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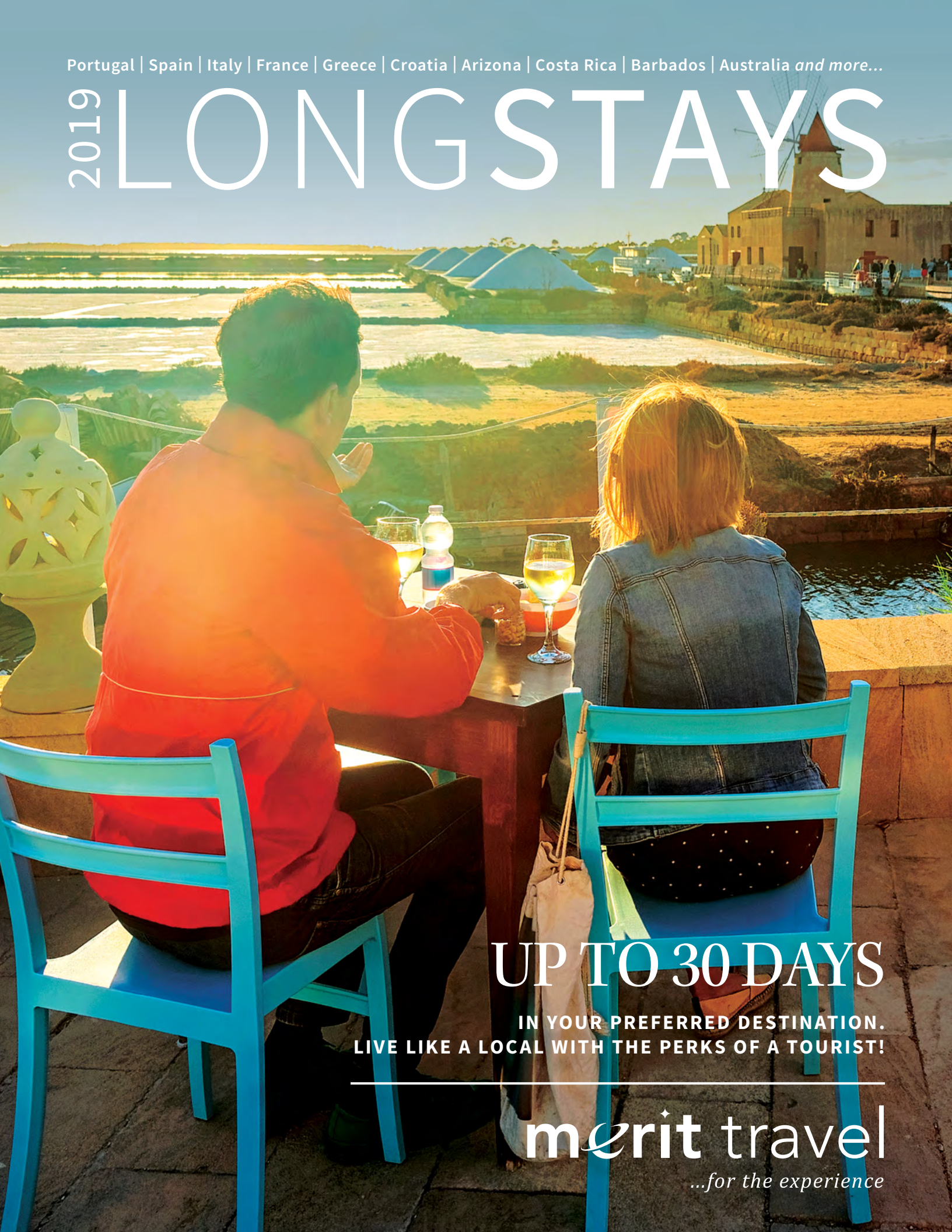
2019 LONGSTAYS



UP TO 30 DAYS

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2019 LONG**STAYS**

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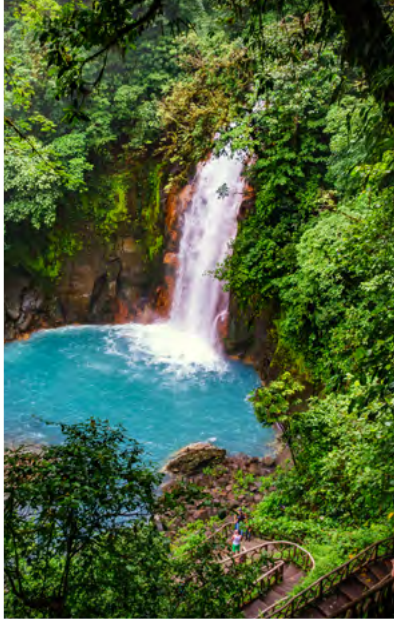

ADD A CRUISE TO YOUR LONGSTAYS VACATION!

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What is a LONGSTAYS vacation?

Longstays 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 roundtrip airfares making our itineraries and prices unprecedented!

What's always included?

* ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- Airport transfers in country
- Hand-picked, condo-style accommodation
- Cultural excursions
- Comfortable ground transportation
- Local representatives or a Merit Travel tour host
- All taxes
- Guidebooks for most land-based tours

†Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only.

✦ ***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.

ACTIVITY LEVELS

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

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

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

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

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Book *ANY* Longstays vacation by Aug. 31, 2018

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

***Add Golf** to your Portugal Longstays vacation!*

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

Portugal

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 of strong wine tradition, and mouth-watering cuisine. The excellent quality of its wines is recognized across the world 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 bound by golden cliffs in small bays, you'll find yourself nestled between rocks, enjoying the views of stunning backdrops.

"The Algarve is one of the best kept secrets in Europe!"

visit Portugal

Air transat

28 nights

ALFAGAR VILLAGE | 3.5 ★

Albufeira, Algarve

This popular, centrally located resort, is set in a protected area of natural beauty made up of nine hectares of gardens. Enjoy a stunning cliff-top location overlooking the sea, with direct access to Santa Eulalia Beach via private steps and just a five-minute drive from Areias de São João's shopping and entertainment areas.

What's Included:

* ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- Airport transfers in country
- One-bedroom garden view apartment with kitchen, balcony or terrace
- Welcome grocery starter package upon arrival
- Indoor heated pool, outdoor pool, access to on-site restaurant and mini supermarket
- Shuttle service to Albufeira (€1 each way)
- Free WiFi in the bar and reception area
- Housekeeping three times weekly, linens changed once per week, towels twice weekly
- Half-day Loule Market excursion
- Services of a local representative twice weekly

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

Departure dates:

Feb. 5, 2019:

Toronto - **$2,795*** p.p.
Montréal - **$2,995*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **$3,495*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$3,550*** p.p.

28 nights

REAL MARINA RESIDENCE | 4 ★

Olhão, Algarve

Immerse yourself in the traditional Portuguese way of life and discover an authentic experience in the heart of Olhão, at the Real Marina Residence. Back by popular demand, this property overlooks the marina and the gorgeous scenery of the Ria Formosa Natural Park. The property is a five minute walk to the famous local market where you can purchase fresh fish and local produce!

What's Included:

* ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- Airport transfers in country
- One-bedroom apartment with kitchen, living room area with sofa bed, natural stone bathroom and balcony
- Five minute walk to island and beach ferry service (€5)
- Housekeeping once per week
- Welcome grocery starter package upon arrival
- Half-day Loule Market excursion
- Air-conditioning, free WiFi, in-room safe box
- Rooftop swimming pool (for Residence guests only)
- Guests have access to facilities at the Real Marina Hotel & Spa including their 24-hour reception, restaurant and bar
- Services of a local representative, twice weekly

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

Departure dates:

Feb. 5, 2019:

Toronto - **$2,895**** p.p.
Montréal - **$3,095**** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **$3,595**** p.p.
Vancouver - **$3,650**** p.p.

Add a car rental to your Portugal Longstays Vacation for only $300††!

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $995.*** One-bedroom partial sea-view upgrade $250 p.p. dbl. occ. or $500 p.p. single occ. **CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,100.*** Two-bedroom apartment upgrade $300 p.p. dbl. occ. ††Add a car: CDN$ per car per week. Based on Europcar EDMR Seat Ibiza or similar (manual) including unlimited mileage, insurance LDW (CDW & THW) LAF, 0€ EXCESS, taxes and delivery (pick up and drop off from your Algarve Resort). CDMR Renault Megane or similar (manual): $370 per car per week. CDAD Renault Megane or similar (automatic) $600 per car per week. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only.

GRAND REAL SANTA EULÁLIA APARTMENTS | 5 ★

Albufeira, Algarve

This luxurious resort enjoys a stunning beachfront location with lush gardens and spacious pool areas. Grand Real Santa Eulália is centrally located in the exclusive Balaia area just a five-minute drive from Areias de São João's shopping and entertainment areas. 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! Grand Real Santa Eulália is conveniently located just 40 minutes from Faro International Airport.

Departure dates:

Feb. 5, 2019:

Toronto - **$2,995*** p.p.
Montréal - **$3,195*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **$3,695*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$3,750*** p.p.

Feb. 12, 2019:

Toronto - **$3,045*** p.p.

Feb. 26, 2019:

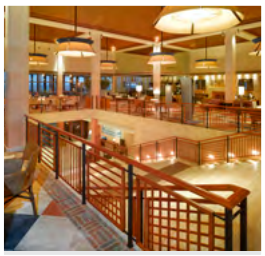
Toronto - **$3,195*** p.p.

Add a car rental to your Portugal Longstays vacation for only $300††!

What's Included:

- *Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- One-bedroom land view apartment with twin beds, kitchen, living room, balcony or terrace
- Welcome grocery starter package upon arrival
- In-room safe box, air-conditioning
- Outdoor heated pool and on-site restaurant and bar
- Free WiFi in room, public areas and gym
- Free parking
- One free access per person to the Thalasso hydrotherapy circuit pool during your stay
- Direct access to private beach
- Housekeeping once per week
- Free shuttle to Albufeira four times daily
- Half-day Loule Market excursion
- Services of a local representative, twice weekly

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE



*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,300.*** Two-bedroom apartment upgrade $995 p.p. dbl. occ. ††Add a car: CDN$ per car per week. Based on Europcar EDMR Seat Ibiza or similar (manual) including unlimited mileage, insurance LDW (CDW & THW) LAF, 0€ EXCESS, taxes and delivery (pick up and drop off from your Algarve Resort). CDMR Renault Megane or similar (manual): $370 per car per week. CDAD Renault Megane or similar (automatic) $600 per car per week. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only.

JARDIM DO VAU | 4 ★

Portimão, Algarve

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 have you returning year after year.

Enjoy beautiful sunsets, walks on the beach and a short walk to restaurants and shops. Expect spacious one-bedroom accommodation, a welcome grocery starter package plus an indoor heated pool and a free shuttle to Portimao once daily (except Sundays and holidays).

Be sure to book early as space is limited! Jardim do Vau is located one hour from Faro International Airport. It is conveniently located on the beachfront, 200m from the shuttle bus stop, 1.5 km west of Praia da Rocha, two kilometres from the Alto Golf Country Club and 25 km from Lagos.

Departure dates:

Feb. 5, 2019:

Toronto - **$2,995*** p.p.
Montréal - **$3,195*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **$3,695*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$3,750*** p.p.

Feb. 26, 2019:

Toronto - **$3,195*** p.p.

Add a car rental to your Portugal Longstays vacation for only $300††!

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- One-bedroom land view apartment with kitchen and balcony
- Welcome grocery starter package upon arrival
- Free WiFi in room, public areas and gym
- In-room safe box, air-conditioning in certain apartment styles
- Direct access to the beach
- Outdoor heated pool, heated indoor pool with jacuzzi and gym (open Mon-Sat)
- Housekeeping six times weekly, change of bed linens twice weekly, change of towels three times weekly
- Free shuttle once per day (except Sundays and public holidays) to Praia da da Rocha, Portimão, Aqua Portimão shopping centre and Continente Portimão shopping centre. Departs at 9:30 a.m., returns at 2:30 p.m.
- Half-day Loule Market excursion
- Services of a local representative, twice weekly

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,200.*** One-bedroom partial sea-view upgrade $100 p.p. dbl. occ. or $200 p.p. single occ. One-bedroom superior block A pool view upgrade $250 p.p. dbl. occ. ††Add a car: CDN$ per car per week. Based on Europcar EDMR Seat Ibiza or similar (manual) including unlimited mileage, insurance LDW (CDW & THW) LAF, 0€ EXCESS, taxes and delivery (pick up and drop off from your Algarve Resort). CDMR Renault Megane or similar (manual): $370 per car per week. CDAD Renault Megane or similar (automatic) $600 per car per week. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only.

Escape for longer and stay in the Algarve—your home away from home for 49 nights, at these two resorts!

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GRAND REAL SANTA EULÁLIA APARTMENTS

Albufeira, Algarve

Departure dates:

Feb. 5, 2019:

Toronto - **$4,495*** p.p.
Montréal - **$4,595*** p.p.

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JARDIM DO VAO

Portimão, Algarve

Departure dates:

Feb. 5, 2019:

Toronto - **$4,595**** p.p.
Montréal - **$4,695**** p.p.

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $2,300.*** Two- bedroom apartment upgrade: $1900 p.p. dbl. occ. **CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $2,300.*** One-bedroom partial sea view upgrade $250 p.p. dbl. occ. or $650 p.p. single occ. ††Add a car: CDN$ per car per week. Based on Europcar EDMR Seat Ibiza or similar (manual) including unlimited mileage, insurance LDW (CDW & THW) LAF, 0€ EXCESS, taxes and delivery (pick up and drop off from your Algarve Resort). CDMR Renault Megane or similar (manual): $370 per car per week. CDAD Renault Megane or similar (automatic) $600 per car per week. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only.

MONTE SANTO RESORT | 5 ★ | INCLUDING TWO NIGHTS IN LISBON

Carvoeiro, Algarve

This combination package will have you spending a month in luxury and discovering the best of the Algarve and Lisbon!

Arrive in Faro 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, five kilometres from Lagos, 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 well-being where luxury, comfort and tranquility await you. Enjoy your month in luxury with daily breakfast included, six outdoor swimming pools and complimentary use of the wellness centre.

End your stay with two nights in Lisbon; explore the Old Quarter of this fascinating city and savour some traditional Portuguese tapas along with a wine tasting. You will also visit Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site

Are you a keen golfer? Consider adding golf to your Portugal Longstays vacation! Golf courses within a ten-minute drive include Vale da Pinta Golf Course and Gramacho Golf Course.

Departure dates:

Feb. 26, 2019:

Toronto/Montréal - **$4,695*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **$5,445*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$5,495*** p.p.

Add a car rental to your Portugal Longstays vacation for only $300††!

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- **Carvoeiro:** 28 nights at Monte Santo Resort with breakfast daily
- One-bedroom garden view suite with a double bed, sofa bed, modern kitchen and balcony
- Welcome grocery starter package upon arrival
- Wellness centre, indoor heated pool, sauna, Turkish bath and gym
- Six outdoor swimming pools, running track, spa and restaurant on-site
- Complimentary WiFi access
- Housekeeping three times weekly (bathroom cleaning, change of bed linens once per week, towels twice weekly)
- Complimentary shuttle to Carvoeiro city centre, the beach and golf courses (Gramacho and Vale da Pinta Golf Courses – only by request)
- Half-day Loule Market excursion
- Services of a local representative
- **Lisbon:** two nights at Turim Saldanha Hotel (4-star) with breakfast and a Lisbon walking tour with tapas
- Full-day Sintra tour

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,650.*** Two-bedroom garden view suite upgrade: $400 p.p. dbl. occ. One-bedroom luxury suite upgrade: $775 p.p. dbl. occ. ††Add a car: CDN$ per car per week. Based on Europcar EDMR Seat Ibiza or similar (manual) including unlimited mileage, insurance LDW (CDW & THW) LAF, 0€ EXCESS, taxes and delivery (pick up and drop off from your Algarve Resort). CDMR Renault Megane or similar (manual): $370 per car per week. CDAD Renault Megane or similar (automatic) $600 per car per week. Add Golf to your Portugal Longstays Vacation: Closest golf courses (within a 5-10 minute drive) are: Vale da Pinta GC and Gramacho GC. Three rounds of 18 holes is $475. Note: Caddy rates not included and payable locally (subject to availability). Caddy rate for 2 for each 18 hole; Vale da Pinta GC and Gramacho GC: €45. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only.

New This Year

VILA PETRA APARTMENTS | 4 ★ | INCLUDING TWO NIGHTS IN LISBON

Albufeira, Algarve

This combination package offers the best of the Algarve & Lisbon!

Arrive in Faro and transfer to the modern and centrally located Vila Petra Resort for 28 nights, with breakfast daily. The Resort is located just 45 minutes from Faro International Airport, 100 m from Albufeira's famous strip, 300 m from the nearest bars and restaurants and two kilometres from Oura beach.

Relax in your self-catered studio apartment and explore the local culture. This modern resort is designed with granite floors, as well as local stone and wood finishes.

End your stay with two nights in Lisbon; explore the Old Quarter of this fascinating city and savour some traditional Portuguese tapas along with a wine tasting. You will also visit Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Departure dates:

Feb. 26, 2019:

Toronto/Montréal - **$3,995*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **$4,745*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$4,795*** p.p.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- **Algarve:** 28 nights at Vila Petra Apartments with breakfast daily
- Studio pool view with two twin beds in the bedroom, sofa bed and balcony or terrace
- Welcome grocery starter package upon arrival
- In-room safe box and air-conditioning
- Free mini-bus shuttle four times per day to Praia da Oura
- Free outdoor parking on site
- Indoor heated pool with jacuzzi and gym
- Restaurant and bar, mini market on-site
- Housekeeping daily, change of bed linens twice per week, change of towels three times per week
- Free WiFi access in public areas
- Half-day Loule Market excursion
- **Lisbon:** two nights at Hotel Turim Saldanha (4-star) with breakfast and a Lisbon walking tour with tapas
- Full-day Sintra tour
- Services of a local representative

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,600.*** Two-bedroom apartment upgrade $900 p.p. dbl. occ. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only.

DOURO RIVER CRUISE | INCLUDING TWO NIGHTS IN LISBON

Onboard *MS Amalia Rodrigues*

There's no better way to discover the famous Douro Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Northern Portugal, than this scenic and all-inclusive river cruise.

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 seven-night cruise onboard CroisiEurope's brand new ship, *MS Amalia Rodrigues*. All staterooms include French balconies and conjoinable twin beds.

Visit Porto, one of the oldest cities in Europe, with unspoiled old quarters and a maze of winding narrow streets. Cruise from Porto and wind your way through the dramatic landscapes of the UNESCO-designated Douro Valley, heading ashore to visit charming quintas and meet the winemakers who operate them. In Salamanca, Spain, you'll see the city's famous university and take in a flamenco show.

Visits to:

Porto | Regua | Pinhao | Vega de Teron | Salamanca | Barca D'Alva | Ferradosa | Lisbon

Departure dates:

Mar. 27, 2019:

Albufeira - **$4,495*** p.p.

What's Included:

- All transfers: from Albufeira to Porto (by train) - Porto to Lisbon (by train), to your hotel and to the airport
- **CroisiEurope Douro Cruise:** seven-night onboard the brand-new ship, *MS Amalia Rodrigues*
- Enjoy unlimited complimentary beverages onboard (including wine, beer, coffee, tea, soft drinks, juices with lunch and dinner), and an open bar (except champagne and premium drinks on menu)
- All meals onboard the cruise with superb cuisine
- Free WiFi onboard
- Complimentary Samsung Galaxy Tablet for guests' use
- Captain welcome cocktail reception
- On board professional entertainment & crew team show
- Prepaid gratuities† and shore excursions!
- **Lisbon:** two nights accommodation at Turim Saldanha Hotel (4-star) with breakfast
- Lisbon walking tour with tapas
- Full-day Sintra tour
- Merit Travel tour host**
- Farewell Gala Dinner

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

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*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes and port fees included. Based on middle deck stateroom. ***Single supplement: $995.*** Upper deck stateroom upgrade: $175 p.p. dbl. occ. †Prepaid gratuities apply if cruise is hosted. **Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel Tour Host.

***Add Golf** to your Spain Longstays vacation!*

Spain

Spain's Costa del Sol is surrounded by 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 Andalucia, 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, Málaga and Ronda. Enjoy wine and tapas routes, visiting local markets and immersion into the rich cultural heritage and the gastronomic culture of Costa del Sol.

Air transat

26 nights

SUNSET BEACH CLUB | 4 ★

Benalmádena, Málaga

Spend an unforgettable month in this stunning seafront location, near the 'Old Village' and Puerto Marina; a most desirable area of Costa del Sol. Unwind at the beach or pool bar and enjoy daily entertainment at this action-packed resort, just 20 minutes from Malaga International Airport. One-bedroom sea view or mountain view exterior apartments are in high demand so be sure to book early!

What's Included:

- ** Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- Airport transfers in country
- One-bedroom exterior apartment
- Welcome grocery starter package upon arrival
- Daily housekeeping (excludes kitchen)
- Complimentary WiFi
- Supermarket and bakery on-site
- Two large outdoor pools set amongst beautifully landscaped terraces
- One full-day excursion to Cordoba with lunch
- One half-day excursion to Málaga with dinner and Flamenco show
- Two kilometres from Puerto Marina, 3.6 km from Benalmádena Pueblo
- Access to games room with pool table and mini bowling alley, Oasis restaurant, Panorama bar
- Services of a local representative twice weekly

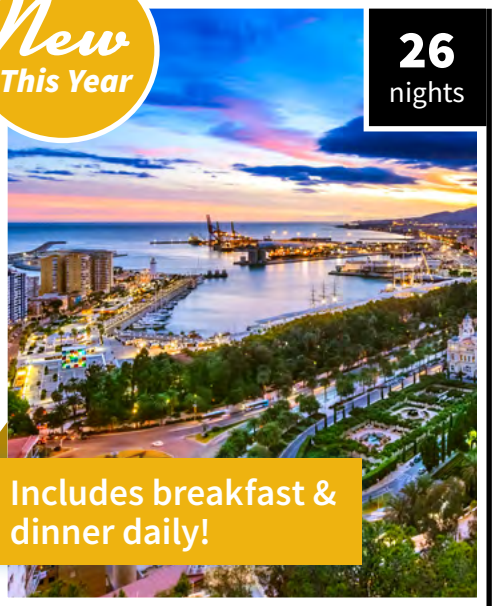
ACTIVITY LEVEL: **EASY PACE**

Departure dates:

Feb. 6, 2019:

Toronto/Montréal - **$3,595*** p.p.
Edmonton/Calgary - **$4,325*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$4,435*** p.p.

New This Year



26 nights

Includes breakfast & dinner daily!

HOTEL SOL HOUSE ALOHA COSTA DEL SOL | 4 ★

Torremolinos, Málaga ✦ *Hosted*

New this year! Escape to the stunning Sol House Aloha Costa del Sol, situated right on the seafront promenade of Torremolinos and near the Puerto Marina. This property is located in one of the most popular areas in Costa Del Sol! Experience the local Spanish lifestyle and stroll around the marina to great shops, restaurants, bars and cafes, or visit the amazing Sea Life Aquarium.

What's Included:

- ** Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- 26 nights at the Hotel Sol House Aloha Costa del Sol
- Half-board meal plan (breakfast and dinner daily)
- Fully renovated suites with free WiFi, pool area with sunbeds overlooking the sea
- Welcome dinner with wine
- Six full-day excursions with lunch including: Ronda, Granada, Cordoba, Gilbraltar, Seville and Nerja
- Two half-day excursions to Málaga with dinner and Flamenco show and to Mijas with dinner
- Local tourist taxes and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host††

ACTIVITY LEVEL: **SIGHT-SEEING**

Departure dates:

Feb. 27, 2019:

Toronto/Montréal - **$5,995**** p.p.

Group size: 40 maximum

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,650.*** **CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,500.*** †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. ††Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

***Add Golf** to your Portugal Longstays vacation!*

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

Portugal & Spain

Portugal's Algarve is one of the best kept secrets in Europe. Known for its spectacular coastline, enjoy sandy beaches bound by golden cliffs in small bays and nestled between rocks that provide stunning backdrops for an unforgettable holiday. Spain's Costa del Sol is surrounded by luxurious ports, white washed villages, impeccable beaches, and Moorish ruins that dot the southern coast of Spain.

visit Portugal

Air transat

32 nights

Includes breakfast daily & most dinners!

COSTA DEL SOL, ALGARVE & LISBON | 4 - 5 ★

✦ *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 modern hotel located on stunning Carihuela Beach. Six cultural excursions are included with your stay. Spend 14 nights in Portugal in a deluxe resort in the Algarve. Enjoy the expansive beaches, white-washed villages and stunning seascapes. End your stay with three nights in the fascinating city of Lisbon, and a day trip to Sintra a UNESCO World Heritage site.

What's Included:

- ** Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- Airport transfers in country
- **Costa Del Sol:** 14 nights in a suite at the Hotel Sol House Aloha, Costa del Sol, with two meals daily and free WiFi
- Four full-day excursions with lunch including: Granada, Cordoba, Gilbraltar and Nerja
- Two half-day excursions to Málaga with dinner and Flamenco show and Mijas with dinner
- **Algarve:** 14 nights in a one-bedroom apartment at the Grand Real Santa Eulalia Apartments with two meals daily, free WiFi, free shuttle to Albufeira
- Two excursions including: Moorish Heritage with wine tasting and lunch and Loule Market
- **Lisbon:** four nights at the Hotel Mundial with breakfast, Lisbon walking tour with tapas plus a full-day Sintra tour with lunch
- Local tourist taxes and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host**

Departure dates:

Feb. 27, 2019:

Toronto/ Montréal - **$6,995*** p.p.

Group size: 50 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,995.*** †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.

Italy

Experience the "Dolce Vita" in Italy, starting with Tuscany. Take in a region rich in history, as you wander quaint towns and countryside. 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.

TUSCANY, ROME & SORRENTO, ITALY | 3.5 - 4 ★

✦ *Hosted*

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. 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, and overlooking the islands off Naples.

What's Included:

- ** Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- Airport transfers in country
- **Tuscany:** 14 nights at the Borgo Artimino with breakfast daily, welcome and 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 and Colosseum
- **Sorrento:** seven nights at the Plaza Hotel with breakfast and dinner with wine
- Five excursions, including the Amalfi coast, Capri, Pompei, Positano with lunch at a farmhouse, and Reggia Di Caserta with traditional mozzarella tasting
- Local tourist taxes and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host**

Departure dates:

Mar. 1, 2019:

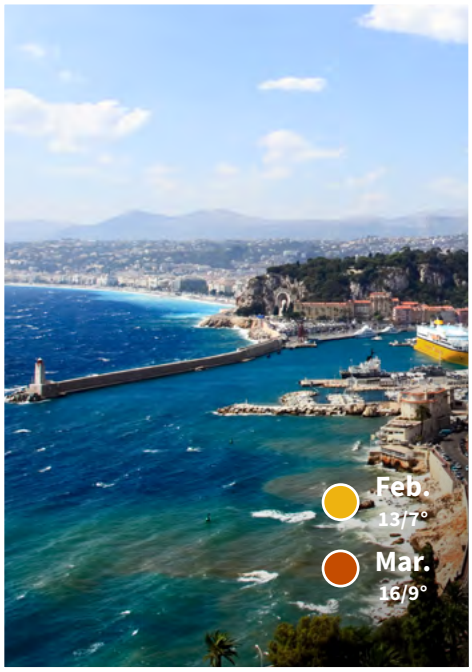
Toronto - **$7,995*** p.p.

Group size: 50 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

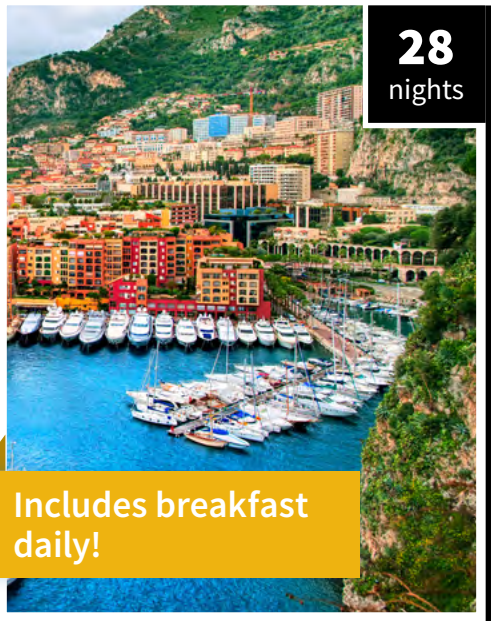
*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $2,700.*** Upgrade to a two-bedroom apartment in Tuscany for $200 p.p. dbl occ. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.

Add an Amadeus River Cruise
to your French Riviera
Longstays vacation!



French Riviera

Enjoy a glamorous Mediterranean vacation in Nice. Situated in a magnificent bay, the capital of the Côte d'Azur 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. Not to be missed, is a visit to the Marc Chagall Museum as well as the Matisse Museum.



28 nights

Includes breakfast daily!

HIPARK BY ADAGIO | 4 ★

Nice, French Riviera ✦ *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!

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- Airport transfers in country
- 28 nights at Hipark by Adagio in a one-bedroom suite with kitchen, sofa bed and 24-hour reception
- Continental breakfast daily
- Housekeeping once per week
- Local tourist taxes and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host**
- Complimentary use of fitness room and sauna and in-room WiFi
- Supermarket and shopping mall across the street and near bars and restaurants, a five-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

Departure dates:

Mar. 1, 2019:

Toronto - **$4,595*** p.p.

Vancouver - **$4,995*** p.p.

Group size: 40 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,900.*** †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

ADD A RIVER CRUISE | 7 nights

Includes all meals!

New This Year

TREASURES OF BURGUNDY AND PROVENCE RIVER CRUISE

Onboard *Amadeus Provence*

Enjoy this uniquely beautiful cruise along the French rivers Rhone and Saône. You will experience picturesque villages, world famous wine regions such as the Cote d'Or, unforgettable stretches of land in the regions of Provence and Burgundy, and impressive views of historic cities and monuments.

A cruise through Burgundy and Provence onboard the brand new *Amadeus Provence* is undoubtedly the best way to enjoy the sunny south of France. This luxurious cruise line offers large, outside river-view staterooms, most with French balconies, gourmet meals onboard, complimentary free-flowing quality red and white wines from Europe's famous wine regions and shore excursions, and special onboard entertainment including lectures, cooking demonstrations, music performances and nightly music by the Amadeus Duo in the Panorama Bar.

Visits to:

Lyon | Macon | Chalon sur Saone | Tournus | Avignon | Arles | Chateauneuf-du-Rhone | Le Pouzin

Departure dates:

Mar. 28, 2019:

Lyon - **$3,395*** p.p.

What's Included:

- One-way train from Nice to Lyon
- Roundtrip transfers from Lyon train station to pier, or pier to Lyon train station or airport
- **Amadeus River Cruise:** seven-night sailing onboard the new *Amadeus Provence*, river-view staterooms
- Cocktail reception, welcome dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner
- Gourmet dining onboard, with all meals included (buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner and midnight snack) in the Panorama restaurant
- Free WiFi onboard
- Free-flowing wines from Europe's famous wine regions, draft beer and soft drinks as well as coffee and tea with every lunch and dinner on board
- Captain welcome cocktail reception
- 24-hour coffee station with coffee and tea
- Bottled water in cabins and use of onboard bicycles
- Shore excursions and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes and port fees included. Based on a Cat C1 stateroom Haydn Deck. ***Single Supplement: $895.*** Upgrade to a Cat B4 stateroom Strauss Deck: $600. Upgrade to a Cat B1 stateroom Strauss Deck: $850. Upgrade to Cat A1 Mozart Deck: $1,300.

Greece

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, numerous myths, 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 and stop at a typical taverna serving traditional meze and enjoy the culinary delights of Greek cuisine including souvlaki, moussaka, fresh grilled fish, and Greek sweets! Around every corner on this fascinating Greek experience you will be walking on the paths of the ancients, yet pursuing your own Greek odyssey.

THE MAGIC OF GREECE | 4 - 5 ★

✦ *Hosted*

Your amazing journey starts with 14 nights in a sophisticated seaside area in Mati, (Nea Makri), Attica just 32 km from the centre of Athens with breakfast and dinner daily. Spend two nights exploring Athens with a city tour, then visit the famous Acropolis Museum and discover iconic monuments like the Panthenon and the Acropolis. Continue on to Sparti and the UNESCO sites of Olympia, the cradle of the Olympic Games and ancient Delphi and Meteora. Finally, explore Athens and enjoy a farewell dinner with traditional Greek entertainment.

What's Included:

- * *Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- 14 nights at the Marathon Beach Resort with breakfast and dinner daily
- Hotel room with balcony, outdoor pool, restaurant on-site, and WiFi access
- Steps from Nea Makri beach and marina and a five-minute walk to restaurants, bars, and supermarket
- **Athens:** four nights at the Radisson Blu Hotel with breakfast
- Athens city tour with the new Acropolis Museum
- Farewell dinner at a taverna with Greek entertainment
- Four-night cultural tour including, excursions to Sparti, Olympia, Delphi and Kalambaka. Includes breakfast and dinner daily and stays at Hotel Menelaion, Hotel Arty Grand, Hotel Amalia
- Local tourist taxes and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host**

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

Departure dates:

Mar. 7, 2019:

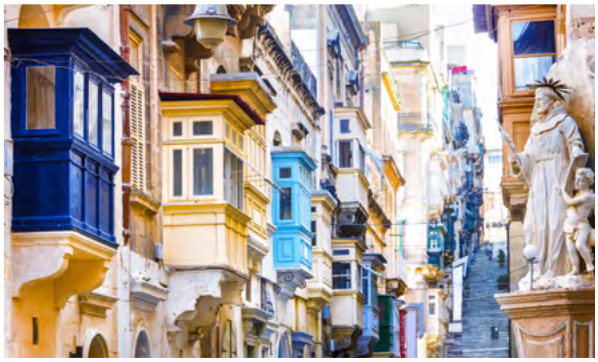
Toronto - **$5,595*** p.p.

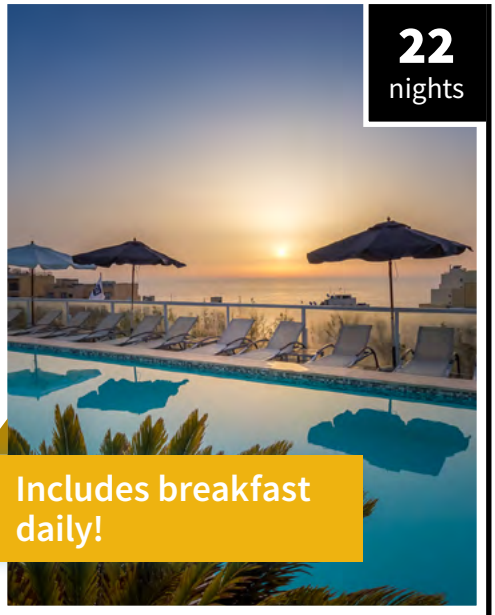
Group size: 50 maximum

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $2,200.*** †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

Malta

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 centered 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.





Departure dates:

Feb. 28, 2019:

Toronto - **$5,295*** p.p.

Group size: 20 maximum

MALTA | 4 ★

✦ *Hosted*

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 five-minute walk to the beach, and the trendy Spinola Bay. Enjoy easy access to public transportation and Valletta (only six kilometres away). Enjoy the indoor heated pool and free WiFi. You will have five cultural excursions included, to explore the local culture.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- 22 nights studio accommodation at the George Hotel with breakfast daily
- Welcome and farewell dinners
- Daily housekeeping (excludes kitchen)
- Complimentary WiFi and access to indoor pool and spa (all beauty treatments at an extra cost)
- Three full-day excursions, including Valletta, Mdina and Gozo
- Two half-day excursions to three cities south of Malta
- Local tourist taxes and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host**

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,300.*** †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

Croatia & Sicily

If relaxing by sapphire waters in the shade of ancient walled towns, or discovering mesmerising islands excites you, then Croatia and Sicily are the places to turn your dreams into reality.

CROATIA AND SICILY | 4 - 5 ★

✦ *Hosted*

This tour through Croatia to Sicily is sure to impress. Start in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, before exploring Istria, known for its rolling hills, medieval hilltop and coastal towns, delicious food and wine and olive groves. Stay in Rovinj and enjoy meeting locals and tasting wine and truffles. Journey along the dramatic coastlines of Split and the walled 16th century city of Dubrovnik. In Sicily enjoy an ideal combination of sea, volcano and mountain scenery. Explore Catania, Palermo and Ragusa and stay in the old town of Agrigento. Visit the UNESCO sites; Valley of the Temples and the Regional Archaeological Museum.

What's Included:

- * *Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Domestic flight
- Airport transfers in country
- Daily breakfast, four lunches and eight dinners
- **Croatia:** four nights in Zagreb at the 5-star Esplanade Hotel and welcome drink
- **Rovinj:** three nights at the 4-star Eden Hotel
- **Plitvice Lakes:** one night at the 4-star Ethno Houses Plitvica Selo
- **Split:** three nights at the 4-star Cornaro Hotel
- **Dubrovnik:** three nights at the 4-star Kompas Hotel
- **Palermo:** one night at the 4-star Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa
- **Agrigento:** one night at the 4-star Baglio de Luna Hotel
- **Siracuse:** two-nights at the 5-star Grand Hotel Ortigia
- **Catania:** three nights at the 5-star Romano Palace
- All excursions as per itinerary
- Private English-speaking guides and drivers
- Private motor coach transportation
- Local tourist taxes and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host**

Departure dates:

Mar. 2, 2019:

Toronto - **$11,495*** p.p.

Group size: 20 maximum

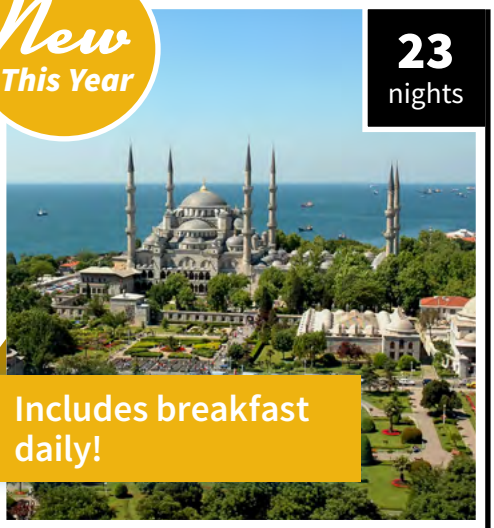
ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.

Turkey

Turkey is arguably one of the most culturally and historically diverse countries you could possibly visit. Over the centuries Turkey has been conquered and ruled by a number of empires, which is recognisable in the architecture, cuisine, language and appearance of the local people. Turkey bridges the continents of Europe and Asia and shares borders with Eastern European and Arabic countries as well as the coastlines of the Black, Aegean and Mediterranean Seas.

New This Year



23 nights

Includes breakfast daily!

THE WONDERS OF TURKEY | 4 - 5 ★

✦ *Hosted*

Embark on a luxurious journey of a lifetime and prepare to be mesmerised by Turkey. Relive the glory of the Byzantines while gazing at the domes of St. Sophia and admire Istanbul's Grand Bazaar and spice market. Enjoy the comfort of a private yacht on the Bosphorus Strait and learn about the sultans who resided in the magnificent Topkapi Palace. Descend into the labyrinth of Cappadocia before visiting Bodrum Castle and the ruins of the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

What's Included:

- * *Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- A VIP airport service upon arrival
- Airport transfers in country
- Domestic flights
- 23 nights in 4-5 star accommodation: eight nights in Istanbul, three nights in Cappadocia, one night in Konya, three nights in Antalya, two nights in Pamukkale, three nights in Izmir, one night in Assos and two nights in Gallipoli
- 23 breakfasts, three lunches, six dinners
- Daily sightseeing with professional local tour director
- Private motor coach transportation
- An hour and a half Bosphorus Strait cruise on a private yacht in Istanbul
- Hot air ballooning in Cappadocia
- Wine tasting in Urla
- Visit to excavation site of Ancient Sagalassus
- Visit to Ancient Aspendos, Perge and the Archaeological Museum
- Visit to Heiropolis, cotton mountains and Laodicia
- Visit to Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- All entrance fees to all museums, parks, and historic sites as per the itinerary
- Morning hike in the valley in Cappadocia
- Welcome package on arrival
- Professional local tour director
- Local tourist taxes and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host**

Departure dates:

Mar. 1, 2019:

Toronto - **$10,595*** p.p.

Group size: 20 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

Arizona

Add Golf *to your Arizona Longstays vacation!* ††

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA | 4 ★

✦ *Hosted*

Enjoy a month of Arizona warmth and sunshine at the Hyatt House Scottsdale in Old Town. This property is located in the centre of Old Town Scottsdale and within walking distance to shopping, dining and entertainment options. This pedestrian-friendly area features a free local trolley that makes it easy for visitors to navigate downtown. A car rental is included for 14 days so that you can explore the local area with your tour host.

What's Included:

- * *Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- Airport transfers in country
- 28 nights at the Hyatt House Scottsdale Old Town, in a one-bedroom king suite with fully equipped kitchenette
- Compact car rental for 14 days^^
- Complimentary hot breakfast daily
- Housekeeping daily
- Complimentary 24-hour fitness facility, heated pool, whirlpool, WiFi and area shuttle within five miles
- Complimentary grocery shopping service
- Merit Travel tour host**

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

Departure dates:

Feb. 1, 2019:

Toronto - **$7,095*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ††Add Golf: Call us for more details. ^^Based on an Avis Cat. B compact car rental for 14 days includes unlimited mileage and taxes (insurance not included). †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.

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Hawai'i

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 jungle 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.

MAUI, HAWAI'I | 3.5 ★

✦ *Hosted*

Aloha! Spend 22 nights on the gorgeous island of Maui, at the Aston at Maui Banyan, Maui's best kept secret, located on Maui's southern coast. This charming Hawaiian resort is in Kihei, directly across the street from one of Maui's best white sand beaches, Kamaole II beach and within easy access to many of Maui's most popular attractions. Relax by the pool, or in your spacious one-bedroom suite with a private lanai to take advantage of the Maui air and the sound of the nearby ocean, or stroll to the beach and enjoy the breathtaking sunsets. You will also have included in your vacation three cultural excursions and a three-week car rental so that you can explore the local area at your own pace!

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- 22 nights at the Aston at Maui Banyan in a one-bedroom deluxe unit with fully equipped kitchen, air-conditioning, private balcony or deck or lanai
- Daily coffee, tea and newspaper
- Walking distance to shops and restaurants, a short stroll to the beach
- Three-week compact car rental^^
- Three excursions, including: Maui Luau, Haleakalā and Central Maui, and Road to Hana
- Free WiFi, outdoor pool, free parking
- Housekeeping daily
- Gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host**

Departure dates:

Mar. 1, 2019:

Toronto - **$8,995*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ^^Based on an Avis Cat. B compact car rental for 3 weeks includes unlimited mileage and taxes (insurance not included). †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.

San Diego

San Diego, California's oldest town is known for its superb beaches, natural harbour areas and historic buildings and 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, and the USS Military Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum. There's also Spanish Colonial-style architecture found in Balboa Park and 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 State Historic Park or wander through the Gaslamp Quarter.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA AND CIRCLE HAWAI'I CRUISE | 4 ★

Onboard *MS Eurodam* ✦ *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 11 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 17-night Holland America Circle Hawai'i cruise, indulge in fine cuisine and delve into the unique Hawaiian culture and spectacular tropical delights of the islands.

Visits to:

San Diego | Hilo | Honolulu | Lahaina | Kona | Kilauea Volcano | Ensenada | San Diego

Departure dates:

Jan. 23, 2019:

Toronto - **$7,495*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- **San Diego:** 11 nights at the Residence Inn, in a studio suite, with breakfast daily
- Two excursions as per the itinerary
- Complimentary WiFi, 24-hour market, fitness centre, outdoor heated pool
- Daily housekeeping with change of linens every three days
- **Holland America Cruise:** 17-night Circle Hawai'i sailing onboard *MS Eurodam* with meals***
- All transfers and gratuities^
- Merit Travel tour host**

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

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*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes and port fees included. Based on an Interior stateroom Cat. L or similar. ***Single Supplement: $4,600.*** Upgrade to large ocean view stateroom Cat. DD or similar: $660. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom Cat. VC or similar: $ 1,450. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom Cat. VA or similar: $ 1,600. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom Cat. V or similar: $ 1,700. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. ***Cruise: Meals and ^gratuities are included onboard cruise. Shore excursions are not included. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

Barbados

This small Caribbean paradise is a magical and sophisticated destination to escape winter. Barbados is where you will experience a sophisticated, high-quality and upscale celebration of gastronomic art, featuring acclaimed international and local chefs and wine experts. Also known as 'Little England', Barbados' British heritage has had an immense impact on Caribbean modern culture and can be seen in the architecture as well as in UNESCO World Heritage sites, monuments, museums and historical buildings. This tropical paradise is also best known for its Mount Gay Rum, Crop Over Festival, world class beaches, charming communities and perfect weather.

21 nights

ST. JAMES, BARBADOS & CARIBBEAN CRUISE | 3 - 4 ★

Onboard *Royal Clipper* ✦ *Hosted*

Combine an unforgettable seven-night Star Clippers cruise with a 14-night stay in Barbados. 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, Antigua, St. Kitts, Iles des Saintes, and Martinique. Explore these beautiful Caribbean islands on a unique intimate sailing; up close and personal! Combine the luxurious ambiance of a private yacht, exploring the hidden treasures of the Caribbean islands! The *Royal Clipper* offers a sea-going ultimate experience, combining grandeur, traditional sailing and superb service with the amenities of a modern yacht, carrying just 227 passengers.

Visits to:

Barbados | St. Lucia | Dominica | Antigua | St. Kitts | Iles des Saintes | Martinique

Departure dates:

Feb. 9, 2019:

Toronto - **$6,295*** p.p.

Calgary - **$6,545*** p.p.

Vancouver - **$6,570*** p.p.

Group size: 20 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- **Barbados:** 14-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
- **Star Clippers Cruise:** seven-night Caribbean sailing onboard the *Royal Clipper* with meals***
- $75 onboard shipboard credit
- All transfers and gratuities^
- Merit Travel tour host**

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

STAR CLIPPERS
Unique Sailing Adventures

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes and port fees included. Based on an ocean view stateroom Cat.5 or similar. ***Single supplement: $3,500.*** Upgrade to a superior ocean view stateroom Cat. 3 or similar: $400. Upgrade to a deluxe suite stateroom with a private verandah: $1,995. †Plaza Premium airport lounge passes applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. ***Cruise: Meals and ^gratuities are included onboard cruise. Shore excursions are not included. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

New This Year

SOUTH AMERICA INCAN EMPIRE CRUISE & SAN DIEGO | 4 ★

Onboard *MS Volendam* ✦ *Hosted*

Embark on an extended dream voyage, on a South American cruise for 30 nights and taste zesty cuisine like nowhere else in the world! See exotic and vibrant wildlife that will captivate you. South America offers a myriad of activities and landscapes. This remarkable Incan Empire cruise onboard Holland America's *MS Volendam* sails from San Diego and calls upon Cabo San Lucas, Huatulco, Puerto Chiapas, Fuerte Amador, Quito, Panama, Trujillo, Ecuador, Lima, Peru, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Manzanillo & Puerto Vallarta!

End your stay in San Diego for two nights and discover California's oldest town, known for its superb beaches, natural harbour areas and historic buildings and near perfect weather! For a little history and shopping, stroll the streets of Old Town, San Diego State Historic Park or wander through the Gaslamp Quarter. This is an unforgettable experience not to be missed!

Visits to:

San Diego | Cabo San Lucas | Huatulco | Puerto Chiapas | Fuerte Amador | Quito | Panama | Trujillo | Ecuador | Peru | Costa Rica | Nicaragua | Manzanillo | Puerto Vallarta

Departure dates:

Feb. 2, 2019:

Toronto - **$7,995*** p.p.

Group size: 40 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- **Holland America Cruise:** 30-night South America sailing onboard *MS Volendam* with meals***
- Onboard entertainment includes: America's Test Kitchen, O The Oprah Magazine and Explorations Central
- **San Diego:** two nights at Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter with breakfast and free WiFi
- Excursion to USS Military Midway Museum
- All transfers and gratuities^
- Merit Travel tour host**

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

Holland America Line
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes and port fees included. Based on an interior stateroom Cat. L or similar. ***Single Supplement: $3,700.*** Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom Cat. FF or similar: $560. Upgrade to a large ocean view stateroom Cat. DA or similar: $ 900 Upgrade to a large ocean view stateroom Cat. D or similar: $ 995. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. ***Cruise: Meals and ^gratuities are included onboard cruise. Shore excursions are not included. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

New This Year

FORT LAUDERDALE, PANAMA CANAL CRUISE & SAN DIEGO | 4 ★

Onboard *Nieuw Amsterdam* ✦ *Hosted*

Experience an overnight in Fort Lauderdale at the Hotel Morrison, a boutique style service hotel located in the heart of historic Dania Beach. Then embark on a luxurious 14-night Panama Canal cruise, considered a bucket list experience. Travel in awe through one of Condé Nast Traveler's Seven Cruise Wonders of the World. See fascinating places along the way, stretch out on a Caribbean beach, admire the pristine rainforests, stroll the cobbled streets of colonial towns and journey through the fabled Panama Canal onboard *MS Nieuw Amsterdam* calling upon Colombia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Huatulco and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

End your remarkable journey in San Diego for seven nights at the Residence Inn, San Diego Downtown/Bayfront, centrally located in the heart of San Diego, with panoramic views of San Diego Bay. 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.

Visits to:

Fort Lauderdale | Cartagena | Panama Canal | Puerto Caldera | Corinto | Puerto Quetzal | Huatulco | Puerto Vallarta | San Diego

Departure dates:

Mar. 2, 2019:

Toronto - **$7,195*** p.p.

Group size: 40 maximum

What's Included:

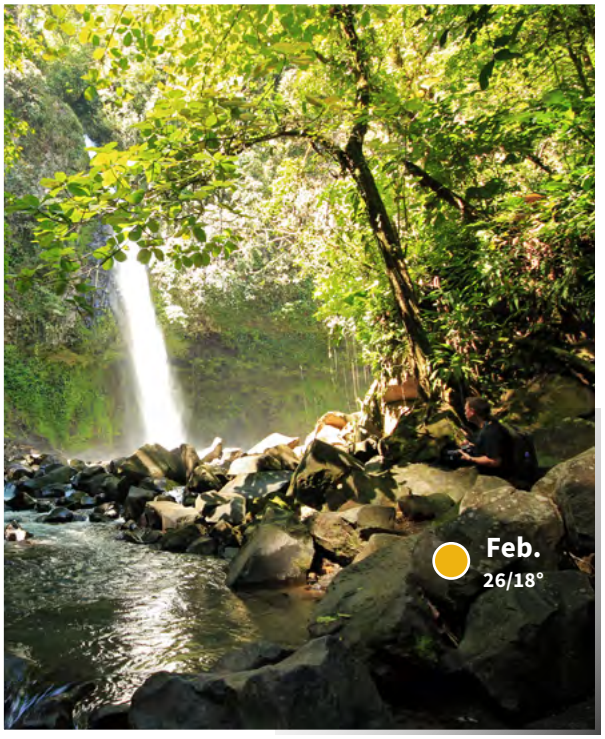
- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- **Fort Lauderdale:** one-night accommodation at Hotel Morrisson with breakfast
- **Holland America Cruise:** 14-night Panama Canal sailing onboard *MS Nieuw Amsterdam* with meals***
- **San Diego:** seven nights accommodation at Residence Inn San Diego Downtown/Bayfront with breakfast
- Two excursions, including: USS Military Midway Museum and San Diego Zoo
- All transfers and gratuities^
- Merit Travel tour host**

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes and port fees included. Based on an interior stateroom Cat. L or similar. ***Single Supplement: $3,790.*** Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom Cat. D or similar: $600. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom Cat. VD or similar: $ 990. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom Cat. VC or similar: $ 1,075. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom Cat. VA or similar: $ 1,150. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. ***Meals and ^gratuities are included onboard cruise. Shore excursions are not included. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

Costa Rica



Discover the "Pura Vida" a Costa Rican way of life that will stay with you long after you return home. Costa Rica is a tropical paradise offering 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.

21 nights

COSTA RICA | 3.5 - 5 ★

✦ *Hosted*

Travel to the area of Manuel Antonio where the gorgeous Pacific coast awaits. Learn about the local flora and fauna in their natural habitats, including monkeys, butterflies, dolphins and sloths. Embrace outdoor activities in the rainforest and on the foothills of Arenal Volcano. Unwind for 16 nights in Guanacaste, known as the most beautiful province in Costa Rica, boasting over 630 miles of shoreline. Explore the wonders of Costa Rica with five cultural excursions included!

What's Included:

- ** Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- **Manuel Antonio:** three nights at San Bada hotel with breakfast, lunch and dinner
- **Arenal:** two nights at Arenal Kioro Suites & Spa with breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Excursion to hot springs
- **Playas del Coco:** 16 nights at Pacifico Condos in a one-bedroom apartment with fully equipped kitchen, gated community, 31 km from Tamarindo, 20 km from Playa Conchal, short walk to supermarket
- Four excursions with lunch included: Rincon de la Vieja Waterfall hike, Palo Verde National Park, and Guachipelin tour and a catamaran sailing tour excursion with snorkeling
- Free shuttle on weekdays to nearby beach and town centre
- Gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host**

Departure dates:

Feb. 4, 2019:

Toronto - **$8,795*** p.p.

Edmonton/Vancouver - **$8,995*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,900.*** †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.

New This Year

THAILAND & VIETNAM WITH STAR CLIPPERS CRUISE | 4 ★

Onboard *Star Clipper* ✦ *Hosted*

For an exotic Longstays vacation like no other, escape to Thailand, also known as the Land of Smiles, and the jewel of Southeast Asia. Start in the gorgeous island of Phuket and spend five nights at your boutique-style apartment. Board your seven-night Star Clippers luxurious cruise sailing to the nearby Similan Islands and Koh Surin Islands, where you can meet the Moken sea gypsies. Cruise into Malaysia's resort island of Langkawi before returning to Phuket. Fly to Bangkok the capital of Thailand and see the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. In Vietnam, explore Hanoi, beautiful Ha Long Bay a UNESCO World Heritage site and UNESCO listed Hoi An famed for its beautifully preserved old city. Finally, travel to Ho Chi Minh City and visit the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Domestic flights
- Airport transfers in country
- **Phuket:** five-nights at The BYD Lofts Boutique hotel in a one-bedroom deluxe unit with breakfast
- Half-day Phuket island tour
- Full-day Similan Islands tour with lunch
- **Star Clipper Cruise:** seven nights sailing onboard *Star Clipper* with meals***
- **Bangkok:** two nights at Aetas Residence Hotel in a studio suite with daily breakfast
- Full-day tour of Damoen Saduak floating market and Bangkok's Grand Palace and Wat Po with lunch
- Half-day tour of Thonburi Klong
- **Hanoi:** three nights at Silk Path Hotel in a premium deluxe room with breakfast
- Full-day tour Hanoi highlights with lunch and dinner
- Full-day tour of Hanoi countryside with lunch
- **Ha Long Bay:** one-night onboard Dragon Legend in a deluxe cabin with meals
- **Hoi-An:** two nights at Boutique Resort in a superior room with breakfast
- Full-day tour of Tra Que Village Farming Community plus walking tour with lunch
- **Ho Chi Minh City:** three nights at Saigon Prince Hotel in a deluxe room with breakfast
- Full-day tour to Cu Chi Tunnels with lunch
- Full-day Mekong tour with lunch
- Farewell dinner cruise
- All transfers and gratuities^
- Merit Travel tour host**

Departure dates:

Feb. 3, 2019:

Toronto - **$11,795*** p.p.

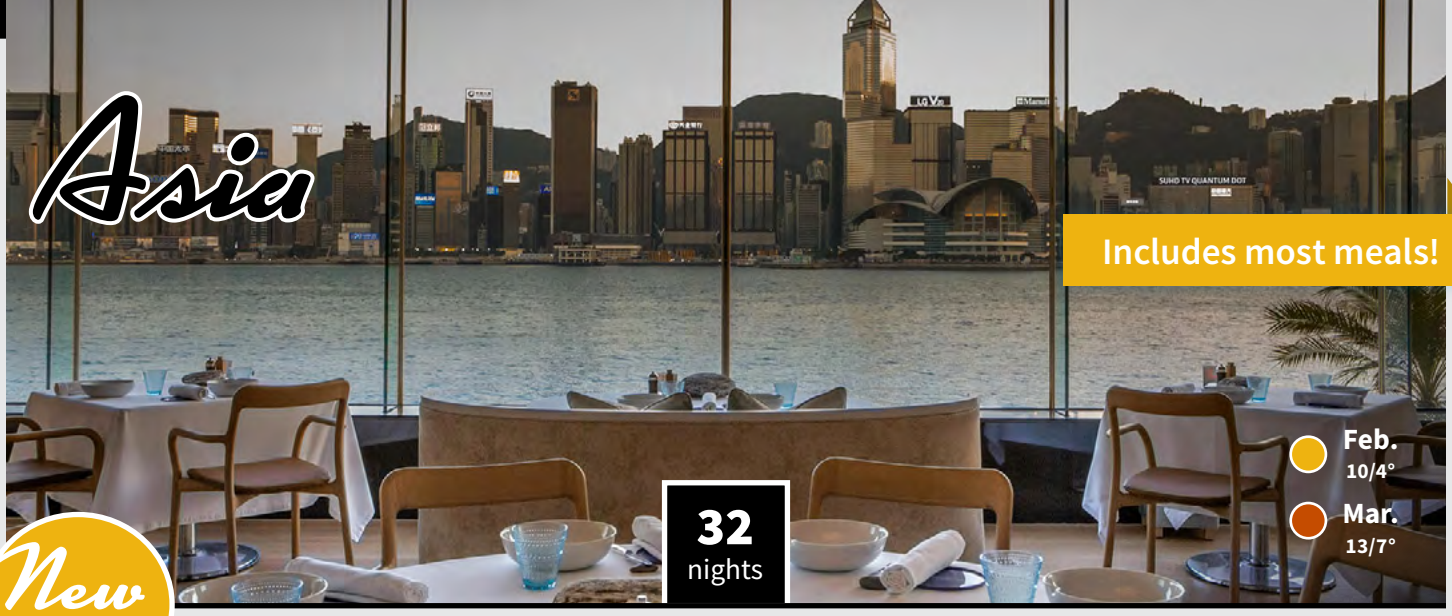
Vancouver - **$11,595*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

STAR CLIPPERS
Unique Sailing Adventures

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes and port fees included. Based on an ocean view stateroom Cat 4 or similar. ***Single Supplement: $3,700*** based on an ocean view stateroom Cat 5 or similar. Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom Cat 2 or similar $290. Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom Cat 1 or similar $680. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. ***Cruise: Meals and ^gratuities are included onboard cruise. Shore excursions are not included. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.



New This Year

THE WONDERS OF ASIA – SHANGHAI, CHINA, SOUTH KOREA & JAPAN, ASIA COLLECTORS CRUISE & HONG KONG | 4 - 5 ★

Onboard *MS Westerdam* ✦ *Hosted*

Explore the Wonders of Asia on this unforgettable journey. Start in China's vibrant and metropolitan city, Shanghai before embarking on a 28-night luxury cruise. Modernity meets history as you explore diverse and captivating East Asia, including Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, and Seoul! End in Hong Kong with a two-night stay. Hong Kong is one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities where east truly meets west. Enjoy a full-day Hong Kong Island tour including a ride on the iconic Star Ferry as you cross Victoria Harbour and a ride on the World's steepest funicular railway, the Peak Tram! Visit Aberdeen, the famous fishing village where you'll see Hong Kong's junk-dwelling "floating community". Finally visit Stanley Market and hunt for a bargain or relax within the charming seaside village. You will be fascinated with all the discoveries on this spectacular journey of a lifetime!

Visits to:

Shanghai | Qingdao | Tianjin (Beijing) | Incheaon (Seoul) | Jeju City | Fukuoka (Hakata) | Nagasaki | Shanghai | Busan (Pusan) | Fukuoka (Hakata) | Naha | Ishigaki Island | Hualien | Keelung (Taipei) | Kaohsiung | Manila | Hong Kong

Departure dates:

Feb. 14, 2019:

Toronto - **$10,695*** p.p.

Calgary - **$10,595*** p.p.

Vancouver - **$10,395*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass †
- Airport transfers in country
- **Shanghai:** two nights at the 5-star Westin Bund Centre with breakfast and welcome dinner
- Full-day excursion to Yu Yuan Garden and the famous Bund with lunch
- Half-day excursion to Zhujiajiao with lunch
- **Holland America Cruise:** 28-night Asia Collectors sailing onboard *MS Westerdam* with meals***
- **Hong Kong:** two nights at the 5-star Intercontinental Hotel on the Kowloon waterfront, with breakfast and free WiFi
- Half-day Hong Kong Island Tour with a ride on the Star Ferry, a ride on the Peak tram and visit to Aberdeen and Stanley Market
- Welcome dinner at Peking Garden
- All transfers and gratuities^
- Merit Travel tour host**

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes and port fees included. Based on an interior stateroom Cat. L or similar. ***Single Supplement: $4,900.*** Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom Cat. D or similar: $990. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom Cat. VD or similar: $2,090. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom Cat. VB or similar: $2,330. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. ***Cruise: Meals and ^gratuities are included onboard cruise. Shore excursions are not included. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

New This Year

SINGAPORE & SOUTHEAST ASIA HIGHLIGHTS IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION CRUISE | 4 - 5 ★

Onboard *MS Maasdam* ✦ *Hosted*

Where traditional cultures mix with leading-edge technologies in bustling world capitals, Asia awaits your exploration. Your journey starts in Singapore for two nights, a green city where you'll find plenty of walking trails, treetop jungle bridges, wildlife, and the city's green jewel, the UNESCO World Heritage listed Singapore Botanic Gardens. Enjoy an unforgettable 20-night South East Asia Highlights in-depth Exploration Cruise aboard Holland America's MS Maasdam. During your cruise to Southeast Asia, you'll walk in the footsteps of emperors as you explore the spectacular palaces and temples they commissioned. Taste your way through amazing new flavours in the food markets in Bangkok and explore a unique part of Cambodia. In Vietnam, see the incredible islands of Ha Long Bay, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994. Finally wander through the modern shopping lanes of Hong Kong and enjoy this scenic city!

Visits to:

Singapore | Kuantan (Tanjong Gelang) | Laem Chabang (Bangkok) | Sihanoukville | Nha Trang | Ha Long Bay | Hong Kong | Phu My Hung | Singapore

Departure dates:

Feb. 12, 2019:

Toronto - **$8,995*** p.p.

Calgary - **$8,895*** p.p.

Vancouver - **$8,695*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- Airport transfers in country
- **Singapore:** two nights at the 5-star Mandarin Oriental Hotel with breakfast
- Full-day sightseeing tour with lunch, welcome dinner with drinks
- **Holland America Cruise:** 20-night Southeast Asia Highlights In-Depth Exploration sailing onboard *MS Maasdam* with meals***
- All transfers and gratuities^
- Merit Travel tour host**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: **SIGHT-SEEING**

Holland America Line
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes and port fees included. Based on an interior stateroom Cat. L or similar. ***Single Supplement: $5,200.*** Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom Cat E or similar: $540 Upgrade to a large ocean view stateroom Cat. DA or similar: $630 Upgrade to a balcony stateroom Cat. BB or similar: $ 5,100. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports please enquire. ***Cruise: Meals and ^gratuities are included onboard cruise. Shore excursions are not included. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

VOYAGES TO ANTIQUITY

CRUISES TO CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS

Enjoy a Longstays cruise vacation with the award winning Voyages to Antiquity.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare and transfers***
- Enlightening and comprehensive guest speaker program
- Shore excursions with expert guides
- Wine with dinner on board
- All meals on board at a choice of two restaurants
- Gratuities for restaurant and cabin staff onboard
- Transfers and baggage handling overseas when using Voyages To Antiquity's air program
- Pre- and post-cruise hotel stays in four or five-star hotels (where applicable)

37 nights

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

PASSAGE TO ANCIENT EGYPT AND INDIA

Onboard *Aegean Odyssey*

As the year ends, it's the ideal time to sail from mainland Greece, through the historically significant Suez Canal, to Jordan and on to Egypt and India. Explore Cairo as well as the Great Pyramid of Khufu, the Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum and the Valley of the Kings in Luxor. In Muscat, learn about the Sultan's Palace and then continue on to India, stopping in Mumbai and Porbandar, birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi, as well as Jaipur and the incredble Taj Mahal in Agra.

Visits to:

Athens | Suez Canal | Cairo | Aqaba | Safaga | Muscat | Porbandar | Mumbai | Jaipur | Agra | Dehli

Departure dates:

Dec. 5, 2018:

Toronto - **$11,990*** p.p.

18 nights

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

BEYOND BURMA & THE MALAY PENINSULA

Onboard *Aegean Odyssey* ✦ *Hosted***

Join a voyage that will take you on a mysterious and spiritual journey into Myanmar (Burma), from Singapore. Cruise through the Malacca Straight learning about the history of the spice trade. Call in to port in Penang and Thailand before reaching Myanmar. Cruise up the Yangon River to berth in the port of Yangon (Rangoon) before sailing on to the Andaman Islands and onwards to the beautiful island of Sri Lanka.

Visits to:

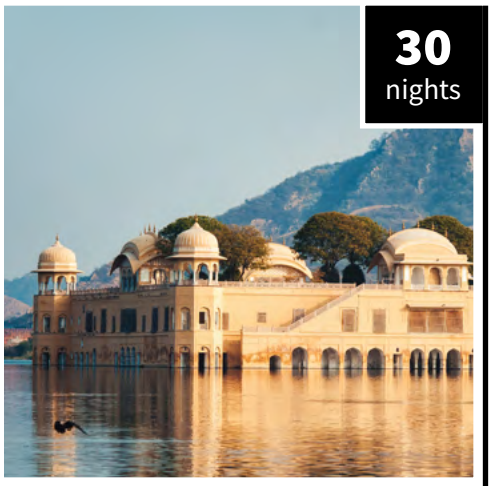
Singapore | Malacca | Penang | Phuket | Yangon | Port Blair | Colombo

Departure dates:

Jan. 22, 2019:

Toronto - **$7,990*** p.p.

*CDN$ pp. dbl. occ taxes and port fees included, based on Cat L. interior stateroom. Air is included from Toronto, other gateways available, please enquire. **Minimum 20 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host. For Voyages to Antiquity a deposit of 10% of the total package price is required at time of booking, refundable up to 120 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure. Full terms and conditions are available.



30 nights

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AND SOUTH AFRICA

Onboard *Aegean Odyssey*

Commencing in lush and tropical Sri Lanka, sail west via the Maldives and on to the perfect beaches found across 115 islands in the Seychelles Archipelago. See how Creole, French and Eastern African cultures come together, while relaxing in Mauritius. Explore the mountainous and volcanic Reunion Island, a tiny piece of France in the Indian Ocean. In South Africa, you'll enjoy safari adventures in search of iconic wildlife in two of the nation's best game parks, explore Cape Town and learn about the culture and history of the Zulu nation.

Visits to:

Colombo | Maldives | Seychelles | Port Louis | St. Denis | Richards Bay | Durban | Port Elizabeth | Cape Town

Departure dates:

Feb. 10, 2019:

Toronto - **$12,345*** p.p.

31 nights

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA & THE SKELETON COAST

Onboard *Aegean Odyssey*

South Africa's Cape Town provides a mix of brilliant coastline, incredible history, diverse cultures and iconic views of Table Mountain which looms over the city. Commencing in Cape Town, this cruise sails up the coast of West Africa to Namibia. Enjoy stunning landscapes as you cruise The Skeleton Coast, spending time at colonial Luderitz and the port town of Walvis Bay. The cruise continues onto the Angolan port of Luanda, where you will see the Portuguese influence in the older local architecture. Experience crossing the line as the cruise passes over the Equator and spends time at sea, island hopping from Bom Bom Island, to Praia in Cape Verde and Las Palmas in the Canaries. Finally, cruise to Morocco for an overnight land tour to Marrakesh, Casablanca and Tangier.

Visits to:

Cape Town | Luderitz | Walvis Bay | Luanda | Bom Bom Island | Cape Verde | Canary Islands | Agadir | Marrakesh | Tangier | Málaga

Departure dates:

Mar. 12, 2019:

Toronto - **$10,945*** p.p.

*CDN$ pp. dbl. occ taxes and port fees included, Based on Cat L. interior stateroom. Air is included from Toronto, other gateways available, please enquire. For Voyages to Antiquity a deposit of 10% of the total package price is required at time of booking, refundable up to 120 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure. Full terms and conditions are available.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AND CRUISE | 4 ★

Onboard *MS Noordam* ✦ *Hosted*

This bucket list trip to Australia and New Zealand is the ultimate dream vacation! Start with 12 nights on 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 accommodation will be at the stunning Kingfishers Bay Fraser Island Resort, where you will wake up to views of the natural surroundings. Then continue to Sydney, Australia's harbour city for a two-night stay. Your amazing journey continues with a luxurious 14-night Australia and New Zealand cruise aboard Holland America's *MS Noordam* sailing from Sydney, Australia to Auckland, New Zealand. Your amazing journey ends with two nights in Auckland, a city of natural wonders and stunning coastlines. This is truly an adventure of a lifetime!

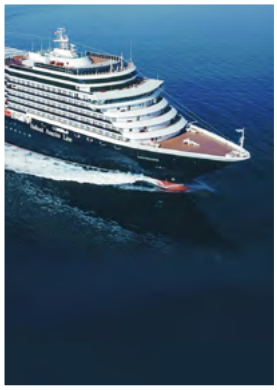
Departure dates:

Feb. 6, 2019:

Toronto - **$13,695*** p.p.

Vancouver - **$13,495*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum



What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- Airport transfers in country
- **Australia's Gold Coast:** 12 nights at the Mantra Sun City Apartments in an ocean view apartment in the heart of Surfers Paradise, 15 minutes from the shopping strip
- Four excursions including, Spirits of the Red Sands Theatre with 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, Bush Tucker and Taste and private half-day 4WD island tour including 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
- **Holland America Cruise:** 14-night Australia & New Zealand sailing onboard Holland America's *MS Noordam* with meals***
- **Auckland:** two nights at Crowne Plaza Hotel with breakfast, city tour, dinner cruise and full-day tour including Waiheke Island wine tour
- All transfers and gratuities^
- Merit Travel tour host**

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes and port fees included. Based on an interior stateroom Cat. L or similar. Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom Cat. E or similar: $400. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom Cat. VC or similar: $1,420. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom Cat. VA or similar: $ 1,530. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. ***Cruise: Meals and ^gratuities are included onboard cruise. Shore excursions are not included. **Minimum 15 participants required for a Merit Travel tour host.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITY

Merit Travel Group Inc. doing business as Merit Travel, acts solely as agents for the Travel Service Suppliers such as hoteliers, airlines, ground service operators, bus operators, etc. who are providing their facilities as described in this brochure. We do our best to select such suppliers but exercise no control over them and cannot be held responsible for the failure of these suppliers to carry out any obligations. Any and all bookings made with these suppliers by us, for you, are subject to the terms and conditions of each and every such supplier. Supplier liability may also be limited by law, tariffs, or conditions set forth in their documentation, tickets, etc.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Merit Travel and its directors, officers, employees, affiliates, successors, assigns, agents and other representatives are not responsible for any and all claims for losses, damages (whether direct, indirect, special, punitive, or other consequential damages, lost profits or opportunities) delays, illness, injuries, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, or anxiety (whether based in contract, tort, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, and even if Merit Travel and the Travel Service Suppliers have been advised of the possibility of damages to such party or any other party) arising from:

a. Fault or negligence or omissions on the part of the said Travel Service Suppliers;

b. Illness, theft, strikes, mechanical problems, quarantine, governmental intervention, weather conditions, acts of hostility or violence, and any other grounds beyond our control;

c. Your failure to obtain passport, visas, other travel documents or inoculations

d. Your failure to advise us the name of the traveller exactly as it appears on the passport;

e. Your failure to report on time at an airport or ground transfer facility;

f. Material damages, theft or other mysterious disappearances of your goods;

g. Personal injuries or death;

h. Force Majeure - an event(s) beyond our, or our supplier(s), reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockout or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts of restraints imposed by governmental authorities.

PRICING

All prices are per person in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. GST, HST and provincial taxes are applicable on tours as noted.

INCREASE IN TOUR COSTS

Merit Travel reserves the right to increase tour prices in the event of an increase in government and airport authority imposed taxes and fees, fuel and currency surcharges, supplier price increases, or any other cost increase. If the increase is greater than 7% of the tour cost, the client may cancel the booking within seven days of notification and obtain a full refund.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit of $750 per person is required at the time of booking. Full and final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Please note, some of our suppliers may require additional deposit or full payments at time of booking, pending seasonality. You will be advised of additional requirements at time of booking.

LIABILITY

Merit Travel cannot assume responsibility for any costs incurred for any travel arrangements purchased separately from the Merit Travel tour. Merit Travel's responsibility shall extend only to the provisions of advice as to industry-standard or supplier recommended connections and check-in times. Provided Merit Travel supplies such advice, they shall not be responsible for missed connections or departures, regardless of the cause.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (INSURANCE)

Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, medical and hospital insurance, baggage insurance, and various additional insurances are available and HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. If you choose not to purchase insurance, you are required to sign an Insurance Waiver Form. Note that if you choose not to purchase insurance, you are fully liable for any and all penalties imposed as stated under Cancellation Policy on this page. Please speak to your representative at the time of making reservations about insurance.

REFUNDS

The nature of travel involves risks and unpredictable weather and thus Merit Travel cannot assure any departure or arrival times at any point of an itinerary. Your right to receive a refund is limited. There will be no discounts or monies refunded for any missed or unused services. Merit Travel reserves the right to cancel the tour for any reason. Should this occur, a full refund will be made to the traveller.

CANCELLATION POLICY

While Merit Travel will do its utmost to minimize any penalties charged, there are irrecoverable costs associated with your tour. The following penalties will be considered the costs incurred with cancellation:

a. 90 days or more prior to departure: Loss of total deposit.

b. 89 – 60 days prior to departure: Loss of 50% of total tour cost.

c. 59 days or less prior to departure: Loss of 100% of total tour cost.

Cancellation penalties for some tours will vary and there may be additional penalties associated with the airfare. If so, these policies will be noted separately at time of booking and will prevail.

TOUR CHANGES

We reserve the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines or vessels due to conditions beyond our control. In such cases we will do everything possible to ensure the locations visited, the excursions taken and the hotels offered are similar to the ones originally planned. Any change to itineraries will not result in eligibility for a refund.

REVISION FEE

Changes to your tour reservation might not be possible. Should you request a change and we are able to accommodate it, you will be subject to any charges imposed by the airline or tour suppliers. In addition, we reserve the right to charge a $50 revision fee for any change made after the deposit is paid. A change in name or departure date may constitute a cancellation, and the corresponding penalties may apply.

PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION

All passengers travelling internationally must travel with a passport. Many countries require the passport to be valid for 6 months beyond the traveller's return date. Visas may be required for some destinations. It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain at the passenger's expense, all documentation required by all relevant authorities. In the event that the passenger does not possess the correct documentation, the air carrier has the right to refuse passage.

DESCRIPTION

Every effort has been made to describe and produce the travel services and photographs as accurately as possible in the printed tour description. However we reserve the right to correct errors and we will make all reasonable efforts to inform you should any significant changes occur.

Please note that the living standards and local conditions during your tour may be different from what you are accustomed to at home.

CONSENT

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