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Exceptional Journeys

Exceptional Value

SMALL GROUP TOURS | INDEPENDENT PACKAGES | VALUE VACATIONS





Dear Traveler,

Since 1981, we have traveled the world, pursuing our personal passion for exploration and adventure. Over the years, we've learned that what is most important to us – attentive, personal service; authentic experiences; good food; well-located hotels; and real value-for-money price – is most important to you, too.

In our catalog, we've included a selection of comprehensive travel programs, each providing opportunities to enjoy the rich culture, iconic sites, history and modern life around the world. You'll meet the locals, where they live, work and play, and while your itinerary will include the most important places, you'll have time to wander about and make your own discoveries.

We've been creating travel packages this way since we began our business, and if you're ready to see the world, I invite you to browse our catalog, choose a trip and let the experts show you around our friendly planet.



Sincerely,

Peggy

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President

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Welcome

We offer options for every budget and travel style. Of course, our specialty will always be small group, escorted tours to incredible international destinations. But we also offer our same great value in larger groups with our line of Value Vacations. For those seeking more freedom and flexibility, our Independent Packages include all flights, transfers, hotels and breakfast daily. The rest is up to you.

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Why Friendly Planet

For over 35 years, we've offered exceptional international small group tours and independent travel packages at some of the most exceptional value in the industry. Our mission has always been to help as many travelers see as much of the world as possible, and that guiding principle influences every decision we make. Perhaps that's why the most common refrain from our loyal travelers is that they can't believe they received such an incredible and inclusive experience for so little.

We craft journeys that reflect how we love to travel. It's not about checking things off a list. We're passionate about getting to know and love another culture, making new friends, and getting beyond day-to-day boundaries. But after an exhilarating day exploring new lands and cultures, we still enjoy a good night's sleep in a great hotel with modern amenities. With Friendly Planet, you don't have to choose between cultural immersion and comfort.

From helpful guides to caring reservation agents, you'll feel like you're chatting with a friend. And unlike many other travel services, if you need help while traveling, we're reachable 24/7 – by phone, text and email.





Incredible Value

Feature for feature, you'll get great value for every travel dollar



Airfare Included

Flights, hotels, transfers, meals
– all for one easy price



Small Groups

Tour in groups of 11-24
without the premium price tag



Great Guides

Explore with a local, expert,
English-speaking guide



Experiences, Not Sightseeing

Insider access to
unique cultural encounters



High Quality Accommodations

Relax in top notch
centrally-located hotels



Touring Variety

Find group tours or independent packages
for all budgets and interests



Help 24/7

Friendly, personal service is our calling card,
plus a 24/7 emergency line

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Small Group Tours

Sit back and relax! We arrange your flights, transfers and other transportation. Stay in well-rated, centrally-located hotels. Enjoy a carefully structured touring program to top attractions, plus free time for independent exploration, or choose optional excursions to fill in the leisure time. Best of all, you'll enjoy traveling with a small, intimate group whom you'll quickly consider friends.

Value Vacations

Value vacations are operated by our carefully selected, valued partners and may be shared with other English-speaking passengers, ensuring guaranteed departures and great prices. The number of passengers may vary, and groups may be larger than our small group tours, though not more than 37. We arrange your flights, transfers, centrally-located hotels and tour program.

Independent Packages

Choose one of our independent packages when you want more freedom and flexibility to explore at your own pace. You'll enjoy a fantastic package price on flights, transfers, and well-rated, centrally-located hotels. You're free to roam on your own or take optional tours. But you're never alone – if you ever need help during your trip, we're just a phone call away, 24 hours a day.

Prices are per person, double occupancy. Single rooms or cabins (limited quantity) at additional charge. Advertised prices are the best available based on the least expensive travel dates, departure city and other options, and do not include optional excursions or other optional items. See website (friendlyplanet.com) for comprehensive listing of features. Advertised prices may include an early bird discount, available for a limited time. Prices reflect these discounts. Please confirm prices and details with us prior to booking, as prices and availability may change. Prices shown are valid at time of press. Every effort has been made to produce this information accurately, however, prices are subject to change and Friendly Planet Travel reserves the right to correct errors.







Asia

The world's largest continent is as diverse as its vast population. The sacred Himalayas are dotted with tiny villages and prayer flags, waving quietly against the snowy terrain. Glitzy and cosmopolitan cities like Singapore, Tokyo and Kuala Lumpur showcase glass and steel monoliths. Mount Everest, the world's highest summit, towers above the bustling world below. The gargantuan ancient temples of Bhutan intrigue travelers with their mysterious beauty. The human-sized Terra Cotta Warriors in Xi'an stand tall today, in silent formation for more than 2,000 years. Throughout Asia, the magnitude of five millennia spreads across a land that must be experienced to be believed. Whether you choose to wander the ancient paths, climb a great wall, enjoy spicy, aromatic cuisine or search for elusive tigers, all of it and more is waiting to delight you.



Best of China & Yangtze Cruise

4 nights Beijing | 2 nights Xi'an
2 nights Hangzhou | 3 nights Shanghai
4 nights Yangtze River Cruise

See and experience the very best that China has to offer including dynamic modern cities, timeless villages, diverse cultures and breathtaking natural wonders on our Best of China & Yangtze River Cruise. Stay in first class and deluxe accommodations as you explore ancient history and skylines. Then sail the Yangtze River in stylish cabins and watch the beautiful countryside pass by.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore some of China's most fascinating cities: Shanghai, Beijing, Hangzhou, and Xi'an
- Relax on a 4-night deluxe Yangtze River cruise and marvel at the breathtaking landscapes and the formidable Three Gorges Dam
- Discover why Hangzhou is considered the Tea Capital of China as you drive through green tea hills and visit a working tea plantation
- Dive into China's ancient traditions, art and craftsmanship with a private calligraphy lesson, Tang Dynasty dinner show, and visit to the Shanghai Museum of Ancient Chinese Art
- Savor traditional Chinese meals ranging from Mongolian Hotpot, Peking Duck dinner, lavish buffets and more

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Tibet from **\$1799**
- Hong Kong from **\$899**



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$3699

17
DAYS



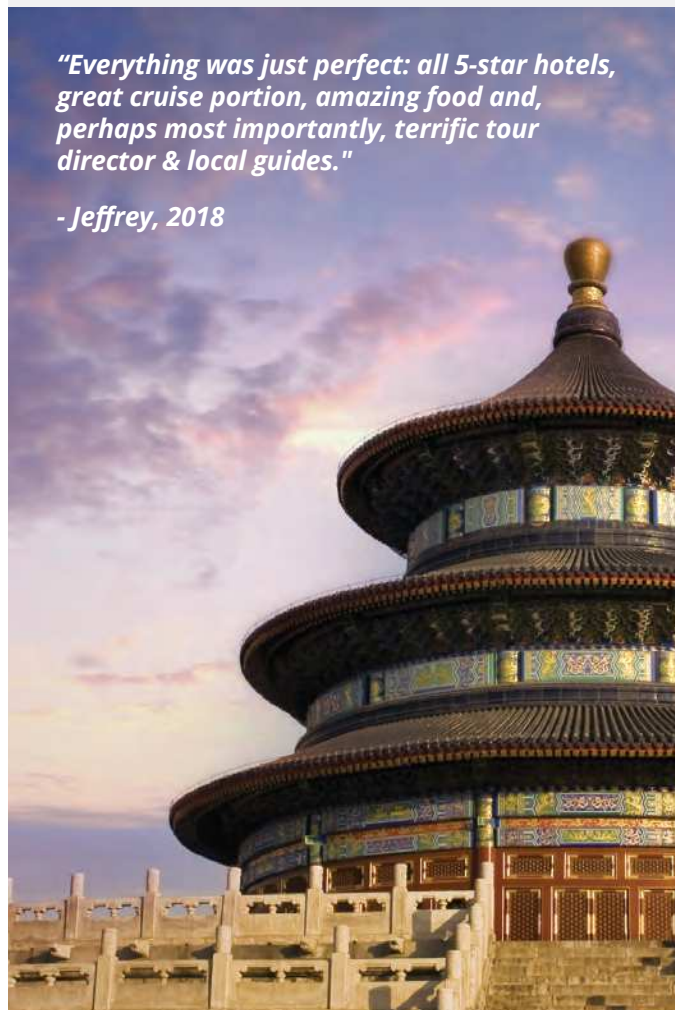
MAR – OCT

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, cruise, 34 meals,
4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

*"Everything was just perfect: all 5-star hotels,
great cruise portion, amazing food and,
perhaps most importantly, terrific tour
director & local guides."*

- Jeffrey, 2018



A Taste of China

3 nights Shanghai | 2 nights Xi'an
3 nights Beijing

From historic Beijing and the Great Wall to Xi'an's Terra Cotta Army and futuristic Shanghai, our 10-day small group tour proves you can experience China's must-see sites in less time! Discover impressive modern achievements within an ancient and incredibly rich culture whose recorded history spans millennia.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Beijing, China's energetic capital city, brimming with busy markets, modern structures, ornate temples, world-class dining and more
- Ascend the iconic Great Wall of China, that spans across the sprawling countryside for more than 13,000 miles
- See Shanghai's Yu Garden, Beijing's Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square
- Walk among the 2,200 year old Terra Cotta Army in Xi'an
- Visit the Sacred Way, an ancient road linking the Ming Tombs, the burial site of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty
- Tour Beijing's narrow maze-like hutongs, experience folk music performances, and enjoy the local cuisine

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Yangtze River Cruise from **\$949**
- Hong Kong from **\$449**

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$1699

10
DAYS



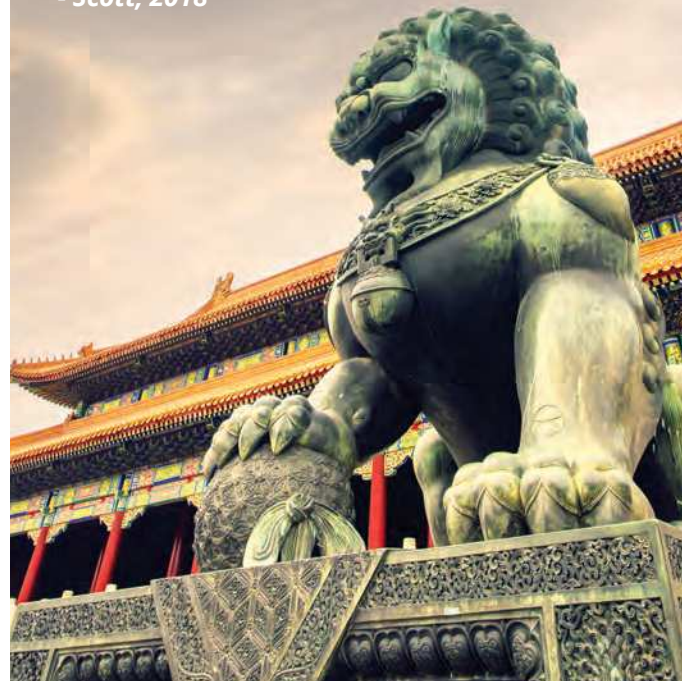
YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 12 meals,
4-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our trip to China! There is so much to see and Friendly Planet did a great job highlighting the best things to see. Our group was small which made it easy to organize and stay together without feeling overwhelmed."

- Scott, 2018



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A Taste of Thailand

4 nights Bangkok | 2 nights Kanchanaburi
1 night Ayutthaya

Even the most sophisticated travelers long to visit Thailand, with its beautiful beaches and islands, fascinating culture, exotic architecture, and ancient ruins. Unforgettable moments are at every turn, from the incredibly warm and welcoming people and the way the sun illuminates the gilded temple of the Emerald Buddha, to the orange glow that sunset casts on the country's stunning beaches and the aroma of sizzling pad thai and tom yum soup. Our A Taste of Thailand small group tour showcases the highlights of this fascinating country in just 10 days!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the Grand Palace, home of the royal family for more than 150 years, and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaew)
- Experience the juxtaposition of modernity and tradition as you tour Bangkok's skyscrapers and packed city markets and its quieter communities and temples
- Reflect on history as you take in the sights of the bridge over the River Kwai, then ride the famous Death Railway, passing through the breathtaking panoramas of the Kwai Gorge
- Explore the ancient cities, temples and markets of Kanchanaburi, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ayutthaya

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Angkor Wat from **\$899**
- Phuket Island from **\$549**

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$1599

10
DAYS



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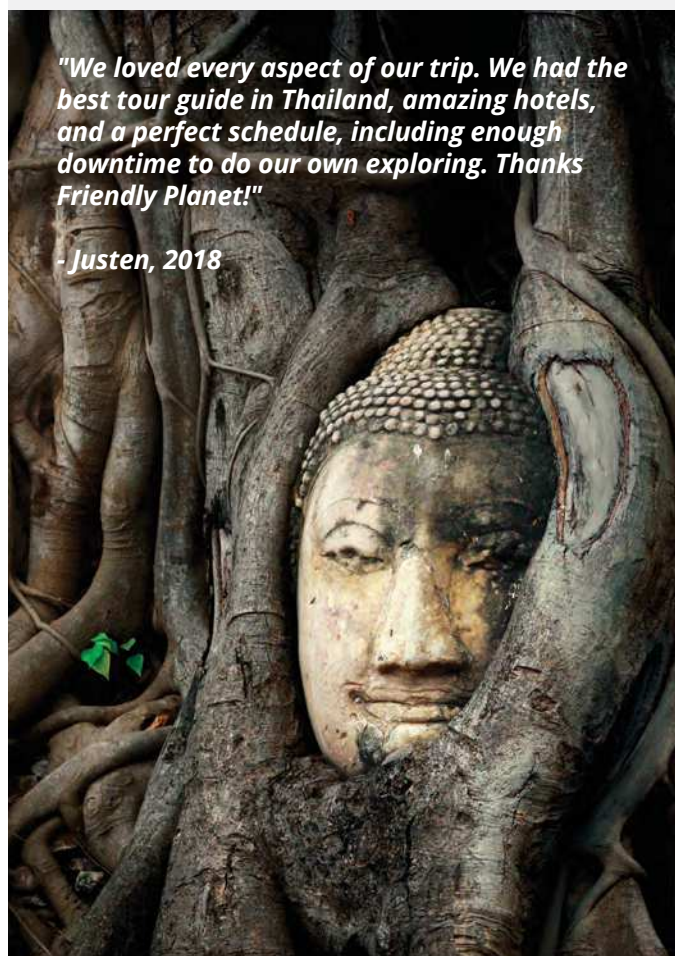
per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 8 meals,
4-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1149**

"We loved every aspect of our trip. We had the best tour guide in Thailand, amazing hotels, and a perfect schedule, including enough downtime to do our own exploring. Thanks Friendly Planet!"

- Justen, 2018



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Treasures of Thailand

3 nights Bangkok | 1 night Kanchanaburi
2 nights Chiang Rai | 3 nights Chiang Mai

Travel in first class style and comfort on our 12-day fully-escorted small group tour of Thailand. Whether you select our Special Songkran Festival departure or one of the many other departure dates, you'll encounter an ancient, fascinating culture, beautiful temples and lavish palaces, friendly, welcoming people, gorgeous, peaceful countryside and bustling cities.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a dinner cruise on the serene Chao Phraya River, passing the glittering sights of Bangkok
- Tour Bangkok's Royal Grand Palace and the mysterious Emerald Buddha, then bargain for goods at the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market
- Travel to the ancient city of Ayutthaya, and tour Wat Mahathat, where you'll find a sandstone Buddha head protruding from winding tree roots
- Board a long-tail boat to view the region from the perspective of the majestic Mekong River
- Visit the Hellfire Pass Museum before embarking on a short trek along the Memorial Walking Trail which passes through the nearby canyon and overlooks Myanmar (Burma)
- Drive to the Golden Triangle, where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos converge, and visit the ancient kingdom of Chiang Saen on the steep banks of the Mekong River
- Explore Chiang Mai, Thailand's second largest city, and visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of Northern Thailand's most sacred temples

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Angkor Wat from **\$999**
- Phuket from **\$549**



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Songkran Festival

12 DAYS FROM **\$2699** | LAND ONLY FROM **\$2199**

per person, double occupancy

Enjoy the lighthearted atmosphere of Songkran, Thai New Year, with street parties and friendly water fights. Stop by ancient temples and observe the Songkran rituals of almsgiving, water pouring over Buddha images and sand castle building. Departs in April.

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM

\$2499

12

DAYS



SEP - MAY

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 16 meals,
4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1999**

"Our guides were excellent, knowledgeable, friendly, helpful, with warm and enjoyable personalities. Our days were filled with interesting sights and experiences. The pace was good, and our hotels were great."

- Sally, 2018



SPECIAL DEPARTURE



Best of Vietnam & Cambodia

2 nights Hanoi | 1 night Halong Bay Cruise
 2 nights Hoi An | 2 nights Hue
 3 nights Ho Chi Minh City | 2 nights Siem Reap
 1 night Phnom Penh

Vietnam is a study in juxtaposition. Bustling markets full of colorful trinkets can be found only a short walk from ornate French colonial buildings and neatly kept public gardens. Towering cities and ancient ruins are surrounded by endless verdant rice terraces. Vietnam's fascinating history and colorful culture seamlessly blend together to create a place that draws travelers in with its mystery and charm.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city, including the Old Quarter, Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, Temple of Literature and Hoa Lo Prison
- Sail the emerald green waters among towering karst islands of Halong Bay on an overnight cruise
- Enjoy an early morning Tai Chi lesson, then disembark for a walking tour of Titov Beach Island
- Take a walking tour of Hoi An, a well-preserved trading port from the 15th to the 19th centuries
- Learn about the incredible history of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) at the War Remnants Museum, Reunification Hall and the Saigon Post Office
- Be mystified by Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site containing the ruins of more than a thousand stone temples

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Bangkok from **\$599**



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$3299

16
 DAYS



SEP - MAY

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, cruise, 23 meals,
 4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$2799**

"Absolutely amazing. The countries we visited, the people, our guides, the food and hotels were beyond our expectation. Of course we have traveled with Friendly Planet before so we should have known this would be a great journey and adventure."

- Paul, 2018



A Taste of Vietnam

2 nights Ho Chi Minh City | 2 nights Hoi An
1 night Halong Bay | 2 nights Hanoi

Vietnam is full of unexpected sights. Vast, green rice terraces fill the landscape, punctuated by the conical hats of local farmers working the rice paddies in the distance. A country of seemingly endless farmland is dotted with bustling cities comprised of numerous night markets and motorbike columns cascading through the streets. See for yourself why Vietnam has become among Asia's hottest destinations on our 10-day escorted tour.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about the history of Ho Chi Minh City during a comprehensive tour of the Reunification Hall, formerly the Presidential Palace, and the ornate French Colonial Post Office
- Explore Hoi An's colorful markets, vendors, tailors, and more
- Cruise among the spectacular limestone islands and floating villages of Halong Bay
- Visit the tranquil Yen Duc Village to learn about the daily life and traditions of the villagers, and enjoy a water puppet show performed by local artists
- Tour Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, Temple of Literature, and the Hoa Lo Prison in Vietnam's capital, Hanoi

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Bangkok from **\$549**



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM

\$1699

10

DAYS



SEP - MAY

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 12 meals,
4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM \$1199

"Well organized, wonderful local guides, no waiting in queues or lines, lovely buses to take us around. A good pace to each day, excellent balance between group activities and free time or additional tours."

- Laura, 2018





Best of India

2 nights Delhi | 2 nights Agra
2 nights Ranthambore | 2 nights Jaipur
2 nights Varanasi

A country of superlatives, where the colors are more vibrant, the aromas more enticing, the food more flavorful, the sites bigger and grander, and the people unfathomably friendly, India will stir your soul and reignite your travel passions. Our 13-day small group tour takes you to the best North India has to offer on a trip you're unlikely to ever forget.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise or sunset, and see first-hand the monument that has captivated travelers for centuries
- Go on two game drives in Ranthambore National Park in search of monkeys, crocodiles, and, with luck, tigers
- Witness a traditional aarti ceremony at the Assi Ghat, which celebrates the religious significance and history of Varanasi
- Friendly Planet Exclusive: Enjoy a private traditional Indian meal with a local family in Jaipur
- Take a rickshaw ride through the streets of Delhi passing by some of the city's iconic sites
- Ascend to the Amber Fort in Jaipur, and enjoy high tea with a local family in Agra
- Explore Vishwanath Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and the most sacred shrine in Varanasi

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Nepal from **\$799**

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$2399

13
DAYS



SEP - APR

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 17 meals,
4.5 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1799**

"Everything on this trip was perfect. The tour followed the itinerary to a tee, and the guides were both knowledgeable and helpful. The hotels were all beautiful, and the bus transportation was comfortable."

- James, 2018



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Taj Mahal Express

2 nights Delhi | 2 nights Agra | 2 nights Jaipur

From the majestic marble masterpiece that is the Taj Mahal to the fairytale pink city of Jaipur and everything in between, you'll be awed by the colorful sights, rich sounds and complex tastes of this culture-rich subcontinent. Discover why so many travelers agree there's no place on earth like India.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stand in awe of the Taj Mahal, the beautiful marble testament to love
- Venture into Delhi for a full day of sightseeing which includes the Red Fort and Jama Masjid
- See the impressive Chand Baori stepwell, used by the locals to harvest rainwater
- Visit the palatial and intricately designed Amber Fort in Jaipur, the ancient capital of Rajasthan
- Marvel at the Qutab Minar in Delhi, the world's tallest free-standing minaret at 238 ft and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Get hands-on as you stop for an Indian cooking demonstration, and try your hand at making chapatti or naan bread

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Nepal from **\$799**



For current prices & dates visit
FRIENDLYPLANET.COM/INDIA

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM

\$1299

9

DAYS



AUG - MAY

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 8 meals,
5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"This is an amazing trip. Well thought out and planned with excellent hotels."

- Sandra, 2018



Diwali, Festival of Lights

9 DAYS FROM **\$2299** | DEPARTS NOV

per person, double occupancy

Revel in the Diwali festivities with a special dinner and much more! You'll be provided customary clothing to wear on an evening highlighted by time-honored prayer ceremonies and jubilant dancing!



SPECIAL DEPARTURE

Holi, Festival of Colors

9 DAYS FROM **\$2099** | DEPARTS MAR

per person, double occupancy

Celebrate Holi, one of the most joyful Indian festivals. Join a fun-filled party where you will receive your very own Kurta Pajama. Enjoy local snacks and traditional music while you participate in the colorful affair!



SPECIAL DEPARTURE



Best of Sri Lanka

3 nights Colombo | 2 nights Habarana
1 night Kandy | 2 nights Nuwara Eliya
2 nights Yala | 1 night Galle

Incredible Sri Lanka is life magnified. Gaze at the rolling, vibrant green hills of Ceylon tea plantations from a train window. Try to spot the elusive Asian leopard on a thrilling safari through a dense Southeast Asian jungle. Explore the colorful interiors of ancient temples, including one that holds a Buddha tooth relic! On the tear-drop shaped island of Sri Lanka, all of this (and more) is waiting.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour Colombo, and learn how Arab, Portuguese, Dutch and British influences are still reflected in churches, monuments, names and language
- Observe locals offering lotus flowers and sprinkling purifying water at the base of the sacred Bodhi Tree at Kelaniya Raja Maha Vihara
- Explore the Dambulla Cave Temples, built by King Walagambahu in the 1st century BC
- Stop at the Matale Spice Gardens and learn about the cultivation and processing of cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg and more
- Visit Sigiriya, an ancient fortress and citadel known as the "lion rock" that towers 650 feet above the verdant scrub jungle
- Participate in a tour and Ceylon tea tasting at a plantation in Nuwara Eliya
- Embark on 2 game drives in Yala national Park, home to wild elephants, boar, buffalo, and the elusive leopard

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$3499

13
DAYS



SEP – MAY

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 23 meals,
4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$2799**

"Sri Lanka is a lush and beautiful country with varied topography and so much to offer. It is a country much more complex in its history, culture, politics, and spirituality than I ever knew."

- Kathleen, 2018



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Japan Panorama

4 nights Tokyo | 3 nights Kyoto | 1 night Osaka

From groundbreaking technological innovation and stunning natural vistas to traditional Shinto shrines and Zen rock gardens, Japan has intrigued generations of visitors who come from near and far to experience this unique island-nation. Like a beautiful bonsai tree, we've cultivated our 10-day Japan Panorama small group tour so you will experience the very best this incredible destination has to offer, from the sweet taste of sake paired with the freshest sushi you've ever had to a vivid, neon nightlife and everything in between!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Tokyo's famous Skytree, East Gardens, Asakusa Kannon temple, and Edo Museum, which features a magnificent scale model of Tokyo during the Edo period
- Enjoy the breathtaking, panoramic countryside as you travel from Tokyo to Mt. Fuji
- Ride the Shinkansen, Japan's bullet train, to Kyoto and participate in a city tour including Kiyomizu Temple, Golden Pavilion, Nijo Castle and the Heian Jingu Shrine
- Travel to Nara's Todaiji Temple, whose Buddha is the largest bronze statue in the world and whose main structure is the world's largest wooden building
- Explore Osaka, considered Japan's spiritual heartland, and visit Osaka Castle which is situated on stunning gardens and grounds



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FRIENDLYPLANET.COM/IJP

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM

\$3899

10
DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 11 meals,
5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"Great service, great hotels and great tour guides. Another amazing trip with Friendly Planet. We look forward to scheduling another adventure with them!"

- Karol, Sep 2017





Borneo Adventure

2 nights Kuala Lumpur | 4 nights Kuching
2 nights Batang Ai | 2 nights Mulu
3 nights Kota Kinabalu

The island of Borneo, Malaysia, offers up a mosaic of indigenous tribes, ancient rain forests, rivers and caves, and of course, orangutans! It's an upscale adventure to a true, off-the-beaten path locale. You'll also visit Kuala Lumpur, one of Asia's most dynamic and fascinating cities, where you'll explore exotic markets, lantern-lit streets, temples and other aspects of Malaysia's unique and colorful heritage.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a panoramic city tour of Kuala Lumpur and visit a local handicraft center
- Visit the Semenggoh Orangutan Rehabilitation Center, and watch orangutans as they frolic in their 1800 acre virgin rain forest.
- Sail by longboat to an authentic Iban longhouse, have lunch with the local Iban people and learn how an entire community lives under one roof
- Explore Gunung Mulu National Park, where you'll have an opportunity to observe the exodus of millions of bats from Deer Cave
- Take a guided nature trek through Kinabalu Park, and take a dip in Poring Hot Springs. End the day on a canopy walk 100-200ft above the forest floor
- Relax on the fine sandy, white beaches of Kota Kinabalu, and explore this beautiful, relaxed city

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Penang Island from **\$499**



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FRIENDLYPLANET.COM/IBA

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$3799

16
DAYS



SEP - MAY

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 28 meals,
4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"Hiking to see endangered orangutans, long boating down the Lemanak River, trying my hand at blow piping, eating rice and chicken out of bamboo tubes, dancing and drinking rice wine with the Iban tribe: what an amazing experience our adventure to Borneo was!!!"

- Robert, May 2018



Exotic Borneo & Bangkok

2 nights Kuching | 2 nights Batang Ai
3 nights Bangkok

This small group tour is the perfect blend of city and nature exploration. Adventure in Malaysian Borneo, an island blanketed by rain forests that are home to orangutans and the welcoming, indigenous Iban people. Then trek the urban jungle of Bangkok visiting the ornate palaces, Buddhist temples, and modern marvels that dot this smiling city.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a 30-minute cruise on the South China Sea to remote Bako National Park, and keep an eye out for the rare, long-nosed Proboscis monkey
- Visit Semenggoh Orangutan Rehabilitation Center for a chance to view and photograph the iconic primate in its natural habitat
- Sail by longboat down the Engkari River, and enjoy lunch with the hospitable Iban people in an authentic longhouse
- Tour Bangkok's Royal Grand Palace, the #1 must-see attraction in this capital city, including the magnificent throne halls and the Emerald Buddha
- Enter Wat Pho, Bangkok's oldest temple, regarded as Thailand's first university, and home to the massive reclining Buddha

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Kuala Lumpur from **\$399**
- Phuket Island from **\$549**



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$2199

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DAYS



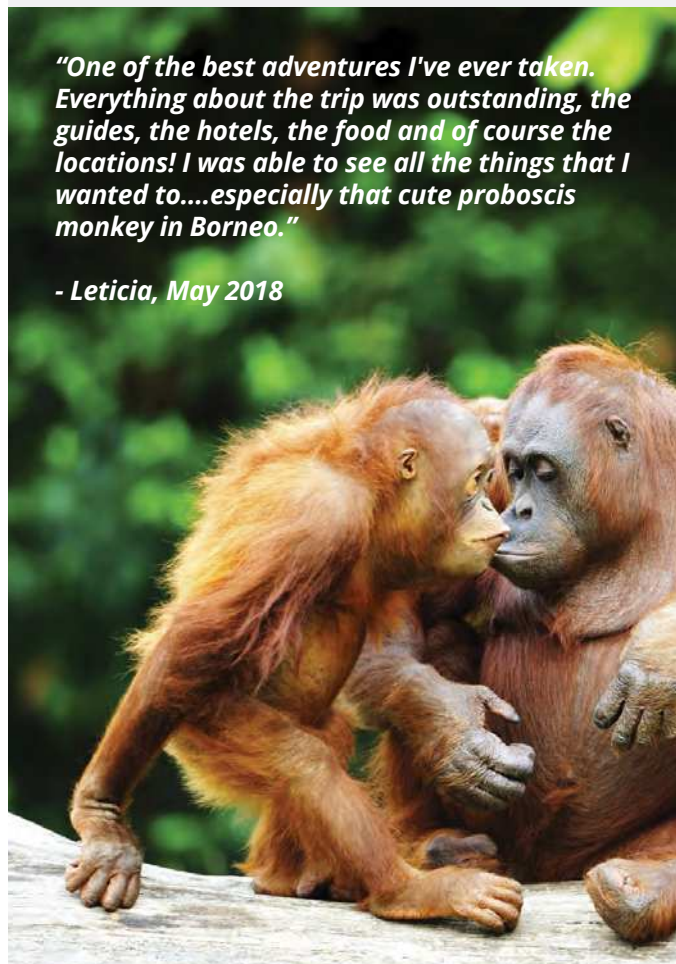
SEP - MAY

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 15 meals,
4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"One of the best adventures I've ever taken. Everything about the trip was outstanding, the guides, the hotels, the food and of course the locations! I was able to see all the things that I wanted to....especially that cute proboscis monkey in Borneo."

- Leticia, May 2018





Beautiful Bhutan

3 nights Bangkok | 2 nights Thimphu
1 night Punakha | 1 night Trongsa
3 nights Bumthang | 2 nights Paro

Perched high atop the mighty Himalayas, the Kingdom of Bhutan, known for its philosophy of GNH (gross national happiness), has defied globalization and remains a hidden paradise for the fortunate few who venture to this Buddhist enclave. Experience the enchantment of Bhutan's ancient fortresses, monasteries, and temples, the richness of its artisan traditions, and the beauty of its pristine natural landscape as you traverse the country's rugged terrain.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a guided tour of Bangkok's most famous sights including the Royal Palace, the Emerald Buddha, and Wat Pho, Bangkok's oldest temple
- Visit the Tiger's Nest, a monastery precariously perched on the side of a cliff
- Tour Thimphu, Bhutan's sleepy capital, and see the National Memorial Chorten and the Dupthop Lhakhang, one of the few remaining nunneries in Bhutan and dedicated to world peace
- Engage with the friendly locals, and learn about ancient healing practices, Yathra weaving, and share lunch at a village house in Ura
- Celebrate the traditional festival that coincides with your departure date, or enjoy a cultural performance of traditional songs, dances costumes and masks

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Phuket from **\$549**



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$5599

15
DAYS



YEAR ROUND

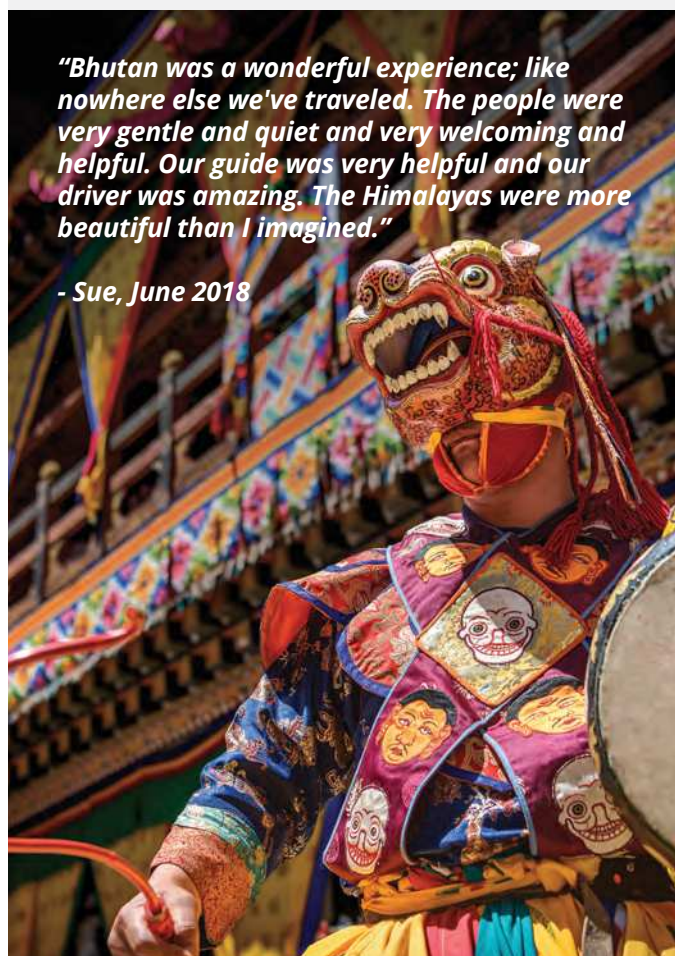
per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 30 meals,
3, 4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$5099**

"Bhutan was a wonderful experience; like nowhere else we've traveled. The people were very gentle and quiet and very welcoming and helpful. Our guide was very helpful and our driver was amazing. The Himalayas were more beautiful than I imagined."

- Sue, June 2018



Through Your Eyes

Our "Through Your Eyes" series shares tales of travel from the perspective of Friendly Planet Travelers. We know how beautiful the big, wide world is and how exploring new places and experiencing new things can change our lives forever.

We received this wonderful letter from one of our travelers, John Monahan. His beautiful story about a trek to The Tiger's Nest Monastery reminds all of us here at Friendly Planet why we do what we do! This experience will stay with John the rest of his life, and we're honored to be a part of it.



Dear Friendly Planet,

I want to share an experience that I had hiking to Tiger's Nest Monastery high in the Himalayas, a center for Buddhism in this part of the world. I had many good experiences in Bhutan, but this one in particular was really special. You see, I was supposed to spend the last two days in Paro before leaving Bhutan for Bangkok, but my flight in Bumthang was cancelled because of rain and the only road was not passable because of rock slides. Luckily, I was able to get on a late afternoon charter the following day, but that also meant I only had one night in Paro. Turns out, this was not enough time to visit the Tiger's Nest, because my guide, Karma said that we would need at least five hours to complete the hike; the flight to Bangkok was at 1PM. So I asked if I could do the hike at 5AM. He agreed, even though he didn't think that we would make it to the top in time.

We left the hotel and arrived at the base before dawn in the early morning mist. From our vantage point below we could see the lights of the monastery shrouded in clouds high above. Along the trail, there are prayer flags strung across the trees with colors that represent special intentions, such as positive energy to a traveler. On the way we saw a monkey perched on the side of the mountain posing for a few pictures. Karma said that when a pilgrim sees this monkey, that person will receive a blessing. We made it to the monastery by 7:10. Karma was astonished. He said that it normally takes about three hours, and that he could hardly keep up!

The monastery does not open until nine, but when we arrived the gates were unlocked. I wanted to go inside but it was forbidden without permission. There was a small police shack outside the gate with two officers sleeping inside, so I knocked on the door and asked about going in. Karma knew one of the guards and explained my circumstance that this was my dream and I had to catch a flight in the afternoon. Because it was just us, the guard let us in but warned us not to linger.

When we went inside, the doors to the main chapel were open, and the chief abbot was inside reciting his morning prayers. The abbot not only invited us inside, but he poured holy water in our cupped hands and gave us a blessing. Karma told me that because this is the main monastery, this blessing was worth a hundred blessings. He was moved with emotion and thanked me for the journey. He never had a blessing from the chief abbot and had never been the first person of the day to visit! As we left, the view exposed from the top of the clouds was breathtaking. It is truly a moment in time that will remain with me for the rest of my life.

John Monahan



Tokyo Express

5 nights Tokyo

Neon nightscapes and morning markets, Buddhist temples and Zen rock gardens, shrines, sushi and skyscrapers. This is Tokyo, and it will capture the heart of every visitor with its seamless blend of tradition and modernity and its wide array of new experiences. Explore this amazing city of contrasts from your well-reviewed, conveniently located hotel on our five night adventure.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Set out on a panoramic city tour to explore some of Tokyo's main sights including the Imperial Palace gardens, the Tokyo Tower, and the "Electric-Town," Akihabara
- Visit Sensoji Temple, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple, dedicated to the Buddhist deity of mercy and compassion
- Explore fascinating neighborhoods, sample scrumptious dishes, and discover Japan's ancient culture independently
- Travel independently throughout the exciting city of Tokyo via train using your included, pre-paid transit card
- Spend some free time taking a relaxing stroll through one of Tokyo's beautiful parks or gardens (you may even forget that you're in the largest city in the world!)
- Indulge in one of our exciting optional excursions, like a full day trip to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Nikko to visit its magnificent shrines and pagodas or a day trip to iconic Mt. Fuji

INDEPENDENT PACKAGE

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YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers,
5 meals, and 5-star hotel

"Absolutely enjoyed the Tokyo express package! Easy non-stop flights, amazing hotels with a free breakfast every morning, and a simple tour around the city and plenty of free days to explore on your own! Would totally recommend and plan on using again in the future!"

- Carrington, 2018



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Our Singapore & Beyond Independent Packages take you to some of Asia's most iconic and travel-worthy destinations and introduce you to the culture and sites that keep travelers coming year after year. Each package includes round-trip air on award-winning Singapore Airlines, transfers to and from the airports, stays in 4.5 and 5-star hotels and daily buffet breakfast. A city tour is included in each destination, led by a local, English speaking guide. Beyond that, the trip is yours! Make your own discoveries among the bustling cities; savor sizzling street food, packed markets, intricately adorned temples, neon nightlife and more! Or, take advantage of the many optional tours we offer.

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Make the most of your included airfare to Asia and check out Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo, three of the continent's must-see cities!



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We've paired the urban oasis of Singapore with the artistic and wonderfully serene town of Ubud, the cultural epicenter of lush and laid-back Bali.



INDEPENDENT

Singapore & Hong Kong

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per person, double occupancy

Spectacular skylines and sensational sites, culture, cuisine and cosmopolitan conveniences await on this enchanting trip.



INDEPENDENT

Singapore & Tokyo

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Singapore combined with Tokyo, where the uber hip and quietly conservative coexist among neon lights, world-class food and Zen contemplation.



INDEPENDENT

Singapore, Hong Kong & Bali

14 DAYS FROM **\$2899** | DEPARTS YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Revel in the fast paced metropolises of Singapore and Hong Kong before slowing down with the bohemian vibes in Ubud.



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Cuba

From authentic encounters with everyday Cubans to intimate and unforgettable sightseeing moments, experience the magic of this once-forbidden island. Salsa dance beneath the night sky in Havana. See how famous Cuban cigars are rolled. Visit artists and musicians in their homes and studios for a behind-the-scenes look at a thriving cultural scene. Then explore beyond Havana in the scenic Viñales Valley and central colonial towns. We're proud to be one of the first U.S. tour companies to have been awarded a People-to-People license for legal Cuba travel, and since 2011, we've sent thousands of American travelers to Cuba to experience unique, inspiring, and affordable encounters with the Cuban people.





Captivating Cuba

2 nights Sancti Spiritus | 2 nights Varadero
3 nights Havana

Rich rewards await the intrepid and open-minded traveler in this relatively untouched destination. From picturesque colonial towns and some of the best beaches in Cuba to the bustling cities and rural villages, you'll meet and interact with Cubans, where they work, live, and play. Discover why the world loves Cuban music, meet some of the best up-and-coming artists on the island, and enjoy meals at local paladares.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the charming Spanish Colonial towns of Sancti Spiritus, one of the original seven cities founded in Cuba by the Spanish; and Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit Templo de Yemaya, and learn the basic principles of Santería, an Afro-Cuban religion that blends African and Catholic elements
- Take in Cuban history as you visit the impressive Che Guevara Mausoleum where his mortal remains lie; tour the famous Christopher Columbus Cemetery; walk in the footsteps of Ernest Hemingway at Finca Vigía, and more
- Experience art, music and culture as you learn about danzón (Cuba's national dance and musical genre), meet a talented fashion designer in Varadero, and take in a performance by music students in Santa Clara
- Tour Old Havana; stop at Plaza de la Revolución; visit the Fine Arts Museum; and take a ride in a beautifully restored classic car

SMALL GROUP TOUR

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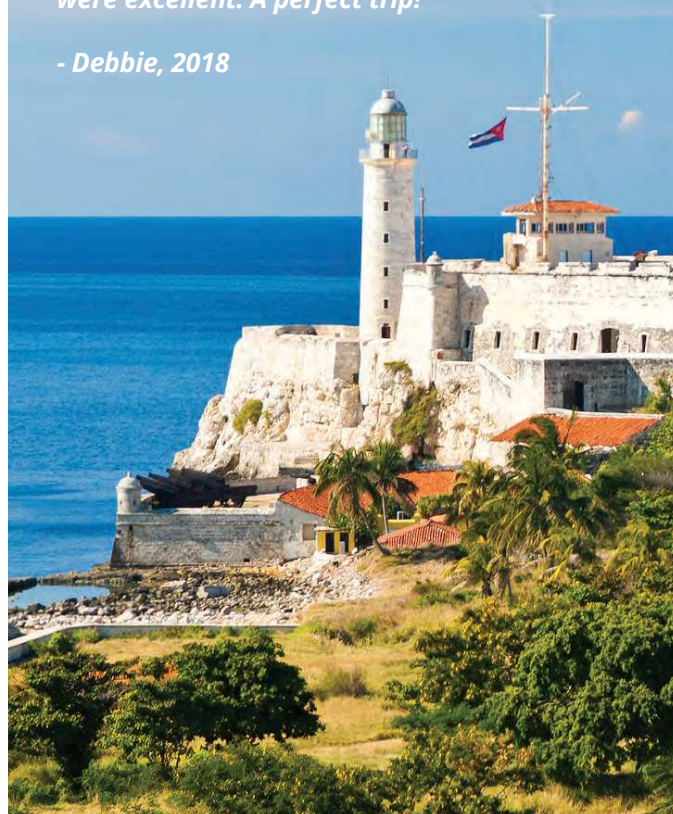
YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 17 meals,
3 & 4-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"Fantastic - can't wait to go back. Tour was very well organized and informative, and went very smoothly. Guides were exceptional in all aspects. Our driver was very skilled. Hotels were excellent. A perfect trip!"

- Debbie, 2018



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Authentic Havana

4 nights Havana

On our most popular tour to the island, we'll show you the heart and soul of Cuba and create a truly authentic experience. It starts with your accommodation: four nights in a "casa particular". This privately owned and lovingly restored Bed & Breakfast is located in a typical Cuban neighborhood, just a five minute walk from the famed Malecón. You'll enjoy meals in paladares, or privately owned restaurants, and of course, our itinerary is designed to bring you up-close and personal with local Cuban people.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the architectural treasure of Old Havana, designated a UNESCO World Heritage City for its interesting mix of Baroque and Neoclassical design
- Enjoy a visit to an Organopónico (community organic garden), to learn how residents grow fruit, vegetables and herbs for their own consumption and local sale
- Visit the private studio of one of Cuba's talented independent artists, and learn different techniques of printmaking, sculpture and other art forms from innovative Cuban artists and their teams
- Travel to Regla, a settlement south of the bay, and visit the famous Virgin of Regla Church, which exemplifies an interesting blend of Afro-Cuban creeds and the Catholic faith
- Follow in Ernest Hemingway's footsteps to the quaint fishing village of Cojimar, the setting for his book, *The Old Man and the Sea*, and then tour his Cuban retreat, Finca Vigía, a museum preserving his library, hunting trophies and famous fishing boat, *Pilar*



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Havana Jazz Festival

7 DAYS FROM **\$3999** | DEPARTS JAN

An enhanced version of our Authentic Havana program, you'll stay at the 5-star Hotel Parque Central and enjoy the music of Cuba at the Havana International Jazz Festival. With an itinerary jazz aficionados will adore, this tour includes passes to the festival, private jazz club performances, a visit to a celebrated music school for student performances, a tour of Cuba's top recording studio and more!

SMALL GROUP TOUR

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\$1899

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DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 9 meals, 4-star Bed & Breakfast/hotel, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1549**

"The culture, food, music, casa, and people were fantastic in Havana! Our guides were extremely knowledgeable and helpful and everyone we met went above and beyond to make sure we were comfortable and happy. I feel like I saw and did so much in so little time. I cannot wait to return!"

- Amber, 2018



SPECIAL DEPARTURE



Havana & the Viñales Valley

4 nights Havana | 2 nights Viñales

Our comprehensive western Cuba small group tour takes you right into the heart and soul of Cuba! This expertly crafted tour combines the island's timeworn and magnificent capital with the stunning UNESCO World Heritage vistas of the Viñales Valley, a rising region in Cuba tourism.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk in Old Havana with your guide through the vibrant cobblestone streets as you immerse yourself in the colors of Cuba
- Take a trip to a local ration store where your Cuban host will explain the system of rationing and the two-currency system
- Learn about Cuban cigars as you witness firsthand how experts masterfully hand-roll each individual cigar
- Walk in the footsteps of Ernest Hemingway at his Cuban getaway, Finca Vigía
- Visit Regla, a settlement south of the bay, and the famous Virgin of Regla Church, where you'll learn firsthand about fascinating Afro-Cuban religions
- Spend time at Finca La Guabina and learn about their work as a farm and cattle ranch and specialization in breeding Cuban horses such as the Pinto Cubano and Appaloosa
- Explore the Santo Tomás Cave, the second largest cave system in all of the Americas
- Dine in paladares, privately owned restaurants, and spend four nights in a beautifully renovated casa particular (bed & breakfast)



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

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DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 15 meals, 4-star Bed & Breakfast/hotel, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$2199**

"Thank you Friendly Planet! The trip was packed with lots of interesting tours to museums, parks, capitol buildings and squares, churches, fantastic restaurants and entertainment venues, boat trips, organic farm trip, rides in old cars and interaction with the beautiful people of Cuba, including their music and dance."

- Margaret, 2018



Havana's Malecón, A Stunning Sea Wall

We think experiencing the authentic side of Cuba is a bucket list item every traveler should check off! We asked one of our Cuba Tour Managers, Gary White, to tell us about one iconic Havana landmark that really immerses you in the 'authentic' Cuba.

For decades, as a forbidden country to US citizens, Cuba was only in our imaginations. We had seen pictures of 1950s classic American cars plying down the dark streets of a crumbling Havana, or of an enthusiastic Fidel Castro gesturing to the masses as military trucks pulling missiles passed in review. And, of course, the island was riddled with aged women who enjoyed oversized cigars tilting down from one side of their mouths.

For newly arriving Americans who catch a tour bus from the airport into Havana, the images are largely confirmed. You see a bright pink Ford Thunderbird in the airport parking lot. On the way to Old Havana, you pass right by Revolution Square where the iconic image of Che Guevara is affixed onto one of the buildings flanking the public gathering area. Deeper into the heart of the city, the density of people increases and sidewalks become crowded. For the tourists, there really are women with unnecessarily large cigars! Vibrant colors and flamboyant personalities clearly reflect your understanding of what Cubanos are supposed to be like. But nothing, no building, ghost of Castro, or a beautifully restored 1956 Chevy will confirm you are in Havana, Cuba more than when you turn onto the Malecón.

The Malecón, or "sea wall", is actually Avenida de Maceo. It's a five-mile-long sea wall, road, bench, gathering place, protector of the city, and icon of Havana that will race your heart upon seeing it. This is where all the photographs you've seen have been taken, where waves hit and crash upward and over the taxis that drive along its avenue. Yep! This is Havana! You recognize the Malecón immediately, and you feel compelled to linger and just take it all in.

This is the meeting place for young Habaneros seeking private time. In a city where most homes are

multigenerational, a young couple in love must find another location to be alone, and the Malecón's protective wall shields them from the Atlantic's waves and grandmother's eyes. If you want to meet the next generation of Cuba, walk the Malecón on a weekend night. You don't need to skip your dinner to promenade, for the wall will be busy until 3 AM with diehards there until 4.

The Malecón protects the city from the waves generated when the winds blow from the north. Sometimes, the spray from a crashing wave can reach forty to fifty feet high. When such meteorological conditions exist, the roadway along the Malecón will be closed due to flooding. It is a never-ending battle to remain ahead of the decay, and repairs to the wall are constant.

But, when conditions are friendly, old men and boys will cast their lures into the water in hopes of catching the family's dinner. Couples, straight, gay, and lesbian will hold hands as they sit on the barricade and gaze out across the water and sunset. Those Cubans who have made plans to move to the United States will tell their friends in code that they are "moving to Malecón and ninety." For ninety miles north of the Malecón is Florida.

Looking at the youth draping themselves along the iconic wall, a visitor catches a glimpse of the future of Cuba. It is frequently stated that to get to Cuba from the US, a traveler must journey ninety miles and fifty years. These young people will be living in a world we will never be able to visit, and so we are left to our imagination. After all, even the most talented traveler cannot move through time. But here, on the Malecón, is where the journey begins.





Europe

Perhaps no other continent encapsulates the romance of travel better than Europe. The expansive history, unique architecture, quaint and charming towns, friendly and diverse people and world-renowned cuisine make it a must-visit destination. Imagine the soft, sensual sound of fado music accompanying a glass of port, or the pleasure of a pint of Guinness sipped to Irish fiddle music. Picture walking ancient paths among Greek ruins, feeling the rush of clean salty air as you cruise the Dalmatian coastline, or exploring Alps-fringed lakes and fairy-tale castles, scenic waterfalls and cobbled squares. Europe will exceed your imagination. All you have to do is go.



Best of Portugal

3 nights Porto | 2 nights Coimbra
1 night Caldas da Rainha | 3 nights Lisbon

Once a global superpower and now rejuvenated as one of the trendiest destinations in Europe, Portugal will impress with its eclectic repertoire of vibrant cities and historic towns, stunning beaches and old-world countryside, and some of the best cuisine on the continent. Our 11-day comprehensive small group tour will give you a taste of what the travel world has finally discovered. The charm of Portugal is something you have to see to believe!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sample Portugal's famous Port wine from centuries old cellars in Porto
- Tour medieval Portugal's cobblestone streets and whitewashed houses within the walled city of Obidos
- Get hands-on at a pastry workshop, and bake Ovos Moles, a traditional Portuguese sweet
- Explore some of Europe's greatest Roman archaeological finds in expertly preserved Conímbriga
- Travel to Fatima, one of the main Marian Shrines in the world, and the religious epicenter of Portugal
- Visit Pena National Palace, located in the Sintra hills, the greatest expression of 19th century romanticism in Portugal



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DAYS



APR – NOV

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 12 meals,
4-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$2799**

"The Best of Portugal tour truly exceeded our every expectation. We came away knowing so much more about Portugal and its history and culture than I could have ever imagined. The itinerary was terrific and well thought out and the hotels were top rate. Everyone on the Friendly Planet team in Portugal was dedicated, genuine and went well beyond expectations to make our experience perfect."

- Daniel, 2018





Best of Ireland

4 nights Dublin | 2 nights Kerry
1 night Limerick | 2 nights Galway
1 night Donegal | 2 nights Belfast

There is no shortage of incredible experiences in the seemingly small island of Ireland. Kiss the Blarney stone; marvel at the Cliffs of Moher; and cruise the River Corrib. Travel to the Connemara Region where the locals still speak the ancient language of Gaelic. Visit Derry and Belfast in Northern Ireland to witness the history and natural wonders that await. See it all on this 14 day tour of the Emerald Isle.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Snap photos of Ireland's breathtaking landscapes: the Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher and the Burren
- Step across the basalt columns of Northern Ireland's legendary Giant's Causeway
- Explore the Connemara region, a land of lakes, rivers, bogs, mountains and timeless villages where ancient Gaelic is still spoken
- Visit the Titanic Belfast Experience, which recreates the story of the famed ship
- Take a short boat ride across the mouth of the river Shannon, landing on Clare's shore at Killimer
- Enjoy a walking tour of the walled city of Derry, the second largest city and port of Northern Ireland, founded in the 6th century by St. Columba
- Visit Carrowmore Cemetery, the oldest Megalithic cemetery in Ireland, said to have had over 100 tombs, of which 60 still exist today

VALUE VACATION

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\$2599

14
DAYS



MAY – SEP

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 15 meals,
4-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$2199**

"Everything was beyond perfect! Our tour guide/driver Calvin, made the trip. He was just excellent. He was nice, helpful, informative, knowledgeable. He told good stories and even sang songs!"

- Ann, 2018



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A Taste of Ireland

3 nights Dublin | 2 nights Kerry
1 night Limerick

Just about everyone can find something to love about Ireland, from its stunning green countryside, to its friendly helpful people, to its ancient castles and cozy pubs, and so much more. Take in ancient culture as you explore castles of yore, raise a pint of Guinness on a night out in Dublin, and marvel at dramatic natural landscapes dotted with quaint villages. Or participate in the festivities during our special St. Patrick's Day departure. On this 8-day tour you'll find yourself falling in love with the Emerald Isle!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stop at Blarney Castle, and don't forget to give the famous Blarney stone a kiss for the gift of gab
- Travel along the coast to the majestic Cliffs of Moher, which rise 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean
- Enjoy a superb tour of the Iveragh Peninsula, and discover the Ring of Kerry's spectacular scenery: mountains; peat bogs; lakes, and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean
- Visit the sights of Dublin at your own pace with an included hop-on, hop-off bus tour voucher, and stop by a traditional Irish pub for a complimentary pint of Guinness, on us!
- Take a ride through Killarney National Park by pony and trap, also known as a jaunting car, to discover areas of the park that you might not otherwise visit by foot

VALUE VACATION

FROM

\$1649

8

DAYS



APR - OCT

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 7 meals,
4-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1249**

"Our guides were excellent, knowledgeable, friendly, helpful, with warm and enjoyable personalities. Our days were filled with interesting sights and experiences. The pacing was good and our hotels were great."

- Sally, 2018



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St. Patrick's Day

9 DAYS FROM **\$1999** | LAND ONLY FROM **\$1599**

per person, double occupancy

Get ready to party! This special departure of our Taste of Ireland package includes two additional days in Dublin for St. Patrick's Day! You'll have the opportunity to join the locals at the St. Patrick's Day Parade or at the local pubs. After your celebratory time in Dublin, you're still in for more Irish highlights as you visit Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, Limerick and Galway. Departs March.



SPECIAL DEPARTURE



Discover Ireland

3 nights Dublin | 2 nights Kerry
1 night Limerick | 2 nights Galway

Those who visit Ireland are treated to an incredible adventure full of stunning verdant landscapes, ancient architecture, and some of the friendliest people in the world! You'll never forget the way the lilt of the music fills the air as musicians tap a lively reel or how much better Guinness tastes in Dublin than anywhere else on earth.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the ancient library at Trinity College and see the Book of Kells
- Head through the mountains to Moll's Gap and Ladies View with superb views of the famous Lakes of Killarney
- Sail along the River Corrib in Galway, and enjoy views of the historic monuments and scenery, plus experience an Irish coffee demonstration
- Tour the Iveragh Peninsula, and discover the Ring of Kerry's spectacular scenery: lakes; mountains; peat bogs, and panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean
- Ride through Killarney National Park by pony and trap, also known as a jaunting car, to discover areas of the park that you might not otherwise visit by foot
- Explore the bohemian city of Galway and its delightful narrow streets, old stone and wooden shopfronts, delicious restaurants and busy pubs
- Enjoy a stunning vista from atop Blarney Castle, and kiss the Blarney Stone for the gift of gab

VALUE VACATION

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\$1899

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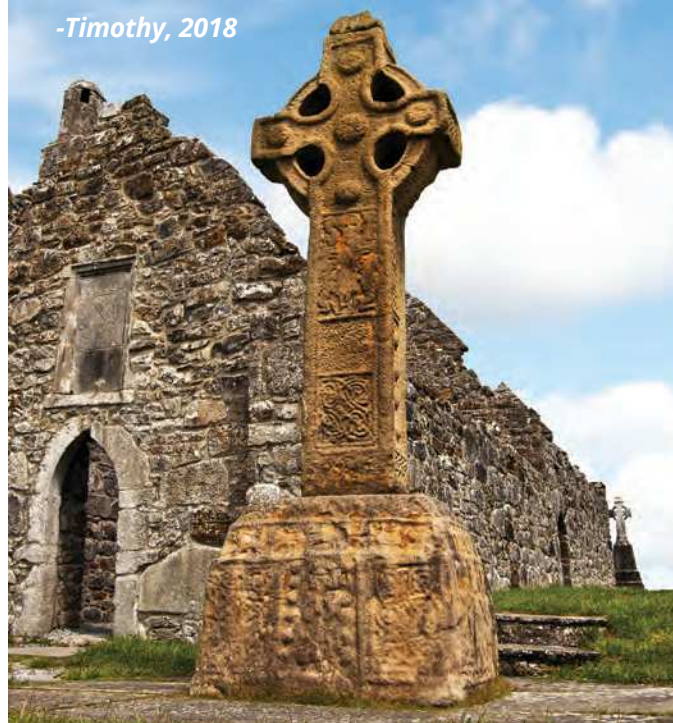
per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 10 meals,
3 & 3.5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1499**

"We were impressed with how well planned and organized this trip was and how much of Ireland we were able to see. It is a charming and magical country. We had a great first time Friendly Planet experience!"

-Timothy, 2018



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Discover the Adriatic

1 night Venice | 3 nights Bled | 2 nights Rovinj
1 night Plitvice Lakes | 1 night Split

These are lands of deep forests and alpine lakes, centuries-old castles and medieval walled towns, ancient Roman shadows cast upon Venetian charm with Austro-Hungarian undertones. Sail on gorgeous Lake Bled with its tiny, tear-shaped island. Stroll through a labyrinth of picturesque, cobblestone streets in the medieval Old Town of Rovinj. This comprehensive tour will immerse you in the stunning scenery, deep history and cultural melange of this relatively undiscovered region.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Venice on a walking tour that includes St. Mark's Square, Bridge of Sighs, and Doge's Palace
- Discover Bled, which ranks among the most beautiful alpine resorts, including Bled Island and the Church of the Assumption
- Tour the majestic Postojna Caves, carved by the Pivka River over millions of years, and maybe even get lucky enough to see the endemic olm!
- Stroll through Rovinj's labyrinth of cobblestone streets, and visit the Basilica of St. Euphemia which offers stunning views of the city and sea
- Marvel at the natural beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site comprised of dense evergreen forest and 16 lakes connected by waterfalls
- Savor delicious truffles and olive oil at tastings in Livade and Vodnjan

VALUE VACATION

FROM
\$2799

10
DAYS



APR – OCT

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 13 meals,
3 & 4-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$2299**

"Absolutely beautiful and wonderful. I have traveled a lot over the years, and I can truthfully say this trip is one of the very best. I loved Croatia, and Slovenia, and everything you provided for us to see and do."

- Gene, 2018



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Discover Croatia

1 night Zagreb | 2 nights Opatija
1 night Plitvice Lakes | 2 nights Split
2 nights Dubrovnik

Croatia is quickly becoming a favorite destination for travelers seeking a European vacation with a twist. Our 10-day tour visits Croatia's most enticing areas, including Opatija, the playground of the Habsburgs, the Istrian Peninsula, and the Adriatic coastal towns.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a light lunch in Livade, and sample one of Istria's greatest treasures, the Zigante truffle
- Set out on a walking tour of Zagreb through the fortified, medieval Upper Town
- Explore the Lika mountain region and the breathtaking Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Visit a winery near Ston, and taste the famous "Plavac Mali" wine
- Wander Dubrovnik's historic ramparts



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VALUE VACATION

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DAYS



MAR – OCT

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 16 meals,
4-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1749**



VALUE VACATION

FROM
\$2999

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DAYS



MAY – OCT

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, cruise, 18 meals,
4-star hotels, and guided itinerary



Croatia Cruise Adventure

2 nights Split | 7 nights Croatia cruise, ports of
call in Korcula, Mljet, Dubrovnik, Trstenik, Hvar
and Bol

Croatia provides endless opportunities to explore and indulge. Cruise the Adriatic Sea, and sample local specialties at one of the countless restaurants found in the picturesque port towns. View the grandeur of Dubrovnik from atop Srđ Mountain, and walk the charming streets of Split.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a guided walking tour of Split
- Enjoy the splendor of Dubrovnik from a cable car
- Explore Hvar, renowned for its fields of lavender
- Hike to the famous salt lakes of Mljet National Park and sail to St. Mary Isle

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Zagreb & Plitvice Lakes from **\$499**



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Sail the turquoise blue Aegean Sea, and experience the unforgettable beauty and unmatched history of Greece! Get your camera ready as you explore Santorini's iconic white and blue villages and Mykonos' "Little Venice" vibe. Step back in time to an ancient world as you wander the ruins of Athens. Dine on lamb and fish and top it all off with a local Mythos beer or flavorful shot of ouzo. Sail in style on an award winning small ship cruise or stay overnight and ferry between islands for an unforgettable experience that perfectly blends exploration and indulgence!

Athens & 3 Day Cruise

8 DAYS FROM **\$1899** | LAND ONLY FROM **\$1399**

per person, double occupancy

Begin your magical vacation to Greece with three nights in Athens, the birthplace of Western civilization. Then, enjoy Mediterranean sunshine and sparkling blue waters as you set sail for the islands of Crete, Patmos, Mykonos and Santorini. Departs Mar - Oct.



INDEPENDENT PACKAGE

Athens & 4 Day Cruise

9 DAYS FROM **\$2149** | LAND ONLY FROM **\$1649**

per person, double occupancy

A Mediterranean vacation would not be complete without a tour of Athens and the Greek Isles of Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes and Santorini. Plus, stop in Kusadasi, Turkey to explore the archaeological treasure trove uncovered there. Departs Mar - Oct.



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Athens & 7 Day Cruise

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Join us for an amazing journey to the most important classical sites of Western civilization. You'll visit the Acropolis in Athens, ancient Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site, various Greek Islands, and so much more! Departs Apr - Oct.



INDEPENDENT PACKAGE

Greek Island Hopper

11 DAYS FROM **\$2799** | LAND ONLY FROM **\$2299**

per person, double occupancy

Experience the magic of Greece on this unique vacation package. First, immerse yourself in ancient culture with a tour of Athens. Then, spend time basking in the Mediterranean sun on the enchanting islands of Mykonos and Santorini! Departs Apr - Oct.



INDEPENDENT PACKAGE

Discover Spain

3 nights Madrid | 1 night Granada
2 nights Seville

From sun-drenched countryside and medieval hilltop towns to fascinating cultural legacies and architectural treasures galore, Spain offers endless possibilities. On this 8-day tour, you'll discover the richness and complexity of the Iberian peninsula, exploring the chic capital city of Madrid, the colorful town of Seville, and the historic cities of Cordoba and Granada, along with many stops in between.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Seville highlighting the city's must-see sites, including the famous Giralda Cathedral, one of the world's largest Gothic-style cathedrals
- Visit an Andalusian horse farm to observe a day of training and learn about these amazing horses
- Enjoy a half-day tour to one of the most awe-inspiring architectural splendors in the world, the Alhambra

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- *Barcelona from \$649*



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APR – NOV

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 9 meals,
4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1399**



INDEPENDENT PACKAGE

FROM

\$1499

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DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers,
breakfast daily, and 4-star hotel

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1149**



Iceland Adventure

3 nights Reykjavik

Iceland is one of those destinations you just have to see to believe. Colorful architecture dots the expansive landscape, and breathtaking natural wonders capture your imagination, whether they are carved into the icy terrain, or, like the Northern Lights, painted in hues of green and violet on the starry night sky above.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a panoramic tour of Reykjavik, a comprehensive introduction to the past and present of this incredible city. Take in views of the Salmon River, which divides the city in two, and the mountainous backdrop to the east, a constant reminder of Iceland's volcanic past
- Ample free time to explore this incredible country or join one of the many optional excursions



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Africa

Majestic. Awe-inspiring. Unforgettable. Sweeping landscapes and wild habitats stretch as far as the eye can see, offering a glimpse into a time before the footprint of man made its mark. Set out in search of the Big 5 with expert rangers; take boat safaris and afternoon bush walks, and watch the action at the local watering hole from the balcony of your game lodge. And then, take a step beyond the natural world, and come face-to-face with the incredible people and urban landscapes Africa has to offer. This continent of contrasts features cosmopolitan international cities like Nairobi, Cape Town, and Johannesburg juxtaposed against sun-splashed beaches, one of the world's largest waterfalls, and the overwhelming beauty of the African bush.





Best of South Africa

2 nights Johannesburg | 2 nights Karongwe Private Game Reserve | 2 nights Kruger National Park | 4 nights Cape Town

Explore deeper on our comprehensive Best of South Africa small group escorted tour. Begin in Johannesburg, also known as "Egoli" or City of Gold. Then get ready to spot the Big 5. Embark on game drives and bush walks in Karongwe Private Game Reserve and continue to Kruger National Park, one of the world's oldest and most famous game reserves. Finally, end your tour in scenic Cape Town, exploring the city's neighborhoods, storied past and incredible cuisine.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about South Africa's past as you visit Liliesleaf Farm, where Nelson Mandela lived under an alias, and Soweto, the center of anti-apartheid political campaigns
- Relax on a scenic drive stopping for breathtaking views of rolling mountains and verdant valleys including God's Window and Blyde River Canyon
- Seek out the Big 5 on 3 game drives and a guided bush walk
- Enjoy Cape Town, a lively city boasting gorgeous scenery, fabulous restaurants, hotels and beaches, and bursting with history and culture
- Weather permitting, travel by cable car to the top of Table Mountain, one of the world's New Seven Wonders of Nature

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Victoria Falls from **\$1629**

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$3899

13
DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 19 meals, 5-star lodges/hotels, and guided itinerary

"I was so impressed with the entire trip, especially our guide. He made the trip a great success, with his friendliness, knowledge, and ability to get our group to interact with each other. All of our hotels and lodges were wonderful and very welcoming."

- Judy, 2018



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Incredible South Africa

2 nights Johannesburg | 2 nights Kampama Private Game Reserve | 2 nights Rovos Rail luxury train | 4 nights Cape Town

For those seeking an upscale travel adventure, we offer Incredible South Africa. From Johannesburg's metropolis and safaris in a private game reserve to old-style charm on board the Rovos Rail luxury train and the mother city of Cape Town, you'll travel in a small group of no more than 6, and stay in 5-star, luxury hotels and game lodges.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Apartheid Museum, and get a historical look at the system of extreme racial segregation that plagued South Africa from 1948 until 1994
- Set out in search of the Big 5 with four game drives led by expert rangers, plus optional bush walks for an up-close look at the flora and fauna
- Enjoy a champagne reception before boarding the Rovos Rail; trundle through spectacular mountains and scenic winelands of the Cape, and savor gourmet meals, fine wines and spirits and luxury accommodations aboard
- Stop to explore Kimberley Diamond Mine and the Diamond Mine Museum
- Enjoy a glorious "grape to goblet" excursion to the South African winelands including wine cellar tour and tasting

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Victoria Falls from **\$1299**



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DEPARTS YEAR ROUND

FROM
\$6999

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DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 20 meals, 5-star hotels, deluxe rail journey & guided itinerary

"Everything about this trip was 5-Star luxury. The train was beyond spectacular. The hotel rooms were fantastic. The things that we did were so well planned out. There wasn't one thing about this trip that I would change!"

- Elliot, 2018



A Taste of South Africa

4 nights Cape Town | 2 nights Entabeni Safari Conservancy

Few places offer such an alluring variety of gorgeous scenery, historical relevance, modern cities, and world-class wildlife viewing as South Africa. Dive deep into the country's past as you visit neighborhoods still feeling the after-effects of Apartheid. Explore the cosmopolitan avenues, shopping malls, art galleries and restaurants that are flourishing in Cape Town's lively neighborhoods. Then set out in search of the Big 5 on four incredible game drives through some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the world.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Cape Town on a guided half-day panoramic city tour showcasing the scenic and historic highlights of this vibrant city
- Weather permitting, ascend Table Mountain via cable car for stunning views of Cape Town
- Enjoy free time on your own to explore Cape Town or join optional excursions to Cape Point & Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, and Cape Winelands & Robben Island
- Take a panoramic tour of Pretoria, passing by the Union Buildings and courts
- Set out in search of the Big 5 as your expert ranger-guide escorts you on four game drives through the expansive landscapes of Entabeni Safari Conservancy

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Victoria Falls from **\$1199**

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM

\$2299

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DAYS



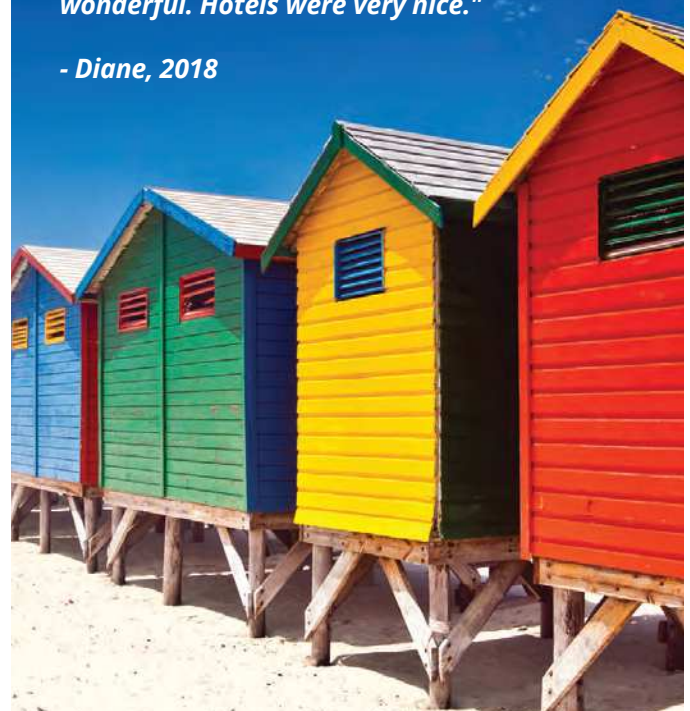
YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 10 meals, 4-star hotels/lodges, and guided itinerary

"Fabulous trip! It exceeded our already high expectations. Tours and guides were excellent. Game drives and boat trips were fabulous. We identified over 35 species of mammals and saw 4 of the big 5. Photo opportunities were endless! Food was wonderful. Hotels were very nice."

- Diane, 2018





Highlights of Southern Africa

4 nights Cape Town | 2 nights Victoria Falls
2 nights Chobe

Get ready to check off three of Africa's most awe-inspiring bucket list icons on our new, fully guided small group tour, Highlights of Southern Africa. Start your trip in Cape Town, the jewel of South Africa and explore this incredible country's storied history and vibrant culture. Then, take a quick flight to Zimbabwe where you'll spend two days learning why Victoria Falls is known as the "Smoke that Thunders". Round out your trip at Chobe National Park, Botswana, as your expert guide takes you into some of the world's best game viewing territory in search of lions, hippos, giraffes, cheetahs and more! This expertly crafted itinerary combines guided tours with plenty of free time to explore what you love.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a full day of guided touring in Cape Town, including Table Mountain and Cape Point
- Spend two full days at leisure in cosmopolitan Cape Town to explore the culinary, cultural and historical aspects of this exciting city or join one of our optional tours: Cape Winelands tour or Bo Kaap (Cape Malay) Melting Pot Tour
- Take a guided tour of Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site considered one of the greatest natural wonders and the largest curtain of falling water in the world
- Cruise the Zambezi River at sunset, home to hippos, monkeys, elephants and more
- Search for the Big 5 at Chobe National Park, on two game drives and two boat safaris



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$2599

11
DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 12 meals, 4 & 5-star hotels/lodges, and guided itinerary





Best of Kenya & Tanzania Safari

2 nights Nairobi | 2 nights Samburu
1 night Ol Pejeta | 1 night Lake Nakuru
2 nights Masai Mara | 1 night Arusha
1 night Tarangire | 2 nights Ngorongoro

Kenya & Tanzania are countries blessed with an abundance of spectacular wildlife and beautiful landscapes. Everywhere you go, from bustling Nairobi to the rolling plains of the Masai Mara, the people are always friendly and welcoming. With some of the best nature reserves in world, it's hard to decide where to go, but everyone agrees that the Masai Mara and Samburu parks in Kenya and the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania are must-visit sites.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Set out in search of the Big 5 on 14 incredible game drives through stunning, expansive landscapes led by an expert game-spotter
- Visit the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphans Nursery where baby elephants are rehabilitated until they are released back into the wild
- Set out for the Masai Mara National Reserve, which offers a huge variety of game including lions and cheetahs plus abundant bird life such as ostriches, cranes and more
- Take along a picnic lunch and descend into Ngorongoro Crater, one of the world's greatest wonders, and marvel at the ecosystem that has developed here since the crater's formation
- Travel back to Arusha through the scenic Rift Valley escarpment with great views of Lake Manyara in the distance



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

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\$4999

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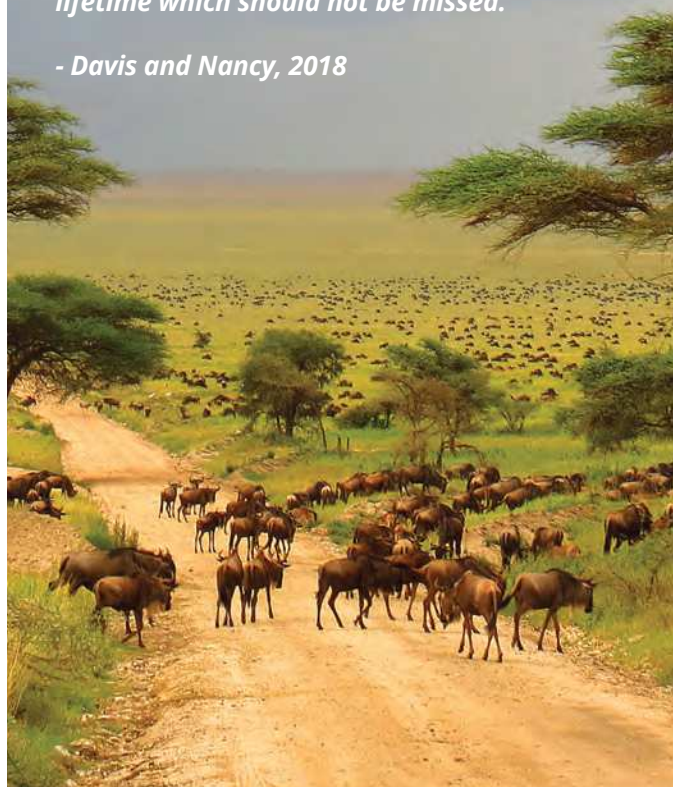
YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 33 meals, 4 & 5-star lodges/hotels, and guided itinerary

"This was an A M A Z I N G trip! I could go on for pages, but the bottom line is that the logistics were very well handled by Friendly Planet and our guide was nothing short of absolutely incredible! This is a real trip of a lifetime which should not be missed."

- Davis and Nancy, 2018



Kenya Wildlife Safari

2 nights Nairobi | 2 nights Samburu
1 night Ol Pejeta | 1 night Lake Naivasha
2 nights Masai Mara

Once in your lifetime, go to Kenya, the country that perfected the safari. It possesses an abundance of spectacular wildlife and gorgeous, photogenic landscapes. Awake to the sounds of bull elephants drinking from rushing rivers or ride a hot air balloon over vast plains, swarming with animals. From beautiful lakes and panoramic landscapes to the incredibly diverse wildlife and warm, welcoming people, you'll fall in love with Kenya from the moment you're greeted with smiles as wide as the horizon.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit with orphaned baby elephants at the Daphne Sheldrick Nursery where they are hand-raised and ultimately reintroduced to their natural habitat
- Find the Big 5 and more on 8 game drives in Samburu Game Reserve, Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Lake Nakuru & Lake Naivasha, and the Masai Mara National Reserve
- Hand-feed giraffes at the Langata Giraffe Center, established to protect the endangered Rothschild's giraffe
- Explore the Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary, then, take a short game drive followed by an evening observing wildlife at a lit watering hole

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Victoria Falls from **\$1199**

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM

\$3499

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DAYS



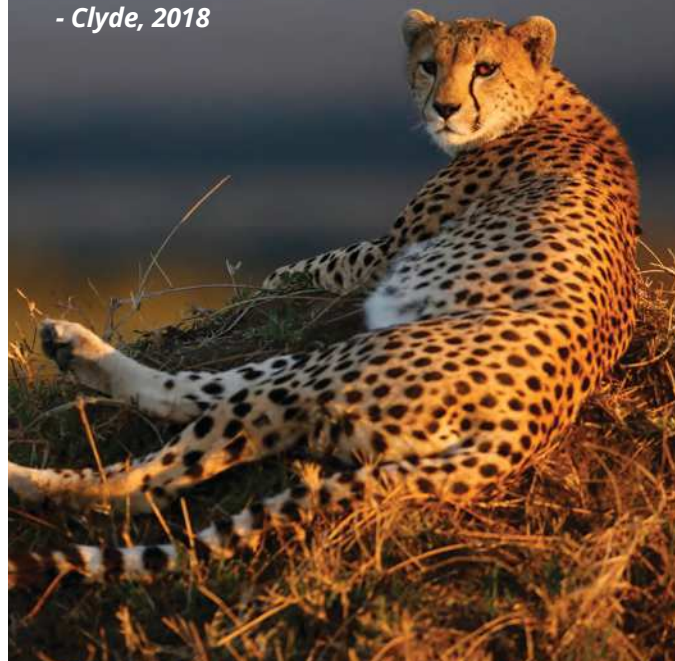
YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 22 meals, 3 & 4-star lodges/hotels, and guided itinerary

"This trip was a real adventure! The chase (literally) to see the fantastic wildlife was thrilling. Not since my teenage years off-road-ing in the desert have I felt such a thrilling pursuit. Our guide was great, accommodations were excellent, and the itinerary was exceptional."

- Clyde, 2018



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Kenya Safari Express

1 night Nairobi | 2 nights Lake Naivasha
2 nights Masai Mara

If Kenya isn't on your bucket list, it should be. This swoon-worthy destination features diverse wildlife, colorful tribal villages, sweeping plains, and gorgeous panoramas at every turn. We've sent thousands of delighted travelers to Kenya, arguably among the best big-game viewing ecosystems in the world, and now it's your turn. Get up close to lions, giraffes, cheetahs, elephants, rhinos and more with the help of our expert game spotter-guides.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphans Nursery, where orphaned elephant babies are hand-raised until they are released back into the wild
- Take three game drives on the grassy plains of the Masai Mara National Reserve in search of lions, cheetahs, buffalo and birds such as ostriches, cranes and storks
- Something a little different: a boat safari on Lake Naivasha where you'll search for majestic fish eagles, kingfishers, egrets and other African species of birds, as well as hippo, giraffe, buffalo, zebra and waterbuck wandering the lake shores
- Travel in comfortable 4x4 safari vehicles that allow a maximum capacity of six passengers, and enjoy uninterrupted views from your guaranteed window seat
- Explore the intense geothermal activity and stunning geological formations in Hell's Gate National Park, part of the Great Rift Valley

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM

\$2149

8

DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 15 meals, 3, 4 & 5-star lodges/hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1549**

"The trip was perfect! The lodges were amazing, from the people to the food! Absolutely cannot say anything I would have changed, except staying longer!"

- Holly, 2018



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Through Your Eyes

Our "Through Your Eyes" series shares tales of travel from the perspective of Friendly Planet Travelers. We know how beautiful the big, wide world is and how exploring new places and experiencing new things can change our lives forever.

One of our travelers, Carol, shared this heartwarming personal account of an experience she had in Victoria Falls. Memories like this stay with us forever and illustrate the transformative impact that traveling the world can have on each and every one of us.



Dear Friendly Planet,

My Dad was an animal lover. He was a banker in real life, but his true passion was animals and making things. He trained homing pigeons during the Second World War. He milked rattlesnakes for their venom to make vaccines. He raised parakeets, nursed and brought back to life numerous wild creatures over the years. Our home was a never-ending parade of animals!

My parents loved to travel especially after my Dad retired and they visited most of Europe and many islands in the Caribbean, as well as destinations within the continental United States. His real dream, however, was always to go to Africa. He absolutely loved the idea of a country filled with magnificent animals and interesting flora and fauna, but it was not to be. He told me once that he hoped I would visit Africa for him someday and I assured him that I would.

When they took down the old apple tree in our churchyard, my Dad collected the wooden logs from the tree and brought them to his workshop. He was also a very talented woodworker. There really wasn't much he couldn't do. He made boxes and other small items from the apple tree wood, along with a variety of crosses, both small and large, some even inlaid. I still have a couple that he made for me.

So I decided I would take a bit of Dad to Africa with me so his legacy will travel there after all. I printed out a photo of him and had it laminated and attached to a small wooden cross Dad made from that old apple tree. I carried this remembrance with me on my journey, continuing the circle of love from our little back yard garden in Marblehead to the vast and wild African plains. A small wooden cross hand-made with love, will travel thousands of miles to the continent of Africa where all of the magnificent creatures live.

When I arrived in Zimbabwe I had a copy of the story with me and shared it with the manager of the Batonka Lodge, where we were staying. I told him how I was hoping to find a baobab tree, or something like it, to hang this memorial tribute on. He explained it wasn't that easy to do. Not only would I have to worry about wild animals, but people might take it down as well. So after a few days and lots of conversations with this charming man, he suggested to us that perhaps we would like to hang it right there in the lodge, in his private garden! He found the perfect spot on a teak tree where the bark had peeled back a bit, leaving almost a frame to place the photo of my Dad and the memorial.

So on our last day at this special place in Zimbabwe, my husband and I, with the general manager, his hammer and 4 small nails, headed out to a grove at the back of the property and hung this tribute to my Dad. It was so perfect!

Carol



Central & South America

The irresistible appeal of Central & South America lies in stunning natural beauty and fascinating cultural diversity. Discover the lost city of Machu Picchu perched high atop the Andes mountains in Peru. Marvel at Santiago's urban vibe closer to sea level, or explore the flora and fauna of the Galapagos Islands. From Ecuador's colorful local markets and indigenous people, to the magnificent wind-swept azure fjords at the end of the world in Patagonia, to the hanging rain forest bridges of Costa Rica, the countries of Central and South America showcase our natural world and cultural heritage in a display that is both spectacular and unrivaled.



Captivating Costa Rica

2 nights Arenal | 2 nights Monteverde
2 nights San José

Tiny Costa Rica has become a tourist treasure, especially for the outdoor enthusiast, offering both beautiful resorts and adventure travel opportunities. On our 7-day Captivating Costa Rica independent adventure, travel on your own with flights, hotels, transfers, and an included coffee & chocolate tour.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk atop the jungle canopy via Arenal's hanging bridges
- Visit a coffee plantation in Monteverde, and take a coffee and chocolate tour to learn about the history and production of these two key exports
- Explore San José at your leisure, stopping at some trendy boutiques and cafés in the Escazu Area

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Manuel Antonio from **\$549**



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INDEPENDENT PACKAGE

FROM
\$1399

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DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers,
6 meals, and 3 & 4-star hotels

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1199**



INDEPENDENT PACKAGE

FROM
\$1699

9
DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers,
13 meals, and 3 & 4-star hotels

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1499**



Costa Rica Pura Vida

2 nights San José | 2 nights Tortuguero
2 nights Arenal | 2 nights Monteverde

Experience the "pura vida" (pure life) of Costa Rica on this 9-day tour package. We'll handle all the logistics of travel and lodging, so you have ample time to explore a diverse collection of ecosystems teeming with wildlife.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a boat ride through the canals of Tortuguero National Park, and see the rainforest
- Walk the 1.9 miles of fixed and suspension bridges through a 600 acre reserve in Arenal
- Visit a coffee plantation, and participate in the chocolate making process to see how the beans are made into a rich chocolate drink
- Explore San José at your leisure

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Manuel Antonio from **\$549**



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Patagonian Explorer by Sea

3 nights Buenos Aires | 1 night Ushuaia
4 nights Patagonia Cruise | 2 nights Santiago

Explore the diverse and fascinating Patagonia, a magnificent "off-the-beaten-path" region spanning portions of Chile and Argentina, where you'll find soaring mountains, windy plains that stretch endlessly toward the horizon, lush forests filled with ancient flora and fauna, and pristine glaciers. It is an enchanting voyage filled with contrast and beauty, excitement and adventure, and one that you will never forget.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Encounter the rich history and colorful culture of Argentina's beautiful and diverse capital, Buenos Aires
- Sip Malbec wine, and enjoy lunch and a *gaucho* (cowboy) horsemanship demonstration at an *estancia* (ranch) in the Argentine Pampas
- Discover picturesque Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, and learn more about its past as a penal colony
- Take a morning excursion to the Tierra del Fuego National Park, then cruise four nights aboard the award winning Stella Australis or Ventus Australis
- Alight at Cape Horn, where the Atlantic & Pacific oceans meet, and see 4 glaciers, spectacular fjords, and penguins
- Visit Santiago, Chile's charming capital, and the UNESCO World Heritage port city of Valparaiso

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Iguazu Falls from **\$1099**



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$5899

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DAYS



SEP - APR

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, cruise, 21 meals,
4, 4.5 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

*"This trip turned out to be very memorable.
The activities were thought out and well
planned. The cruise experience was amazing!"*

- Erica, Dec 2017





Amazing Peru

2 nights Lima | 2 nights Sacred Valley
1 night Machu Picchu | 2 nights Cusco
2 nights Puno

Peru provides a glimpse into a world defined by ingenuity. Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas, will take your breath away. Immerse yourself in the colorful culture of this ancient Andean land, and gain a greater appreciation for the coastal and inland cuisine, the beautiful colonial architecture and indigenous influence that permeates every facet of life. Visit Lima, the City of Kings and the country's capital; travel to Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site situated 11,000 feet above sea level, and Lake Titicaca, among the highest lakes in the world.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover modern and colonial Lima including the Monastery of San Francisco, the ornate Archbishop's Palace, and the fashionable districts of San Isidro and Miraflores
- Visit Chinchero and its weavers complex where you'll learn about the traditional techniques of weaving, dyeing and spinning
- Explore the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu on a guided tour, and have an optional second visit to the ruins where you can climb Huayna Picchu
- In Cusco, visit the Sacsayhuaman Fortress, Puka Pukara and the picturesque central plaza
- Fly to Puno and tour Lake Titicaca and the floating communities of Uros & Taquile

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- *Paracas and the Nazca Lines from \$1099*



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$3599

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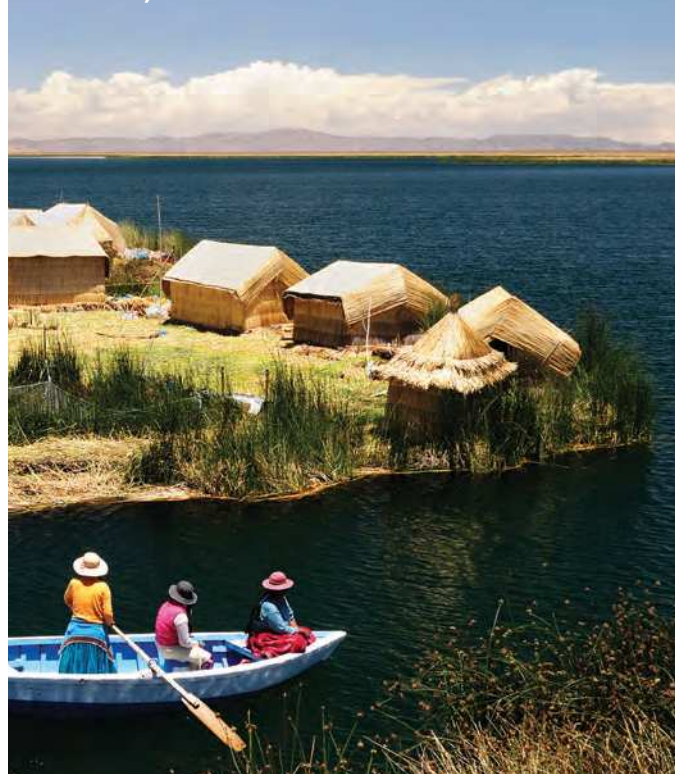
YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 13 meals,
4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"Machu Picchu was sublime. I am glad that I was able to see it as well as learn about the amazing people who live on Lake Titicaca's floating islands."

– Anna, 2017



Exotic Peru

2 nights Lima | 1 night Sacred Valley
1 night Machu Picchu | 2 nights Cusco

Hidden high above the clouds, the Inca ruins of Machu Picchu lie cradled among the Andes mountains. Few images elicit that magical feeling of wanderlust more than the sun's rays burning the morning mist off the mountaintop Inca fortress. Yet Peru is so much more than its most well known site. The quaint and cobbled Inca capital of Cusco is the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city, while the country's modern day capital, Lima, is a cultural and culinary behemoth in its own right.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Lima, including a visit to the Larco Herrera Museum, which houses one of the greatest private collections of pre-Columbian artifacts
- Wander the wonderful local market at Pisac, a picturesque Andean village
- Tour the fortress at Ollantaytambo, a collection of ruins overlooking the small town that once protected the entrance to the lower Sacred Valley
- Take a guided tour of Machu Picchu, one of the most spectacular and enigmatic archaeological sites in the world
- Travel to Machu Picchu by the Vistadome Train and spend an optional second day at the ruins
- Discover the sites and culture of Cusco on a guided city tour plus a full day at leisure to make your own discoveries



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM

\$2099

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DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 8 meals,
3.5 & 4-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"Wonderful experience. The tour guides were pleasant and informative. Hotels were exceptional. Couldn't ask for better support!"

- Marshall, 2018





Peru, Ecuador & Galapagos

3 nights Lima | 1 night Sacred Valley
1 night Machu Picchu | 2 nights Cusco
4 nights Quito | 4 nights Galapagos Cruise

Prepare for an epic voyage to the most bucket-list worthy spots in South America. In Peru, you'll follow the ancient paths of the Incas to the mountain fortress of Machu Picchu. You'll also visit Ecuador's lovely colonial capital, Quito, and stop at quaint villages along the Avenue of Volcanoes. Later, set sail for the famed Galapagos Islands aboard the Santa Cruz II, and observe the unique wildlife found there.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore modern and colonial Lima including the pre-Columbian artifacts at the Larco Herrera Museum
- Wander the mysterious ruins of Machu Picchu perched atop the Andes overlooking the scenic Urubamba River
- Immerse yourself in Peruvian culture in Cusco and the Sacred Valley
- Tour colonial Quito's most important landmarks including the Equatorial Monument, the exact middle of the world
- Shop for unique souvenirs at the famous indigenous market at Otavalo, the largest market in South America
- See iguanas, tortoises, penguins and more as you explore the islands of Santa Cruz, Isabela, Floreana, and Fernandina
- Visit the Charles Darwin Research Center and the Cerro Colorado Tortoise Habitat



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$6999

17
DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, cruise, 27 meals, 3.5, 4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"It was fantastic. It met and exceeded my expectations. Loved every minute and it was an adventure of a lifetime."

- Camelia, July 2018



Galapagos Islands Adventure

1 night Quito | 2 nights Isabela Island
3 nights Santa Cruz Island

Follow in the footsteps of Charles Darwin, and discover the fascinating wildlife that inspired his theory of evolution. Stay on Santa Cruz and Isabela Islands, and encounter marine iguanas, giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, pelicans and even a few penguins. So lace up your walking shoes, strap on your daypacks, and we'll see you out there!

HIGHLIGHTS

- See Los Gemelos (The Twins), two enormous collapsed lava chambers, and explore the remnants of an illuminated lava tunnel
- Mingle with giant Galapagos tortoises in a 600-acre private reserve where they freely roam
- From the white sandy beaches, observe stingrays and reef sharks, and hike to a marine iguana nesting site
- Kayak at Punta Estrada through towering lava channel walls to visit the home of the blue-footed boobies
- Visit Flamingoes Lagoon and see the pink birds in all their glory
- Witness an incredible array of marine life in the calm, shallow, clear waters of Concha de Perla including stingrays, tropical fish, marine iguanas and playful sea lions

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Quito from **\$599**

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM

\$2799

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DAYS



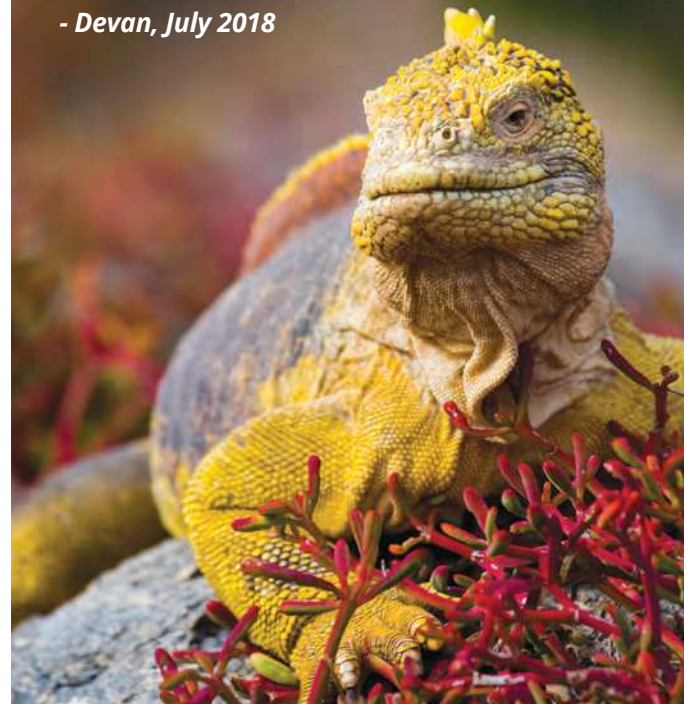
YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 10 meals,
4 & 4.5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"The trip was amazing... The small group travel was wonderful and our guide Eddie made everything flow smoothly. The hotels we stayed in were spectacular, right on the ocean and/or right downtown. I cannot speak more highly of the Galapagos Friendly Planet trip!"

- Devan, July 2018



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Ecuador & Galapagos Cruise

4 nights Quito | 4 nights Galapagos cruise

Explore the picturesque Andean capital of Quito with its peaceful plazas and eclectic market stands, traditional craft makers, vibrant shopping and culinary scene all nestled comfortably among rising peaks. Then, set out on a cruise expedition to discover the legendary Galapagos Islands. Giant tortoises and sea iguanas, finches and flamingos, blue footed boobies and seals are just a few of the animals you'll see on your adventure. This trip is perfect for those who want to see Ecuador beyond just the famed Galapagos Islands, but don't have enough time to venture further afield.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the famous landmarks of Quito set against a backdrop of snow-capped volcanoes
- Visit the Equatorial Monument, where you can stand with one foot in the northern and one in the southern hemisphere
- Drive the Pan-American Highway to Otavalo, and browse the famous indigenous textile market
- Visit Peguche, an indigenous village where local artisans weave in their homes, to learn about their culture and way of life
- Journey to Santa Cruz, Isabela, Floreana, and Fernandina Islands aboard the Santa Cruz II, and view all the wildlife you've only seen on TV
- Visit the Charles Darwin Research Center and Dragon Hill, set out on wildlife explorations in a glass-bottomed-boat, and so much more!



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM

\$5699

9

DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, cruise, 18 meals, 4.5-star hotel, and guided itinerary

"Trip was well organized. Local guides, ship personnel were very courteous and helpful. Local guide in Quito was an extraordinary source of information and aid. He was very punctual and able to give background to sites we visited."

- Naomi, January 2018





Amazon Cruise Adventure

3 nights Quito | 4 nights Ecuadorian Amazon cruise

Explore the Napo River, a major tributary of the Amazon River, on our small group cruise-tour. Cruise through the Amazon basin aboard the beautifully renovated Manatee Amazon Explorer. Guided by an expert naturalist, take night walks through the rainforest; explore the river by motorized canoe or kayak; search for pink river dolphins, anacondas, monkeys, caimans, turtles, manatees and more. After, explore the capital city of Quito and the quaint market town of Otavalo along the Avenue of the Volcanoes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend 4 nights aboard the deluxe Manatee Amazon Explorer, allowing you to reach parts of the jungle that would otherwise be inaccessible
- Seek out the legendary pink river dolphins at Yasuni National Park
- Get an intimate look at life in the Amazon as you enjoy a morning with a local Quecha family
- Stand in two different hemispheres at once at the Equatorial Monument
- Explore the culture, sights and cuisine of Quito, a spectacular city surrounded by mountains and snow-capped volcanoes
- Shop for handicrafts including ponchos, hats, sweaters and more at the famous Otavalo indigenous market, the largest in South America

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Galapagos Islands from **\$1699**

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$3999

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DAYS



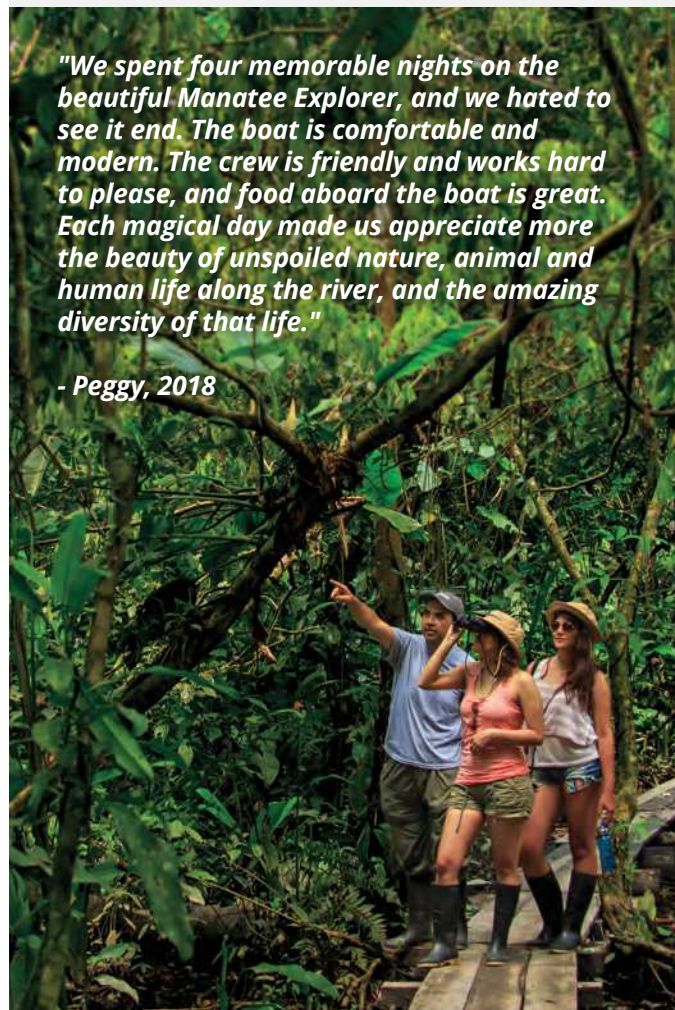
YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, cruise, 17 meals, 4 & 4.5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"We spent four memorable nights on the beautiful Manatee Explorer, and we hated to see it end. The boat is comfortable and modern. The crew is friendly and works hard to please, and food aboard the boat is great. Each magical day made us appreciate more the beauty of unspoiled nature, animal and human life along the river, and the amazing diversity of that life."

- Peggy, 2018



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North Africa & the Middle East

Today, the "cradle of civilization" embraces the ancient and the modern: Roman ruins and biblical sites, trendy city nightlife and the world's tallest tower. The silver moon shimmers over the silent desert where Bedouin ride their camels over rippling sands, and you can too! The Great Pyramids tower above an ancient city, a tribute to pharaohs of the past. Explore the medinas, souks and kasbahs of Morocco. Witness East meets West in Istanbul, and ride a hot air balloon over the fairy chimneys of Cappadocia. Indulge in the opulence of Dubai's incredible man-made oasis. And step back in time to witness the earth's oldest communities juxtaposed with the modernity of the 21st century.





Best of Morocco

1 night Casablanca | 3 nights Fez
2 nights Erfoud | 1 night Boumalne Dades
3 nights Marrakesh

Morocco truly encapsulates the romance of travel. Riding camel-back through the Sahara set to a stunning sunset or eating delicious tajine in the Arab old town. Winding down the road of a thousand Kasbahs, following an ancient trail of traders through the Atlas Mountains. Witnessing oasis-speckled valleys, the medieval medina of Fez or the elaborate souks of Marrakesh. Snake charmers, storytellers, magic genie lamps, fire-eaters: Morocco is so delectably different that simply sipping sweet mint tea is an adventure.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a guided tour through Morocco's modern heart, Casablanca, and it's palm-fringed capital city, Rabat
- Explore the famed and colorful souks of Marrakesh and the ancient medina, or Arab old quarter, of Fez
- Ride by camelback through the Sahara to admire the sunset over the dunes of Grand Erg Chebbi
- Travel along the Thousand Kasbahs Road, and visit the ancient village of Ait-Ben-Haddou Kasbah
- Visit Meknes, the Moroccan Versailles, and one-time home of the Moroccan sultanate
- Immerse yourself in hands-on cultural experiences including a local ceramic workshop, sampling mint tea and stopping at the Les Celliers de Meknes for a tour of the castles and wineries with tasting



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$2899

12
DAYS



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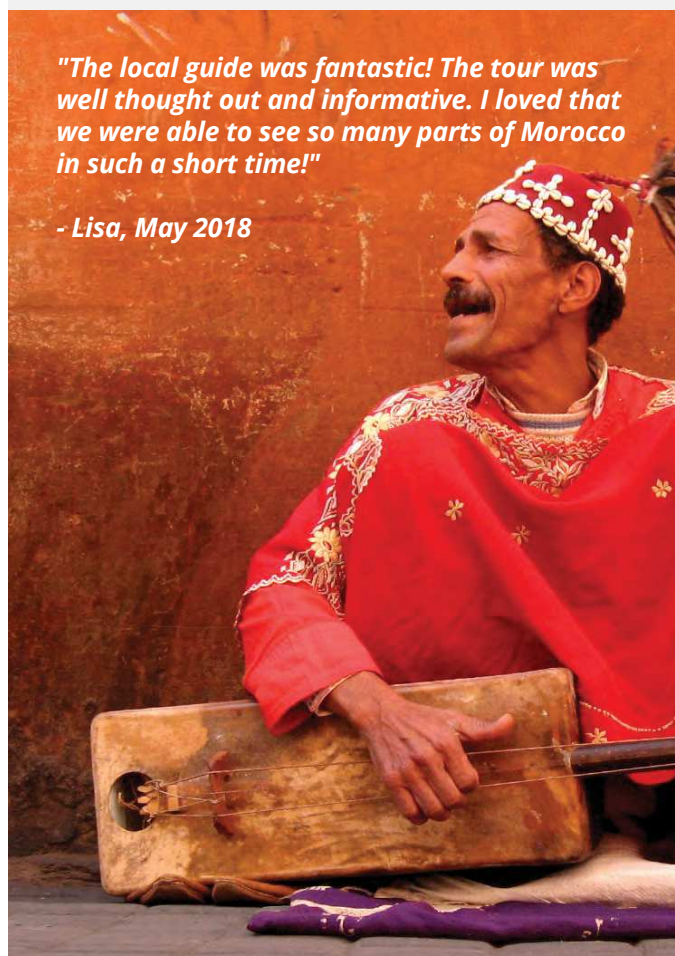
per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 25 meals,
4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM \$2399

"The local guide was fantastic! The tour was well thought out and informative. I loved that we were able to see so many parts of Morocco in such a short time!"

- Lisa, May 2018



Best of Egypt & Nile River Cruise

4 nights Cairo | 4 nights Nile River Cruise

The shifting sands of the Sahara and the mystique of the Pyramids. The adventure of sailing down the world's longest and most storied river. Egypt shelters some of the most historically important and meticulously preserved relics of the ancient world, and you'll dive deep into the sites and culture as you explore from Cairo to Luxor to Aswan on our 10 day land and cruise tour.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, and experience Old Cairo at dusk on a walking tour followed by a welcome dinner at an authentic local restaurant
- Marvel at the Sphinx and the Pyramids of Cheops and Chephren, with an option to enter the inner chamber of the Great Pyramid
- Cruise the Nile for four days discovering the Temple of Karnak, the Valley of Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Horus and more
- Enjoy High Tea at the majestic Old Cataract Hotel
- Travel with a local Egyptologist-tour director throughout the entire trip
- Special for Friendly Planet travelers: Your river cruise ship is rated 5-stars with a free upgrade to a Middle Deck Cabin, and your 5-star hotel in Cairo offers a free room upgrade

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Jordan & Petra from **\$1299**



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SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM

\$2399

10

DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, cruise, 18 meals, 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

"Egypt has always been calling us to visit, and we finally got there a few weeks ago. The trip was well planned, the people were very friendly, and our guide brought history alive. The experience was everything we expected, and more."

- Joann, July 2018



NEW TOUR!



Discover Israel

2 nights Tel Aviv | 2 nights Galilee
4 nights Jerusalem

From the chanting of Hebrew prayers at the Western Wall, to the Muslim call to prayer, to the boyhood village of Jesus, it's impossible to miss the presence of religion in Israel. But the country offers so much more. The dynamic culinary scene reflects a tapestry of ancient cultures. The tech start-up culture in Tel Aviv echoes in the ruins of Caesarea. The Dead Sea scrolls coexist alongside the world's preeminent Holocaust museum. Our tour will challenge and intrigue you, leaving you with memories that will last a lifetime.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into Tel Aviv, and learn about the tech start-up culture, take a culinary tasting tour, and a walk in Jaffa, the world's oldest seaport
- Discover Nazareth, where Jesus grew up, and see the Church of the Annunciation
- Float on the Dead Sea then visit the desert fortress of Masada
- Share a meal with kibbutz members, and join an Israeli Jewish family for a Shabbat dinner
- Visit Jerusalem, including the Old City, Western Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulcher and more
- Taste wine in the Golan Heights, and sail the Sea of Galilee on a traditional boat
- Experience Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

- Eilat & Petra from **\$899**



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VALUE VACATION

FROM
\$2799

10
DAYS



YEAR ROUND

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 15 meals,
4-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$2199**



Best of Turkey

4 nights Istanbul | 1 night Ankara
2 nights Cappadocia | 2 nights Antalya
1 night Pamukkale | 2 nights Kusadasi (or Izmir)
1 night Canakkale

Continents collide in Turkey, a country where you can start your morning with a Turkish coffee in Europe and by lunchtime snack on a kebab in Asia. The place reverberates to the rhythm of the famous whirling dervishes, is flavored as sweet as baklava, is scented by exotic spices, and has picture-perfect skylines pierced by the minarets of mosques. Our small group tour brings you the best this mysterious land has to offer, so you can discover your own Turkish delights.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Encounter the iconic sites of Istanbul including the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia, the Grand Bazaar and Topkapi Palace
- Stay overnight in a real cave hotel in otherworldly Cappadocia, an underground city built into geologic fairy 'chimneys'
- Explore the ruins of Ephesus, the ancient capital city of the Roman Province of Asia Minor
- Enjoy a full day at leisure among the coastal cliffs and gorgeous azure waters of Antalya
- Take in the hot spring at Pamukkale, the mythic city of Troy, battlefield of Gallipoli, and more
- Visit artisans in Avanos, where the red clay from the Kizilirmak River is used to make pottery, bricks and tiles

SMALL GROUP TOUR

FROM
\$2099

15
DAYS



MAR – NOV

per person, double occupancy

Includes flights, transfers, 24 meals,
4 & 5-star hotels, and guided itinerary

LAND ONLY OPTION FROM **\$1649**

"The places we visited were fantastic. The guide was very knowledgeable about the facts he presented and answered our questions. It was a pleasure to have visited Turkey and I will recommend doing so to my friends!"

- Angela, 2018



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Dazzling Dubai & Beyond

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Travel in style to Dubai, a destination more lavish and dazzling than you can possibly imagine. From world-class dining, shopping, and nightlife to a stay at the 5-star JW Marriott Marquis, you'll feel pampered in the playground of the rich and famous. Our Dubai packages are designed with luxury in mind so you enjoy the trip of a lifetime.

Dazzling Dubai

6 DAYS FROM \$1699 | DEPARTS SEP – MAY

per person, double occupancy

If you only have time for a short jaunt, this 6-day independent package is for you! Experience the grandeur of Dubai on a guided city tour then explore on your own or choose from a wide variety of optional excursions that will undoubtedly enhance an already memorable vacation.



INDEPENDENT PACKAGE

Dazzling Dubai & Cairo

9 DAYS FROM \$2499 | DEPARTS SEP – MAY

per person, double occupancy

Cairo adds an element of ancient history to our already incredible Dubai package. Step back in time as your Egyptologist guide shows you around the iconic sites including the Egyptian Museum, Khan El Khalili Bazaar, the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx. Extend your trip with a cruise down the Nile River.



SMALL GROUP TOUR

Dazzling Dubai & Kenya Safari

10 DAYS FROM \$2799 | DEPARTS SEP – MAY

per person, double occupancy

Pair the glitz and glam of Dubai's desert oasis with the allure of an unforgettable Kenya safari. The sweeping vistas of Lake Naivasha and Masai Mara National Game Reserve will take your breath away as you pursue Africa's Big 5. Experience the best both of these destinations have to offer on one affordable tour.



SMALL GROUP TOUR

Dazzling Dubai & India Express

12 DAYS FROM \$1999 | DEPARTS SEP – MAY

per person, double occupancy

Prepare to be dazzled twice on this innovative tour package to Dubai and India. Led by a local, English-speaking guide, dive into the colorful and fascinating cities of India's golden triangle as you ride a rickshaw in Delhi, tour Jaipur's famous Amber Fort, and of course marvel at the unforgettable Taj Mahal in Agra.



SMALL GROUP TOUR

FESTIVAL DEPARTURES: Diwali, Festival of Lights from **\$2999** (November) • Holi, Festival of Colors from **\$2749** (March)



Our accommodations

We know from experience that a well-appointed hotel close to the best sightseeing and dining options contributes significantly to the enjoyment of your tour. Some companies book hotels in less than desirable locations in order to save on cost, but this adds plenty of inconvenience and loss of precious time getting to and from the places you want to see. Others book lower quality hotels so they can charge the lowest prices possible. Our tours always feature high quality, centrally located hotels that live up to our high standards. And while occasionally our usual standard of accommodations doesn't exist in a location (for example, in very remote spots), you can count on us to make sure you're staying in the best hotel available. Here is a sample of the well-reviewed properties you'll find on Friendly Planet Tours.

COMO Metropolitan Bangkok

★★★★★ DELUXE | THAILAND

Located in the heart of Bangkok's central district of Sathorn and combining a sleek, urban style with a contemporary Asian aesthetic, COMO Metropolitan Bangkok offers spacious boutique rooms.

Featured on: Exotic Borneo & Bangkok, Beautiful Bhutan, and Treasures of Thailand



JW Marriott Marquis

★★★★★ DELUXE | DUBAI

The opulent JW Marriott Marquis Hotel, the world's tallest hotel, is conveniently located in the business district of Dubai and offers guests easy access to notable attractions like the world-renowned Dubai Mall and the jaw-dropping Burj Khalifa.

Featured on: Dazzling Dubai & combinations



Mara Intrepids

★★★★★ FIRST CLASS | KENYA

Tucked into the stunning landscape of the Masai Mara National Reserve, this elegant tented camp overlooks the Talek River and is a short drive to the Mara River, home of the iconic wildebeest migration.

Featured on: Kenya Wildlife Safari, and Best of Kenya & Tanzania



Meliá Hanoi

★★★★★ DELUXE | VIETNAM

This property is located in the heart of Hanoi, inside the diplomatic and financial district, just minutes from main tourist attractions, entertainment and shopping areas. From its 22 stories, guests can enjoy impressive views of the city and its various parks, rivers, and lakes.

Featured on: Best of Vietnam and Cambodia



MS Tulip

★★★★★ DELUXE | EGYPT

The newly renovated M/S Tulip, features 56 comfortable staterooms offering a private view of the Nile. Guests enjoy complimentary cabin upgrades and access to numerous leisure facilities including a sun deck with pool and bar, fitness center, spa and more!

Featured on: Best of Egypt & Nile Cruise



Na Nirand Chiang Mai

★★★★★ DELUXE | THAILAND

Na Nirand Romantic Boutique Resort, inspired by the region's legendary story and unique history, is a charming hideaway nestled in the heart of Chiang Mai and provides easy access to attractions like Wat Chai Mongkhon temple and the famous Night Bazaar.

Featured on: Treasures of Thailand



Samburu Intrepids

★★★★★ FIRST CLASS | KENYA

Samburu Intrepids features newly refurbished tents with palm-thatched roofs and raised decks that offer guests stunning views of the Nyiro River and the diverse wildlife that visits its banks.

Featured on: Kenya Wildlife Safari and Best of Kenya & Tanzania



Shangri-La Eros Delhi

★★★★★ DELUXE | INDIA

The beautiful Shangri-La Eros Hotel is centrally located amid landscaped gardens in New Delhi's historic government district. It is an elegant oasis nestled within the heart of a bustling metropolis.

Featured on: Best of India, Taj Mahal Express, and Dazzling Dubai & India Express



Shiduli Private Game Lodge

★★★★★ FIRST CLASS | SOUTH AFRICA

Shiduli combines African charm and hospitality with the excitement of a bush experience. Guests can get up-close-and-personal with a wide spectrum of wildlife while enjoying the tranquility, superb accommodations, and excellent cuisine at this private game lodge.

Featured on: Best of South Africa



Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

★★★★★ FIRST CLASS | ZIMBABWE

Situated high on a plateau which forms a natural boundary to the Zambezi National Park, the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge enjoys uninterrupted views and spectacular African sunsets.

Featured on: Victoria Falls Extension on Incredible South Africa, and Best of South Africa







Traveling solo

Whether you are flying solo this time around or just booking your own private room on a group tour with friends or family, we have the experience to make your trip exceptional.

ALWAYS AFFORDABLE

We work hard to keep our tour prices low without compromising on quality. When you add our single supplement, you'll see that our tours often cost less than those whose single occupancy prices are supposedly free.

ROOMMATE FINDER

We'll help you find a roommate so neither of you has to pay the single supplement. Just let our sales team know you are interested. 50% of the time we are able to match you with another solo traveler.

SMALL GROUPS

Our small group tours have no more than 24 like-minded travelers so there's plenty of opportunity to meet and explore with new friends, without sacrificing all the intimacy and freedom of independent travel.

TOUR MANAGERS & LOCAL GUIDES

Our destination experts and local partners will always be there to make sure you feel comfortable, answer your questions, and give you their best recommendations for what to see and where to eat during your free time.

HIGH-QUALITY HOTELS

Rest your head at hotels that are centrally located, safe, comfortable and conveniently located for your explorations.

24/7 CUSTOMER SERVICE EMERGENCY LINE

When you travel with Friendly Planet, our emergency line is manned by one of our managers in America who knows how to help you. It's just a little extra peace of mind while you're on your vacation.



Custom groups

We've specialized in custom and group travel since 1981. If you're ready to travel with your family, friends, school, organization, church or club, we have the knowledge and experience to help. If you can dream it, we can probably arrange it!

TRAVEL WITH YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

We'll help you bring everyone together (we know that's a tough task)

CHOOSE YOUR OWN DATES

Design a trip that suits your schedule, not ours

PERSONALIZED ITINERARIES

Your choice of hotels, touring, and activities that everyone will enjoy

FRIENDLY PLANET COORDINATOR

Your personal Friendly Planet coordinator will help you create and operate all phases of your tour, and our 24/7 emergency line is available as you travel

DEDICATED SUPPORT

Tour managers and guides will be there to greet you upon arrival and handle the logistics along the way

CUSTOM WEBPAGE

For groups of 10 or more, we'll create a webpage and assets to help you promote your tour and share information with your group members

EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED

Flights, carefully selected hotels, transfers, guided touring, meals – if you want it, we can include it

PRICING FOR ALL BUDGETS

Our network of international partners spans the entire globe, meaning we can keep our rates competitive and offer our custom group travel clients the best possible price

ONLINE RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

We make it easy and secure for everyone to book and pay for the trip

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The logo features two cartoon characters, a man and a woman, with a blue speech bubble above them. To the right of the characters, the text "Refer-a-Friend" is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below this text, the words "REWARDS PROGRAM" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, enclosed within an orange rectangular box.

Refer-a-Friend REWARDS PROGRAM

- 1 Refer a friend to Friendly Planet
- 2 They get \$100 off their first booking
- 3 You get \$100 off a future booking
- 4 Repeat

You know the travel bug is contagious, and if you're like us, you love sharing it with everyone! For every friend you send our way, we'll give you \$100 in credits toward future travel. Refer two friends, get \$200. There's no limit! Your friends will earn great benefits too—an instant \$100 discount off their first booking.

HOW IT WORKS:

- You must have traveled with us before
- The friend you refer must be a new traveler to Friendly Planet
- Your friend books one of our Tours or Packages with Scheduled Dates
- Your friend gives us your name, phone and email when they book, or within 7 days
- We'll apply a \$100 discount to their booking
- Upon your friend's return, we issue you \$100 in credits
- Use the credits towards your own future purchase of a Tour or Package with Scheduled Dates or gift them to somebody else!
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