Portugal | Spain | Italy | Alaska | Iceland | Greenland | Chile | Japan | Australia ***and more!***

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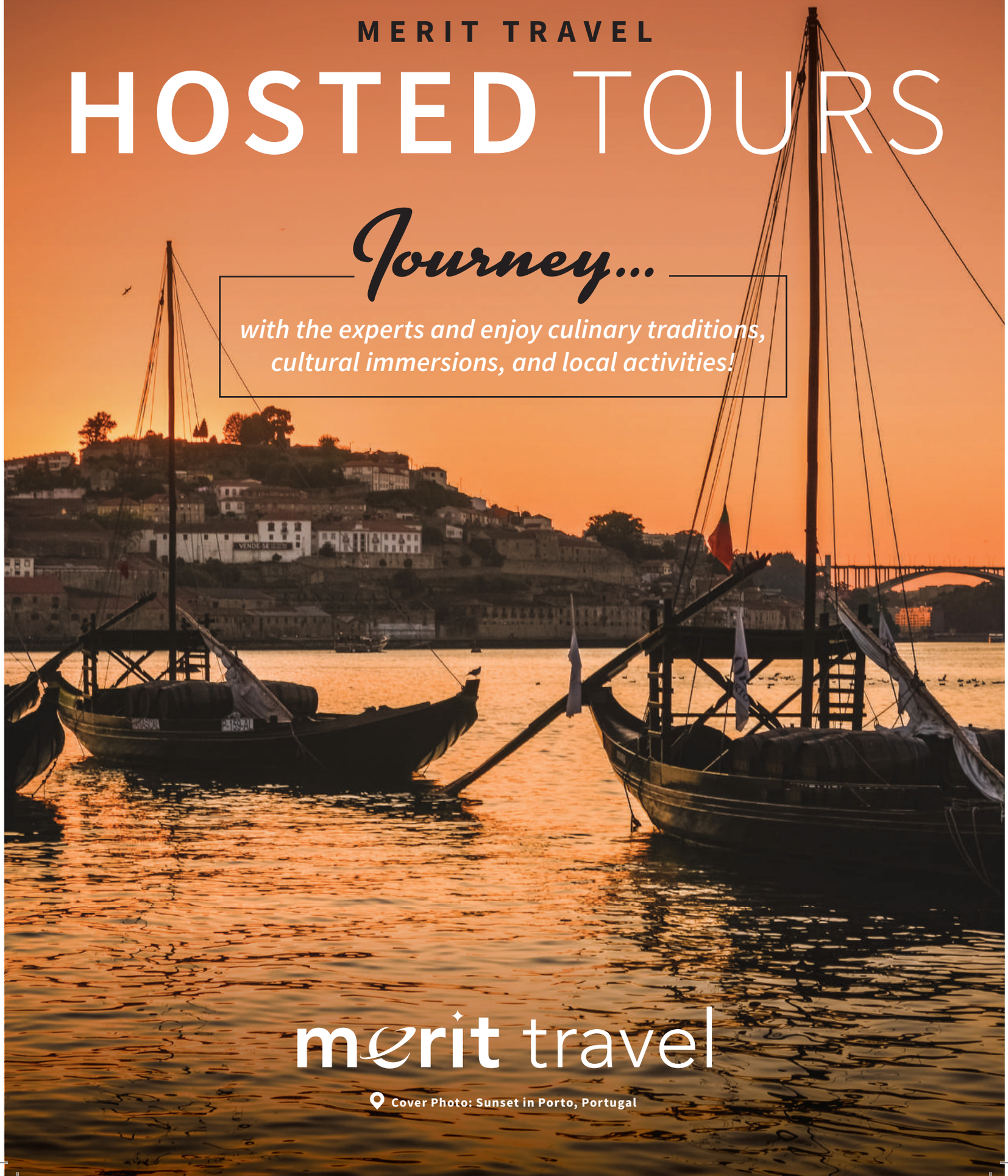
HOSTED TOURS

Journey...

with the experts and enjoy culinary traditions, cultural immersions, and local activities!



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

Our brilliant Hosted Tours program offers nine to 21-day itineraries to the most interesting, exciting, and beautiful destinations around the world.

These guided tours focus on the specific themes of local lifestyle, cuisine, history and natural and cultural attractions. Our Hosted Tours aim to ensure everyone will have an enjoyable, authentic and immersive experience.

What's *ALWAYS* included:

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

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

BY LAND

Hosted land-based tours will journey by comfortable coach transportation. Specially chosen guest speakers or local representatives provide in-depth local destination knowledge and guide daily excursions and activities.

BY RIVER AND SEA

Hosted cruise tours include open water voyages and river cruises carefully selected from regions around the world. Guests enjoy a highly inclusive experience. Experts present on themes including maritime, geography, language, history and cultural traditions. In port, a variety of land tours are included.

CULINARY TOURS

On these brilliant culinary tours, enjoy learning about how and why fresh produce and cooking styles reflect the culture and lifestyle of the local people. Walk through olive groves, vineyards and orchards, watch cooking demonstrations, participate in classes in kitchens and indulge in authentic restaurant dining.

GROUPS AND SINGLE TRAVELLERS

Merit Travel can assist with creating a customised group trip for you and your companions. If you are travelling solo, we can also provide flexible options for single travellers.

Contact us
for more information
1.866.341.1777

or visit our website for detailed itineraries.
www.MeritTravel.com/HostedTours

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 do not require mobility aids.

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
OUT & ABOUT

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

PORTUGAL CULINARY TOUR

Round-trip by land: Lisbon

As part of our culinary series, our Porto to Lisbon tour is not to be missed. This tour is packed with over a week of Portuguese treats and traditional cuisine to learn about, taste and enjoy. In addition to feasting on local specialities, we will also travel through the peaceful and quaint countryside, passing olive groves and vineyards famous for wine and of course, port.

The Douro Valley, home to port wine production, will be a key feature of the tour incorporating tastings of both ports and wines of the region. Visit medieval towns and cities including Coimbra and Obidos as well as the former Royal Summer Residence in Sintra. Enjoy roaming around and sightseeing the seaside resort areas of Cascais and Estoril and finally, explore Lisbon.

Visits to:

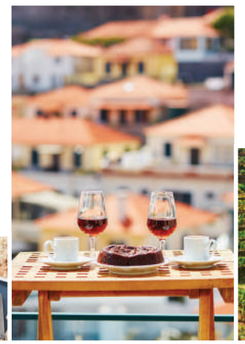
Porto - Douro Valley - Pinhao - Lamego - Viseu - Coimbra - Obidos - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril - Lisbon

$4,895* p.p.

Departs:
Oct. 17, 2019

Toronto - **$4,895*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$5,195*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum



What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Nine nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Nine breakfasts and nine dinners with wine
- One lunch on a farm in Peso da Régua
- Private motor coach transportation
- Local English-speaking tour guide
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Winery visits to: Porto(cellar), Vila Nova de Gaia, Lamego (sparkling wine cellar), and Casa de Santar at Viseu
- Local market visit with cooking class in Lisbon
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

visit Portugal

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NORTHERN SPAIN CULTURE & CUISINE

By land: Barcelona to Bilbao

Discover the Spanish Basque country and Catalonia on this culinary adventure where you will experience authentic food, taste the local vermouth and explore the iconic city sites. Your journey starts in Barcelona and continues to the charming city of San Sebastián, where you will experience the local history, gastronomy and culture.

Continue to Bilbao, one of the greatest treasures of the Basque Country and a paradise for foodies. Here you'll find Michelin-star eateries, buzzing pintxo bars, locally run restaurants lining the Plaza Nueva and glimmering food halls of the Mercado de la Ribera.

Visits to:

Barcelona - San Sebastián - Bilbao - Rioja

$5,995* p.p.

Departs:
Oct. 17, 2020

Toronto - **$5,995*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$6,495*** p.p.

Group size: 20 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Barcelona: two nights 5-star hotel accommodation
- Vermouth wine tasting
- San Sebastián: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Sightseeing food and walking tour
- Bilbao: three nights 5-star hotel accommodation
- Spanish cuisine cooking class, wine tasting and tapas at Ysios winery
- Seven breakfasts, two lunches, seven dinners
- Private motor coach transportation
- Local English-speaking tour guide
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

For detailed Itineraries please visit:

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TASTE OF TUSCANY CULINARY TOUR

Round-trip by land: Rome

Pass through the kitchens and vineyards of beautiful Tuscany! Learn about and indulge in the delicious culinary traditions of Italy on this unique hosted tour. Visit the world-renowned wine region of Chianti and sample fine wines and cuisine.

Enjoy the fabulous art and incredible architecture found in Florence, Siena and Pisa. Have fun in a cooking class in San Gimignano and in Rome, tour the Vatican! Join us as we explore the cities, towns and countryside of this picturesque region; rich in fresh, hearty cuisine. A luscious feast for all your senses!

Visits to:

Rome - Tuscany - Florence - Pisa - Chianti Wine Tasting - San Gimignano - Siena

$4,895* p.p.

Departs:
Sept. 27, 2019

Toronto - **$4,895*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$5,295*** p.p.

Group size: 24 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Tuscany: six nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Rome: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Eight breakfasts, one cooking class with lunch, one wine tasting with lunch and six dinners with wine
- Two wine tastings: Chianti and San Gimignano
- Five excursions: Florence, Pisa, Siena, Chianti, San Gimignano
- Full-day Vatican and Colosseum excursion
- Private motor coach transportation
- Professional local tour manager
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

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NORTHERN ITALY CULINARY TOUR

By land: Bologna to Genova

As part of our culinary series we are introducing a unique culinary tour to the Emilia-Romagna region in northern Italy. Find yourself immersed in the enchanting history and captivating flavours of Bologna and stay in typical farm houses in the countryside. Visit small organic wineries around Emilia-Romagna, and a Culatello ham cellar and dairy farm in Parma.

You will also experience grape harvesting or participate in a truffle hunting experience with dogs and many other activities related to food and agriculture. Experience traditional Bolognese cuisine during a private cooking class with wine tasting and embrace an enthusiasm for life in the beauty of food, culture and history of Emilia-Romagna!

Visits to:

Bologna - Romagna - San Marino and San Leo - Ravenna - Ferrara - Emilia - Mantua - Motor Valley

$6,395* p.p.

Departs:
Sept. 19, 2020

Toronto - **$6,395*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$6,695*** p.p.

Group size: 20 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Romagna: four nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Emilia: four nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Excursions: Harvest experience with professional assistant or Truffle hunting experience
- Eight breakfasts, three lunches and five dinners including dinner at a local seafood restaurant on the coast, cooking class and dinner at Casa Artusi, a Parmigiana and Balsamic vinegar tasting and a Culatello ham tasting at local producers
- Maranello museum visit
- Private motor coach transportation
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

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THE BEST OF CENTRAL ITALY & UMBRIA CULINARY TOUR

Round-trip by land: Rome

Embark on the ultimate culinary tour to central Italy and discover one of the most fascinating and beautiful regions, Umbria. Known as the green heart of Italy, Umbria's rolling hills are patchworks of yellow sunflower fields and ancient stone towns.

Taste the highest quality local cuisine, enjoy fabulous wines and delicious food and meet passionate local producers. See the magnificent cathedral of Orvieto, the glowing pink buildings of the hill town of Assisi, and the stately, medieval Gubbio.

What's Included:

- ** Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Pesaro: four nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Montefalco: four nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Excursions: Wine tasting experience at local winery Rosso Conero, wine tasting at experience at local winery Morro d'Alba, Spoleto cooking class
- Eight breakfasts, one lunch and six dinners
- Private motor coach transportation
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

Visits to:

Rome - Pesaro - Ancona - Conero - Loreto - Urbino - Recatini - Macareta - Morro D'Alba Pesaro - Gubbio - Montefalco - Assisi - Wine Route & Bevagna - Spoleto Cooking Class - Orvieto - Todi

$5,495* p.p.

Departs:
Oct. 17, 2020

Toronto - **$5,495*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$5,995*** p.p.

Group size: 20 maximum

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ITALY & THE GREEK ISLANDS CRUISE & TOUR

Round-trip by land & sea: Rome

Discover the fascinating Greek Islands where stunning sunsets, picture perfect villages and delicious cuisine await. Start your fascinating adventure in the Eternal City of Rome and visit the famous Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel.

Embark on a nine-night Italy & Greek Islands cruise. Sailing by Naples, you will explore the gorgeous Amalfi Coast, Italy's most romantic stretch of coastline. Greece has more than 3,000 years of history, numerous myths and breathtaking landmarks. In Athens, visit The Acropolis, also called the 'Sacred Rock' of Athens, one of the most recognizable monuments in the world. Cruise on to the gorgeous islands of Crete, Mykonos, Rhodes and Santorini.

What's Included:

- ** Roundtrip airfare*
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Rome: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Full-day city tour of ancient Rome including *Skip The Line* and entrance to the Colosseum, Vatican and Sistine Chapel
- Royal Caribbean cruise: nine-night sailing onboard *Jewel of the Seas* with all meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes, fees and gratuities***

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

Visits to:

Rome - Chania, Crete - Mykonos - Rhodes - Santorini - Athens - Naples

$4,495* p.p.

Departs:
Oct. 9, 2019

Toronto - **$4,495*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$4,795*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

For detailed Itineraries please visit:

www.MeritTravel.com/HostedTours

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Based on an interior stateroom cat. 2V or similar. ***Single supplement: $2,100.*** Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom cat. 8N or similar: $150. Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom cat. 2N or similar: $200. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom cat 2D or similar: $800. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ***Gratuities are included onboard the cruise. Shore excursions not included. ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC–7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | ®Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.

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ENCHANTING DOURO RIVER CRUISE & TOUR

By land & river: Lisbon to Porto

Start your journey in Lisbon, surrounded by cobbled alleyways, ancient ruins and white-domed cathedrals.

From Porto we begin our week-long luxury cruise through the Douro River Valley. Visit typical Portuguese quintas, explore the pilgrimage town of Lamego and UNESCO Sites including Salamanca and soak up the genuine beauty and breathtaking charm of one of Europe's most unadulterated landscapes.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Lisbon: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- AmaWaterways cruise: seven nights luxury sailing onboard *Amadouro* with all meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Porto: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Free-flowing beer and wine served with lunch and dinner
- Private motor coach transportation
- Shore excursions
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

Visits to:

Lisbon - Porto - Regua - Barca d'Alva - Pinhao - Braga - Guimarães

$7,326* p.p.

Departs:
Aug. 28, 2019

Toronto - **$7,326*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$7,726*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

AMAWATERWAYS
LEADING THE WAY IN RIVER CRUISING

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ROME, SICILY & THE AMALFI COAST

Round-trip by land & sea: Rome

This is the perfect Roman summer holiday.

Begin your journey in Rome with a walking tour through Rome's most popular attractions including the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona and more! We then head to the coast to set sail on the *Royal Clipper*, the world's largest five mast cruise ship. Join fewer than 230 passengers and sail down the glamorous coast, calling in to Sorrento, Amalfi and visiting the island of Lipari and Taormina in Sicily, before returning to Rome.

Onboard enjoy gourmet cuisine, a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere, engaging staff and the opportunity to enjoy onboard amenities. Swim in the Mediterranean Sea, and take advantage of onboard water sports equipment including kayaks, stand-up paddle boards and more!

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Rome: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Half-day city tour of Ancient Rome, including the Colosseum
- Star Clippers cruise: seven nights sailing onboard *Royal Clipper* with all meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

STAR CLIPPERS
Unique Sailing Adventures

Visits to:

Rome - Sorrento - Amalfi - Taormina - Sicily - Lipari

$5,595* p.p.

Departs:
Sept. 25, 2019

Toronto - **$5,595*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$5,995*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

For detailed Itineraries please visit:

www.MeritTravel.com/HostedTours

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Based on an ocean view stateroom cat. 5 or similar. ***Single supplement: $1,700***. Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom cat. 2 or similar: $700. Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom cat. 1 or similar: $1,100. Upgrade to a deluxe suite stateroom with a private verandah: $2,200. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ***Gratuities are included onboard the cruise. Shore excursions not included. ***Star Clippers T&C's:*** Final payment is due 120 days before departure. Cancellation penalties: 120 days and more before departure, loss of total deposit. 119-90 days before departure, 50% of the total tour cost. 89 days or more before departure, 100% of the total tour cost. Full terms and conditions are available. TICO ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC–7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | ®Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

Round-trip by land: Madrid

Discover the magic and charm of Spain, Portugal and Morocco on this complete hosted tour! Pass through Lisbon where you can be mesmerised by Fado music, in the oldest districts of the city. Visit the famous monasteries and pilgrimage sites of Fatima and explore Porto, home of the Douro Valley and port wine production. In Spain roam along the luxurious ports and mosey through white-washed villages.

Visit Seville, the birthplace of Flamenco dancing, and admire UNESCO listed Cordoba and its historic quarter. Wander around beautiful Granada, home to the Alhambra, the flagship of the city's diverse historical heritage. Spend time in Spain's cosmopolitan capital, Madrid and see original art by Spanish painters such as Picasso, Dalí and Miró. Continue to Morocco, where epic mountain ranges, ancient cities, sweeping deserts and warm hospitality combine. Visit the winding medina maze of Fez to the carnivalesque street-theatre of the Djemaa el-Fnaa in Marrakech and the glitzy urban city of Casablanca.

Visits to:

Madrid – Porto – Coimbra – Fatima – Lisbon – Cordoba – Casablanca – Marrakech – Fez – Granada – Toledo – Seville – Rhonda

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- 20 nights 4-star hotel accommodation (three nights in Madrid, two nights in Porto, one night in Fatima, two nights in Lisbon, one night in Cordoba, two nights in Seville, four nights in Costa del Sol, one night in Casablanca, one night in Marrakech, two nights in Fez and one night in Granada)
- Private motor coach transportation
- Local English-speaking tour guide
- 20 breakfasts and 12 dinners
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

visit Portugal

$7,995* p.p.

Departs:
Feb. 29, 2020

Toronto - **$7,995*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$8,495*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

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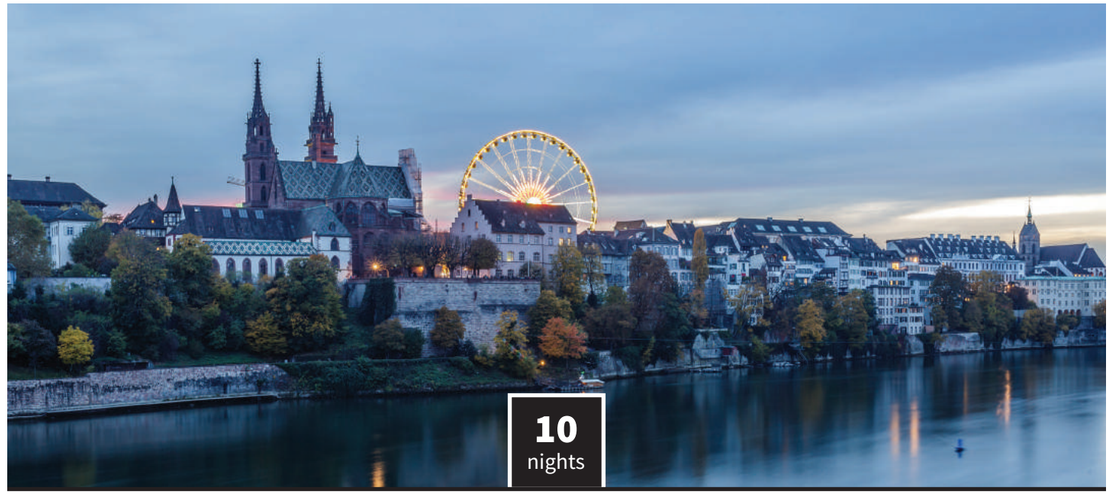

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CLASSICAL RHINE RIVER CRUISE & TOUR

By land & river: Basel to Amsterdam

Discover the many beautiful facets of 'Father Rhine' during this seven-night luxury cruise along one of the most scenic rivers in Europe. Along the way you will pass the Dutch Ijsselmeer and take a detour along the winding Moselle River. Delight in the panorama of the Middle Rhine Valley with its winelands, the prominent Lorelei Rock, and enjoy gazing at castles and fortresses as you cruise. Visit the picturesque cities of Basel, Amsterdam, Cologne and Strasbourg.

Aboard the Premium ship, *Amadeus Silver II*, enjoy free flowing beer and wines from Europe's famous wine regions, and special onboard entertainment including cooking demonstrations, music and performances! Indulge in a stress-free travel experience as you cruise by the beautiful river-scapes of the Rhine.

Visits to:

Basel – Strasbourg – Speyer – Mannheim – Rudesheim – Koblenz – Cochem – Cologne – Hoorn – Amsterdam

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Basel: one night 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Half-day city tour
- Amadeus River Cruises: seven nights sailing onboard *MS Amadeus Silver II* with meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Select shore excursions and beverage package included with onboard lunches and dinners with free-flowing quality red and white wines from Europe's famous regions, beer, coffee and tea
- Complimentary WiFi and bicycles onboard, cocktail reception, welcome dinner and Captain's gala dinner
- Amsterdam: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Full-day city tour with Anne Frank House and the Rijksmuseum
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

$5,995* p.p.

Departs Toronto/Vancouver:
Oct. 29, 2019

Group size: 30 maximum

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ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY-PACE

AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES

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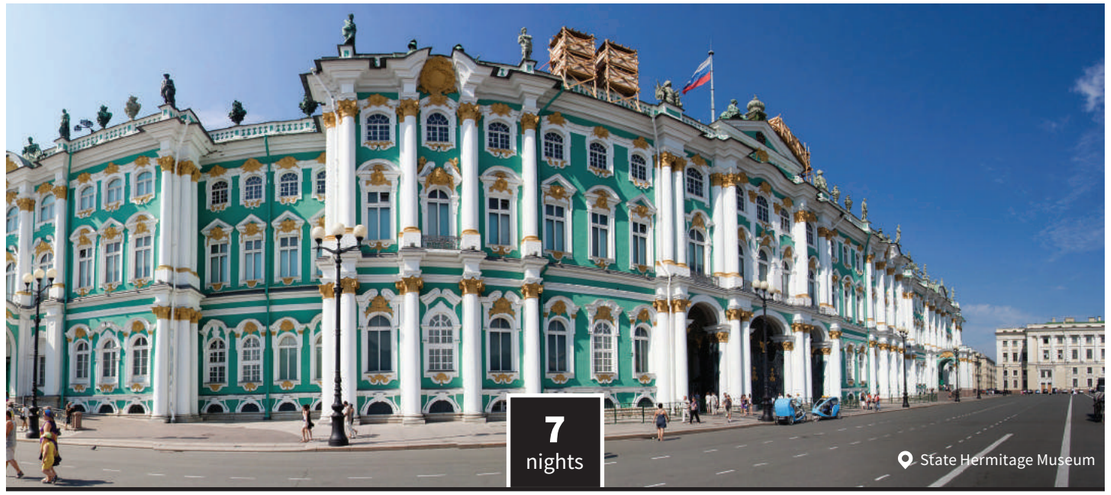

TREASURES OF THE HERMITAGE TOUR

By land: St. Petersburg to Moscow

HOST: BOB KASZANITS

President of the State Hermitage, Museum Foundation of Canada

Experience the art treasures of the Hermitage as well as the palaces and museums of St. Petersburg and Moscow. Enjoy an intimate view of masterpieces of art and architecture that defined the grace and beauty of 18th and 19th century Imperial Russia.

As a special treat, arrangements have been made for us to visit the Hermitage on a Monday when it is closed to the public. Examine the fine details of the dazzling Amber Room in the Catherine Palace and other sights in the "Tzars Village". Delight in studying the stunning Forbes Collection of Imperial Easter Eggs at the newly opened Fabergé Museum. Don't miss the Russian Museum holding the finest collection of Russian art anywhere in the world. In Moscow, visit the Kremlin, Red Square and St. Basil's, one of the most photographed sites in the world. We will visit the Diamond Treasury Reserve beneath the Kremlin as well as the great art collections at the Treyakov and Pushkin Museums. Take the opportunity to enjoy a ballet at the Bolshoi Theatre only steps from our hotel. This truly is a trip of a lifetime!

$6,995* p.p.

Departs Toronto/Vancouver:
Oct. 3, 2019

Group size: 30 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- St. Petersburg: four nights 5-star hotel accommodation
- Moscow: three nights 5-star hotel accommodation
- Seven breakfasts, three lunches, and one dinner
- Economy class train from St. Petersburg to Moscow
- Arrival/departure transfer assistance and Fast-Track porterage
- Museum curator/specialty expert guide for Hermitage visits
- Private motor coach transportation
- Local English-speaking tour guide
- Privileged access to the Hermitage Museum
- St. Petersburg destination guidebook
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

*Canada cat. #6995 | Europe cat. #6995

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,200.*** Land only: $5,195 p.p. Not included: Russian Visa fee (approx. $200). Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 12 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. TICO ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC–7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | ®Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.

COPENHAGEN AND THE BALTIC SEA

By land & sea: Copenhagen to Stockholm

Set sail for an exciting adventure steeped in history, art and culture and unlock the mysteries of the Baltics, on this luxurious seven-night cruise.

On board Oceania's *Nautica* you will indulge in intimate luxury with only 684 privileged guests. Start with two nights in quaint Copenhagen, the Danish capital which claims no less than 15 Michelin-star restaurants! Explore the fascinating ports and cities that access the Baltic Sea, including Berlin, Tallinn, Helsinki and Stockholm, where contemporary art and architecture, mould with medieval designs and intricate history. In magnificent St. Petersburg, spend two days discovering the city and experience the art treasures of the Hermitage Museum on a private excursion.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Copenhagen: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Full-day sightseeing tour of Copenhagen
- Oceania cruise: seven nights Baltic sailing onboard the *Nautica* with meals (onboard the cruise only)
- St. Petersburg: private group shore excursion with Hermitage visit, private guide and transfers
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

Visits to:

Copenhagen - Berlin (Warnemunde) - Tallinn - St. Petersburg - Helsinki - Stockholm (Nynashamn)

$5,795* p.p.

Departs:
Sept. 1, 2019

Toronto - **$5,795*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$6,095*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

OCEANIA CRUISES®
Your World. Your Way.®

For detailed Itineraries please visit:

www.MeritTravel.com/HostedTours

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Based on an interior stateroom cat. G or similar. ***Single supplement: $2,700.*** Upgrade to an deluxe ocean view stateroom cat. C2 or similar $800. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom cat. B2 or similar $1,800. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ***Gratuities are included onboard the cruise. ***Oceania Cruises T&C's:*** A non-refundable deposit of $1,000 is required at time of booking. Final payment is due 91 days before departure. Cancellation penalties: 91 days and more, loss of deposit. 90-60 days, 50% of the total tour cost. 59 days or less, 100% of the total tour cost. Full terms and conditions are available. TICO ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC–7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | ®Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.

D-DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

By land: London to Paris

HOST: TED BARRIS

Historian and Best-Selling Author

Join Ted Barris as we retrace the invasion march from Britain to Normandy to attend the 75th anniversary of D-Day at Juno Beach in France. This unique tour follows the greatest amphibious invasion operation of the Second World War, which aimed to liberate northwest Europe.

Visit sites in London including the Churchill War Rooms, Bletchley Park, where Enigma was decoded and HMS Belfast, which served in the D-Day naval flotilla. Travel to Portsmouth, where Operation Overlord was launched. Cross by ferry to Normandy in France, to learn more about the invasion through guided visits to museums, war sites, cemeteries and other places of interest. Lastly, arrive at the Juno Beach Centre in time for the 75th anniversary observances at Canada's D-Day landing site.

Visits to:

London - Bletchley Park - Portsmouth - Normandy - D-Day Observances - Arromanches - Dieppe - Paris

$5,395* p.p.

Departs Toronto:
May 31, 2019

Group size: 55 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- London: three nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Portsmouth: one night 4-star hotel accommodation
- Deauville: six nights 3-star hotel accommodation
- Ten breakfasts, one lunch and six dinners
- Private motor coach transportation
- Professional local tour director
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,100.*** Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 20 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.
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HIGHLIGHTS OF IRELAND

Round-trip by land: Dublin

Discover Ireland's charm, natural beauty and culture on this complete hosted tour. Be guided through the emerald-green landscapes, along coastlines, through farmlands and quaint villages. Enjoy hearty Irish craic in the cosmopolitan city of Dublin.

Commencing in Dublin, the tour journeys south west into the southern Counties of Cork and Kerry, west to the breathtaking landscapes of the Dingle Peninsula, north to Galway and finally east to Dublin.

Visits to:

Dublin - Guinness Storehouse - Stillorgan - Midleton (Jameson Whiskey Distillery) - Cork - Killarney - Dingle Peninsula - Galway

$4,995* p.p.

Departs:
Sept. 15, 2019

Toronto - **$4,995*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$5,395*** p.p.

Group size: 20 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Eight nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Eight breakfasts, six lunches and eight dinners
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary including entrance fees
- Private motor coach transportation
- Local English-speaking tour guide
- Ireland destination guidebook
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

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*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,200.*** Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.
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ICELAND & IRELAND CRUISE

Round-trip by land & sea: London

After an overnight stay and a tour in London, you will transfer to the *Celebrity Silhouette*, and enjoy modern luxury for the next 14 nights.

Once onboard indulge in exceptional cuisine, comfortable accommodation, and stellar service that Celebrity Cruises is known for. Cruise to the Emerald Isle of Ireland, indulging in the warmth of Irish hospitality in Dublin, before cruising past rugged Atlantic coastlines and to the unparalleled beauty of the Nordic island of Iceland, before returning to London.

What's Included:

* ***Roundtrip airfare***

- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- London: one night 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Half-day city tour of London including entrance to the Tower of London
- Celebrity cruise: 14 nights sailing onboard *Celebrity Silhouette* with meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

Visits to:

England: London, St. Peter Port, Channel Isl - Ireland: Cork (Cobh), Waterford (Dunmore East), Dublin - Iceland: Akureyri, Reykjavík - Northern Ireland: Belfast

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY-PACE

Celebrity Cruises®

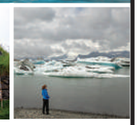
$6,595* p.p.

Departs:
Sept. 3, 2020

Toronto - **$6,595*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$6,995*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Based on an interior stateroom cat. 12 or similar. Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom cat. 8 or similar: $870. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom cat. 2B or similar: $1,760. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ***Gratuities are included onboard the cruise. Shore excursions not included. TICO ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC–7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | ®Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.



ICELAND CIRCUMNAVIGATION CRUISE

ADVENTURE CANADA

Round-trip by sea: Reykjavík

HOST: LISE COGHLAN - Iceland's landscape is unique with active volcanoes, lava fields, glaciers and waterfalls! Circumnavigate this incredible island with an expedition team. Broaden your knowledge of Iceland's natural wonders and incredible history.

Visits to:

Reykjavík – Snæfellsnes Peninsula – The Westfjords – Northern Iceland And Grimsey – Akureyri – Húsavík Seydisfjördur – Southeast Iceland – Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands)

What's Included:

* ***Roundtrip airfare***

- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Reykjavík: one night accommodation
- Adventure Canada cruise: 10 nights sailing onboard the *Ocean Endeavour* with meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Team of expedition staff
- Guided activities, sightseeing and community visits, incl. the Blue Lagoon
- Interactive workshops
- Evening entertainment
- Zodiac excursions
- Special access permits, entry and park fees
- Complimentary expedition jacket
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

$8,999* p.p.

Departs Toronto/Kingston:
Jul. 3, 2019

Group size: 25 maximum

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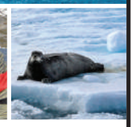

IN THE WAKE OF VIKINGS CRUISE

ADVENTURE CANADA

By sea: Reykjavík to Kangerlussuaq

From Reykjavík, cruise west passing Iceland's incredibly unique landscape of volcanic mountains, glaciers and fjords. Sailing into Greenland you'll notice breathtaking fjords, whales and seabirds in abundance! Meet locals in their fishing villages, bask in hot springs, explore ruins, and visit the capital, Nuuk.

Visits to:

Reykjavík – Snæfellsnes Peninsula – The Westfjords – Northern Iceland and Grimsey – Akureyri – Húsavík Seydisfjördur – Southeast Iceland – Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands)

What's Included:

* ***Roundtrip airfare***

- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Reykjavík: one night accommodation
- Adventure Canada cruise: 11 nights sailing onboard the *Ocean Endeavour* with meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Team of expedition staff
- Guided activities, sightseeing and community visits
- Interactive workshops
- Evening entertainment
- Zodiac excursions
- Special access permits, entry and park fees
- Complimentary expedition jacket
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

$10,840* p.p.

Departs Toronto/Kingston:
Jul. 12, 2019

Group size: 25 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
OUT & ABOUT

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Based on a cat. 3 stateroom. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ***Adventure Canada T&C's:*** itineraries may be subject to change without notice due to weather, ice, and sea conditions. A non-refundable deposit of $1,500 p.p. is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 120 days before departure. Cancellation penalties: 121 days and more prior to departure loss of deposit. 119 -91 days and more or prior to departure 65% of the total tour cost p.p., 90 or prior before departure 100% of the total tour cost. Full terms and conditions are available. TICO ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC–7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | ®Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.

ROCKIES TOUR BY RAIL

Round-trip by land & rail: Vancouver to Calgary

HOST: JACKIE LACEY

Discover the Canadian Rockies by rail where the journey is the destination. Onboard the Rocky Mountaineer, a luxury rail service, you leave the urban oasis of Vancouver behind and travel through the farmlands of the Fraser Valley crossing into the unique terrain of Kamloops. Continuing east along the South Thompson River and into the heart of the Rocky Mountains, revel in its majestic peaks, cascading waterfalls and icy glaciers. Your journey ends in the bustling city of Calgary, home to the famous Stampede.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Vancouver: two nights hotel accommodation with sightseeing tour
- Train: two full-days onboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* in SilverLeaf
- Kamloops: one night hotel accommodation
- Banff: two nights hotel accommodation with sightseeing tour
- Calgary: one night hotel accommodation
- Six breakfasts, two lunches and five dinners
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities***

Visits to:

Capilano Suspension Bridge, Grouse Mountain, Banff, Yoyo National Park and Calgary

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY-PACE

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

$6,495* p.p.

Departs Toronto:
Jun. 22, 2019

Group size: 20 maximum

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,500***. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ***Rocky Mountaineer T&C's:*** A non-refundable deposit of $750 is due at time of booking. A second non-refundable deposit of $900 is due on Dec. 1 2019. Final payment is due on Apr. 1, 2019. Full terms and conditions are available. TICO ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC–7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | ®Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.

New This Year

ALASKA YUKON DENALI CRUISE & TOUR

By land & sea: Vancouver to Anchorage

This incredibly scenic journey begins in Vancouver, where you will spend two nights, sightseeing and exploring.

Board Holland America's ocean liner, *Nieuw Amsterdam* for three nights on an Alaska Inside Passage sailing. Cruise along the stunning Alaskan coast and enjoy a front-row seat for majestic tidewater glaciers, abundant marine life and seaside towns with rich native cultures.

Then extend your adventure with the perfect land-based vacation for six nights in Alaska. Explore both Denali and the Yukon Territory, with its rollicking Gold Rush history and wild terrain.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Vancouver: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Vancouver city and Look Out tour
- Holland America cruise: three nights Alaska Inside Passage sailing onboard *Nieuw Amsterdam* with meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Alaska: six nights 3.5-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes, fees and gratuities***

Visits to:

Vancouver - Inside Passage - Tracy Arm - Juneau - Skagway - Fraser Island - Whitehorse - Minto - Dawson City - Fairbanks - Denali National Park - Anchorage

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

Holland America Line
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

$4,995* p.p.

Departs:
Aug. 22, 2019

Toronto - **$4,995*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$4,695*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

For detailed Itineraries please visit:

www.MeritTravel.com/HostedTours

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Based on an interior stateroom cat. L or similar. Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom cat. E or similar: $300. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom cat. VD or similar: $600. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom cat. VA or similar:$700. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ***Gratuities are included onboard the cruise. Shore excursions not included. TICO ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC–7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | ®Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.

WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE & TOUR

Round-trip by land & sea: Fort Lauderdale

Embark on a luxury journey on a revolutionary new ship that is poised to change the cruising experience.

Start with an overnight in Fort Lauderdale at the Hotel Morrison, a boutique style service hotel located in the heart of historic Dania Beach. Then board your seven-night luxury cruise onboard the *Celebrity Edge* sailing on a Western Caribbean voyage to Key West in Florida, Costa Maya, Cozumel in Mexico and George Town in the Cayman Islands. With an incredible ship designed to highlight the destinations, Celebrity has decided to start in the corner of the world so often referred to as 'paradise' – the Caribbean.

What's Included:

* ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Fort Lauderdale: one night 3.5-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Celebrity cruise: seven nights sailing onboard the *Celebrity Edge* with meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY-PACE

Celebrity Cruises®

Visits to:

Florida: Fort Lauderdale, Key West -
Mexico: Puerto Costa Maya, Cozumel -
Grand Cayman: George Town

$2,995* p.p.

Departs:
Nov. 23, 2019

Toronto - **$2,995*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$3,495*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Based on an interior stateroom cat. 11 or similar. ***Single supplement: $1,100.*** Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom cat. 07 or similar: $370. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom cat. E1 or similar: $1,100. Upgrade to a cat. C2 concierge class stateroom: $1,400. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ***Gratuities are included onboard the cruise. Shore excursions not included. TICO ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC–7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | ®Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.

PANAMA CANAL CROSSING CRUISE & TOUR

By land & sea: San Diego to Miami

The Panama Canal is considered one of the modern Wonders of the World. Commence your tour in San Diego for two nights in California's oldest town. Experience what it's like to travel through the original locks of the Panama Canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and discover an array of breathtaking, tropical destinations along the way.

What's Included:

* ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- San Diego: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Excursion to the USS Military Midway Museum
- Celebrity cruise: 15 nights sailing onboard *Celebrity Infinity* with meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

Celebrity Cruises®

Visits to:

California: San Diego -
Mexico: Cabo San Lucas -
Guatemala: Puerto Quetzal -
Costa Rica: Puntarenas -
Panama Canal Crossing -
Panama: Colon -
Columbia: Cartagena -
Florida: Miami

$4,795* p.p.

Departs Toronto/Vancouver:
Nov. 7, 2019

Group size: 30 maximum

For detailed Itineraries please visit:

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*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Based on an interior stateroom cat. 12 or similar. ***Single supplement: $1,995***. Upgrade to an ocean view stateroom cat. 08 or similar: $800. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom cat. C3 or similar: $2,900. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ***Gratuities are included onboard the cruise. Shore excursions not included. TICO ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC–7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | ®Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.

New This Year

SOUTH AMERICA PASSAGE CRUISE & TOUR

By land & sea: Santiago to Buenos Aires

See exotic and vibrant wildlife that will captivate you on this South American Passage cruise. Begin in Santiago, Chile and explore vineyards and the countryside of the famous wine region, Valparaiso.

Board Holland America's *Zaandam*, and commence your cruise calling upon Puerto Montt, Puerto Chacabuco, Canal Sarmiento, Punta Arenas, Ushuaia, Cape Horn, Port Stanley, Montevideo, and Buenos Aires! End your adventure in Buenos Aires, the country's beautiful capital, where the famous Tango dance was born. This cruise and tour offers the perfect introduction to South America with a blend of culture, history, indulgence and natural beauty. Holland America's *Zaandam* is designed to carry fewer guests while offering entertainment in elegant and comfortable space.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Santiago: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Full-day excursion including: Santiago, Valparaiso and Vina del Mar with lunch and welcome dinner
- Holland America cruise: 14 nights sailing onboard *Zaandam* with meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY-PACE

Holland America Line
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

Visits to:

Santiago – Vina del Mar – Puerto Montt – Puerto Chacabuco – Chilean Fjords – Canal Sarmiento – Strait of Magellan – Punta Arenas – Cockburn Channel – Beagle Channel – Glacier Alley – Ushuaia – Cape Horn – Port Stanley – Montevideo – Buenos Aires

$5,995* p.p.

Departs:
Feb. 19, 2020

Toronto - **$5,995*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$6,595*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes and port fees included. Based on an Interior stateroom cat. L or similar. ***Single Supplement: $2,200***. Upgrade to ocean view stateroom cat. EE or similar: $400. Upgrade to a large ocean view stateroom cat. D or similar: $530. Upgrade to a balcony stateroom cat. BB or similar: $3,400. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ***Gratuities are included onboard the cruise. Shore excursions not included. TICO ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | QC–7002238 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON. M5V 2H1 | ®Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.

WONDERS OF ECUADOR & THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Round-trip by land & sea: Quito

Embark on an experience of a lifetime on an adventure to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, a place like nowhere else on earth!

Start your once-in-a-lifetime journey with two nights in Quito, the first city to be declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then we fly to Baltra Island in the Galapagos and board a four night Galapagos cruise onboard the luxurious *M/V Galapagos Legend*.

There will be time to explore the islands, walk amongst volcanic formations and see the unique animals that have made the Galapagos Islands famous; the blue-footed booby, Galapagos tortoise and the land iguanas.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Domestic flights
- Quito: three nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Cruise: four-night cruise onboard *M/V Galapagos Legend* in a junior suite, ocean view stateroom with meals (coffee, tea and snacks available 24 hours)
- Seven breakfasts, four lunches and four dinners
- Multilingual-speaking naturalist guides onboard the cruise
- All excursions as per the itinerary
- Snorkeling gear provided onboard the cruise
- Galapagos National Institute Migration Control card and entrance fee to Galapagos National Park
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

Visits to:

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

$7,995* p.p.

Departs Toronto:
Apr. 14, 2020

Group size: 20 maximum

For detailed Itineraries please visit:

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*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $2,700***. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 10 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.
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HIGHLIGHTS OF PERU & CHILE

Round-trip by land: Lima to Santiago

Explore the incredible natural attractions and learn about the local Peruvian and Chilean culture on this two-week adventure!

Start your tour in Peru, a fascinating country with incredible history, nature and an endearing hospitable culture. Discover spectacular scenery, learn of ancient civilizations and experience age-old traditions.

Visit a local community in the Sacred Valley where you will experience the Andean culture and participate in a cooking class, before visiting Machu Picchu. Continue to Chile's capital, Santiago, a city framed by the majestic Andes Mountain range. Visit a local vineyard and learn about Chile's famous wines. Continue to the Atacama Desert, where you will find geysers, hot springs, salty basins and snow-capped volcanoes, as well as unique flora and fauna.

Visits to:

Lima – Cusco – Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu – Aguas Calientes – Cusco – Lima – Santiago – Valparaíso – Viña del Mar – San Pedro de Atacama

$7,295* p.p.

Departs:
Apr. 20, 2020

Toronto - **$7,295*** p.p.
Vancouver - **$7,795*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Domestic flights
- Lima: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Sacred Valley: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Machu Picchu: one-night 4-star hotel accommodation
- Cusco: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Excursion to the local Misminay Community, with Maras salt mines and Moray terraces
- Santiago: four nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Two wine tastings incl. Maipo Valley Winery in Santa Rita
- San Pedro de Atacama: three nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- San Pedro de Atacama astronomical tour
- 14 breakfasts, seven lunches, one dinner
- Local English-speaking tour guide
- Private motor coach transportation
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities***

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,300***. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.
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ECUADOR: UNIQUE & LUXURIOUS

By land: Quito to Guayaquil

HOST: MIRIAM LYON

Enjoy the breathtaking beauty of Ecuador, from the Andes to the Amazon Jungle to the Pacific Coast. Travel in style on this unique adventure, taking in the many magnificent treasures Ecuador has to offer.

Enjoy exclusive culinary experiences and meet the friendly people and artisans of this historically rich country. Let the lush green vegetation, wide open ocean, bird calls and sounds of the jungle overwhelm your senses.

Overnight in outstanding luxury hotels, haciendas and eco-lodges, creating life-long memories.

Visits to:

Quito - Indigenous Market - Cloud Forest - Cotopaxi National Park (volcanoes) - Road of Waterfalls - Hot Springs - Los Frailes Beach - La Plata Island

$6,575* p.p.

Departs Toronto:
May 18, 2019

Group size: 20 maximum

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Domestic flights, all transportation between destinations and to/from included activities
- Elegant Hotels (six nights), haciendas (two nights) and eco-lodges (seven nights)
- 15 breakfasts, five lunches, five dinners
- Expert local guide throughout tour
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

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MEXICO CULINARY TOUR

By land: Mexico city to Oaxaca

A full-flavoured culinary tour of Mexico, visiting Mexico's richest culinary regions.

After sampling and sight-seeing our way around Mexico City, the tour winds through the streets of Puebla to local attractions including the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Oaxaca.

We will also visit a Mezcal factory and learn about the fermentation process, walk through traditional villages of historical importance and continue to enjoy traditional and more modern styles of Mexican cuisine.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Nine nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Nine breakfasts, five lunches and five dinners
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Private motor coach transportation
- Local English-speaking tour guide
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

$4,595* p.p.

Departs Toronto/Vancouver:
Apr. 16, 2020

Group size: 24 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CHINA & THE YANGTZE RIVER

By land & river: Shanghai to Beijing

HOST: ANNI DELIMA

As the longest river in China, the Yangtze River offers a picturesque collection of age old history and culture that has prevailed for centuries.

This complete hosted tour features the Yangtze River cruise on a luxury ship complete with shore excursions, vibrant metropolitan Shanghai, the world class city of Suzhou, the charming water towns of eastern China, and the imperial city of Beijing.

Visits to:

Shanghai - Suzhou - Wuxi - Hangzhou - Yichang - Yangtze River cruise - Chongqing - Beijing

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Domestic flights
- Nine nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Cruise: four nights Yangtze River sailing onboard *President 7*
- 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, and eight dinners
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Private motor coach transportation
- Local English-speaking tour guide
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities

$3,650* p.p.

Departs Toronto/Vancouver:
Oct. 20, 2019

Group size: 24 maximum

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
OUT & ABOUT

OPTIONAL TWO-NIGHT
XI'AN EXTENSION

$895* p.p.

Nov. 3 to 5, 2019

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*CDN$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. ***Single supplement: $1,095***. Not included: China visa fee (approx. $200 p.p.). Two-night optional Xi'an extension single supplement: $250 p.p. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 16 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host.
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HIGHLIGHTS OF JAPAN

By land: Osaka to Tokyo

HOST: ANNI DELIMA

Discover the hidden treasures of Japan, a place where ancient traditions are fused with modern life, with its hyper-modern cities of millions, high-speed rail, pristine villages, beautiful mountains and spectacular historical castles.

Highlights of this tour include visiting Kyoto and the UNESCO listed Kinkakuji Temple, staying in a ryokan, bathing in natural hot springs and of course, exploring Tokyo!

You will be immersed into the rich cultural legacy, impressive World Heritage Sites and incredible natural beauty and a unique cultural experience unlike any other.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Osaka: three nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Nagoya: one night 4-star hotel accommodation
- Mt. Fuji: one night 4-star hotel accommodation
- Tokyo: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation
- Seven breakfasts, and one dinner
- Private motor coach transportation
- Local English-speaking tour guide
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes, fees and gratuities

Visits to:

Osaka - Nara - Kyoto - Nagoya - Hakone - Mount Fuji – Tokyo

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

$5,495* p.p.

Departs Toronto/Vancouver:
Apr. 17, 2020

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RICHES OF THE MEKONG RIVER CRUISE & TOUR

By land & river: Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City

Start your journey in Cambodia's Siem Reap, with three days touring the temples of the UNESCO Site Angkor Archeological Park, before embarking on your Mekong River cruise.

Over a seven-night cruise to Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, we will visit Cambodia's former royal capital Oudong and go on an oxcart ride through a rural village. We'll also visit the infamous Killing Fields from the reign of the Khmer Rouge and see historic pagodas, floating markets and a Buddhist monastery along the way.

We will also visit silk, rattan mat, candy and rice paper making workshops in Vietnam, before spending two additional days on land exploring buzzing Ho Chi Minh City.

What's Included:

- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Siem Reap: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Full-day Angkor Wat tour
- AmaWaterways cruise: seven nights luxury sailing onboard *AmaDara* with meals (onboard the cruise only) and free-flowing beer & wine at lunch & dinner
- Shore excursions
- Ho Chi Minh City: two nights 5-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Half-day city tour and Cu Chi tunnels
- Farewell dinner
- Local English-speaking tour guide
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

Visits to:

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

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

AMAWATERWAYS
LEADING THE WAY IN RIVER CRUISING

$6,895* p.p.

Departs Toronto/Vancouver:
Apr. 17, 2020

Group size: 24 maximum

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EAST COAST AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND CRUISE & TOUR

By land & sea: Sydney to Auckland

Start your journey in Sydney and see the city's Opera House and Harbour Bridge and meet iconic local wildlife in the Blue Mountains.

Commence your cruise onboard *Celebrity Solstice*, visiting coastal towns of Queensland, offering iconic Australian beach experiences, including access to the Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy wandering along the scenic South Bank of Brisbane, Queensland's capital.

On sea days, enjoy your luxurious stateroom and indulge in exquisite dining and brilliant entertainment.

Crossing the Tasman Sea to New Zealand, spend the final two nights, in and around Auckland, a city on the North Island of New Zealand, with a dinner cruise, wine tour and city tour.

What's Included:

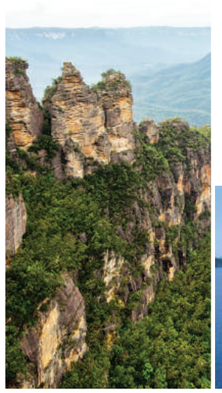
- ***Roundtrip airfare***
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- Sydney: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Welcome dinner, full-day Blue Mountains tour with lunch, half-day city tour
- Celebrity cruise: 12 nights sailing onboard *Celebrity Solstice* with meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Auckland: two nights 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Half-day city tour, evening Pride of Auckland dinner cruise, and full-day tour incl. Waikeke Island wine tour
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All taxes and gratuities***

Visits to:

Sydney – Blue Mountains – Newcastle – Cairns – Yorkeys Knob – Airlie Beach – Queensland – Brisbane – Bay of Islands – Auckland

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SIGHT-SEEING

Celebrity Cruises®



$8,595* p.p.

Departs Toronto/Vancouver:
Mar. 16, 2020

Group size: 30 maximum

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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;

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g. Personal injuries or death;

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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 six 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

Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute your consent to the above terms.

If you encounter any concerns during your tour, please inform your local travel service provider. If the matter cannot be resolved, please inform Merit Travel in writing upon your return.

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