary era of sailing ships. At 360 feet long, you will be joined by just 170 guests in pampered comfort. Enjoy relaxed, spacious comfort, expansive teak decks and two swimming pools! *Star Clipper* features open-seating dining in elegant dining rooms, indoor-outdoor bars and an Edwardian style library complete with a fireplace!

### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **Phuket:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- seven-night cruise onboard *Star Clipper*
- gourmet meals on board the ship
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

### Ports of call:

Thailand: Phuket - Ko Surin - Similan Islands - Koh Surin Islands | Malaysia: Lang Kawi

**Detailed itinerary available online**



\*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. based in cat 5 stateroom. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. \*\*Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$3,550\*** p.p.

### 13-night cruise & tour

Departs Toronto and Vancouver:  
Oct. 21, 2018

Group size: 24 maximum

**\$895\*** p.p.

### optional two-night Xian Extension

Nov. 4-6, 2018

## HIGHLIGHTS OF CHINA & THE YANGTZE RIVER

### By land and river: Shanghai to Beijing

As the longest river in China, the Yangtze River offers a picturesque collection of age old history and culture that has prevailed for centuries. This complete hosted tour features the Yangtze River cruise on a luxury ship complete with shore excursions, vibrant metropolitan Shanghai, the world class city of Suzhou, the charming water towns of eastern China, and the imperial city of Beijing.

#### Visits to:

Shanghai - Suzhou - Wuxi - Hangzhou -  
Yichang - Yangtze River Cruise - Chongqing -  
Beijing - **Detailed itinerary available online**

#### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- domestic flights
- nine nights 4- to 5-star hotel accommodation
- four-night Yangtze River cruise onboard *President 7*
- 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, eight dinners
- sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,095. Not included: China Visa fee \$200. Two nights optional Xian extension single supplement: \$250. \*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$4,695\*** p.p.

### 14 nights tour

Departs Toronto and Vancouver:  
Nov. 9, 2018

Group size: 24 maximum

## TREASURES OF INDOCHINA

### By land: Ho Chi Minh to Shanghai

This tour visits key attractions in Vietnam and Cambodia over two weeks, allowing plenty of time to see and experience 'Indo-China'. We will start the tour in Ho Chi Minh City and visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels which were used as the base from which the Vietnamese mounted their operations of the Tet Offensive in 1968. We'll also spend time in UNESCO listed Hoi An, famed for its beautifully preserved old city, tailors, handicrafts markets and nearby beaches. A visit to Vietnam would not be the same without seeing Hanoi and beautiful Ha Long Bay, another UNESCO site. We then travel into Cambodia to Siem Reap, visiting and exploring the temple of Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world, as well as rural villages, markets and a lake for a wooden boat ride. From Siem Reap we fly to cosmopolitan and vibrant Shanghai for an overnight of sightseeing and an optional night cruise on the Huangpu River.

#### Visits to:

Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh - Mekong Delta  
- Hoi An - Hue - Hanoi - Ha Long Bay |  
Cambodia: Siem Reap - Angkor Wat |  
China: Shanghai

**Detailed itinerary available online**

#### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- domestic flights
- 14 nights 4- to 5-star hotel accommodation
- 14 breakfasts, 11 lunches, five dinners
- sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- private motor coach transportation
- local English speaking tour guide
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,200. Not included: China Visa fee \$200. Vietnam Visa fee \$150. Cambodia visa fee done on arrival USD \$30. \*\*Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.





**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$6,225\*** p.p.

**12-night cruise & tour  
onboard *AmaDara***

Departs Nov. 26, 2018

Toronto - **\$6,650\*** p.p.  
Vancouver - **\$6,225\*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum

## RICHES OF THE MEKONG

*By land and sea:*

*Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh*

Start your journey in Cambodia's Siem Reap, with three days touring the temples of the UNESCO site Angkor Archeological Park, before embarking on your Mekong River cruise. Over a seven-night cruise to Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, we will visit Cambodia's former royal capital Oudong, go on an oxcart ride through a rural village, visit the infamous Killing Fields from the reign of the Khmer Rouge and see historic pagodas, floating markets and a Buddhist monastery along the way. We will also visit silk, rattan mat, candy and rice paper making workshops in Vietnam, before spending two additional days on land exploring buzzing Ho Chi Minh city.

AmaWaterways' *AmaDara* features French colonial-style décor in their spacious rooms and suites and plenty of onboard activities and amenities including restaurants, a lounge area, fitness room, hair salon, three spas and a refreshing Sun Deck swimming pool. With just 124 passengers onboard, you are guaranteed impeccable service and will be treated to unlimited complimentary wine with lunch and dinner, as well as house brand spirits, local beer and soft drinks.

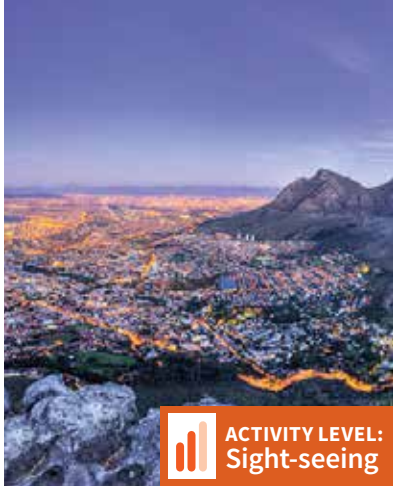
### 📍 Visits to:

Cambodia: Siem Reap - Angkor Thom - Ta Prohm - Banteay Srei - Angkor Wat - Koh Chen - Phnom Penh - Mekong River | Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh

*Detailed itinerary available online*

### 📌 Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- entrance to all sites
- English speaking guides
- **Siem Reap:** three night 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- **Ho Chi Minh:** two night 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- seven-night luxury river cruise onboard *AmaDara*
- gourmet meals onboard—breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks
- free flowing beer and wine served with lunch and dinner
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$14,995\*** p.p.

**18 nights**

Departs Toronto:  
Feb. 28, 2019

Group size: 24 maximum

## THE WONDERS OF SOUTH AFRICA

### By land: Cape Town to Johannesburg

Over the 18 nights on this luxury tour, we will visit the beautiful scenery of Franschhoek, Plettenberg Bay, and the Eastern Free State. Cape Town has much to offer the eager visitor including pristine beaches, world-class vineyards, whale watching, hiking, mountain biking, an assortment of cultural experiences and plenty of good food. Depart by ferry from the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront at Nelson Mandela Gateway for an unforgettable visit to the World Heritage site of Robben Island, a historical prison which housed slaves and political prisoners for 450 years and is now a museum.

Johannesburg is one of Africa's biggest and most vibrant cities; here, you'll learn about South Africa's political history at the Apartheid Museum.

In Soweto, visit the Mandela House, Nelson Mandela's family home, and follow the story of the legendary leader to get an understanding of where he started his fight against Apartheid.

The Kapama Private Game Reserve will be our next stop; an African Eden, sweeping across the Savannah and riverine forest, Kapama represents a piece of Africa as it used to be. The iconic Big Five are at home on Kapama, but so too are over 40 other mammal species and 350 different types of birds. Game drives and bush walks offer fascinating encounters with wildlife as well as a unique African wildlife experience.

#### Visits to:

Cape Town - Robben Island - Franschhoek  
- Plettenberg Bay - Durban - Johannesburg  
- Apartheid Museum - Mandela House -  
Kapama Private Game Reserve

**Detailed itinerary available online**

#### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- domestic flights
- **Cape Town:** four nights 5-star hotel accommodation at the Radisson Red V & A Waterfront Hotel (studio room)
- **Franschhoek:** two nights 5-star hotel accommodation Le Quartier Francais (luxury room)
- **Plettenberg Bay:** two night 5-star hotel accommodation Robberg Beach Lodge (luxury room)
- **Eastern Free State:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation Protea Hotel Marriott The Clarens (standard room)
- **Johannesburg:** three nights 5-star hotel accommodation at the Radisson Blu Hotel Sandton (standard room)
- **Kapama Game Reserve:** five nights 5-star accommodation Kapama River Lodge on a fully inclusive basis (standard suite)
- 18 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 14 dinners
- sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- private motor coach transportation
- safari: 6-8 passengers per vehicle
- local English speaking tour guide
- services of local English speaking guides
- South Africa destination guidebook
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities

\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single Supplement: \$3,900. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.  
\*\*Minimum 10 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



## JOURNEY TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

### Round-trip by land and sea: Sydney

Commence your Australia and New Zealand getaway with two nights in Sydney, allowing you to explore local attractions, visit the white sand beaches, and enjoy the summer vibe before embarking on the *Ovation of the Seas*. On this ten-day cruise, we will visit some of New Zealand's most stunning attractions in the South and North islands including Milford Sound, Doubtful Sound and Dusky Sound in the south west, Dunedin on the east coast and then Wellington, Picton and Napier on the North Island, before returning to Sydney.

Royal Caribbean's ocean liner *Ovation of the Seas* has WOW factor—with refreshed staterooms, impressive technology, brilliant entertainment venues and exquisite dining. There are plentiful activities and amenities onboard to keep you busy or relaxed, no matter your interests and age.

#### Ports of Call:

Australia: Sydney | New Zealand: Milford Sound - Doubtful Sound - Dusky Sound - Dunedin - Wellington - Napier - Picton

**Detailed itinerary available online**

#### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- **Sydney:** two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- 10-night cruise onboard Royal Caribbean's *Ovation of the Seas*
- all meals and entertainment onboard the ship
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$6,500\*** p.p.

**12-night cruise & tour  
onboard *Ovations of the Seas***

Departs Dec. 30, 2018

Toronto - **\$7,200\*** p.p.

Vancouver - **\$6,500\*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum



\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. based in cat L stateroom. Taxes included. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire.

\*\*Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.

## PURE POLYNESIA

### Round-trip by sea: Papeete

Polynesia offers a string of islands of paradise, one after the other. Onboard Oceania's *Marina*, cruise through French Polynesia, pass islands created by volcanic activity, surrounded by lush landscapes, including the plunging waterfalls of Tahiti. Snorkel in sapphire waters, lounge on pristine beaches, or dig deeper into the fascinating geographical and cultural history of these destinations. The warm smiles of the locals encourage you to experience the authenticity of islander life.

Oceania's *Marina* is a stunning ocean liner, with many distinguishing features, beginning with warm and personalised service. The *Marina* is the most luxurious and amenity-laden ship sailing Tahitian waters with generously spacious accommodation. There is a great variety of dining options onboard, including gourmet restaurants featuring traditional French Polynesian dishes made from fresh island fare. There are also hands-on cooking classes, lavish spa facilities as well as a comprehensive wellness program.

#### Ports of Call:

Moorea - Raiatea - Nuku Hiva - Fakarava - Rangiroa - Huahine

**Detailed itinerary available online**

#### Includes:

- **round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- 12-night cruise onboard *Marina* in a veranda stateroom
- gourmet meals in multiple dining venues
- \$300 USD p.p. shipboard credit
- signature wine tasting dinner at La Reserve
- Merit Travel tour host\*\*
- all taxes, fees and gratuities



**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Sight-seeing

**\$7,725\*** p.p.

**12-night cruise  
onboard *Marina***

Departs Toronto:

Feb. 10, 2019

Group size: 24 maximum



\*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. based in cat B4 veranda stateroom. Taxes included. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. \*\*Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.



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