

LONGSTAYS 2018

New This Year!

*Greece, Malta, California,
Hawai'i, Cuba, and Asia.*

Spend up to **30 days** in
your favourite destination.
Live like a local with the
perks of a tourist!

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Round-trip airfare,
hand-picked condo style
accommodations and
cultural excursions.

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...for the experience

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A CRUISE
TO YOUR
LONGSTAYS
VACATION!**

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What is a LONGSTAYS VACATION?

Longstays Vacations are a collection of longer duration vacations, exclusively by Merit Travel. Spend up to 30 days in your favourite destination. Live like a local with the perks of a tourist!

Our itineraries include excursions and some trips even have a dedicated host. We also include round-trip airfare making our itineraries and prices unprecedented!

What's always included?

- round-trip airfare
- condo-style accommodations
- cultural excursions
- transfers
- all taxes
- a local representative or a Merit Travel tour host

◆ *Hosted* tours are a great way to intimately experience cities or towns.

Our hosted Longstays Vacations offer unique excursions and expose you to traditional customs with hands-on activities. Whether it's your first time in a country, or you're a returning visitor, you'll always learn something new or see something new on a hosted tour.

Hosted by dedicated and experienced tour hosts who take care of all the tour services from the beginning to end. Our local expert guides, who conduct the cultural excursions, have in-depth destination knowledge of the area and are always available to answer your questions.

**! EARLY
BOOKING
BONUS**

Receive a
\$100 Merit Travel
Gift Card*
Book ANY Longstays Vacation
by Aug. 31, 2017

*Per room category booked, valid for future travel only.





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Portugal

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Portugal has a rich culture and a dramatic landscape. Savour life slowly as the locals do. Enjoy uncrowded white sand beaches, beautiful caves, picturesque coastlines, traditional villages and some of the best golf courses in Europe. Portugal is a country with a strong wine tradition, and mouth-watering cuisine. The excellent quality of its wines is world-renowned and the Mediterranean diet is part of the identity of the Portuguese gastronomy. With an average temperature of 18°C, and a laid-back atmosphere, it's no wonder winter-weary Canadians love Portugal and return year after year.

The Algarve is one of the best kept secrets in Europe. Known for its spectacular coastline and sandy beaches, The Algarve is bound by golden cliffs in small bays, with stunning backdrops that will make for an unforgettable holiday experience.

 Add a CroisiEurope Douro River Cruise to your Portugal Longstays Vacation!

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Departure Dates:

Feb. 6, 2018: Toronto - **\$2,795*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **\$3,495*** p.p.
Vancouver - **\$3,550*** p.p.

Feb. 13, 2018: Toronto - **\$2,845*** p.p.

28
nights

ALBUFEIRA, ALGARVE Alfagar Village

This popular resort is set amidst nine hectares of protected natural beauty. Enjoy wonderful gardens and a stunning cliff-top location overlooking the sea, all while being a short 5 minute drive from San Joao's shopping and entertainment.

The Alfagar Village offers spacious one-bedroom apartments with the following amenities included for your comfort: kitchen, balcony or terrace, direct access to Santa Eulália beach via private steps (10 minute walk), and free WiFi in bar, main reception area, restaurant and on-site mini supermarket.

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$995. Superior sea view upgrade: \$230 pp. dbl. occ. Single supplement: \$460.

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- 40 minutes from Faro International airport
- in the exclusive Balaia area with direct access to Santa Eulália beach
- shuttle to Albufeira (1€ each way)
- one-bedroom superior garden view unit with kitchen
- housekeeping three times a week
- indoor heated pool, outdoor pool, free WiFi access in bar or reception area, on-site mini supermarket
- half-day Loule Market excursion
- services of a local representative



28
nights

ALBUFEIRA, ALGARVE Grand Santa Eulália Apartments

This luxurious resort enjoys a stunning beachfront location with lush gardens and spacious pool areas, and is located in the exclusive Balaia area, just a 5 minute drive from San Joao, for shopping and entertainment.

The apartment complex is separate from, but adjacent to, the main building. You will also have access to a great range of restaurants, bars and resort amenities including, an outdoor heated pool plus a free shuttle to Albufeira!

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,200. Two-bedroom apartment upgrade: \$985 pp. dbl. occ.

Departure Dates:

Feb. 6, 2018: Toronto - **\$2,995*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **\$3,695*** p.p.
Vancouver - **\$3,750*** p.p.

Feb. 13, 2018: Toronto - **\$3,045*** p.p.
Feb. 27, 2018: Toronto - **\$3,195*** p.p.

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- 40 minutes from Faro International airport
- in the exclusive Balaia area just east of the lively resort area of Albufeira
- one-bedroom land view apartment with twin beds, kitchen, living room and private balcony
- outdoor heated pool, restaurant and bar
- housekeeping once per week
- free WiFi, free use of safety box, free shuttle to Albufeira
- half-day Loule Market excursion
- services of a local representative

**Departure Dates:**

Feb. 6, 2018: Toronto - **\$2,895*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **\$3,595*** p.p.
Vancouver - **\$3,650*** p.p.

Feb. 13, 2018: Toronto - **\$2,945*** p.p.
Feb. 27, 2018: Toronto - **\$3,095*** p.p.

**28
nights****OLHÃO, ALGARVE**
Real Marina Residence

New this year, and overlooking the marina and the gorgeous scenery of the Ria Formosa Natural Park, in the heart of Olhão, the Real Marina Residence is for guests looking for that authentic experience. Immerse yourself in the traditional Portuguese way of life! Lounge on the rooftop pool and enjoy the gorgeous views, visit traditional fishing villages or take a boat trip out to the islands of Armona and Culatra. You will be amazed by the long stretches of unspoiled golden beaches. Wander down into Olhão resort centre and try the local seafood dishes, or visit the local markets where you can purchase fresh fish and local produce just minutes by foot! Guests can also use the facilities at the Real Marina hotel complex, just across the street.

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$995. Two-bedroom apartment upgrade: \$300 pp. dbl. occ.

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- 20 minutes from Faro International airport, 600 m from Olhão resort centre, minutes from the harbour to take you to the islands and the beach (accessible by ferry, 5€ round-trip)
- one-bedroom apartment with marina view (subject to availability) or garden view with one double bed
- kitchen with dishwasher, stove and coffeemaker, living room area with sofa bed, natural stone bathroom and balcony
- free WiFi access, free use of safety box, housekeeping once per week
- guests can use facilities at Real Marina's complex, just across the street, one free use of the indoor pool per guest/per stay, including access to gym and sauna
- half-day Loule Market excursion
- services of a local representative

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- 1 hour from Faro International airport, beachfront is 200 m from bus stop, 1.5 km west of Praia da Rocha, 2 km from the Alto Golf Country Club, 25 km from Lagos
- one-bedroom land view apartment with kitchen and balcony
- heated indoor pool, outdoor pool, Jacuzzi, housekeeping six times per week
- half-day Loule Market excursion
- services of a local representative

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,200. One-bedroom sea view upgrade: \$100 pp. dbl. occ. Single supplement: \$200. One-bedroom superior block A, pool view upgrade: \$220 pp. dbl. occ. **Add a car: CDN\$ per car per week. Based on Hertz VW up or similar (manual) including unlimited mileage, full insurance (CDW, TP, SDW) airport service charge and taxes. Includes drop off and pick up delivery fees at your resort.

**28
nights****PORTIMÃO, ALGARVE**
Jardim do Vau

This property is one of our best sellers and a Canadian favourite! Set on one of the most beautiful beaches of the Algarve overlooking Praia do Vau beach, and within easy reach of one of the Algarve's best known resort areas, Praia da Rocha.

This beachfront property will leave you returning year after year. Enjoy beautiful sunsets, walks on the beach and a short walk to restaurants and shops. Enjoy spacious one-bedroom land view accommodations, plus an indoor heated pool and a free shuttle to Portimão once daily (except Sundays). Be sure to book early as space is limited!

+ Add a car rental to your Portugal Longstays Vacation for only \$350!**

Departure Dates:

Feb. 6, 2018: Toronto - **\$2,950*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **\$3,650*** p.p.
Vancouver - **\$3,700*** p.p.

Feb. 27, 2018: Toronto - **\$3,150*** p.p.

**28
nights****CARVOEIRO, ALGARVE**
Monte Santo Resort

Including 2 nights in Lisbon!

This new combination package offers you the best of the Algarve and Lisbon! Arrive in Lisbon and transfer to the Monte Santo resort—a haven for nature lovers. This stunning 5-star resort is located in the fishing village of Carvoeiro, 5 km from Lagoa, one hour west of Faro and just minutes away from uncrowded white sand beaches surrounded by limestone cliffs, mysterious caves and some of the best golf courses in Europe.

You will discover a world of wellbeing where luxury, comfort and tranquility await you. This luxurious resort offers six outdoor swimming pools and complimentary use of the wellness centre. End your stay in Lisbon for two nights; explore the old quarters of this fascinating city. Taste some traditional Portuguese tapas along with a wine tasting and visit Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,500. Two-bedroom garden view suite upgrade: \$400 pp. dbl. occ. One-bedroom luxury suite upgrade: \$700 pp. dbl. occ.

**Add Golf: Call us for more details.

Departure Dates:

Mar. 1, 2018: Toronto - **\$3,795*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **\$4,530*** p.p.
Vancouver - **\$4,590*** p.p.

**Includes:**

- round-trip airfare
- **Algarve:** 26 nights at Monte Santo Resort with breakfast daily
- one-bedroom garden view suite with a double bed, sofa bed in living room, with modern kitchen and balcony
- wellness centre, indoor heated pool, sauna, Turkish bath and gym
- free WiFi access in the reception area, housekeeping four times per week
- complimentary shuttle to Carvoeiro city centre, the beach and golf courses (Gramacho, Vale da Pinta and Silves golf courses), restaurant on site, six outdoor swimming pools, and running track
- half-day Loule Market excursion
- services of a local representative
- **Lisbon:** two nights at Turim Marques Hotel with breakfast, all transfers, Lisbon walking tour and tapas, plus full-day Sintra tour



Add Golf to your Portugal Longstays Vacation**!



Add a CroisiEurope Douro River Cruise to your Portugal Longstays vacation!



Departure Dates:

Mar. 1, 2018: Toronto - **\$3,395*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **\$4,130*** p.p.
Vancouver - **\$4,190*** p.p.

**28
nights**

VILAMOURA, ALGARVE Pinhal da Marina

Including 2 nights in Lisbon!

New this year, we are introducing a combination package to the Algarve and Lisbon, with cultural excursions, so that you can get the most out of your Portugal vacation! Arrive in Lisbon and transfer to Vilamoura at Pinhal da Marina Apartments. Enjoy tranquil surroundings of pine forests and gardens and just a 15 minute walk to the sandy beach and the Vilamoura marina with its many shops, bars and restaurants.

The Oceânico Pinhal golf course is a 10 minute walk from the property. Pinhal da Marina offers a generous pool area and spacious apartments, all with private terraces, kitchen and a dishwasher, to allow you the flexibility to enjoy your home away from home for the month.

End your stay in Lisbon for two nights, and explore the old quarters of this fascinating city. Taste some traditional Portuguese tapas along with a wine tasting, and visit Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- **Algarve:** 26 nights at Pinhal da Marina Apartments, studio pool view apartment with breakfast daily
- 15 minute walk to the nearest beach and to the marina in Vilamoura
- free WiFi in public areas, free use of safety box, one restaurant
- housekeeping daily (except Sundays)
- half-day Loule market excursion
- services of a local representative
- **Lisbon:** two nights at Turim Marques Hotel with breakfast, all transfers,
- Lisbon walking tour and tapas, plus full-day Sintra tour

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,200. One-bedroom upgrade at Pinhal da Marina: \$150 pp. dbl. occ.

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**7
nights**

CROISIEUROPE Douro River Cruise

Ports of call:

Lisbon | Porto | Regua | Vega de Teron | Ferradosa | Pinhao/Porto

Discover the Douro Valley in northern Portugal, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Extending from the city of Porto to the eastern border, this is where Port wine production abounds and the stunning landscapes, sculpted by the Douro, are highlights not to be missed.

Marvel at the breathtaking scenery on a five-night cruise onboard CroisiEurope's brand new ship, *MS Miguel Torga*. All staterooms include French balconies and separable beds. Cruise from Porto, Portugal to the Douro Valley, stopping in Regua, Pinhao and Porto Antigo, where aristocrats built grand palaces during the 16th and 17th centuries. Visit Porto, one of the oldest cities in Europe, with unspoiled old quarters and a maze of winding narrow streets.

\$2,595* p.p.

Departs Lisbon:

Mar. 27, 2018: **\$2,595** p.p.

! Add a 5-night
CroisiEurope
River Cruise plus 2 nights
in Lisbon to your Portugal
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Enjoy unlimited complimentary beverages onboard (including fine wines and beer, spirits, specialty coffees and tea), all meals, prepaid gratuities, all port fees as well as all classical shore excursions! Package also includes two nights at Hotel Mundial in Lisbon before your cruise with a full-day Sintra tour and a transfer to Porto.

CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Based on middle deck stateroom. Single supplement: \$875. Upper deck stateroom upgrade: \$120 pp. dbl. occ.

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Add a CroisiEurope Douro River Cruise
to your Portugal Longstays vacation!



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Spain

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Discover the luxurious ports, white-washed villages, impeccable beaches, and Moorish ruins that dot the southern coast of Spain.

Sun-soaked Costa del Sol, known as the gateway to Andalucía, boasts 150 km of coastline and an average of 300 days of sunshine per year. It is a great base for nearby excursions to Seville, Cordoba, Nerja, Gibraltar, Mijas, Malaga and Ronda.

Enjoy wine and tapas routes, and visits to traditional food markets. Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage and the gastronomic culture of the Costa del Sol.



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Departure Dates:

Feb. 5, 2018: Toronto - \$2,995* p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - \$3,730* p.p.
Vancouver - \$3,795* p.p.

New
This Year



Departure Dates:

Feb. 28, 2018: Toronto - \$3,595* p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - \$4,325* p.p.
Vancouver - \$4,395* p.p.

28
nights

TORREMOLINOS, COSTA DEL SOL

Sol Timor Apartments

New this year we are introducing a stay-put vacation at the Sol Timor Apartments to give you even more flexibility to get the most of your Costa del Sol vacation!

Stay at the Sol Timor Apartments centrally located on the beachfront promenade of Torremolinos, near the Puerto Marina, one of the most popular tourist area in Costa del Sol and within walking distance to the shops and restaurants!

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,300.

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- 20 minutes from Malaga International airport, set on its own garden in the seafront promenade, 300 m from Puerto Marina, 2.5 km from the centre of Torremolinos
- one-bedroom apartment with kitchen, bedroom with twin beds, private terrace
- one full-day excursion to Cordoba with lunch, one half-day excursion to Malaga with tapas dinner and Flamenco show
- housekeeping three times per week,
- free WiFi, one restaurant, 3 bars, supermarket
- an outdoor pool overlooking the sea and surrounded by gardens
- walk to Puerto Marina harbour and La Carihuela
- all transfers
- services of a local representative

28
nights

BENALMÁDENA, COSTA DEL SOL

Sunset Beach Club

Spend an unforgettable month in a stunning seafront location.

The Sunset Beach Club is situated in one of the most desired areas of Costa del Sol, Benalmádena Costa. Benalmádena Pueblo, the "Old Village", is only 3.6 km away, and Puerto Marina is only 2 km away.

Stroll around the marina for great shops, restaurants and cafés, or visit the Sea Life Aquarium which boasts over 2,000 aquatic creatures including sharks, sea turtles, and sting rays.

The extensive facilities and the lively ambience are essential ingredients for this stay-put vacation in Costa del Sol. Unwind at the beach or pool bar and enjoy the daily entertainment at this action packed resort!

All the one-bedroom apartments are in high demand offering either a sea view or mountain view.

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,650.

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- 20 minutes from Malaga International airport, seafront in Benalmádena Costa with two beaches adjacent to the hotel, 2 km from Puerto Marina, 3.6 km from Benalmádena Pueblo
- one-bedroom apartment (sea view or mountain view assigned at check-in) with kitchen, bedroom with twin beds or double bed, private terrace
- one full-day excursion to Cordoba with lunch, one half-day excursion to Malaga with tapas dinner and Flamenco show
- daily housekeeping (except kitchen) and change of towels
- free WiFi, supermarket and bakery
- two large outdoor pools set amongst beautifully landscaped terraces
- Omega games room with pool table and mini bowling alley, Oasis restaurant, Panorama bar, 24 hour reception
- all transfers
- services of a local representative

28
nights

COSTA DEL SOL

◆ Hosted

Including 2 nights at Parador Hotel!

This Costa del Sol vacation will have you at the lovely Ecuador Park Apartments, centrally located 300 m from the charming harbor of Benalmádena—a short walk to restaurants and the beach.

Explore the local area with your tour host, plus join six cultural excursions, including: Granada, Cordoba, Gibraltar, Nerja, and Mijas which includes a tapas dinner and Flamenco show in Malaga.

For a unique experience not to be missed, you will travel to Ronda and stay two nights at a luxury Parador Hotel with breakfast and dinner plus a full-day tour of the white villages!

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. based on one-bedroom standard apartment at Ecuador Park, taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,900. Upgrade to superior one-bedroom apartment: \$400 pp. dbl. occ.

Departure Dates:

Feb. 28, 2018: Toronto - \$4,995* p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - \$5,725* p.p.
Vancouver - \$5,795* p.p.



\$6,595* p.p.

Departs Toronto:

Feb. 28, 2018: \$6,595 p.p.

32
nights

COSTA DEL SOL & ALGARVE

◆ Hosted

A classic favourite! This complete hosted Mediterranean vacation combines the best of Spain and Portugal! Start with 14 nights in Costa del Sol in a luxury hotel located on stunning Carihuela beach with breakfast and dinner daily. Then transfer to Portugal for 15 nights at a deluxe resort, a hidden gem in the Balaia area between Albufeira and Vilamoura in the Algarve.

Enjoy the expansive beaches, white-washed villages and stunning seascapes. End your stay with three nights in Lisbon, one of Europe's most fascinating cities, and taste traditional Portuguese tapas with wine tasting. You will also visit Sintra a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- 28 nights at the Ecuador Park Apartments and two nights luxury stay at Parador Hotel in Ronda, with welcome dinner
- four full-day excursions, including: Granada, Cordoba, Gibraltar, Nerja with lunch
- two half-day excursions to Malaga with Tapas dinner and Flamenco show and Mijas with dinner
- city tour in Ronda plus full-day tour of the white villages with lunch
- one-bedroom, kitchen, private balcony
- housekeeping three times per week
- WiFi and laundry on-site
- all transfers and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- *Costa del Sol*: 14 nights at the Hotel Sol House Aloha Costa del Sol right on the seafront promenade, with two meals daily
- fully-renovated suites with free WiFi, pool area with sunbeds overlooking the sea
- four full-day excursions, including: Granada, Cordoba, Gibraltar and Nerja with lunch
- two half-day excursions to Malaga with tapas dinner and Flamenco show and Mijas with dinner
- *Algarve*: 15 nights at the Grand Real Santa Eulália Apartments with two meals daily
- one-bedroom land view apartment with balcony, free WiFi, free shuttle to Albufeira, outdoor heated pool
- two excursions to Moorish Heritage including, wine tasting and Loule Market
- *Lisbon*: three nights at the Turim Marques Hotel with breakfast, walking tour, tapas, and Sintra tour with lunch
- all transfers and gratuities

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Hotel Sol House Costa del Sol and Grand Santa Eulália with half board meal plan. Single supplement: \$1,700. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire.

Italy

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Experience the “Dolce Vita” in Italy, starting with Tuscany. Take in a region rich in history, as you wander quaint towns and countrysides. Tuscany’s Chianti region is world-famous, and for good reason.

Find out why Rome has earned the right to be called the Eternal City. Explore stunning Piazza Navona, a testament to Rome’s status as an outdoor museum. Visit the Trevi Fountain, the largest baroque fountain in the world. Make time for the Vatican and St. Peter’s Basilica, a towering masterpiece of Renaissance architecture. Rome is one of the most inspiring and easy-to-explore cities, in the world.

Finally, you have an opportunity to taste the Mediterranean life in Sorrento, the gateway to the Amalfi Coast. Here, you’ll explore the coast and venture east to Pompeii.



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The planning that went into this trip was phenomenal! I can’t imagine the hours spent in researching and coordinating such a trip and then making it happen without a hitch! The former is strong testimony of Merit Travel’s exceptional reach and knowledge, while the latter bespeaks the extreme professionalism of Cindy, our tour leader.

- Klaus Rohrich

\$6,795* p.p.

Departs Toronto:

Mar. 1, 2018: \$6,795 p.p.

24
nights

TUSCANY, ROME & SORRENTO

◆ Hosted

Begin your Italian vacation dreams with 14 nights in Tuscany. In your hillside Tuscan apartment, you’ll have views of olive groves, vineyards and the idyllic Tuscan countryside. Florence, only 33 km away, is easily accessible for a day trip.

Florence’s museums, palaces, and churches house some of the greatest artistic treasures in the world. While in Florence, wander through some of the oldest streets in the city, until you reach the Arno River. Cross the Ponte Vecchio, and experience the “newest” area of Florence, the Oltrarno.

Immerse yourself in the Italian culture through food and wine. Participate in a cooking class; learn to cook local dishes and taste the local wine.

Then, spend three nights in Rome and visit the famous Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel.

Finally, discover Sorrento, a small enchanting town. Perched on a cliff, along a beautiful stretch of azure blue coastline, it overlooks the islands of Naples. For a taste of traditional Italian life, head to the restaurants, museums and markets of the town centre.

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$2,895. Upgrade to a two-bedroom apartment in Tuscany: \$200 pp. dbl. occ. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire.



Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- *Tuscany*: 14 nights at the Borgo Artimino with breakfast daily, welcome & farewell dinner with wine
- five excursions, including: Florence, Pisa, Siena, wine tasting and lunch in Chianti, cooking class and lunch in San Gimignano
- *Rome*: three nights at Le Meridien Visconti Palace Hotel with breakfast and Vatican tour plus Rome city tour
- *Sorrento*: seven nights accommodation at the Plaza Hotel with breakfast and dinner with wine daily
- four excursions, including: the Amalfi coast, Capri, Pompei and Naples
- all transfers and gratuities
- local tourist tax in Italy



Feb.
14/6°
Mar.
16/8°

France

LONGSTAYS

Enjoy a glamorous Mediterranean vacation in Nice.

Nice, the capital of the Cote d'Azur, is situated in a magnificent bay, which stretches along the famous Promenade des Anglais, facing the Mediterranean.

With its lively old town, elegant Belle Époque district and bustling port area, Nice is a city of many facets. Its museums house the richest collections of French modern and contemporary art outside Paris and, a visit to the Marc Chagall Museum, as well as the Matisse Museum, are not to be missed.



! Add a 4-night CroisiEurope River Cruise, plus 3 nights in Nice to your France Longstays Vacation

7 nights

CROISIEUROPE Lyon River Cruise

◆ Ports of call:

Lyon | Arles | Avignon | Viviers | Tain L'Hermitage

Discover the magic of Provence Rhone and the Camargue!

Embark on your four-night gastronomic cruise, sailing from Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage site, aboard CroisiEurope's *MS Camargue*. You will visit Lyon's Old Quarter and Arles, with its exceptional heritage. Then discover the Pope's Palace, in Avignon, and the Ardeche Gorges, the most beautiful canyon in Europe.

Visit a well-known French vineyard in Tain l'Hermitage, with a wine tasting and an excursion to the Vercor's Plateau.

Enjoy unlimited complimentary beverages onboard (including fine wines and beer), all meals, free WiFi, prepaid gratuities, all port fees as well as all classical shore excursions! Package also includes three nights at Hipark Residences, before your cruise, and a transfer from Nice to Lyon.

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Based on lower deck stateroom. Single supplement: \$895 Additional: Upgrade to upper deck suite \$200 pp. dbl. occ.



\$2,575* p.p.

Departs Nice:

Mar. 30, 2018: **\$2,575** p.p.



Add a CroisiEurope River Cruise to your France Longstays Vacation!



Add a Culinary Tour to your France Longstays Vacation!



28 nights

NICE, FRENCH RIVIERA HIPARK RESIDENCES

◆ Hosted

Back by popular demand! Discover the French Riviera at your own pace. You will stay in the heart of the Acropolis quarter, within walking distance to the train station, a shopping mall and supermarket, in a modern, and upscale, residence apartment.

Enjoy complimentary use of the fitness room and sauna, and explore the local attractions with your tour host. Fabulous excursions to nearby Antibes, Cannes, Monaco and St. Paul de Vence are included!

\$4,495* p.p.

Departs Toronto:

Mar. 1, 2018: **\$4,495** p.p.

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,900. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire.

◆ Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- 28 nights at Hipark Residences in a one-bedroom suite with kitchen, sofa bed in living room and 24 hour reception
- continental breakfast daily
- housekeeping once per week
- complimentary use of the fitness room and sauna, WiFi in your room, supermarket and shopping mall across the street
- bar, restaurant, 5 minute walk from Nice-Riquier train station, 1.5 km from Nice's Old town
- four cultural excursions, including: Antibes, Cannes, Monaco and St. Paul de Vence
- all transfers
- Merit Travel tour host



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This Year

\$3,795* p.p.

Departs Nice:

Mar. 30, 2018: **\$3,795** p.p.

7 nights

CULINARY TOUR Lyon

◆ Highlights:

A Day At The Foot Stalls | Cobblestones, Cakes & Countryside Wine | The Mustard Trail | The Springs Of Vichy | Gourmet Cooking Class

Discover Lyon through the eyes of a foodie!

Our French culinary and wine tour takes you to the most beautiful and picturesque places of the UNESCO centre of Lyon. You will discover the gorgeous architecture of the city, fresh-made pastries, unique local cheese and hand-picked truffles! Your local expert guide will take you the best shops that this gourmet capital has to offer. Sample the wines of the stunning Beaujolais Region and also meet the local winemakers.

Head north through the countryside to the famous city of Dijon, home of the authentic, smooth mustard you know well, and get a real taste of how mustard is harvested. Visit the famous spa town of Vichy, known as a health and wellness hub due to its natural pure spa waters. Finally, end your foodie experience in Lyon with a gourmet cooking class, and enjoy a performance at Maison de la Dance, the home of contemporary dance in Lyon!

Package includes the following: one night at HiPark Residences in Nice with breakfast, transfer from Nice to Lyon, six nights accommodations at the Novotel Lyon Centre Part Dieu Hotel, breakfast and dinner daily, a local tour guide for the duration of the tour, all sightseeing and cultural excursions, as per the itinerary, and gratuities!

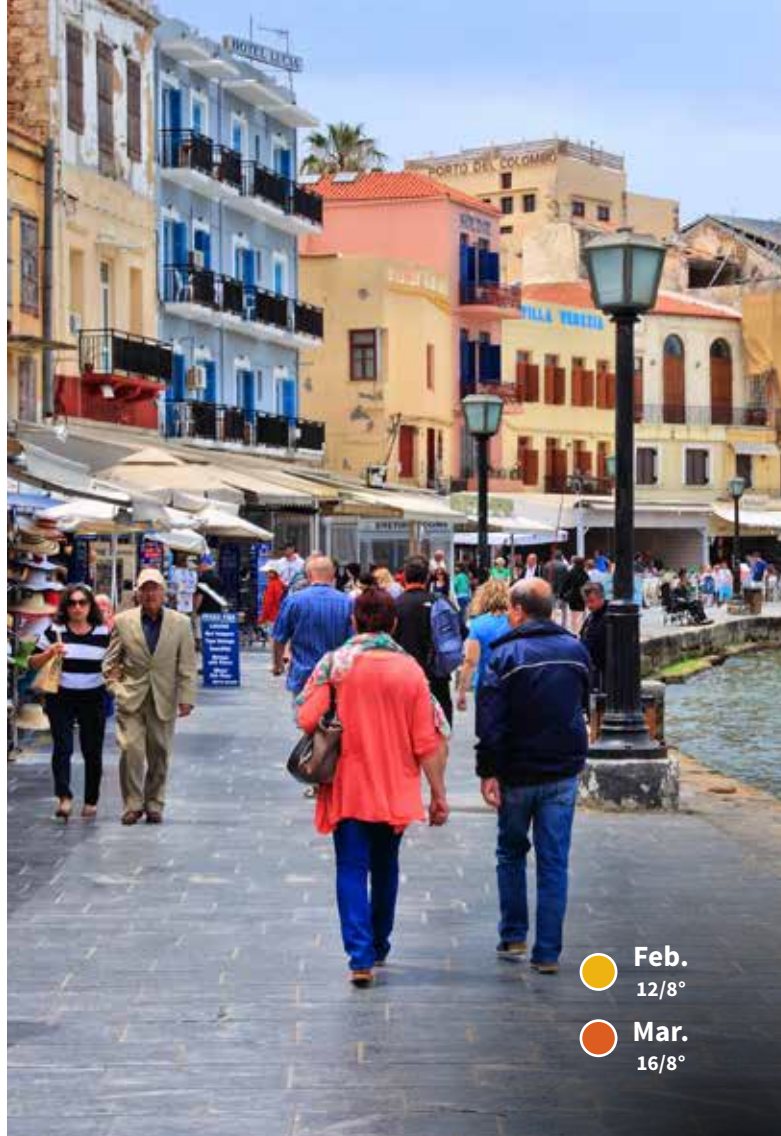
*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$950.

Greece LONGSTAYS

Discover the magic of Greece from the mountains to the sea. Athens, the Cradle of Western Civilization, has more than 3,000 years of history, steeped in mythology, and breathtaking landmarks. The Parthenon is the most magnificent creation of Athenian democracy, and the Acropolis, also called the "Sacred Rock" of Athens, is the most important site of the city, and one of the most recognizable monuments of the world.

Take a walk around charming old-style neighbourhoods. You'll spot typical tavernas, serving traditional meze, and may even enjoy Greek culinary delights such as: souvlaki, moussaka, fresh grilled fish, and Greek sweets!

Explore the picturesque Greek islands, with their remains of archaic architecture. Mykonos, with its quiet winding streets and small alleys, is lined with iconic white-washed houses, overlooking a beautiful harbor. Santorini is yours to explore as well, with the famous towns of Oia and Fira, overlooking the famous caldera, worthy of your footsteps. Pursue your own Greek odyssey on this trip!



Malta LONGSTAYS

Enjoy an exotic winter escape in Malta.

The Maltese archipelago lies at the centre of the Mediterranean, 93 km south of Sicily and 288 km north of Africa and consists of three islands: Malta, Gozo and Comino with a total population of over 400,000.

Malta is the largest island centred on the fortress city Valletta and with a smaller, separate island to the north. In Malta you'll find prehistoric temples, hidden coves, beautiful beaches and a remarkable history.



\$5,595* p.p.

Departs Toronto:

Mar. 1, 2018: **\$5,595** p.p.

25 nights GREECE WITH GREEK ISLANDS CRUISE ♦ Hosted

Your amazing journey starts with 14 nights in a sophisticated seaside hotel in Mati, Attica just 32 km from the centre of Athens, with breakfast and dinner daily.

Then, embark on an unforgettable three-night Greek Islands cruise, onboard Celestyal's *Majesty* sailing from Athens, Piraeus calling upon Mykonos, Samos, Patmos, Crete and Santorini.

Spend four nights exploring the historical capital of Athens. Enjoy a city tour that passes Constitution Square and Panathenaic Stadium — home of the first modern Olympic Games. Then visit the new Acropolis Museum and discover famous monuments including, the Parthenon and the Acropolis.

Continue on a three-night cultural tour to Olympia, the cradle of the Olympic Games, and ancient Delphi and Meteora, two legendary UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- *Nea Makri, Greece*: 15 nights at the Marathon Beach Resort with breakfast and dinner daily
- a room with a balcony, outdoor pool, restaurant, and WiFi access
- *Athens*: four nights at the Radisson Blu Hotel with breakfast plus Athens city tour with the new Acropolis Museum
- three-night cultural tour to Olympia at Hotel Arty Grand | Delphi at Hotel Amalia | Kalambaka at Hotel Amalia with breakfast and dinner daily plus three excursions
- three-night Greek Island cruise onboard Celestyal's *Majesty* with meals, drinks package and shore excursions
- all transfers and gratuities**
- Merit Travel tour host

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Based on an interior Cat. 1B stateroom or similar. Single supplement: \$2,200. Upgrade to Cat. XB outside stateroom or similar \$180. **Gratuities are included and prepaid onboard Celestyal cruise. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire.



\$4,995* p.p.

Departs Toronto:

Mar. 1, 2018: **\$4,995** p.p.

28 nights MALTA ♦ Hosted

Spend a month in Malta and discover the gorgeous beaches and historic temples.

Your centrally located, boutique style hotel, features modern self-catering studio units with breakfast daily.

You'll be situated in St. Julian's in the heart of Malta's entertainment district, within a 5 minute walk to the beach, and the trendy Spinola Bay. Enjoy easy access to public transportation and Valletta (only 6 km away). Enjoy the indoor heated pool and free WiFi.

You will have five cultural excursions included, to explore the local culture.

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$1,400. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire.

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- 28 nights accommodation at the George Hotel with breakfast daily
- in the centre of lively St. Julian's, just 657 ft. from the bus station and a 5 minute walk to the beach
- studio units with kitchen and dishwasher, bedroom with double bed, living room with sofa, balcony, and bathroom with shower and hairdryer.
- daily housekeeping (except kitchen)
- free WiFi, free use of the indoor pool and spa (massages and beauty treatments at an extra cost), bar, restaurant, and market
- three full-day excursions, including: Valetta, Medina and Gozo, two half-day excursions to three cities south of Malta
- all transfers, local taxes and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host

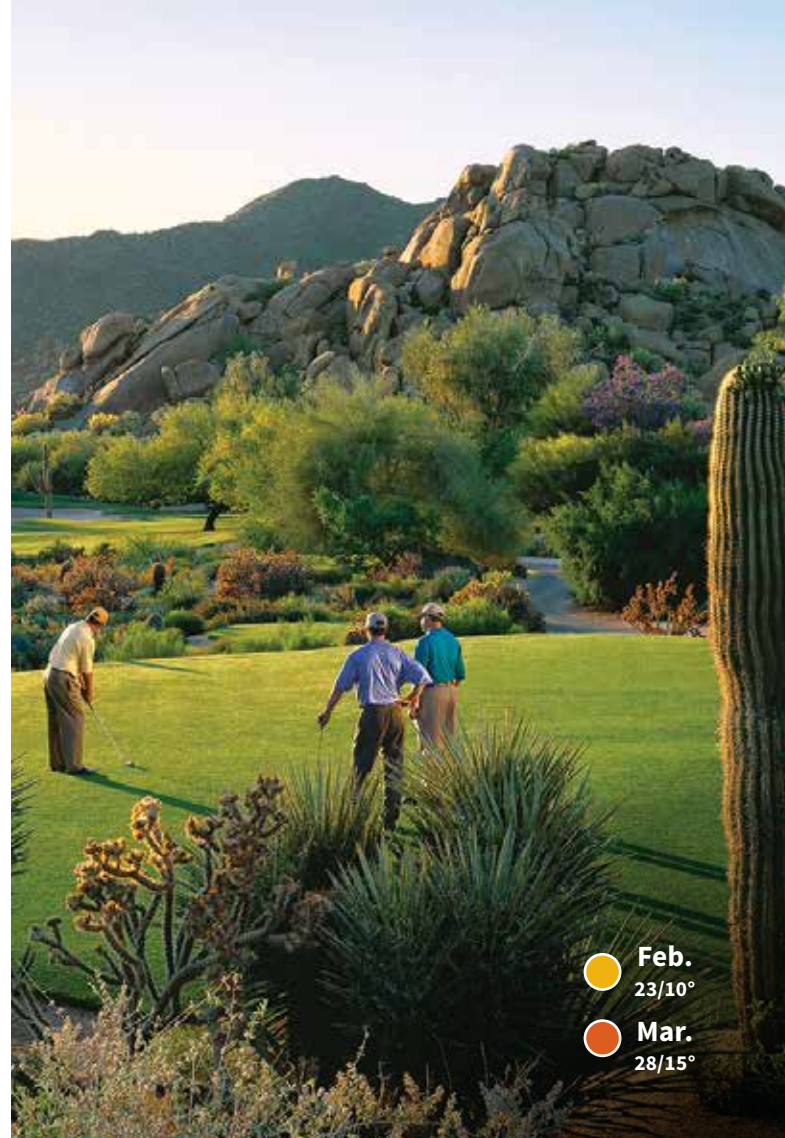
Arizona

LONGSTAYS

Mesa, with pleasant year-round weather, offers some of the best, most authentic Arizona experiences for visitors. Tonto National Forest provides a cool escape, while the Sonoran Desert is a majestic landscape. Grand Canyon is Arizona's most distinguishable landmark and a natural wonder that you simply have to see to believe. Stretching 365 km from end to end, steep, rocky walls descend more than 2 km to the canyon's floor, where the wild Colorado River traces a swift course southwest.

Golfers have over 40 golf courses to choose from, with most featuring breathtaking views of sweeping vistas, set against the natural beauty of rugged mountains and blue Western skies.

Foodies can sample all types of cuisine; Mesa has long served as the culinary gateway to some of the top chefs tables in the Greater Phoenix area. Wander Mesa's downtown's streets to see more than 200 public art sculptures, relax on a riverboat cruise through the canyons of the Salt River, and hike through the Superstition Mountains. Mesa and the surrounding region provide a limitless array of things to see and do, from the cultural to the recreational, and the Old West to the New West.



Feb. 23/10°
Mar. 28/15°

Hawai'i

LONGSTAYS

Known as the "Valley Isle," Maui is dotted with quaint towns, artist communities and local favourites that have been around for generations. Explore the Big Kahuna, a roller-coaster of a ride, the Hana Highway winds down into jungley valleys and back up towering cliffs, curling around 600 twists and turns.

Discover Maui's most authentic luau, Hawaiian history, culture and culinary prowess are the focus, presented like a gift from the most hospitable of hosts.

From shimmering beaches and sacred Iao Valley to migrating humpback whales and sunset on Haleakalā, plus great weather and top ranking golf courses, it's no wonder Maui was voted the "Best Island" by the readers of Conde Nast Traveler for more than twenty years!



Feb. 26/18°
Mar. 27/19°



30 nights **MESA, ARIZONA**
◆ *Hosted*

Enjoy a month of Arizona warmth and sunshine in your studio suite at the Marriott Residence Inn in Mesa, where shopping, dining and golf are all within walking distance.

Enjoy your complimentary amenities including: daily hot breakfast, WiFi, three social evenings each week with food and beverages, daily grocery shopping service, a large outdoor pool and parking.

This residence, and their staff, provide the kind of warmth and hospitality that has Canadian snowbirds returning year after year!

A 14-day car rental is included with your vacation, so that you can explore the local area with your tour host.

◆ **Includes:**

- round-trip airfare
- 30 nights at the Marriott Residence Inn, a studio suite with fully equipped kitchenette
- economy car rental for 14 days
- complimentary deluxe continental breakfast daily
- three complimentary social evenings with food and beverages included each week
- complimentary fitness facility, gas grill, large pool and hot tub
- complimentary grocery shopping service
- airport transfers
- Merit Travel tour host

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Based on an Avis Cat. B compact car rental for 14 days includes unlimited mileage and taxes. Upgrade to one-bedroom: \$300.

**Add Golf: Call us for more details!

Departure Dates:

Feb. 2, 2018: Toronto - **\$5,295*** p.p.
Calgary - **\$5,195*** p.p.



28 nights **MAUI, HAWAI'I**
◆ *Hosted*

Aloha! Spend a month on the gorgeous island of Maui, at the Napili Village, Maui's best kept secret, located on the north end of the island on the Lahaina side of Maui.

This charming Hawaiian resort is only a short stroll to Napili Bay beach. Relax by the pool, "viewing the gracious palms", or stroll to the beach and enjoy the breathtaking sunset at Napili Bay between the islands of Lana'i and Moloka'i.

You will also have included in your vacation three cultural excursions and a 14 day car rental so that you can explore the local area with your tour host!

Departure Dates:

Mar. 1, 2018: Toronto - **\$6,595*** p.p.
Calgary - **\$6,495*** p.p.
Vancouver - **\$6,395*** p.p.

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Based on an Avis Cat. B compact car rental for 14 days includes unlimited mileage and taxes. Upgrade to one-bedroom: \$300.

◆ **Includes:**

- round-trip airfare
- 28 nights at the Napili Village in a studio suite with fully equipped kitchen, king size bed with queen sleeper or two twin beds, private balcony
- continental breakfast served every Friday
- economy car rental for 14 days
- three excursions, including: Maui Luau, Haleakalā and Central Maui, and Road to Hana
- free WiFi, outdoor pool
- housekeeping five times per week
- walking distance to shops and restaurants, a short stroll to the beach
- airport transfers
- Merit Travel tour host



Add Golf to your Arizona Longstays Vacation**!



California

LONGSTAYS

San Diego, California's oldest town, is known for its superb beaches, natural harbor areas and historic buildings. It has an enchanting natural beauty with near perfect weather!

Full of popular outdoor activities and tourist attractions, including the world famous San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld, the USS Military Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum and Spanish Colonial-style architecture found in Balboa Park, the city's diverse neighbourhoods boast plenty of shopping, dining and entertainment options.

For a little history and shopping, visitors can stroll the streets of Old Town, San Diego, the State Historic Park or wander through the Gaslamp Quarter.



Feb.
18/10°
Mar.
19/12°



Feb.
27/17°
Mar.
27/17°

Costa Rica

LONGSTAYS

Costa Rica is a tropical paradise and offers travellers an abundance of outdoor activities.

Visitors can fly through the rainforest canopy on a zip line, go white-water rafting, climb a volcano, relax on a white sand beach, or check out colourful marine life while snorkeling.

The country has a large number of national parks and nature preserves that boast a rich array of birds, mammals, reptiles and rainforest plants.

Spend a month in Playas del Coco, in the Guanacaste Province of Costa Rica, just 35 minutes from the Liberia airport, and known for its gorgeous beaches with kilometer-long stretches of beautiful, gray sand, lined by leaning trees and oceanfront restaurants.

Playas del Coco is a perfect base for day trips to explore Guanacaste's National Parks, and most popular attractions, including, canopy tours, adventure and nature reserve tours, sports-fishing, sailing, dolphin-watching and scuba diving.



New
This Year

\$7,695* p.p.

Departs Toronto:

Feb. 5, 2018: **\$7,695** p.p.

 **Holland America Line**
A Signature of Excellence

32 nights

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA AND HAWAI'I CRUISE

◆ Hosted

Experience all of the enchanting beauty of San Diego and the dramatic landscapes and exotic adventure of the Hawaiian Islands, on this unforgettable journey!

Spend 14 nights at Residence Inn, San Diego Downtown/Bayfront, centrally located in the heart of San Diego with panoramic views of San Diego Bay and near many attractions.

Enjoy on-site amenities including, complimentary WiFi, a grocery shopping service, and an outdoor heated pool. Explore the local culture with your tour host, and two cultural excursions included.

Then board a luxurious 18 nights Holland America Circle Hawai'i cruise, indulge in fine cuisine and delve into the unique Hawaiian culture and spectacular tropical delights of the islands.

◆ Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- *San Diego*: 14 nights at the Residence Inn, San Diego Downtown/Bayfront, in a studio suite with city views or bay views (not guaranteed and on request), breakfast daily
- two excursions, including: USS Military Midway Museum and San Diego Safari Zoo
- free WiFi, 24 hour market, fitness centre, outdoor heated pool
- daily housekeeping with change of linens every three days
- *Holland America Circle Hawai'i Cruise*: 18 nights onboard *MS Westerdam* with meals
- airport and cruise ship transfers and gratuities**
- Merit Travel tour host

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ taxes and port fees included. Based on an Interior stateroom Cat. L or similar. Upgrade to Outside stateroom Cat. D or similar: \$995. Upgrade to a Balcony stateroom Cat. VD or similar: \$1,350. **Gratuities are all included and prepaid onboard cruise. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire.



Departure Dates:

Feb. 7, 2018: Toronto - **\$5,695*** p.p.
Calgary - **\$5,595*** p.p.

WESTJET 

28 nights

PLAYAS DEL COCO, COSTA RICA

◆ Hosted

Escape to Playas del Coco for a month in the charming community of Coco Sunset Hill situated on a hilltop, surrounded by beautiful beaches and natural attractions.

All two-bedroom apartments are tastefully furnished, with open concept living room, dining room, fully equipped kitchen, two bedrooms on the second floor, a bathroom and a rooftop terrace. Just a 10 minute walk to the beach and located within the "El Pueblito" village, with a number of fantastic restaurants, cafés and a bakery.

You will also have access to a free shuttle on weekdays (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) to take you to the nearby beaches and the local town.

Explore the wonders of Costa Rica with four cultural excursions included!

◆ Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- 35 minutes from Liberia airport and 10 minutes to the beach, restaurants and shopping
- 28 nights in a two-bedroom apartment (two floors) at Tropical Gardens Suites & Apartments, fully equipped kitchen with an open concept living area, washer and dryer, plus a rooftop terrace
- eight outdoor pools, and WiFi
- housekeeping three times per week
- three full-day excursions, including: Palo Verde, Rincon de la Vieja National Park, and Bueno Vista, and a half-day Catamaran sailing excursion
- all transfers
- Merit Travel tour host

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$2,500. Triple rate: \$5,295.

Barbados

LONGSTAYS

Life didn't begin in Barbados, it was just perfected there!

This small Caribbean paradise is a magical and sophisticated destination to escape winter. Also known as 'Little England', Barbados' British heritage has immensely impacted Bajan culture. Barbados' capital, historic Bridgetown and its Garrison, have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Touring the Barbados Museum or George Washington House, will give you a taste of Barbados' history and culture while the picturesque landscapes may be explored with a hike by the Barbados Natural Trust. The Rock Hall Freedom Monument, which commemorates the island's first free village built and inhabited by ex slaves, is a must-see to complete your history tour of the island.

This tropical paradise is also best known for its Mount Gay Rum, Crop Over Festival, world class beaches, charming communities and perfect weather.

Barbados is especially appealing to a vast array of foodies where you will experience a sophisticated, high-quality and upscale celebration of gastronomic art, featuring acclaimed international and local chefs and wine experts.



Feb.
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Mar.
30/21°



Feb.
27/19°
Mar.
27/20°

Cuba

LONGSTAYS

Set against a backdrop of turquoise water, Varadero is part of a peninsula that stretches far out into the calm waters of the Atlantic with an uninterrupted 20 km stretch of blond sand that is undoubtedly one of the Caribbean's best, and a perfect winter escape for sun-lovers and golfers.

The nearby cities of Cárdenas and Matanzas are known for their art, history and culture. Southwest of Varadero, on the province's Caribbean coast, is the Zapata Peninsula, famous for its ecotourism and history. The Varadero golf club is a magnificent 18-hole championship course on the peninsula.

To experience the real Cuba head to Havana the exotic capital of Cuba and a city lost in time. The art culture in Havana is currently one of the city's biggest surprises where the work of Escalera and others is splendidly displayed in the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes. Journey back in time with a trip onboard a classic 1950's American convertible, and cruise through famous Havana suburbs. End up in the famous Hotel Nacional, overlooking the legendary Malecon at dusk. Cuba is sure to capture you with its friendly people, amazing history and great weather year round!



\$6,295* p.p.

Departs Toronto:

Feb. 9, 2018: **\$6,295** p.p.

22 nights ST. JAMES, BARBADOS & CARIBBEAN CRUISE ◆ Hosted

For 15 nights, surround yourself with hundreds of palm trees in your own private cottage. The All Seasons Resort Barbados, resting on 4.5 acres on the platinum west coast, will be your tranquil, relaxing oasis.

Then, embark on a spectacular seven-night Caribbean cruise onboard Star Clippers' *Royal Clipper*, sailing from Barbados and calling upon St. Lucia, Dominica, Iles des Saintes, Antigua, St. Kitts and Martinique.

Explore these beautiful Caribbean islands on a unique intimate sailing; up close and personal! Combine the ambiance of a private yacht, with the relaxation of a uniquely luxurious cruise, vacation as you explore the hidden treasures of the Caribbean islands!

◆ Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- 15 nights in a garden view one-bedroom cottage, fully equipped kitchenette, living area, private patio and air conditioning
- two cultural excursions, including: Beauty of Barbados and Harrison Caves
- complimentary shuttle and use of beach house facilities
- seven-night Star Clippers cruise onboard the *Royal Clipper* with meals, three saltwater pools, marina platform, observation deck, complimentary watersports (paddle boarding, windsurfing, kayaking, sail boating, and snorkeling)
- all transfers and gratuities**
- Merit Travel tour host

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. tax and port fees included. Based on Cat. 6 Interior stateroom. Single supplement: \$2,900. Upgrade to Cat. 3 Superior outside stateroom: \$650. Upgrade to a Deluxe suite with private verandah: \$2,200. **Gratuities are prepaid and included onboard the cruise. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire.



\$6,595* p.p.

Departs Toronto:

Feb. 12, 2018: **\$6,595** p.p.

22 nights VARADERO & HAVANA, CUBA WITH CRUISE ◆ Hosted

Escape winter with 14 nights in Varadero, at the beach front Melia Varadero. Enjoy the gorgeous beach, daily resort activities, and an all-inclusive plan, which includes all meals and unlimited beverages.

Then, transfer to Havana and embark on an unforgettable seven-night Celestyal cruise to experience the real Cuba, sailing from Havana and calling upon Maria La Gorda, Cienfuegos, Montego Bay, and Santiago de Cuba, with all meals and a beverage package included! Discover this exotic paradise and its charm, like historic Havana and Santiago de Cuba, with included shore excursions so you can immerse yourself into the Cuban culture. End your stay in the exotic capital of Havana, with a city tour!

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes and port fees included. Based on Cat. 1B Interior stateroom or similar. Single supplement: \$2,000. Upgrade to Cat. XA Outside stateroom or similar: \$420. **Gratuities are prepaid and included onboard the cruise. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire.



◆ Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- *Varadero*: 14 nights at the Melia Varadero in a classic room, all-inclusive plan with all meals and unlimited beverages
- daily housekeeping
- five restaurants, three bars, outside pool, fitness centre, convenience store, daily entertainment, with live music, next to Plaza Americana Convention centre, and within walking distance to Varadero golf course
- seven-night cruise onboard the *Celestyal Crystal* with all meals and beverage package, shore excursions, port charges, fitness centre, entertainment programs, performances by local Cuban artists & theme nights
- *Havana*: Overnight at the Melia Habana with breakfast and a city tour
- all transfers and gratuities**
- Merit Travel tour host



● Feb.
33/22°

● Mar.
34/24°

Thailand

LONGSTAYS

Thailand, also known as the Land of Smiles, is a wondrous kingdom, featuring Buddhist temples, exotic wildlife, and spectacular islands.

With fantastic world-class beaches in the south, or the mountain villages in the north, Thailand offers a unique travel experience. Whether your plans for Thailand mainly involve frolicking on a beach or cozying up to elephants, you should spend a few nights in Bangkok the economic, cultural, culinary, and spiritual capital of Thailand.

The Grand Palace is staggering in historical significance and craftsmanship and its grounds are a maze of royal halls, temples, and ancient relics.

Chiang Mai is a cultural and natural wonderland with ethnic diversity, a multitude of attractions and welcoming hospitality. Hill tribe trekking, often combined with river rafting and elephant riding, has always been one of Chiang Mai's greatest tourist attractions. The old city of Chiang Mai is a showcase of the north's fascinating indigenous cultural identity that includes, diverse dialects, a delectable cuisine, distinctive architecture, traditional values, numerous handicrafts workshops, and classical dances.

Phuket, Asia's most popular beach destination, has spectacular scenery, stunning tropical sunsets and silky soft white sand, palm-lined beaches. Whether it's world-class diving in the Andaman Sea, golf at championship courses or exciting eco-adventures



in tropical forests, Phuket is a place to extend your horizons. Take an exhilarating speedboat trip to the surrounding islands, or enjoy a serene cruise around mystical Phang Nga Bay. The Island is home to many high-end seaside resorts, spas and restaurants.

Patong, the main town, has a more casual vibe and is filled with restaurants and shopping. Thailand is sure to captivate you with its fascinating history, delectable Thai food and friendly people!



New
This Year

26
nights

BANGKOK, CHIANG MAI, PHUKET & HONG KONG

◆ Hosted

For an exotic Longstays Vacation like no other, escape for a month to Thailand!

Start with three nights in Bangkok, and discover the Grand Palace (previously the residence of past kings of Thailand), and bustling scene at Damnoen Saduak, the world-famous floating market.

Continue north to Chiang Mai and visit a Longneck tribe and an elephant camp.

Venture to the gorgeous island of Phuket. Spend 20 nights at your boutique-style apartment, just 200 m from the famous Patong Beach. Daily breakfast is included.

Also included, four cultural excursions to help you explore Phuket and the surrounding islands.

End your amazing journey with an overnight in Hong Kong, a city of great contrasts and picturesque rural landscapes!

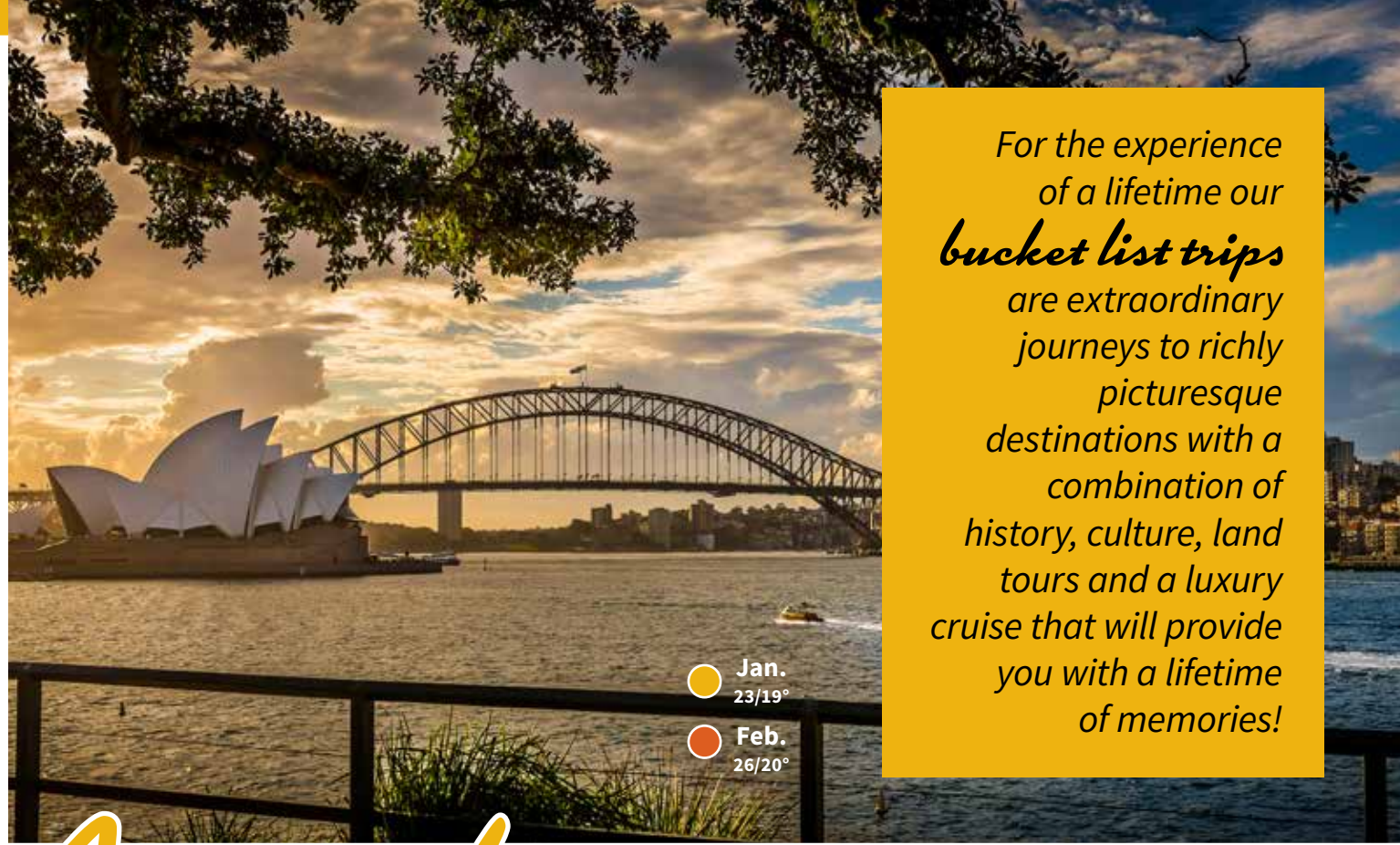
Departure Dates:

Mar. 1, 2018: Toronto - \$6,895* p.p.
Vancouver - \$6,595* p.p.

*CDNS pp. dbl. occ. taxes included. Single supplement: \$2,900.

◆ Includes:

- round-trip airfare and domestic flights
- **Bangkok:** three nights at Aetas Lumpini Hotel with breakfast
- full-day excursion to Bangkok's famous Temples and Grand Palace, with lunch, plus half-day excursion to Damnoen Saduak floating market
- **Chiang Mai:** two nights at Siripanna Hotel with breakfast
- full-day excursion to Longneck tribe and an elephant camp
- **Phuket:** 20 nights at BYD Lofts Boutique Hotel and Apartments with breakfast
- three full-day excursions, including: Phi Phi Island, Phang Nga Bay, Similan Island, and half-day Phuket island tour
- **Hong Kong:** overnight at Regal Airport Hotel with breakfast
- all transfers service fees, and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host



Jan. 23/19°
Feb. 26/20°

For the experience of a lifetime our bucket list trips are extraordinary journeys to richly picturesque destinations with a combination of history, culture, land tours and a luxury cruise that will provide you with a lifetime of memories!

Australia

LONGSTAYS

Discover the Gold Coast of Australia, host of the 2018 Commonwealth Games, and ultimate dream destination!

Surfers Paradise beach, wildlife sanctuaries, over 57 km of sandy beaches, rainforest wonderlands, year-round sunshine... it's no wonder Canadian snowbirds love the Gold Coast.

Explore Sydney's natural beauty, from unspoiled beaches to public gardens and the sparkling harbour, before discovering its thriving restaurants and markets. Top it off with a trip to the Blue Mountains, a popular excursion among locals.

Get the most out of your South Pacific vacation with a once-in-a-lifetime cruise to discover the best of Australia and New Zealand! The lands "Down Under" have their own special allure. The scenery is spectacular, from New Zealand's jagged, snow-capped peaks to Australia's natural beauty. Enjoy magnificent scenic cruising in Milford Sound, as well as stops in some of the most popular ports in New Zealand's North and South Islands including, Wellington, Napier and Tauranga. In Wellington, New Zealand's capital, enjoy a pint in one of the classic pubs lining Tinakori Road. In Auckland, the "City of Sails," you can crew on an America's Cup yacht sailing Waitemata Harbour.



While you are cruising in luxury and discovering the many local ports of call, savour delicious cuisine with the freshest local ingredients and classic regional dishes, or take in a spectacular evening performance. There is no better way to discover the South Pacific than with a combination of a land and cruise experience, where you can explore each area's history and culture!



Departure Dates:
Feb. 9, 2018: Toronto - \$11,495* p.p.
Vancouver - \$11,295* p.p.



32 nights

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND & CRUISE

Hosted

This bucket list trip to Australia and New Zealand is the ultimate dream vacation!

Start with 14 nights in the Gold Coast in your luxury ocean view apartment in the centre of Surfers Paradise!

Then fly from Brisbane to World Heritage-listed Fraser Island for two nights and discover this rare and beautiful island at the start of the Great Barrier Reef. Your accommodations will be at the stunning Kingfishers Bay Fraser Island resort, with views of the natural surroundings, while waking up to water views, and natural surroundings from your resort hotel room.

Then continue to Sydney, Australia's harbour city for a two nights stay. Your amazing journey continues with a luxurious 14 night New Zealand Discovery cruise aboard Holland America's *Ms. Noordam* sailing from Sydney, Australia. Take in the spectacular scenery and discover some of the most popular ports in New Zealand's North and South Islands!

This is truly an adventure of a lifetime!

*CDN\$ pp. dbl. occ. taxes and port fees included. Based on Cat. L Interior stateroom or similar. Upgrade to Cat. D Outside stateroom or similar: \$800. Upgrade to Cat. VD Balcony stateroom or similar: \$1,400. Or Cat. VC Balcony stateroom or similar: \$1,500. **Gratuities are included and prepaid onboard cruise.

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- **Australia's Gold Coast:** 14 nights at the Mantra Sun City Apartments
- ocean view apartment in the heart of Surfers Paradise, 15 minutes from the shopping centre
- four excursions, including: Outback Spectacular with Medieval dinner, Wilderness Rainforest tour with lunch, Brisbane city tour and Aqua Duck Safari
- **Fraser Island:** two nights at Kingfisher Bay Fraser Island resort with breakfast and dinner daily
- two excursions, including: Bushtucker and Taste and Beauty Spots 4WD with lunch, ferry transfers
- **Sydney:** two nights at the Grace Hotel with breakfast, and welcome dinner
- two excursions, including: Sydney city tour and Blue Mountains tour with lunch
- **Cruise:** 14 night New Zealand Discovery cruise onboard Holland America's *MS. Noordam* with meals
- all transfers, service fees, and gratuities**
- Merit Travel tour host



New This Year

Departure Dates:
Jan. 28, 2018: Toronto - \$9,495* p.p.
Vancouver - \$9,295* p.p.



29 nights

SOUTH PACIFIC CROSSING CRUISE

Hosted

This bucket list adventure begins as you fly to Auckland, New Zealand, a city of natural wonders and stunning coastlines! Stay for two nights and enjoy the famous attractions with a dinner cruise to experience Auckland's magnificent harbour, a visit to the iconic 328 m Sky Tower and a Waiheke Island Wine tour to visit some of the beautiful vineyards, with tastings and a scenic tour.

Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime South Pacific Crossing cruise sailing from Auckland, New Zealand and calling upon Nukualofa, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, Papeete, Moorea, Bora Bora, Honolulu, Hawai'i, and ending in San Diego, California.

Sail to the secluded islands of the South Pacific; Cook Islands and French Polynesia are a tropical paradise waiting to be discovered as you cruise in luxury. Disembark in San Diego, California, and transfer to your hotel. End your magical vacation with a three-night stay in this Pacific Coast city.

Includes:

- round-trip airfare
- **Auckland:** two nights at the Crown Plaza Auckland hotel with breakfast
- three excursions, including: Maritime Museum with dinner cruise; Sky Tower and Waiheke Wine Tour; Auckland Museum with Maori Cultural Performance
- **Cruise:** 24 nights South Pacific Crossing cruise onboard Holland America's *MS Maasdam* with meals
- **San Diego:** three nights at Residence Inn San Diego Downtown/Bayfront with breakfast and city tour
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