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Say hola
bonjour,
hallo and ciao to
TUI Cities



Welcome to our Cities brochure – a handy snapshot of our city breaks, from New York to Nice and Munich to Miami, plus plenty more. So, get ready to dive right in...



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Get the lowdown on our top things to do, and book before you go.



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- Complimentary drinks and meals with fresh ingredients and international flavours by award-winning chefs

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- All Skyward members in every class get some form of free connectivity onboard

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Unleash your inner explorer with TUI experiences

With TUI experiences, you can get even more out of your city break. Pre-book your holiday highlights before you're due to go, or from the comfort of your hotel room, at times and dates to suit you. Here are some of our favourites...

Must-see sights



Visit the **Vatican Museum** with a local guide in Rome. Or, tick off Barcelona's most-visited landmarks with one easy-to-manage ticket – AKA a TUI Pass.

Beyond the city



Go **dune bashing, camel riding and sandboarding** across Dubai's desert landscape. Or, for something more chilled, leave the mainland behind and head out to explore **Toronto's laidback islands**.

Calm and cultured



Take in impressionist and post-impressionist art at the **Musée d'Orsay** in Paris with a private guide, or snap selfies in the UNESCO-listed **archaeological site of Pompeii**, under the watchful eye of a local expert.



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These experiences let you get to the heart of every destination. With guaranteed great value and top-rated guides, they're the best way to explore popular sights and hidden gems, while caring for the environment and supporting local communities.

5 cracking cities for Christmas markets

Some of our city destinations come with the best Christmas markets on the planet. So if you're looking to bag some baubles for your tree, or snow globes for your stocking, check out these festive favourites...



Keep your eyes peeled for this logo when you're checking out our destination overviews. They all come with a top-rated Christmas market.

1 COLOGNE November – December

Cologne's Christmas markets run from late November, and don't stop 'til just before Christmas Day. There are loads of them dotted around the city, but the biggest is in the shadow of the city's cloud-brushing cathedral. You'll find plenty of stalls to stock up on **handmade decs** and **ornaments**, and when you fancy a drink or snack, **Glühwein** and **bratwurst** are both in plentiful supply.

2 PRAGUE November – January

The Czech capital's Christmas markets run right into the new year, so if you're feeling the post-Christmas blues, you can still get the festive feeling in the first week of January. They start in late November, and top of the tree is the market in the Old Town Square – **smoked meat dumplings**, **potato pancakes** and **roasted ham** are the top treats to tuck into while you're snapping up souvenirs.

3 KRAKOW November – December

Krakow's Christmas market takes centre stage in the city's historical old town square, Rynek Główny, from late November 'til Boxing Day. **Hand-painted glass baubles** are a firm favourite on many of the stalls here, along with a whole host of other handmade decs and homewares. And when you're feeling peckish, there are the usual suspects like sweets and chocolate, but for something a little more local, tuck in to an **oscypek** – this **smoked cheese** is cooked on an open-air grill and served with a dollop of cranberry jam.

4 BUDAPEST November – December

Budapest's Christmas markets run from late November right through December. A few of them pop up around the city, with the biggest one taking place in Vörösmarty Square. More than 100 stalls are set up, selling everything from handmade baubles to winter woollies and jewellery.

You won't go hungry either, with local delicacies like **paprika sausages**, **goulash** and **chimney cake** to tuck in to when you fancy a snack.

VIENNA 5 November – December

Christmas markets pop up all over the Austrian capital when the festive season swings around, with the biggest taking place in the public square right outside the City Hall. It runs from late November 'til Boxing Day, and besides the enormous **Christmas tree** and the **Ferris wheel**, there's an **illuminated ice rink** which sparkles after dark. And if you fancy trying something traditional on the food front, **bauerngröstl** is one of the go-to snacks here – think fried eggs and bacon on a bed of crispy potatoes.



To see all our Christmas market destinations, head to tui.co.uk/holidays/christmas-markets-in-europe

See the best of Barcelona with a TUI Pass



From Gaudi's first masterpiece to the iconic Sagrada Familia cathedral, Barcelona is up there with the best when it comes to city sightseeing. With so much to see, we've sorted a hassle-free ticket that gets you access to Barcelona's best bits with one easy-to-manage booking. Ready to find out more? Just read on...



Flexible options

You can book your pass for two, three, five or seven days, depending on how long you're staying for.



Times to suit you

There's no need to book each attraction in advance, so you can visit each place whenever it suits your plans*.



Spending money savings

You'll save up to 60% on ticket prices, compared with booking each attraction separately.

The Barcelona TUI Pass comes with a couple of options – one's designed for grown-ups, while the other's a top pick if you've got little ones in tow. Here are the details...

TUI Pass – Best of Barcelona

This ticket gets you access to 15 of the city's top attractions, including the Sagrada Familia, a skip-the-line ticket to Gaudi's Casa Vicens and a ride on the Montjuïc Cable Car.

TUI Pass – Barcelona family pass

This pass is a top pick for families, giving you access to eight of the city's top child-friendly attractions. The line-up includes a sightseeing trip on board a boat, a cable car ride and skip-the-line tickets to the Barcelona Wax Museum.

*You'll need to book a time slot if you're visiting Sagrada Familia

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Book your pass

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before you go

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Get sightseeing!

Barcelona

This city showcases Catalan life at its best, from cutting-edge architecture to tasty tapas joints.



AT A GLANCE

- Stroll down the iconic Las Ramblas avenue
- Tuck into tapas at a waterfront bar
- Marvel at Gaudi's masterpieces across the city

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOPPING

Barcelona city breaks take you to a place so diverse that most visitors barely scratch the surface of what it has to offer. Each neighbourhood, or 'barrio', brings something unique to the tourist map. On a whistle-stop tour of the city you could see the bustling streets off Las Ramblas make way for the ancient sights of the Gothic quarter, and the graffitied walls in Poblenou lead down to the sands at La Barceloneta. Plus, if you want to escape the city hubbub, hilly Montjuïc is perfect for getting in touch with nature.

ART AND ABOUT

Not only is Barcelona packed with impressive architecture and world-famous art museums, but there's some really creative street art to seek out, too. For the city's finest graffiti, look no further than the tags left by famous street stars in El Raval, or Poblenou, where four blocks of buildings are splashed with unique designs. If galleries are more your style, the Museu Nacional D'Art de Catalunya is a good pick. It covers over a thousand years of art, and you can see the likes of Romanesque frescoes and early works by Salvador Dalí under the same roof.

HISTORIC BARCELONA

You can walk along the streets of Barcelona, visiting all of the sights, without really knowing how history has affected its art and architecture over the years. The Museu d'Història de Barcelona is a good place to learn more, as it takes you back to the city's Roman beginnings as a town called Barcino. Stroll across the ruins of ancient streets that date back to the year 10 BC. For more recent history, you can explore the underground shelters that were built to protect the Barcelonians during the Spanish Civil War – an event that shaped the city's future.

BEACHFRONT EATS

City breaks in Barcelona give you beach time, too. One of the most popular sweeps of sand here is La Barceloneta. And it comes with a big helping of restaurants that make the most of their seafront location. They serve up the city's best seafood, fresh from the net. Try it mixed into a paella or fideuà, or order a selection of things to try at a tapas bar, like baby squid and prawns.



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Spain



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FOOD & DRINK

Nowhere does tapas like Barcelona. You'll find tiny bars serving this Spanish classic on every street corner, and it's not hard to understand why. It's seriously tasty and varied enough that everyone can find a dish to their taste. Barcelona classics include patatas bravas – cubes of potatoes in a spicy tomato sauce – with aioli, calamari, stuffed mussels, and spicy Spanish sausage.

SHOPPING

All budgets are catered for in Barcelona.

You'll find the city's answer to Selfridges at El Corte Ingles – this huge department store is home to a whole host of brands. Flea markets are at the other end of the scale. The most famous is the Encants Vells market, which dates back to the 14th century.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

The weather in Barcelona is typically Mediterranean, with hot summers and mild winters. However, westerly winds from the Atlantic mean it's cooler and often gets more rain than Spain's south coast. Temperatures hit averages of 24°C in June and July, and don't tend to drop below 5°C between December and February.

NIGHTLIFE

Barcelona is one of the largest cities in Spain, and it's got the buzzing nightlife to match. Each neighbourhood has a different after-dark offering, like the Gothic Quarter which is best for quiet post-dinner drinks. For partying into the early hours, head to the clubs of El Raval and El Born.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

SAGRADA FAMILIA GUIDED TOUR

You can't holiday in Barcelona without swinging by its most famous tourist attraction – the Sagrada Família cathedral. A guided tour is the best way to see its most eye-popping features first-hand, like the stained-glass windows, the crypt, and the ornate ceiling. You'll also have time to visit the Sagrada Família Museum, which covers the history and development of the basilica.

Search for: Sagrada Família small group tour with a local guide

SAILING IN BARCELONA

Get the best views of Barcelona's coastline from the comfort of a boat, complete with commentary from your skipper. Sip on a local beverage, like a traditional Catalan vermouth, and spot the Columbus Monument, the neighbourhood of La Barceloneta, the Maremagnum shopping centre, and the castle of Montjuïc. On board, you'll also taste other Spanish snacks and drinks such as olives, cheese and sangria.

Search for: Sailing experience in Barcelona with food and drinks tasting

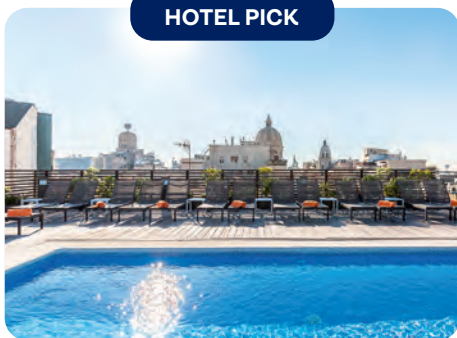
VISIT TO GAUDI'S PARK GUELL

Park Güell is a modernist masterpiece, designed by Antoni Gaudí and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1984. On a guided tour, explore the park's fountains, viaducts and green grottoes, and marvel at the views of Barcelona. You'll also get to tour the Gaudí House Museum, where the artist lived for over 20 years – it now houses a collection of furniture and artifacts from the Spanish architect.

Search for: Park Güell guided tour with skip-the-line tickets

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HOTEL PICK



HOTEL JAZZ TTTT

Jazz isn't in the name of this place for nothing – there's a jazz bar here, as well as a rooftop pool and lounge area.

HOTEL PICK



BARCELONA UNIVERSAL TTTT

This central hotel flaunts a roof that's decked out with a pool, as well as two terraces with wow-factor city views.

HOTEL PICK



MAJESTIC HOTEL & SPA BARCELONA TTTTT

The Majestic Hotel & Spa shares the street with two of Gaudí's masterpieces – it counts Casa Batlló and Casa Milà as its neighbours.

Madrid

Museum hopping, tapas tasting and flamenco dancing – you can tick off all three on a holiday to Madrid.



AT A GLANCE

- Take a stroll through UNESCO-listed Retiro Park
- Admire stacks of Spanish art at the Prado Museum
- Sip sangria at an authentic flamenco show

A DOSE OF SPANISH CULTURE

City breaks to Madrid go big on museums, art and nightlife. Throw fine food and traditional entertainment into the mix, and it's no surprise that the Spanish capital's a hit with culture vultures. It may be a modern city, but there's plenty of historic charm to be found in the labyrinth streets of Madrid's medieval quarter. At the heart of it all, you'll find Plaza Mayor. Over the years, this centuries-old square was the backdrop for some of the city's most important events. These days, it's better known for its markets, tavernas and tapas bars.

WORLD-CLASS ART

Madrid's art scene's world-renowned, and you can dive right into it at the city's top three galleries – the Prado Museum, the Reina Sofía Museum and the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum. Together, they make up what's become known as the Golden Triangle of Art. Pay them a visit, and you'll get a glimpse of some of the world's best collections of European paintings and sculptures – the Prado Museum alone houses more than nine thousand.

A CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS

Soaking up Madrid's culture doesn't have to be reserved for the daytime. In fact, the city really comes to life in the evenings, so you might want to make time for a siesta. Late night tapas-tasting and traditional flamenco shows are a possibility seven days a week. The shops along Grand Via and even some museums stay open 'til late. And if sunsets and sangria are more your thing, you can stop by one of the swish rooftop bars that are scattered all over the city.

STADIUMS TO SHOUT ABOUT

Madrid has long been a bucket list city for football fanatics, thanks to the city's two major clubs, Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid. You don't have to be a footy fan to appreciate their two world-class stadiums though. Sure, you can book yourself on a tour and check out the bulging trophy cabinets if you fancy, but if football's not your thing, you might still be tempted to go and catch a concert while you're in town. The list of artists who have performed at their grounds reads like a who's who of the world's best-known performers, from the Rolling Stones and Metallica to Ed Sheeran and Taylor Swift.



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Spain



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FOOD & DRINK

Locals and tourists can't get enough of cocido madrileño, a meat and vegetable stew. It's traditionally made with pork and chickpeas, which are simmered for hours for a robust flavour. Although it sounds like a winter comfort food, you'll find plenty of places in Madrid serving this up all year round.

SHOPPING

Gran Vía – Madrid's most famous shopping street – lines up household names like H&M and Zara. There are bargains to be had at the city's flea market, El Rastro. And, if you feel like splurging, check out the designer shops in Calle de Serrano.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Madrid sees hot, sunny summers and cold winters. The best months to visit are May, June or September, when it's comfortably warm and mostly dry. January's the coldest month, seeing average temperatures of around 5°C. You can expect a few showers from October to April, but snow's rare, even in winter.

NIGHTLIFE

Low-key evenings are best spent at one of Madrid's rooftop bars. Most are free to enter, and you'll have the city's classic buildings as the backdrop to your drinks. For a more traditional outing, catch a flamenco show at a local tablao.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

ROYAL PALACE GUIDED TOUR

Get a glimpse inside one of Europe's best-preserved palaces on this 90-minute guided tour. You'll skip the line and head straight inside, where you can eye up the official residence of the Spanish monarchy between 1765 and 1931. Your guide will show you around rooms which hosted audiences and dinner parties, and fill you in on what life was like as a monarch. Plus, you can check out the immaculately landscaped gardens.

Search for: Royal Palace of Madrid skip-the-line tickets and guided tour

FLAMENCO AND TAPAS AT TABLAO TORRES BERMEJAS

There's no better way to immerse yourself in Spanish tradition than by tucking in to tapas and watching an authentic flamenco show. This experience ticks off both, inside the Tablao Torres Bermejas – one of Madrid's oldest flamenco venues. Share classic Spanish fare and sip a selection of local wines as you watch the unique performances unfold.

Search for: Tablao Torres Bermejas flamenco show and tapas menu

PRADO MUSEUM TOUR

The Prado Museum is one of Madrid's most popular spots, but you can skip the queues and head straight inside on a guided tour. There are over a thousand paintings on display here from four different centuries – your guide will tell you the stories behind the most important ones. And, at the end of the tour, you'll have as much free time as you need to check the rest out for yourself.

Search for: Guided visit and tickets to Prado Museum

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HOTEL PICK



ROOM MATE OSCAR TTTT

This hotel has a lot going for it. A rooftop pool and a close-to-the-action location top the list, so sightseeing and sunbathing go hand-in-hand.

HOTEL PICK



VP JARDIN DE RECOLETOS TTTT

This modern hotel's right around the corner from the UNESCO-listed Retiro Park. Back at base, the garden restaurant steals the show with its glass roof, tranquil terrace and endless greenery.

HOTEL PICK



THE PRINCIPAL MADRID TTTTT

This luxurious hotel sits along one of Madrid's best-known shopping streets, in the heart of the city. So, if retail therapy's your thing, you'll be in your element here.

Seville

City breaks to Seville give you a real feel for Spanish traditions. They come drenched in sunshine, too.



AT A GLANCE

- Watch an authentic flamenco show in Triana
- Take a tour of Seville Cathedral
- Have dinner in a traditional tapas restaurant

SPAIN'S COMPACT CITY

Seville, with its year-round balmy temperatures, takes bronze when it comes to Spain's visitor numbers – it's the country's third most-popular spot. Its super-compact centre makes it a great city break destination, as it means you can explore the city at speed – Seville's main sights and stops are all within walking distance of one another. That goes for its trio of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, too – they all rub shoulders in the centre of the city. And when it comes to plotting where to stay, the three neighbourhoods that top the ranks are El Centro, Santa Cruz and El Arenal – it takes just a few minutes to walk between this trio.

SPAIN'S SOUTHERN CAPITAL

Seville is the capital city of Andalucía – an autonomous region that covers most of Spain's southern coast. The city spans both sides of the River Guadalquivir, and most of it lies on the east side of the river, including the city's geographical and historical centre. The Triana Bridge connects you to the west side of the city. It leads right into Triana, an area that's trademarked by cobbled streets and a lively flamenco scene.

TAPAS AND TRADITIONS

It feels like Seville has taken every element of Spanish culture and amplified it by ten. Take tapas, for example – the city's home to more than 3,000 restaurants serving the stuff. And their menus range from your standard selection of ham croquettes and cheese-filled filo parcels, to upmarket places that dish up crab tacos. Then, there's the dancing scene – no visit to Seville is complete with an authentic flamenco show. Triana is the best spot to see one, its streets showcase countless flamenco bars.

SCENTS AND SIGHTS

Seville and oranges go hand in hand, and you'll spot them growing by the lorryload on the trees that line the city's streets. There are around 25,000 across the city – trees that is – and if you're here in springtime, you'll catch a whiff of their sweet scent wafting overhead as they blossom. A word to the wise if you're tempted to try one though – they're too bitter to be eaten fresh and tend to be used more commonly in marmalade and aromatherapy products.



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THINGS TO SEE & DO

SEVILLE CATHEDRAL AND THE ROYAL ALCAZAR

Seville Cathedral and the Royal Alcazar are two of Seville's most important landmarks. The cathedral's the biggest Gothic temple in the world, dating back to the 15th century. Next door, you'll find the Giralda – a bell tower that you can climb up inside. Then you've got the Royal Alcazar, one of Europe's royal palaces. Tick off the lot on our half-day guided tour.

Search for: Seville Cathedral, Giralda and Alcazar skip-the-line tickets and guided tour

SEVILLE BY BIKE

Dive into the distinct Seville culture on our guided three-hour bike tour, which ticks off everything from the scenic banks of the Guadalquivir River to the Santa Cruz neighbourhood. Learn about how Triana is famous for its pottery and flamenco, then fly by the Torre del Oro watchtower, which dates back to Moorish times. You'll also visit the Santa Cruz neighbourhood, and see the Royal Alcazar.

Search for: Seville half-day city top monuments bike tour

A FLAMENCO SHOW

Don't leave Seville without seeing a flamenco show.

The Tablao Palacio Andaluz is the best venue to immerse yourself in this lively Andalusian dancing, plus you'll get to watch it with a glass of cava in hand. Your ticket also includes a visit to La Bodega Museo, an exhibition hall where you can learn more about the history of flamenco.

Search for: Tablao Palacio Andaluz flamenco show with cava

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FOOD & DRINK

Seville is a short drive from Huelva, an area known for being one of the best producers of Iberian ham. This dish has got a certified spot on tapas menus all over the city.

SHOPPING

Splash the cash on Tetuan Street – it's known as one of the most expensive streets in Spain, and local and international designers have outlets here. Or, bag a bargain at Seville's oldest market. It takes place on Feria Street every Thursday and is a great place to head for handcrafted souvenirs.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Due to its distance from the sea, summers in Seville are much hotter than those along the coastline. Temperatures reach almost 30°C on average in July and August. And during winter, the temperature doesn't often dip into single figures.

NIGHTLIFE

Whether you're after a cosy drink in a bar or an all-out neon-lit disco, Seville's comes up trumps. The pretty neighbourhood of Alameda is great for classy rooftop bars, while Triana serves up live music and colourful flamenco shows.

HOTEL PICK



HOTEL BOUTIQUE CASAS DE SANTA CRUZ

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This place puts you in the history-packed Santa Cruz neighbourhood. And, it's got a roof terrace with 360-degree views of the city.

HOTEL PICK



PETIT PALACE SANTA CRUZ

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This family-friendly hotel was once a palace, back in the 16th century. It's right next to some of Seville's most famous landmarks, as well as a number of tapas bars.

HOTEL PICK



EUROSTARS TORRE SEVILLA

TTTTT

Wide-lens views of the city come from every angle at this hotel, which you'll find inside the tallest building on this side of Spain.

Rome

Visiting the Italian capital is like flicking through the pages of a history book, and it boasts some of the country's best cuisine.



AT A GLANCE

- Marvel at the mighty Colosseum
- Get your art fix in Vatican City
- People-watch in Piazza Navona

THE ETERNAL CITY

The ancient Romans were on the money when they nicknamed this place the Eternal City. They believed it would survive forever, and the bevy of pristine historic sites shows that they weren't wrong. It's full-to-bursting with centuries-old architecture, and the gaps are filled in with trendy boutiques, pavement cafés and traditional trattorias.

PEPPERED WITH PIAZZAS

Rome's piazzas are at the heart of the city's social scene, and showcase everything from symmetrical churches to Egyptian-style obelisks. You can't go five minutes without stumbling on one of these charming squares, and they range from intimate meeting spots to sprawling, fountain-filled spaces. Restaurants spill out along the sides of Piazza Navona, while Piazza Santa Maria doubles up as a stage for street magicians and buskers.

ANCIENT ARCHITECTURE

Picture gladiatorial battles in the towering Colosseum, cross the statue-flanked bridge to Castel Sant'Angelo, or watch the world go by on the flower-lined Spanish Steps – and you've still barely scratched the surface. The whole city centre's got a UNESCO tick to its name, and lines up other standout sights like the Roman Forum, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, and the Capitoline Hill.

WORLD'S SMALLEST STATE

In the heart of Italy's culture-stuffed capital, you'll find Vatican City. St Peter's Basilica dominates the skyline, while Tuscan colonnades form a ring around the adjoining square. The Swiss Guard, clad in flamboyant blue, orange and red-striped uniforms, continue their long-standing protection of the Pope around the grounds. Inside, the dazzling architecture includes the Sistine Chapel – tilt your head back here, and you'll see Michelangelo's famous Renaissance fresco.



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FOOD & DRINK

As meat dishes go, saltimbocca is one of Rome's tastiest calling cards. Paper-thin prosciutto, veal and sage are rolled into tight parcels, before being sizzled in dry white wine and butter. You don't have to head to a particular part of the city for it, either, as practically every restaurant will have it on the menu.

SHOPPING

There are shopping spots to suit all budgets around the city. Browse for bargains at the Porto Portese Market, or get your high street retail fix along Via del Corso. If you're ready to part with a bigger wedge of cash, Via Condotti has some of the biggest Italian fashion labels in its back pocket.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Weather-wise, Rome's a city of extremes. The summer months see temperatures hit the high twenties and low thirties – July tops the lot with highs of 32°C. January and February are the coldest months, with averages of about eight or nine degrees, and December's the rainiest time to visit. It's generally dry and pleasant for most of the year, but sun-seekers should aim for late May to September.

NIGHTLIFE

For a classy start to your night, start by sampling some top-quality Italian wine in the Pigneto neighbourhood – it's just a short tram ride from the city centre. If you want to step the party up a notch, head to club-laden Testaccio district.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

COLOSSEUM AND ROMAN FORUM TOUR

Sights in Rome don't get much more recognisable than the Colosseum. You'll skip the line to get inside the famous arena, and a guide will take you around while telling you all about its construction and events that were held here. Next, you'll head to the nearby Roman Forum – ancient buildings and ruins have survived the test of time here, and you'll see what's left of the one-time city centre.

Search for: Colosseum and Roman Forum small-group tour with a local guide

TIPPLE ON THE RIVER TIBER

The River Tiber weaves right through the middle of Rome, and you'll have the chance to see the city from the water on this trip. Once you've boarded the boat, you'll spend around an hour-and-a-half cruising along the river, with sights like St Peter's Basilica in the viewfinder. While you're onboard, you'll get a free glass of wine and the chance to pick at some traditional snacks.

Search for: Aperitif on the Tiber

VATICAN CITY AND SISTINE CHAPEL TOUR

This small-group tour takes you to the most famous parts of Vatican City. Fast-track entrance skips the queues to the Vatican Museum, and your guide will take you around, telling you about its history as you go. You'll pass through the Gallery of Tapestries and the Gallery of Candelabra, before reaching the iconic Sistine Chapel. St Peter's Basilica is also on the cards before the walking tour ends.

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HOTEL PICK



DOMUS SESSORIANA TTT

The Domus Sessoriana isn't your average hotel – this one's tucked inside an 18th century monastery. And from the nearby metro stop you can reach the Colosseum in 15 minutes.

HOTEL PICK



TREVI COLLECTION TTTT

You'll find this stylish number right next to the Trevi Fountain. As well as an ace location for exploring, it boasts an American-style bar for cocktails after dark, and a breakfast restaurant with top-notch views over Rome's rooftops.

HOTEL PICK



NH COLLECTION ROMA FORI IMPERIALI TTTT

This hotel's right on the edge of the historic Roman Forum, and only 10 minutes' stroll from the Pantheon. The rooftop cocktail bar delivers top-class views of the city, as well.

Venice

Gondola cruises, beautiful bridges, world-class architecture.
A holiday to Venice isn't your typical city break.



AT A GLANCE

- Ride a gondola to the Rialto Bridge
- Climb to the top of the Campanile Bell Tower
- Step inside St Mark's Basilica

THE CITY OF WATER

Venice is a city that breaks conventions. Grand palaces teeter on the edge of winding canals, bridges seem to levitate over water, and whole streets disappear at high tide. More than 100 islands form the city, grouped together in 16 sestieres, or districts. Although this sounds overwhelming, it's actually very compact. Add that to the fact the biggest sites are all close together and exploring is easy.

BASILICAS TO BRIDGES

St Mark's Square is Venice's focal point. It's towered over by an extravagant basilica, complete with five domes and more arches than you can count. You've also got the grand Doge's Palace right next to it, plus the Campanile Bell Tower, which offers up unobstructed city views from the top. What's more, it's also a launching point for rite-of-passage gondola rides along the Grand Canal, with the Rialto Bridge just a short cruise away.

HIDDEN VENICE

Once you've ticked off all the major sights, put away the guidebook and go off-piste. The city's backstreets are easily navigated on foot and you'll come away with a genuine insight into Venetian life. See the canals from new perspectives, peek through the doors of historic bookshops, and rub shoulders with the locals in waterside cafés.

DAYTRIPPING SPOTS

Take the ferry to the neighbouring seaside town of Lido di Jesolo to trade palaces and quill shops for a huge, sandy beach. Then there's Burano – a favourite spot with Instagram influencers for the way its brightly painted houses reflect in a rippling canal. Or, make tracks for Murano. It's the second-largest island in the Venetian Lagoon, and it's best-known for its glassmaking workshops. Many of them offer tours, where you can see some of the skilled artisans at work.



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FOOD & DRINK

For an authentic bite, order *sarde in saor* – this popular appetiser's made with fried sardines marinated in a tangy mixture of vinegar, onions, pine nuts and raisins. Wash it down with a Venetian spritz – it's the city's go-to cocktail, made with a bitter, red Italian liquor similar to Aperol, then prosecco, a splash of soda and an orange garnish.

SHOPPING

Venice doesn't feature world-famous shopping streets like some of its Italian counterparts. Instead, little gift shops are scattered all over the map. For the best deals on souvenirs, venture away from the big crowds at St Mark's Square and Rialto, and into the quieter side streets.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

June and July are Venice's hottest months, when the thermometer hits the mid-twenties mark. The months either side are still toasty, with the mercury levelling off around 20°C. You'll need to pack your woolies for the wintertime though – the temperature gauge takes a dive in January and February.

NIGHTLIFE

The city's Cannaregio district is the perfect spot for a low-key night out. Start things off with a late dinner at an Italian restaurant, then head to one of the area's relaxed wine bars for a tippie or two. For something a little livelier, go bar-hopping around Campo Santa Margherita. It's a wide square lined with bars – they're small in size, but big on music and atmosphere, generally attracting a younger crowd.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

ISLAND HOPPING ON THE VENETIAN LAGOON

Venice is known for its water scene, and you'll get to see a different side of it beyond its canals on this trip. You'll hop onboard a boat and set sail across the Venetian Lagoon to visit a pair of its islands. In Burano, you'll meet with a local and watch a lacework demonstration in a workshop. Then, before you head back to the mainland, there's also a visit to Murano to watch a glassblowing demonstration.

Search for: Morning tour of Burano and Murano

PRIVATE GONDOLA RIDE ON THE VENICE CANAL

No trip to Venice is complete without a gondola ride along the city's web-like network of canals. And on this trip you'll avoid the crowds and enjoy a just-for-you ride along its iconic waterways. During your 30-minute ride, you'll pass underneath age-old bridges and float past the city's sights, giving you plenty of opportunities for photos.

Search for: 30-minute private gondola ride of Venice

CARNIVAL MASK MAKING

A master artisan takes the helm on this trip, as they show you the art of making carnival-style masks. You'll learn all about the story behind them, while your guide takes you through the process of painting and decorating it. Then, once you've perfected your piece, it's yours to take back home with you.

Search for: Venice carnival mask workshop

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HOTEL PICK



ANTICA LOCANDA AL GAMBERO TTTT

This chic hotel's just a two-minute stroll from St Mark's Square, so you're right in the heart of the action. If you do want to escape the crowds for a while, there's a roof terrace where you can relax and soak up the city views.

HOTEL PICK



EUROSTARS RESIDENZA CANNAREGIO TTTT

This distinctive hotel's housed in a former convent in one of Venice's oldest neighbourhoods. Everything's right up to date, though – the convent's cloister has been transformed into a smart courtyard and garden, which is ideal for chilling in.

HOTEL PICK



NH COLLECTION GRAND HOTEL DEI DOGI TTTT

A 17th-century palace creates a base for this hotel. It's got a peaceful plot, with a private pier that looks out over the island of Murano.

Florence

Florence flaunts a list of world-famous landmarks – its iconic cathedral is just the start of the story.



AT A GLANCE

- Get arty at the Accademia Gallery
- Climb to the top of the Duomo
- Treat yourself to a cup of gelato

FANFARE FOR FLORENCE

Welcome to Florence, the Tuscan city that's a bonanza for the eager sightseer. It's nicknamed the 'Cradle of Renaissance' thanks to its excessive art history, and the orange-and-lemon-coloured city centre's got its own UNESCO World Heritage label. You'll need more than two hands to tick off Florence's numerous art galleries, museums, and architectural masterpieces. Plus, it's a top-notch hub for cafés, gelato shops and cosy drinking dens.

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE

Knowing where to start in Florence is a tricky one, because all its landmarks are major attention-seekers. The famous domed Duomo Cathedral is a must-visit, and so is the Medieval Piazza della Signoria. Then there's the arched Ponte Vecchio bridge, which was the first bridge built over the Arno river. Today, it's layered like a cake with many jewellery and antique shops. The sculpture-studded Boboli Gardens are also worth adding to your agenda, if only for a quick breather in Florence's biggest green space.

ART, ART, EVERYWHERE

Nowhere does art history quite like Florence, and you've got a treasure trove of galleries to sift through. Our favourites include the Uffizi Gallery, home to works by VIPs like Botticelli, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and Raphael. The Accademia Gallery is also worth popping into, if only for an eyeful of the uber-famous nude marble statue of David by Michelangelo.

IN THE MOOD FOR FOOD

Foodies get the same A-star treatment as culture vultures in Florence. Corner cafés are in abundance, so fuelling up on Italian coffee and sweet pastries is no hard task between visiting tourist landmarks. And if you fancy a tippie on the go, you can pop to one of the wine windows around the city. These quirky arch-shaped cutouts are like a drive-through for pedestrians, but don't expect burgers and fries to come through the hatch. Most of them are just big enough for a bottle of vino to pass through.



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FOOD & DRINK

Salted caramel, chocolate, fig, pear, pistachio, lemon, mint, rose... you name it, Florence's gelaterias – gelato shops – have got a flavour to suit everyone. This Italian version of ice-cream, made with less cream and more milk, is available on practically every street in the city. A creamy cone or tub of gelato is a staple of Florence's foodie scene, and a great way to cool down while sightseeing.

SHOPPING

For cheap-as-chips mementos, the San Lorenzo Market has got you covered. It has indoor and outdoor sections and a pick of handmade Florentine goods. Or, if designer retail therapy's your jam, head to the Via Tornabuoni. This elegant street in the centre of the city is home to Gucci and Prada, as well as a perfumery, and luxury shoemaker dating back to the 1920s.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Florence boasts a typical Italian climate, with May to September ushering in the warmest weather. The peak summer months – July and August – see the temperature soar into the early 30s. April, May and September, meanwhile, are a little cooler, with an average of 20°C.

NIGHTLIFE

If you fancy a chilled one, you can't go wrong with the neighbourhood of San Frediano. Here, quiet wine bars rub shoulders with cosy cocktail hangouts and Italian tapas places. Or, if you'd prefer heavy beats and neon-lit nightclubs, Santa Croce's the place to head.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

FLORENCE CATHEDRAL QUEUE JUMP AND TOUR

This trip bags you priority entrance tickets and avoids the lengthy queues to get inside Florence's first-rate cathedral. You'll head inside with a small group, headed up by an expert tour guide who'll talk you through the cathedral's history for around 30 minutes. Get your camera ready, as you'll have special access to an exclusive area directly below the Dome.

Search for: Florence Cathedral small-group tour with skip-the-line tickets

A MUSEUM DUO AND A WALKING TOUR

On this trip you'll take a look at the finer side of Florence with a walking tour and skip-the-line tickets to a pair of must-visit museums. The Gallery of the Academy of Florence is up first where highlights include one of Michelangelo's most famous works. There's free time for lunch before a walking tour of the city, then you'll finish up with a visit to the Uffizi Gallery which houses works by Leonardo da Vinci.

Search for: Treasures of Florence walking tour with Accademia and Uffizi skip-the-line tickets

CHIANTI WINE TASTING TOUR

Wine-lovers are in for a treat on this tour – it kicks off in a historic winery, where you'll get to taste four wines and visit time-worn wine cellars. Next up, it's onto the Medieval town of Greve, where you'll have some free time to admire its market square. There's another winery on the cards next, and a further four wines lined up for tasting. A guided tour of Castellina – a fortified hilltop village – finishes things up.

Search for: Chianti experience with wine tastings and two charming villages

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HOTEL PICK



CARAVAGGIO TTTT

Stays here land you in the centre of the city, putting top sights like the Independence Square and Florence Cathedral less than 10 minutes' walk away.

HOTEL PICK



ATLANTIC PALACE TTTT

Mercato Centrale's just a minute's walk away from this place, and you're less than five minutes' stroll from San Lorenzo Basilica and Santa Maria Novella. As for the hotel, it's packed with traditional Florentine charm – think terracotta-tiled floors and original wood beams on the ceilings.

HOTEL PICK



VILLE SULL'ARNO TTTTT

A heated swimming pool, a traditional restaurant and classically decorated rooms give this hotel the upper hand when it comes to first-rate city breaks.

Milan

A passion for fashion, a love for art and a penchant for first-rate food mean Milan city breaks come with a side of style.



AT A GLANCE

- Have a night at the opera at La Scala
- Go window shopping along the Golden Rectangle's designer streets
- See Da Vinci's Last Supper painting

ITALY'S SECOND CITY

Trendsetting Milan draws in big crowds thanks to its flare for fashion and its legendary shopping streets. Having said that, although fashion takes the lion's share of spotlight here, there's much more to discover than what's next down the city's runways. The city feels a little less tourist-driven than the likes of Rome and Florence, so you can expect a proper insider insight into Italian culture. Plus, thanks to its compact city centre, there's no stress when it comes to sightseeing on short time.

A LOVE FOR THE ARTS

When you think of art and Italy, Milan might not be the first city that springs to mind. But don't be fooled – this city's in on Italy's art game, too. Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper mural takes most of the glory when it comes to the city's art collection. You'll find it in its original home in a Catholic church in the centre of the city. Elsewhere, the walls of a former monastery showcase a collection of works stretching back to the 13th century at Pinacoteca di Brera – a must see for every art lover visiting the city.

FASHION FIRST

Milan's rise to worldwide fashion icon status began way back in the late 20th century. It was a big name in the industrial world back then, making and shipping all kinds of items around the globe. Then, when the biggest players in fashion – Giorgio Armani and Gianna Versace – based their brands here, things went from strength to strength. And when Vogue Italia launched its headquarters here in the early 60s, the deal was sealed. These days, Milan's pair of fashion weeks are some of the hottest in the industry, while a group of four streets known as the Golden Rectangle line up some of the world's most sought-after shopping streets.

BREAKS IN THE LAKES

There's no short supply of things to do in Milan, but during its super-hot summer months you might find yourself needing a break from its busy streets. Italy's lakes are within reach of the city and make a perfect match if you're looking to escape for a few hours, or even a day or two. Lake Como is your closest spot – it's an hour's drive from the centre of the city. Or, if you don't fancy hitting the road, there are plenty of direct train services to the lakes from Milan's main train station.



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FOOD & DRINK

Minestrone Milanese, Milan's take on minestrone sees pasta swapped out for rice, and the vegetables used vary depending on what's in season. The dish gets a look in on menus year round, with a cold version providing some relief from the summer's high temperatures.

SHOPPING

Milan's Golden Rectangle's well known for its designer shops, like Gucci, Prada and Fendi. There's a thriving vintage scene, meanwhile, in the Navigli neighbourhood, while the Corso Vittorio Emanuele lines up familiar high street favourites and the opulent Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II is Italy's oldest shopping centre and one of the city's most photographed landmarks.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Milan's summers are hot and humid with temperatures often drifting way above 30°C in July and August. Things take a dramatic dip in winter, when the city is often shrouded in thick fog and cloud and temperatures barely hover above freezing.

NIGHTLIFE

If trendy bars are what you're after, you'll find no shortage of them in the Bera district. And, for a big night on the town, there's the club-packed Navigli neighbourhood – it's a peaceful spot in the daytime, and things liven up at happy hour.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

DA VINCI'S LAST SUPPER TOUR

This short tour shines a spotlight on one of Leonardo Da Vinci's best-known paintings, The Last Supper. It's one of Milan's must-sees – no trip to the city would be complete without a peek at this masterpiece. Once you step inside Piazza Santa Maria delle Grazie, your guide will fill you in on the mysteries behind this iconic piece of art. Plus, you'll have time to ask all your burning questions.

Search for: Da Vinci's Last Supper tickets and guided tour

LA SCALA GUIDED TOUR

La Scala Theatre is one of the world's most famous opera houses. The building's also home to a museum, which is stacked full of portraits, costumes and musical instruments. On a guided tour, you'll learn all about the big-name artists who performed here over the last 200 years. And, you'll get an insight into the behind-the-scenes work that goes into each opera production.

Search for: La Scala Opera House and Museum tour

LAKE COMO CRUISE

Como's just an hour's drive from Milan, so it's a hotspot for daytrippers. On this tour, you'll be shown around the city before taking to the lake on a relaxing cruise. If you're visiting in the winter, you'll also ride the funicular up to the town of Brunate, where you'll be treated to panoramic views. And, if you're here in the summer, the boat will moor up in the picturesque town of Bellagio, instead – its steep alleys are brimming with cafes.

Search for: Lake Como and Bellagio day trip

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HOTEL PICK



EUROHOTEL T T T T

This up-to-date hotel's in Milan's trendy Porta Venezia neighbourhood. It's right around the corner from one of Europe's longest shopping streets – Corso Buenos Aires – and if you fancy a break from shopping and sightseeing, it's got it its own spa, too.

HOTEL PICK



THE SQUARE MILANO DUOMO T T T T

The clue's in the name with this hotel. It's only five minutes' stroll from the famous Duomo Cathedral – one of Milan's must-sees.

HOTEL PICK



CHATEAU MONFORT T T T T T

The stylish interior design of this place makes it stand out from the crowd. Plus, with a city centre plot, it puts you right in the thick of things.

Amsterdam

Amsterdam city breaks are stuffed full of must-dos – think historical hotspots and lively nightlife.



**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

AT A GLANCE

- Tour the famous canals on a boat
- Get a bird's-eye view of the city on Europe's highest swing
- Venture out to the Flower Strip

THE CITY ON THE WATER

Amsterdam's storybook scenery is instantly recognisable. The city's packed full of narrow streets and canals – it's a great place to get lost in. Tall, thin houses line the streets – they're pretty uniform at first glance, but if you look a bit closer, you'll see each one's unique. Our selection of hotels are sprinkled in and around the city's iconic lanes, either by a canal or close to one of the city's key sights. Plus, you'll find plenty of metro stations nestled into the mix, making getting out and about around the rest of Amsterdam a piece of cake.

ARTY AMSTERDAM

The Netherlands is a country known for its star-studded art alumni. And it's no wonder, with names like Rembrandt, Vermeer, and, of course, Van Gogh on the list. Amsterdam takes advantage of this legacy, and lines up a host of famous art museums in the aptly named Museumplein. See the classics in the Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum. The city proves that its art scene is still alive and kicking with the Stedelijk Museum of modern art, too.

TOP TOURS

There's a lot to see during a city break to Amsterdam, and the area's bikes and boats make sure that you don't miss out on anything. There's a canal boat tour that picks you up at the Museumplein, and finishes up right outside the Heineken Experience. You'll hear all about the history of Amsterdam on the canal boat, and then you can have a taste of it at Heineken's 19th-century brewery. Hiring a bike is the best way to see the oasis-like Vondelpark – it attracts over 10 million visitors every year. In the summer months, the open-air theatre puts on free concerts.

HISTORICAL HOTSPOT

There are plenty of historical sights to see in Amsterdam. The Anne Frank house is a must. If you book your tickets online, you'll avoid the long queues. The 17th-century Royal Palace is still used by the Dutch Royal family. You can go inside for a tour – the free audio guide gives you loads of information about the palace's past. Go further back in time with a visit to Zaanse Schans, a living and working traditional Dutch community. It's a 30-minute drive out of the city. Here, you'll see clog-crafting, cheese-making, and iconic Dutch windmills.



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FOOD & DRINK

When you're wandering around Amsterdam, you'll come across lots of street-side kiosks selling thick Dutch fries. They're served up in a paper cone – perfect for keeping your hands warm while you explore. Ask for patatje oorlog and your chips will come drenched in a mix of satay sauce, mayo and raw onions. It might be an unusual combination, but it really works.

SHOPPING

Amsterdam's main shopping street, the Kalverstraat, offers up a string of high street classics dotted with independent Dutch brands. If it's designer goodies you're after, make a beeline for the P.C. Hoofstraat, where you'll find the likes of Hugo Boss and Hermes.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Summer weather in Amsterdam hovers around the 17°C mark, with an average of seven hours of sunshine per day. Temperatures tend to be in the low teens in spring and autumn, and dip down to 3°C in winter. If you want to see the city's tulips in full bloom, head here between late March and mid-May.

NIGHTLIFE

Rembrandtplein square is one of the city's clubbing hotspots. It's got a massive selection of bars to its name, so you're sure to find something you like. And for a classy evening activity, there's Concertgebouw concert hall – the second most visited in the world.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

AMSTERDAM CANAL CRUISE

Admire Amsterdam from the water on this relaxing one-hour cruise around the city's UNESCO-protected canals. As you glide along the water, you'll set eyes on sights like elegant merchants' houses, ornate churches and the Magere Brug – also known as the skinny bridge. Plus, you'll have a handy audio guide to fill you in on the history behind each landmark.

Search for: One hour canal cruise of Amsterdam

DUTCH VILLAGES TOUR

Charming countryside villages are on the agenda on this day trip from Amsterdam. You'll start with a stop in Zaanse Schans, where you can snap photos of iconic windmills and green wooden houses. Later, you'll stroll through Marken – a traditional fishing village that was once an island. There's also the option to upgrade your tour to include a cruise on Marken Lake, a visit to an operational windmill, a clog-making demonstration and more.

Search for: Volendam and Marken tour from Amsterdam

ANNE FRANK WALKING TOUR

This two-hour walking tour will give you an insight into what life was like in the German-occupied Netherlands during World War Two. You'll visit Amsterdam's Jewish neighbourhood, where some of the buildings are still marked by the war, and your guide will tell the story of Anne Frank and her famous diary. The tour ends at Anne Frank House – just so you know, you'll need to buy a separate ticket if you want to go inside.

Search for: Anne Frank walking tour

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HOTEL PICK



CORNELISZ TTT

This place has picked a prime spot in Amsterdam's city centre – it's in the heart of a designer-filled shopping street near Museum Square.

HOTEL PICK



LEONARDO HOTEL AMSTERDAM TTTT

You'll find this up-to-date hotel in a quiet residential area. It's within walking distance of the famous Vondelpark, so scenic strolls are on the cards.

HOTEL PICK



TIVOLI DOELEN AMSTERDAM HOTEL TTTTT

This luxurious hotel's nabbed itself a canal-side plot in the centre of the city. So you're close to the action, and waterfront views are a given.

Paris

Classy cocktail bars and a world-class shopping scene pens Paris as a high-end holiday hotspot.



AT A GLANCE

- Take selfies from the top of the Eiffel Tower
- Splash the cash along the shop-lined Champs Élysées
- Catch a cabaret show at the glitzy Moulin Rouge

THE CITY OF LIGHTS – AND SIGHTS

Not many cities can rival Paris in the culture stakes. Its hundreds upon hundreds of museums, monuments, and gardens mean no two trips here are the same. Come face-to-face with that iconic Mona Lisa smile at the Louvre. Kick back in the Champ de Mars park after dark to watch the Eiffel Tower sparkle. Or, dip into bohemian Montmartre to shop for art, sip coffee at an outdoor café, and catch a cabaret show at the Moulin Rouge.

GETTING AROUND TOWN

For a city so big on sights, Paris is surprisingly compact. You can actually walk from the western outskirts to the east in just a couple of hours on a Paris city break. A good starting point for a – slightly shorter – stroll is the Arc de Triomphe. From here, you can wander all the way along the Champs Élysées, past the Tuileries Gardens and the Louvre Museum, all while sticking to the same pedestrianised avenue. Alternatively, hop-on-hop-off boats glide along the Seine. And, Vélib' bike stations on every corner make it easy to whizz around on two wheels.

YEAR-ROUND FESTIVALS

All throughout the year, Paris' calendar of events is full to the brim. Bastille Day is the big one. On this date in July, there's a parade along the Champs Élysées and fireworks at the Eiffel Tower, to celebrate France's independence. For the Nuit des Musées, in May, the museums stay open all night and let visitors in for free. Then there's the June Fête de la Musique, when tunes from free, open-air concerts echo through the streets.

BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS

A 40-minute train ride from the centre, Disneyland Paris needs no introduction. While Parc Asterix, a little further on, deals in family-friendly shows and rides. For a more grown-up theme, head to one of the nearby palaces. The Château de Versailles is home to the famous hall of mirrors, which Charlize Theron struts through in the Dior perfume TV advert. Château de Vaux-Le-Vicomte is a little more understated, and hosts romantic, candlelit dinners in its perfectly preened gardens.



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France



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FOOD & DRINK

Paris is famous for its world-class cuisine, served up in Michelin-starred restaurants right through to charming local bistros. You'll find authentic French classics, such as coq au vin, all over the city, and if you're looking to eat out on a budget, lots of restaurants offer a daytime 'prix fixe' menu, where you can tuck in to a two or three-course meal for around €15-€20.

SHOPPING

Having made a name for itself as one of the fashion capitals of the world, it's no surprise that Paris' shopping scene is top of its class. Its iconic avenue – the Champs Élysées – hosts the likes of Louis Vuitton, Chanel, and Dior. Not everything's designer though, you can go bargain hunting in the world's largest second-hand market, or shop the sales in a huge department store.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Paris is just an hour's flight from London so, unsurprisingly, the climate doesn't vary a great deal from the UK's. July is hottest, with the mercury reaching as high as 30°C during this month. This is also the most popular time to visit, so it's worth considering spring or autumn if you'd prefer to dodge the crowds. January is coldest, when 5°C is the norm. And you're most likely to get rained on in May.

NIGHTLIFE

Being the cultural hub that it is, Paris offers plenty in the way of concerts, cabarets and shows to get your teeth into after dark. And if you're not ready for lights up once the curtain's closed, there are tonnes of nightclubs to choose from for afters. The Champs Élysées has insta-friendly clubs all the way along it, while Bastille's better for pocket-friendly places.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

GUIDED TOUR OF THE EIFFEL TOWER

With a guide in tow, this tour lets you in on all the secrets of one of the world's most iconic landmarks. You'll head up in a lift to the second floor, where your expert guide will tell you all about the tower and the list of landmarks that are in the viewfinder. After – if you've added on the summit option – you'll take another trip to the top. If not, it's back down in the lift to solid ground.

Search for: Guided tour of the Eiffel Tower by elevator with summit option

MUSÉE D'ORSAY GUIDED TOUR

The Musée d'Orsay is home to a collection of works by impressionist artists such as Monet, Manet, and Van Gogh. On this trip you'll take a tour of the museum with an expert guide who's got all the details on the displays. Plus, there's plenty of opportunities to ask questions, as the tour's only available to six people at any one time.

Search for: Musée d'Orsay tickets and small group tour

SIGHTSEEING ON THE SEINE

It's all aboard an open-top boat for this trip out. You'll set sail close to the Alma Bridge on a journey past some of the city's most-snapped sights. You'll get a shot of the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Louvre. You can hook yourself up to the audio commentary on board, too, so you'll be able to stock up on the city's facts and figures while enjoying the ride.

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HOTEL PICK



PEYRIS OPERA TTT

This hotel shines a spotlight on the city's theatrical district – it puts theatres, opera houses and cinemas right on your doorstep.

HOTEL PICK



NOVOTEL PARIS 17 TTTT

This place comes with great transport links, so you're within easy reach of the centre of the city. It's a 15-minute bus ride to the Champs Élysées.

HOTEL PICK



LE BRISTOL PARIS TTTT

With a rooftop pool, a pretty courtyard garden and a choice of fine-dining restaurants, this spot's a top pick for five-star stays.

Nice

Nice combines a culture-packed old town and a sun-soaked pebble beach with Côte d'Azur glamour.



AT A GLANCE

- Take in the sea views on a stroll along the Promenade des Anglais
- Admire famous pieces of art in the Matisse Museum
- Amble around the morning markets in Cours Saleya

A JEWEL ON THE MED

Like a few of its neighbours in the south of France, Nice has a reputation for glitz and glamour. The city's packed with grand buildings and luxury shops, and the marina's not short of a flashy yacht or two. But the French Riviera's Mediterranean climate means Nice also draws in sunseekers, who come to make the most of its beaches. The pebbly shorefront's home to a whole host of beach clubs, from the chic to the family-friendly. And the palm-studded Promenade des Anglais provides plenty of people-watching spots.

THE OLD TOWN

There's another side to Nice hidden in the narrow streets of its old town, where pastel-hued buildings border pretty, cobbled squares. The city's main marketplace, Cours Saleya, makes a good starting point for a stroll through the historic centre. This pedestrian esplanade's packed with vendors selling everything from flowers to fruit until midday, and come afternoon, it transforms into an open-air eatery. Don't miss the Baroque-style Sainte-Reparate Cathedral – it's been one of the city's most important religious sites for over 400 years.

THE ART SCENE

Nice has a history of attracting famous artists like Matisse, Picasso and Chagall, so, unsurprisingly, there are a few art museums in this neck of the woods. The Matisse Museum houses a huge collection of the iconic French painter's work, from his early pieces to some of his last sketches. Then, there's the Chagall Museum, where everything from the overall theme to the layout of the gardens was designed by the artist himself.



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France



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THINGS TO SEE & DO

MONACO BY NIGHT

You'll take the 45-minute drive to Monaco on this evening out, where you'll go for a spin along Monte Carlo's Formula 1 Grand Prix circuit and stop at a viewpoint for a panoramic shot of the Cote d'Azur. Then, you'll have free time to do as you please. You can hedge your bets in a casino, or find a spot to enjoy drink on Casino Square – it's a top pick for people watchers.

Search for: Tour of Monaco by night from Nice

FRENCH RIVIERA TOUR

This glitzy day out takes you to all the best spots along the French Riviera. You'll have a tour of a perfume factory in Eze, get a look at Monaco's fortress-like palace, and take a ride along the Formula 1 circuit in Monte Carlo. Later, there's a visit to the coastal town of Antibes and a trip to the fortified village of Saint Paul de Vence. And last but by no means least, star-studded Cannes is your final call of the day.

Search for: Tour of the French Riviera in one day

NICE CITY TOUR

A visit to the Russian Orthodox Cathedral is on the cards first on this Nice city tour. Next, it's on to Cimiez where you'll visit the Chagall and Matisse Museums.

Then there's a visit to the Coniserie Florian where local artisans turn fruits and flowers into sweets. Nice's flower market is next, before you climb up the castle hill for 360-degree views of the city. Then you'll get to try out some local specialities during a tasting session.

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FOOD & DRINK

Ratatouille originated in Nice, so it'd be rude not to try it while you're there. It's a stewed mixture of vegetables and herbs like carrots, tomatoes, onion, garlic, basil and courgette, most often served as a side dish.

SHOPPING

The three-storey Nice Etoile is a good place to start if you fancy some retail therapy. The mall's packed with stores selling everything from fashion-friendly accessories to home furnishings. If designer brands are what you're after, opt for a stroll along the Rue Paradis and Avenue de Verdun close to the old town.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Nice sees classic Mediterranean weather – think warm, sunny summers and cool winters. From June through to September, average daily highs sit in the mid to late 20s. If you're hoping to avoid any downpours, July is a good time to visit – it's the driest month of the year here. January and February are the coldest months, with average daily highs of around 13 degrees.

NIGHTLIFE

Nightlife in Nice covers both ends of the spectrum – for a low-key night out, look to the cosy bars in Nice's old town. You'll find plenty of drinking spots with live music and cocktail menus – some come with small dancefloors in case you get the urge to shift some shapes, while others attract a quieter crowd. And when it comes to big nights out, the seafront prom's the place to go.

HOTEL PICK



REALIS ACROPOLIS **TTT**

Strolling to Nice's old town only takes 10 minutes from this place. There's a tram stop just around the corner, so it's easy to reach the waterfront.

HOTEL PICK



HOTEL MECURE NICE CENTRE NOTRE-DAME **TTTT**

This hotel has a rooftop swimming pool which offers panoramic views of the city. Plus, it's only a short walk to the seafront.

HOTEL PICK



BOSCOLO NICE HOTEL & SPA **TTTTT**

This place is in a really central spot – it's around 10 minutes' stroll from the pebbly seafront and the edge of the old town. A swish pool is the headliner back at base.

Vienna

If coffee house culture, fancy buildings and classical music take your fancy, Vienna will knock your socks off.



AT A GLANCE

- Watch world-class opera
- Cosy up with an Apfelstrudel in a coffee house
- See inside the 13th century Hofburg Imperial Palace

PALACES FIT FOR AN EMPEROR

There's not one, but two beautiful palaces in this city. Schonbrunn Palace was the summer residence of the Habsburg family, who ruled Austria for more than seven centuries. It sits on the edge of the city, but its imposing Baroque exterior definitely doesn't go unnoticed – it's like Vienna's answer to Versailles. Then you've got the 13th-century Hofburg Imperial Palace in the city centre. It was the Habsburg monarchy's winter home, but now the President of Austria lives there – and so do the crown jewels. Both palaces are postcard pretty, so don't forget your camera if you pay them a visit.

KAFFEEHAUS CULTURE

The city's streets are freckled with kaffeehäuser – coffee houses of all shapes and sizes. They're traditionally cosy places where you can kick back with a hot drink, a slice of cake and newspaper. If you need further convincing to get involved with this lifestyle, you might be interested to know that Vienna's coffee house culture is even recognised as an Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. We recommend an Einspänner coffee – a double espresso with loads of whipped cream – with a slice of Apfelstrudel. Delicious.

THE CITY OF MUSIC

It's not hard to work out how Vienna came to be known as the City of Music – an impressive line-up of classical musicians have called it home over the years. Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms and Mahler all lived and worked in Vienna. This is unsurprising considering the number of world-class venues they had on their doorsteps. Classical music is still a big part of Viennese culture today, and performances take place regularly in concert halls across the city. The big ticket nowadays is the Philharmonic Orchestra's show at the Musikverein, which is well worth a listen.

FESTIVE FAIRS

Vienna's a real looker at any time of year, but the city looks even more magical come Christmastime. Festive markets pop up all over the city, including one right in the heart of the city centre, where traditional wooden huts wrap themselves around St Stephen's Cathedral. And we can't not mention the one outside Vienna's city hall. It's the biggest Christmas market in the world, with more than a hundred stalls to browse, which are topped off with an ice rink and a gigantic Christmas tree.



COUNTRY

Austria



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THINGS TO SEE & DO

SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE GUIDED TOUR

On this trip, you'll take a tour of the grand, UNESCO-stamped, Schönbrunn Palace. This Baroque masterpiece has stood in the city for centuries, and your ticket also includes skip-the-line entry, so there's no waiting around to get in. Then, once your tour's finished, you can hang around the palace's grounds and visit the famous Strudelshow, where you'll see how a traditional Viennese apple strudel is prepared, and visit the Tiergarten Schönbrunn, which is the world's oldest zoo.

Search for: Schönbrunn Palace guided tour with skip-the-line ticket

CHOCOLATE MUSEUM AND CHOCOLATIER WORKSHOP

Learn how chocolate is made from bean to bar, as you become a chocolatier for a day in this 60-minute workshop. You'll get to make your own bar to take home, and once the workshop's finished, you can visit the chocolate museum to learn even more about the sweet stuff.

Search for: Ticket to BO-YO Chocolate Museum Vienna with chocolatier workshop

TRADITIONAL DINNER AND FOLK MUSIC

This experience is as authentic as it gets, and it takes place in Zwölf Apostelkeller – a cosy wine cellar and restaurant in the heart of Vienna. Tuck in to a three-course tasting menu of classic Austrian cuisine, while traditional Viennese folk music's played in the background.

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FOOD & DRINK

Wiener schnitzel has been gracing the pages of Vienna's restaurant menus since the 18th century. It's traditionally made with a thin cut of veal that's coated with egg and rolled in breadcrumbs, before being fried and plated up with a wedge of lemon.

SHOPPING

Mariahilfer Straße is your go to for shopping in Vienna – it's the longest shopping street in the city and easily has enough shops to keep you busy for an afternoon. You'll find big department stores, little boutiques and plenty of places to stop off for a coffee break.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Summer is both the hottest and wettest time of the year here, with average temperatures of around 20°C and above. The mercury regularly drops below zero during the winter, but it stays dryer – in fact, you're more likely to get snowed on. The spring and autumn months are good times to visit, as the city is generally quieter and the weather is dry and mild.

NIGHTLIFE

The Gürtel ring road is a hotspot for clubbers. Venues hide beneath old subway arches, blasting techno and electro tunes. The riverside has its fair share of clubs and bars, too, many with outdoor sections that you can make use of in the summer.

HOTEL PICK



IBIS WIEN MARIAHILF TTTT

This hotel's right around the corner from Vienna's main shopping street, Mariahilfer Straße. And after a day's sightseeing and shopping, you can tuck in to local dishes in the restaurant and watch live sport in the bar.

HOTEL PICK



INTERCITYHOTEL WIEN TTTT

This place sits on Vienna's main shopping street, Mariahilfer Straße. There's a metro station next door, too, which puts you within easy reach of all the city's attractions.

HOTEL PICK



MERCURE GRAND HOTEL BIEDERMEIER WIEN TTTT

This elegant hotel's housed in an authentically styled Old Vienna arcade, within walking distance of the city centre's key sights.

Lisbon

Portugal's premier city is a top-drawer pick for food-lovers and history-buffs alike.



AT A GLANCE

- Snap some photos of the Jeronimos Monastery
- Visit the world's oldest bookstore in Chiado
- Take a coffee break in one of the old town's plazas

PORTUGAL'S COMPACT CAPITAL

By capital city standards Lisbon's pretty compact, which makes it super easy to explore during a short stay. It's split into a collection of easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods – you can head to the old town and unwind with an espresso in one of the cobbled plazas. Or, stop by the Bairro Alto district and try out some of the city's classy cocktail lounges. The Chiado area's at the top of the pack when it comes to high-end holidays – its tree-lined walkways host five-star hotels and designer brands.

CAPITAL CHARMS

Portugal's capital city has a lot going for it. It's got over a thousand years of history under its belt, which you can learn about at some of Lisbon's biggest landmarks, like the Cathedral of Saint Mary Major and Jeronimos Monastery – the latter's been given the UNESCO stamp of approval. It's got a great climate, too – the city barely sees any cloud, and boasts nearly 300 days of sunshine per year. That's not all though, its close-to-the-coast plot means you can mix your city break with daytrips to the beach with ease.

A FOODIE FAVOURITE

Lisbon's dining scene is often listed as one of the best in Europe, mostly thanks to a countless collection of eateries that offer everything from small-plate street food to Michelin-starred meals. Tascas – a traditional type of Portuguese restaurant – can be found tucked away in old neighbourhoods like Alfama. They're a great pick for hunger-quenching meals at low prices. For local delicacies, look no further than a food market, Time Out Market's the headline act – it's housed in the city's 19th-century market hall close to its centre. If fine-dining takes your fancy, Chiado's your best bet, no other neighbourhood has as many Michelin stars on the map as this place.



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Portugal



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FOOD & DRINK

Bacalhau – a kind of salted cod – is the number-one base ingredient in Portuguese cooking. Supposedly, it's used in over 365 different local dishes. Bacalhau's incredibly versatile, and can be boiled, fried, stewed, roasted and grilled. Sit down for a meal in any of Lisbon's restaurants or bistros and you'll be sure to find it on the menu in one form or another.

SHOPPING

Lisbon doesn't shine as much of a spotlight on shopping as some of its European capital counterparts, but it's still got plenty for shoppers in its locker. The Avenida da Liberdade hosts the swankiest shops in the city, while big name brands line the streets in the Baixa and Chiado neighbourhoods.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

The best time to visit Lisbon is from March to May or September to October. The temperature usually hovers at around 20°C during these months, and you'll avoid the summer high season.

NIGHTLIFE

If you like to cap off your day with cocktails, the Chiado neighbourhood's got your name on it. It hosts a high-end hub of rooftop bars, theatres, and Michelin-starred restaurants. Meanwhile, Bairro Alto's backstreets are filled with underground bars that stay open until late.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

GUIDED TOUR OF LISBON

You'll call in at Lisbon's best-loved neighbourhoods on this guided tour. Bairro Alto, Chiado, Baixa and Alfama are all on the agenda. Your tour guide's clued up on all the top spots to see and will help you to tick off church ruins, city viewpoints and some of the city's most impressive Gothic architecture. Plus, a coffee-and-cake break and a ride on one of the city's iconic mustard-coloured trams are part of the package.

Search for: Lisbon essential tour: history, stories and lifestyle

SUNSET SAILING

This two-hour sailboat tour gives you another angle when it comes to taking snaps of the city's sights.

You can sit back, relax, and take in the views of Belem Tower, Commerce Square and the Discoveries Monument as you sail along the River Tagus. Then you'll watch the sunset with a glass of wine before heading back to port.

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SIGHTSEEING TRAM RIDE

Lisbon's age-old trams are some of the city's biggest icons. This trip takes you for a ride over the city's hills and weaves its way around its winding back streets. You'll be able to hop on and off as you like, plus – to help you make the most of your trip – there's audio commentary on board.

Search for: Hills tramcar tour

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HOTEL PICK



HF FENIX MUSIC TTT

With a swish rooftop pool and a bunch of music-themed traits, this hotel tops the charts in Lisbon's city centre.

HOTEL PICK



TIVOLI ORIENTE TTTT

The sky bar's one of this hotel's best features – you can sip mojitos as you take in panoramic views of the city from the 16th floor.

HOTEL PICK



OLISSIPPO LAPA PALACE – THE LEADING HOTELS OF THE WORLD TTTTT

This handsome hotel's set in a 19th-century former palace. It's got the River Tagus in the viewfinder, while Rossio Square's a 10-minute taxi ride away.

Copenhagen

City breaks to Copenhagen offer up a winning pick and mix of colourful history, vibrant street art and waterfront landscapes.



CHRISTMAS MARKET



COUNTRY
Denmark



FLYING TIME
1 hour 45 minutes
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CURRENCY
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AT A GLANCE

- Wander past the colourful townhouses at Nyhavn Harbour
- Catch the changing of the guard at Amalienborg Palace
- Snap a selfie in front of The Little Mermaid statue

A CITY BY THE WATER

Originally a Viking fishing village, Copenhagen's now Denmark's much-loved capital city – and it still throws a lot of its weight behind its waterfront setting. The colourful harbour in the Nyhavn district is one of the city's most photographed spots – it's instantly recognisable for its vintage boats and rainbow-painted cafés. Dig a little deeper, and you'll find this Scandinavian gem's got a vibrant arts scene and a whole lot of history behind it, too.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Each of Copenhagen's neighbourhoods has something different to shout about, from the cool nightlife in gritty Vesterbro to the charming tree-lined boulevards in Frederiksberg. Elegant Østerbro stands out for its parks and shopping. And if candy-hued townhouses and picturesque canals are what you're after, you'll find plenty of them in Christianshavn – a district made up of a small cluster of islands.

HEAPS OF HISTORY

Copenhagen's home to one of the oldest monarchies in the world, so it's got its fair share of castles and royal palaces. And history buffs will be pleased to hear that museums are easy to come by, too. You can nose around reconstructed 17th-century houses at the Open Air Museum, spy ancient art collections at Glyptotek, or delve deeper into the city's 800-year past at the Museum of Copenhagen.

ART ALL AROUND

Art lovers will be in their element here. The Louisiana Museum of Modern Art's a must-see – it's packed with famous works from the likes of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein. But you only have to wander Copenhagen's streets to clap eyes on some masterpieces. The Little Mermaid statue by the waterfront's become one of the city's most famous landmarks, and the Vesterbro area's peppered with bold, bright wall murals.

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FOOD & DRINK

Copenhagen has more Michelin-starred restaurants than any of its Scandinavian counterparts, so if you've got a taste for fine dining you'll be spoilt for choice. Most restaurants focus on modern Nordic cuisine, which means you can expect beautifully presented meals flavoured with simple core ingredients like seafood, rye bread and root vegetables.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

June to September offer perfect sightseeing weather, when temperatures linger in the early twenties. Spring and Autumn tend to be a little cooler, while January and March are no stranger to snowfall. Cloudy weather and rain showers are common, so it's best to bring a broly at anytime of the year.

SHOPPING

Bargain hunters should head to the city from late May to early October, during the city's flea market season. The Frederiksberg is a good place to start for low-cost buys, with almost one hundred stalls to choose from. Elsewhere, Stroget – one of Europe's longest pedestrianised shopping streets – comes with a mix of international names and designer labels.

NIGHTLIFE

For a relaxed evening out, head to one of the city's traditional pubs – or bodegas. These authentic venues come with traditional Danish charms, like vintage jukeboxes, wooden walls and back-to-basics drinks menus. For something a little livelier, stick to the centre where you've got big house and techno clubs and cocktail bars.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

COPENHAGEN'S HIDDEN GEMS

This trip takes you off Copenhagen's beaten track, as you'll board a boat to check out the inner part of the city. The crew – all locals – will show you their favourite city spots and you'll see how Copenhagen's once-upon-a-time industrial buildings are being transformed into new spaces. You'll have the chance to get off the boat and explore on dry land, too.

Search for: Hidden gems boat tour of Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN BY BIKE

Architects lead this city-centre tour, and they'll be on hand to give you an insight to the city's most impressive landmarks as you travel around on a bicycle. You'll travel through several different districts of the city, and learn about the way of life for Copenhagen locals.

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HAPPY WALKING TOUR

On this walking tour you'll find out why Danish people are some of the happiest people in the world. You'll get a peek into what life is like for locals, with a stroll through spots like Nyboder – home to houses painted in bold tones of yellow. You'll also get to try out Danish pastries, before finishing with a coffee and a chocolate treat.

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HOTEL PICK



COMFORT HOTEL VESTERBRO TTT

This hotels on the money for location – Central Station, Tivoli Gardens and a list of bars and restaurants are all well within walking distance.

HOTEL PICK



COPENHAGEN STRAND TTTT

Stays here land you right next to Copenhagen Harbour, so you're a stone's throw of the city's major sights.

HOTEL PICK



SKT PETRI TTTTT

This chic spot puts you within easy reach of the city's shopping street. A smart courtyard provides the option for al fresco dining, and there's a stylish lounge with a bar, too.

Prague

Prague teams historic castles with a pair of vibrant town squares, all washed down with some of Europe's best beer.



**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

AT A GLANCE

- Cross the Charles Bridge
- Visit the Astronomical Clock
- Sip coffee in the Old Town

THE CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Despite its nickname, today Prague has more than 500 spires dotting its skyline, including the iconic Prague Castle and the impressive St Nicholas Cathedral. The city boasts architecture dating back to the Renaissance and Baroque periods, and all the way up to the Cubist and Art Nouveau styles of the 20th century, so it's no wonder the horizon's become crowded with these soaring peaks. For the best views, climb the 299 steps to the top of the Petrin lookout tower – it's got a panoramic sweep of the city.

OLD MEETS NEW

Prague's done the double – it's got a square in the old town, and one in the new town, too. The Old Town Square's home to an 80-metre-high church, and the third-oldest astronomical clock in the world. In Wenceslas Square, in the new town, you'll find the National Museum, the statue of St Wenceslas, and a whole host of shops, cafés and nightclubs.

AN ARTIST'S HAVEN

Prague's roots lie firmly in art and culture, and it boasts a history of over 800 years. Alongside the classic paintings and sculptures on display in places like St Agnes' Convent, you'll come across plenty of street art as you wander the city's avenues. The most notable can be seen on the John Lennon Wall – Prague's answer to Berlin. See how many Beatles' lyrics you can spot as you wander along its length.

THE JEWISH QUARTER

You'll find Prague's Jewish Quarter, known locally as Josefov, nestled between the Vltava River and the Old Town Square. It's home to six synagogues, and the Jewish Museum, which contains artefacts that survived the Second World War. The Spanish Synagogue is renowned as being the most beautiful in Europe, thanks to its impressive golden-domed ceiling and Arabic designs.



COUNTRY
Czech Republic



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THINGS TO SEE & DO

MEDIEVAL DUNGEONS AND UNDERGROUND PALACE TOUR

Prague's pretty streets make for top-drawer sightseeing, but you'll explore the subterranean side of the city on this trip. A local guide will lead you into an underground palace that dates back to the 12th century. You'll also see a secret alchemist's laboratory, hidden chambers and a dungeon with Medieval contraptions in it, all the while learning about the history of the city.

Search for: Prague Old Town, medieval underground and dungeon tour

PRAGUE HISTORIC CITY TOUR

A bevy of Prague's most beautiful buildings are on the cards on this guided tour. You'll start by crossing the iconic Charles Bridge, where you'll catch your first glimpse of Prague Castle on the skyline. A tram will shuttle you to the fortress, where you'll see St Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace and St George's Basilica. At the end, you'll swot up on local history along Golden Lane.

Search for: Prague Castle 2.5-hour tour with admission ticket

SCENIC PRAGUE RIVER CRUISE

Roaming around Prague's picturesque streets is the standard for sightseeing, but it's a whole different ball game when you're on the water. This trip sees you cruise along the Vltava River, past eye-catching spots like Charles Bridge, Prague Castle, the Dancing House and the National Theatre. You can pick from outdoor spots on the deck and covered inside seating, and you'll be given a route map so you know what you're looking at.

Search for: Two-hour grand cruise in Prague

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FOOD & DRINK

Prague is a world-class destination for microbrewed beer, and there are countless breweries dotted around to visit – there's even a beer spa. You'll mostly find pale lagers on offer – they've got a light flavour and a warm golden colour. Pair it with a Svičková. This classic Czech dish of beef sirloin in a rich creamy sauce of vegetables and spices is often served with bread dumplings.

SHOPPING

From meandering marketplaces to high-end jewellery stores, Prague's shopping scene covers all the bases. The stalls in Havel, just off the Old Town Square, have been peddling snacks and souvenirs since the 13th century. Elsewhere, the Palladium shopping centre covers more mainstream retail therapy, and artisan glass-makers create the city's most signature keepsakes.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Prague stays true to its Eastern European roots in terms of weather – it's a warm summer, frosty winter combination. Between June and August, it's straw-hat territory, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures reaching around the mid-to-late teens. December to January sees the mercury hover at 1°C, and there's plenty of the white stuff falling if you're a fan of snow.

NIGHTLIFE

Beer hall bars are a mainstay of Prague's nightlife scene, and there are even breweries where you can sink a local tittle or two surrounded by brewing-in-progress. For something with a little more pep in its step, head towards Charles Bridge – there's a five-storey club here that's among the biggest in Europe.

HOTEL PICK



ROYAL COURT HOTEL TTT

You'll find this hotel in Prague's New Town. It's a 15-minute walk to Wenceslas Square, but with a metro station just five minutes' walk away, you can be in the city centre within minutes.

HOTEL PICK



HOTEL ELITE PRAGUE TTTT

You're at home with history here – the hotel's set inside a 14th-century building. The city's big draw attractions are within easy reach – you can stroll to Charles Bridge in 10 minutes.

HOTEL PICK



GRANDIUM HOTEL PRAGUE TTTT

This hotel's right on the money when it comes to location. Culture vultures can stroll to the State Opera in five minutes, and it's just a little longer to wander to the Old Town.

Kraków

Here, you'll find a whirlwind of history-paved streets, medieval architecture and hidden nightlife.



**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

AT A GLANCE

- Brave the Dragon's Den at the 14th-century Wawel Castle
- Sample Polish vodka at an underground cellar bar
- Explore the depths of the Wieliczka Salt Mine

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

The UNESCO-ticked Kraków is a city on two levels. Above ground, you've got the largest town square in Europe, spectacular Renaissance architecture and trendy restaurants, while underneath the cobbled streets you'll find jazz clubs, bars and even a 6,000-square-metre museum. These used to be at ground level, but they disappeared from view as the city grew and developed. As well as this hidden hive of activity, Kraków is also steeped in legend, which goes that a mighty dragon once lived in the cave beneath Wawel Castle.

CATHEDRALS AND COFFEE SHOPS

Krakow comes with a thick history book that's well worth digging in to on a city break. Plus, there's a charming melting pot of influences to explore – from a Renaissance Royal Palace to a Gothic Cathedral. There's a huge section of sights for your city break schedule, as well as a myriad of museums and theatre shows. And between all that, there's plenty of places to take a breather – one of the best spots is Kazimierz, it's fitted with tucked away coffee shops and bistros, decked out with vintage trimmings.

A WARTIME HISTORY

Much of Kraków's past lies within the Second World War, and it's revealed through the exhibitions and monuments that dot the city. Despite many of the buildings surviving the conflict, Kraków's status as an important political centre saw it witness its fair share of atrocity. Today, you can visit the Ghetto Heroes Square memorial and the Jewish ghetto in Podgorze – the former is made up of 70 bronze chairs that represent the absence of people and belongings sent to concentration camps. You can visit the statue of Wotjek the Bear in Jordans Park, as well. This Syrian brown bear was brought to Poland as a cub by the country's soldiers while they toured Iran, and he was eventually enlisted in the Polish army. The haunting site of Auschwitz is also only an hour's drive away.



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Poland



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FOOD & DRINK

Krakow's street food scene has been a big hit since the 1970s. Topping the list of small-sized bites is *zapiekanka* – an open, toasted baguette covered in pizza-style toppings, with a big dollop of tomato ketchup.

SHOPPING

Elegant boutiques, high street shops and tucked-away markets are all on the shopping agenda in Krakow. Don't skip visiting the Krakow Cloth Hall – one of the world's oldest shopping malls. It sells plenty of traditional Polish goods, as well as glittering Baltic amber jewellery.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

The thermometer tends to bob anywhere between 15°C - 20 °C during the summer months. It takes a dip during winter when you can expect lows below freezing. Meanwhile, the most rain falls in July, and the rest of the summer is no stranger to the odd thunderstorm and a quick downpour.

NIGHTLIFE

Nights out in Krakow come in all shapes and sizes, from candlelit evenings with wine and tapas to live music performances and jazz shows. Pulse-pumping music is best found in Krakow Old Town along Szewska Street, where lots of the bars and nightclubs are located underground.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

NIGHT CRUISE ON THE VISTULA RIVER

Get to know Krakow from the water, on a cruise along the Vistula. This cruise takes place at night, so you'll get to see the city lit up as you bob along. The crew will sail you past the city's key landmarks, including Wawel Castle, the Monastery of the Norbertan Sisters, and the Church on the Rock. You'll also spot the Manggha Centre of Japanese Art, and the historical district of Kazimierz.

Search for: Night cruise on the Vistula in Krakow

VISIT TO AUSCHWITZ

The Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum is one of the most important memorials of the Holocaust, and you'll learn all about its history on this guided tour. It's built on the site of the two Auschwitz concentration camps – Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II-Birkenau. You'll tour each site with your guide, with time for lunch between.

Search for: Auschwitz-Birkenau fast-track entry pass and guided tour

WIELICZKA SALT MINE

One of Poland's biggest tourist attractions is right outside Krakow. Wieliczka Salt Mine dates back to Medieval times, and has been supplying salt for over nine centuries. A guide will walk you down the three-kilometre-long tourist route – which is 135 metres underground – and tell you a bit about the mine as you marvel at the insides of these dramatic salt caverns.

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HOTEL PICK



HOTEL 32 KRAKOW OLD TOWN TTT

Sandwiched between Main Square and Kazimierz, this hotel plants you in the centre of Krakow. Plus, it's got an authentic Italian restaurant.

HOTEL PICK



INX DESIGN HOTEL TTTT

This Art Deco-style hotel's bagged itself a best-of-both-worlds spot in Krakow's Jewish Quarter, just a short stroll away from the old town.

HOTEL PICK



COPERNICUS TTTTT

Built inside a former chapel, the Copernicus serves up a Polish fine-dining restaurant, a Gothic-style swimming pool and an outdoor terrace.

Budapest

Budapest strikes the balance between old and new – Buda gives you history on tap, while Pest puts nightlife at your fingertips.



**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**



COUNTRY

Hungary



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AT A GLANCE

- Take a dip in one of Budapest's thermal baths
- Check out the Jewish Quarter's eccentric ruin bars
- Ride the retro funicular railway to the top of Castle Hill

THE PARIS OF THE EAST

Budapest is a city of two halves – both in name and geography. It's split by the Danube River, with Buda to the west and Pest to the east. The former's crowned by a hilltop castle and a fortress, which offer up some of the best panoramas around. Meanwhile, the latter's home to the quirky Jewish Quarter and the grand-and-Gothic parliament building.

HISTORIC SIGHTS

Reminders of the past are everywhere you turn in Hungary's capital – from the poignant Shoes on the Danube memorial to the charming Castle District and the enlightening House of Terror museum. Then there are the open-air ruin bars, found in the Jewish Quarter's abandoned buildings. The most famous of which – Szimplakert – has become a Budapest institution. Here, you can take a seat in a cut-open car or bathtub, surrounded by graffiti-covered walls and junkyard-chic furniture.

TAKING THE WATERS

As well as a scene-stealing riverside setting, Budapest's blessed with a collection of thermal springs. The mineral-rich waters supply the city's popular bathhouses, hence its nickname – the City of Spas. They're a treasure chest of architecture, too, from the Art Deco Gellert Baths to the Ottoman-era Kiraly Baths and the canary-coloured Szechenyi.

BIG-NAME EVENTS

Besides the spas and sights, Budapest's made a name for itself when it comes to events, as well. The Budapest Spring Festival takes place every year from late April to early May, when performers from across the globe come together for everything from jazz shows to open-air theatre productions. If you're a racing fan, the city also hosts the Hungarian Grand Prix every summer at the Hungaroring, while the 67,000 seater Puskas Arena has played host to concerts from the likes of Red Hot Chili Peppers and Guns N' Roses, since it opened in 2019.

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THINGS TO SEE & DO

CRUISE DOWN THE DANUBE

The Danube River separates Budapest's two halves, so there's no better way to see both sides of the city than on a river cruise. And, on this trip, you'll get dinner and entertainment thrown in, too. Live music's provided by an award-winning folk orchestra band, and you'll get to tuck into traditional dishes like goulash and strudel as you meander down the waterway.

Search for: Hungarian dinner with Danube River cruise

HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING TOUR

This trip takes you on a tour around one of the world's largest parliamentary buildings. Following a guide, you'll wander the building's lengthy corridors and huge halls while listening to tales from its past. A visit to see the Hungarian Crown Jewels is part of the plans, too.

Search for: Guided Hungarian Parliament tour

BUDA WALKING TOUR

This evening walking tour gives you an insight to the city's historical half. You'll wander along Buda's cobblestone streets and alleyways, which will be lit up by your guide's lantern. Storytelling stops are planned along your route, when you'll get to learn about the myths and intriguing tales from one of Eastern Europe's darkest times.

Search for: Vampire night in Buda Castle guided walking tour

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FOOD & DRINK

Goulash – the country's national dish – racks up loads of regional variations. Slow-cooked beef, carrots, onions and paprika are the key players, and you can usually opt to have it served in a deep bread bowl. If you're sticking with tradition, order a somloi galuska for afters – it's made with three different types of sponge, as well as a rum syrup, whipped cream and chocolate sauce.

SHOPPING

Central Market Hall takes the crown as the city's biggest indoor market, with fresh fruit and veg, cheeses and meats all up for grabs. It's upper floor sorts you with souvenirs, with everything from herbs and spices to handicrafts on offer. Nearby Vaci Street plays host to the city's main shopping artery, with international and local names both getting a look in.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Summer is both Budapest's hottest and wettest time of the year – the mercury regularly tops the 20°C mark during July and August, while May and September see the most rainfall. Come winter, the temperature can drop to zero – it's the perfect time to warm up in the city's thermal baths.

NIGHTLIFE

Budapest's nightlife scene is one of a kind. The city's best known for its 'ruin bars', which take abandoned buildings and transform them into bohemian bars with fairy lights, graffiti and off-the-wall seating. Or, if you really want to let loose, grab yourself a ticket to a spa party, where electronic music and laser beams light up the city's thermal baths.

HOTEL PICK



T62 HOTEL **TTT**

This hotel's got a top location. It's next-door to a major train station, and less than a 15-minute walk from St Stephen's Basilica.

HOTEL PICK



MAMAISON HOTEL ANDRASSY **TTTT**

This boutique-style hotel's situated on Andrássy Avenue – it's the city's most famous promenade, with shops, bars and restaurants all on its doorstep.

HOTEL PICK



ANANTARA NEW YORK PALACE BUDAPEST **TTTTT**

This luxury hotel's just a 10-minute walk from Szimpla Kert – Budapest's best-known ruin bar. Back at base, two restaurants and a spa jump out on the facilities front, but it's the impressive columns, chandeliers and frescoes that really stand out here when it comes to style.

Istanbul

City breaks to Istanbul spread out across two continents, and come with a countless collection of cultures.



AT A GLANCE

- Relax in an authentic Hammam bath
- Cross the Bosphorus to the Asian side of the city
- Pay a visit to the Blue Mosque

CITY BREAKS TO ISTANBUL

Istanbul ticks all the boxes when it comes to city breaks – museums, monuments and UNESCO World Heritage Sites are all part of the package. It throws in a few beaches for good measure, too. You'll find most of the city's historical sights on the European side of the city, and the neighbourhoods of Taksim or Sultanahmet top the ranks when it comes to places to stay. Sightseeing on the city's Asian side is super easy. A subway runs between the two, and the journey time is around five minutes. Or, you can take the scenic route and cross by ferry – you'll capture vistas of the Princes' Islands and the Maiden's Tower while travelling along the Bosphorus.

EAST MEETS WEST

Istanbul really is a place like no other – it's the only city in the world that straddles two continents. Split into two halves by a strait of water known as the Bosphorus – the west side of the city is on the European mainland, while its eastern counterpart is geographically in Asia. Istanbul covers much of the north-west of Turkey and it stretches for almost 100,000 square miles, easily taking the title of Europe's largest city.

CULTURAL MELTING POT

There's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to culture in Istanbul. Thanks to its prime position between Asia and Europe, the city's been headed up by many. Originally founded by Greeks, Istanbul went on to be ruled by Romans and then the Byzantines. The Ottomans named Istanbul as the capital of their empire, and changed its name from Constantinople to its current title at the same time. So it's no wonder that the city comes with a collection of cultures from across the globe. Move from one neighbourhood to the next, and it often feels as if you're stepping into a completely different city.

MUST-SEE MASTERPIECES

Istanbul doesn't scrimp when it comes to sights – it's the proud parent to four of Turkey's 19 UNESCO World Heritage sights. The first three are a trio of mosques and their surrounding areas. On the Sultanahmet site, a Byzantine church and an emperor-built square come as part of the package, too. The fourth UNESCO-ticked gem is the city's walls, which have had their place in the history books since the 4th century.



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Turkey



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THINGS TO SEE & DO

DOLMABAHÇE PALACE GUIDED TOUR

On this tour, you'll take a walk around Turkey's largest palace with an expert local guide. Among the highlights, you'll see the biggest collection of Baccarat and Bohemian crystal chandeliers in the world, and extravagant gold-plated ceilings, which accounted for half the palace's construction costs. Plus, your ticket means you can skip the line and head straight for the front door.

Search for: Skip the line ticket with guided tour to Dolmabahçe Palace in Istanbul

SIGHTSEEING BOAT CRUISE

On this two-hour tour, you'll sail along the Golden Horn and the Bosphorus, while taking in the sights which run along the waterways. You'll see palaces, castles, bridges, mosques and much more, all accompanied by an English-speaking guide to point out the main attractions, and share the stories behind the sights.

Search for: Experience cruising the Golden Horn, Bosphorus and more

ORIGINAL WHIRLING DERVISH SHOW

This cultural dance show's been performed across Turkey for centuries, and it's got a UNESCO Heritage of Humanity tick to its name. You'll get to sit back and enjoy watching the Whirling Dervishes as they take to the stage one-by-one to perform a mystical ritual dance, which dates back more than 700 years to the teachings of Sufi mystic Rumi.

Search for: Original Whirling Dervish show Istanbul

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FOOD & DRINK

Meze is a bit like a Middle Eastern take on tapas. In Istanbul it's traditionally served as a starter at dinner time. It usually comes as a selection of cold starters, often served with toasted bread. Local favourites include grilled aubergines, pinto beans and yoghurt dip.

SHOPPING

Designer threads can be found in the Nisantasi district, while Bagdat Avenue's an eight-mile stretch of huge shopping outlets and department stores. For the best bargains, head to the Grand Bazaar – an indoor market with more than 4,000 shops.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

The climate in Istanbul is much like what you'd expect to see in the Mediterranean during its warmer months. The mercury bobs around the mid-twenties during summer. The temperatures take a plunge during winter though, and you can expect single-figure temperatures during the coldest months.

NIGHTLIFE

The Beyoglu district's the go-to place for the liveliest nightlife, with plenty of all-night venues, rock clubs and rooftop bars to check out. For a quieter affair, you'll find lots of wine bars around the city, and lots of local wines on the menu.

HOTEL PICK



LALELI GONEN HOTEL TTTT

The rooftop pool steals the show here. From its smart wooden terrace, you can soak up the sweeping city views. As for location, you're right next to Istanbul University and its metro station, which puts the city's major sights within easy reach.

HOTEL PICK



OTTOMAN HOTEL PARK TTTT

This smart spot's just a 10-minute stroll from the Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar. The restaurant here's a real highlight – its floor-to-ceiling windows offer sweeping sea views across the Marmara.

HOTEL PICK



SURA HAGIA SOPHIA TTTT

If you're looking for somewhere by the sights, this hotel's hard to top – the Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar are all within a 10-minute walk. And when you need a break from sightseeing, you can hang back and take a dip in the outdoor pool.

Berlin

Buzzing nightlife, heaps of history and shedloads of street art – Berlin's a real mix of culture and fun.



**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

AT A GLANCE

- Check out famous artists' work at East Side Gallery
- Tuck in to currywurst from a street food stall
- Party the night away in an open-air riverside bar

A HISTORICAL HOTSPOT

Berlin's turbulent 20th century has left behind a scattering of historic landmarks in the German capital. One of the most famous is the Berlin Wall – although not much of it remains, you can still visit small sections of this Cold War remnant all over the city. The Brandenburg Gate's another must-see – this neoclassical monument was originally built as a gateway into Berlin, but it's now seen as a symbol of peace and unity. The city's Holocaust Memorial sits nearby – this 19,000-square-metre collection of concrete slabs offers up a place for remembrance, and an underground information centre lets you learn more about some of the victims.

NIGHTLIFE LIKE NO OTHER

Berlin's vibrant clubbing scene's been dubbed as one of the best in the world, and the diverse line-up of venues covers ultra-cool techno clubs, pubs housed in derelict buildings, and open-air riverside bars. The city's also one of Europe's leading lights when it comes to LGBTQ+ festivals, with events taking place throughout the year. Its Pride month is one of the continent's biggest and best – it kicks off in late June and runs throughout July.

URBAN ARTWORK

Famous artists from all over have left their mark on the streets of Berlin – so much so, that the city's been dubbed the Mecca of the urban art world. The most famous street art can be found at East Side Gallery. This section of the Berlin Wall has been transformed into an open-air art exhibition, earning itself a place near the top of every visitor's sightseeing list. Elsewhere, oversized murals and graffiti tags have become part-and-parcel of the city's image – you're sure to spot some of them as you're strolling around.



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FOOD & DRINK

The currywurst is the ultimate German street food – it's so popular there's even a museum dedicated to it. Berlin's packed with places serving up this delicious snack. It's a grilled sausage, traditionally chopped into bite-size pieces, then topped with a combination of ketchup, Worcester sauce and curry powder.

SHOPPING

Berlin's best-known shopping street is the Kurfürstendamm, where you'll find lots of familiar names, plus the city's biggest department store. And for bargain buys, there are flea markets across the city every weekend.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

In June, July and August, the average temperature in Berlin floats between 15°C and 20°C, so it's warm but comfortable. November to March see average temperatures of 5°C and under, so you'll want to wrap up warm if you're visiting in the winter. And for your best chance of avoiding downpours, consider travelling in spring or autumn, where rainfall tends to be at its lowest.

NIGHTLIFE

Unlike other cities in Germany, the nightclubs here have no official closing time, so there are loads of places where you can party from dusk 'til dawn. You'll find plenty of open-air spots along the River Spree in the Kreuzberg and Friedrichsain districts, from legendary superclubs to quirky places with outdoor dancefloors. For a quieter affair, head to one of the many outdoor beer gardens.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

SACHSENHAUSEN MEMORIAL VISIT

On this guided tour, you'll learn how this infamous concentration camp was created, and find out more about what life was like for the 200,000 plus prisoners who were kept here during World War II. You'll also find out more about the camp's post-war days, when around 60,000 mostly German prisoners were held by the Soviets.

Search for: Sachsenhausen concentration camp memorial in Berlin

HISTORICAL SIGHTSEEING CRUISE

This one-hour cruise along the Spree River takes you past some of Berlin's best-known sights, like the Reichstag and Museum Island. You'll also sail past Victory Column and Bellevue Palace, and there's a choice of live commentary onboard the boat or an audio guide in several languages, so you know exactly what to look out for.

Search for: 1-hour historical sightseeing cruise in Berlin

STREET ART WALKING TOUR

This tour takes you on a journey around Berlin's best neighbourhoods for street art. You'll meet up with a local, expert guide, who'll talk you through the giant murals, small stickers and secret stencils that can be found all over the capital. And because the street art scene's always evolving, no two tours are ever the same.

Search for: Berlin street art walking tour

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HOTEL PICK



TITANIC COMFORT BERLIN MITTE

This modern hotel's within easy reach of Berlin's best-known sights. A buffet breakfast room and a 24-hour bar are the standouts when it comes to facilities.

HOTEL PICK



HOTEL RIU PLAZA BERLIN

This place is a short stroll away from Berlin's premier shopping street. Back at base, there's a cocktail lounge, plus a restaurant that's open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

HOTEL PICK



INTERCONTINENTAL BERLIN

This luxury hotel's right next to Berlin Zoo, and on the edge of Kurfürstendamm – the city's most famous shopping street. There's plenty to keep you holed up in the hotel, too, like an indoor pool, a spa and a Michelin Star restaurant on the 14th floor with sweeping city views.

Munich

City breaks to Munich are as Bavarian as they come – from the traditional architecture to the beer-heavy nightlife scene.



**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

AT A GLANCE

- See historic architecture on Marienplatz
- Clink steins in a Bavarian beer hall
- Watch surfers in the English Garden

BAVARIAN BEHEMOTH

Munich is the capital of Bavaria, in the south of Germany, and it wears its regional crown with real pride. The chequerboard blue and white colours are flown all around the city, where tradition plays a big part in day-to-day life. Centuries-old beer halls are flanked by churches and pieces of Gothic architecture, and the spaces between are polka-dotted with pretty parks that have been inspired by Italian and English designs.

CITY WITH A SMALL-TOWN FEEL

Despite being the biggest city in the region, there's something of an intimate feel to the city centre. Marienplatz, the main square, is fronted by the huge Rathaus – or new town hall – which is one of the tallest points around. The most bustling bars are historic beer halls, where frescoed ceilings and old wooden benches set the tone. In fact, look around and you'll see terracotta-topped rooftops instead of skyscrapers, and colourful building facades instead of flashy, modern architecture. One of its nicknames, 'milliondorf', even translates to 'village of a million'.

GREAT GREEN SPACES

Munich's dotted with loads of top-notch parks, and none are more famous or popular than the English Garden. This huge green space sidles up to the edge of the Isar River, and there loads of streams and waterways that criss-cross the lawns and walking trails – some even have surfers in them making the most of mini swells. In the centre you'll find the Chinese Garden, a beer garden with a pagoda-style tower that pokes above the treetops. Sports fans, meanwhile, should head to the north of the city to the Olympiapark – you'll find the iconic canopy-topped stadium here, which was the main venue for the 1972 Olympic Games.

FESTIVAL FEEL

Oktoberfest parties are a thing around the world, but Munich prides itself on being home to the only real Oktoberfest. Every year, at the end of September, a piece of empty land called the Theresienwiese is filled with huge tents, rollercoasters and food stalls as the festival, known as Wiesn, kicks off. Think breweries serving brimming steins to the beat of oompah bands.



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THINGS TO SEE & DO

BREWERY TOUR AND HOFBRAUHAUS DRINKS

Munich and beer have a famous love affair, and you'll find out exactly why the locals swear by Bavarian brews on this trip. Things get started at one of the oldest breweries in the city, where you'll go on a tour and learn the long-standing beer-making methods. Next, you'll visit one of the most famous beer halls in Munich – the Hofbrauhaus. It's famous for its party atmosphere, and you'll get a couple of free beers to toast your visit.

Search for: Brewery and Hofbräuhaus tour in Munich

FAIRY TALE CASTLE AND ROYAL PALACE TRIP

Castles don't get much more iconic than the ones you'll witness on this full-day outing. You'll leave Munich and venture into the countryside, where you'll start with a guided tour of grand Linderhof Palace. A stop in the traditional village of Oberammergau breaks up the architectural treats, then you'll head to explore the stunning Neuschwanstein Castle – often dubbed the 'fairy tale castle'.

Search for: Neuschwanstein, Linderhof and Oberammergau excursion from Munich

MUNICH WWII HISTORY TOUR

Behind its friendly and traditional facade there's a tonne of history tucked away in Munich. This tour treads a path through some of the darker periods, visiting spots where the Nazi party began to take shape in the early 20th century and Adolf Hitler began his infamous rise to power. An expert guide will tell you all about buildings and locations in the city that were touched in some way during those notorious days.

Search for: Munich Third Reich walking tour

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FOOD & DRINK

Eating a pretzel in Munich is no mean feat, given that most of them are bigger than your head. These huge salt-studded bread snacks are usually served as an accompaniment to a round of beers, and one is more than enough for a couple of people to share. Be warned though, they're moreish and you'll soon find yourself craving another.

SHOPPING

You don't have to venture far to get a load of Munich's shopping scene – all the best spots are right in the city centre. Karlsplatz hosts familiar high street names, and the designer boutiques tend to gather around Maximilianstrasse. Or, if you'd rather go back to basics, Viktualienmarkt has old school fruit and veg stalls and a resident beer garden for post-shopping steins.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Munich generally has similar weather to the UK, with hot summer months and chilly temperatures when winter sets in. July and August are the warmest times to visit, when the mercury can hit heights of 23°C. It hovers around -1°C in January and February, with lows of about -5°C. Summer showers are sometimes a thing, too, so it's not a bad idea to pack a light jacket, even during the summer months.

NIGHTLIFE

Head towards Karlsplatz and Marienplatz, and you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to Bavarian brewery bars. Augustiner, Hofbrau and Paulaner all have traditional taverns in the city centre. For clubbing, the university district has the biggest pull – Hohenzollernstrasse is a good place to aim for.

HOTEL PICK



CITADINES MUNICH ARNULFPARK

TTTT

This hotel's close to Munich's main train station, so you're all set for exploring within or beyond the city limits. The Oktoberfest grounds are just around the corner, too.

HOTEL PICK



STEIGENBERGER HOTEL MUNCHEN

TTTT+

This place is pretty much neighbours with Munich's most famous green space, the English Garden. It's also got a spa where you can relax after days out.

HOTEL PICK



SOFITEL MUNICH BAYERPOST

TTTTT+

There aren't many hotels closer to Munich's city centre than this place, and it's got luxury features like a heated indoor pool and a grand banquet hall.

Dusseldorf

City breaks to Dusseldorf are all about eye-catching architecture, clinking beer glasses and cutting-edge art.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

AT A GLANCE

- Visit a brewery in the Altstadt
- Explore the Little Tokyo neighbourhood
- Check out the views from the Rhine Tower

CITY OF MANY SHAPES

Dusseldorf hits the sweet spot if you're after a city break that's somewhere between billboard and indie. This place – on the banks of the River Rhine in western Germany – has been shaped from scratch after being ravaged by the Second World War. The near-blank slate has allowed for skyscrapers that look like works of modern art, pristine parks and glitzy shopping avenues. And bubbling away in the city's core is the Altstadt – or old town – which keeps a firm grip on tradition, and has bars and galleries that are among the tourist highlights.

FAMOUS BAR SCENE

If you roam around the city, you're likely to see a lot of locals sipping altbier – Dusseldorf's signature style of beer. It gets its name – 'old beer' – from the slower brewing process, and differs a little from the classic pint you might be used to. To be right amongst the city's best watering holes, head to the Altstadt – there's an area here nicknamed 'The Longest Bar in the World', because of how many breweries and nightspots there are in such a small area.

ARCHITECTURE AND ART

Dusseldorf's century-spanning street scene is quite a sight. Medieval and Baroque buildings set the tone in the Altstadt, where the 16th-century town hall and St Lambert's Basilica catch the eye. The Media Harbour subs in sleek steel and glasswork, with buildings that don't conform to the norm. On the culture front, Dusseldorf has a long-standing love affair with the art world. There's a famous academy where some of Germany's most promising artists cut their teeth, plus galleries that range from mini to massive. And the art doesn't stop when you're outside – the streets are plastered with murals.

JUST LIKE JAPAN

It might come as a surprise to hear that Japanese culture has its place in the heart of Dusseldorf, despite the two places being thousands of miles apart. Little Tokyo – home to the biggest Japanese community in Germany – is literally a scaled-down version of its namesake. Freshly rolled sushi and steaming bowls of ramen are served on every corner, and there's even a Japanese garden filled with pagoda-style tea houses and temples across the river.



COUNTRY
Germany



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1 hour 25 minutes
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FOOD & DRINK

Altbier is an absolute staple across Dusseldorf's bars. It translates as 'old beer', but that's nothing to do with its freshness – the fermenting process is done super traditionally, known as the 'old way'. It's a deep ruby red colour, but tastes closer to a classic pilsner than an ale. And it's always served in smaller measures, to make sure every tipple stays cool and crisp while you drink it.

SHOPPING

Konigsallee is Dusseldorf's premier shopping street – it's home to big name brands like Prada and Dior. And, savvy shoppers can pick up designer pieces without the massive price tag at one of the city's outlet stores – they're scattered around the centre.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Dusseldorf has the same sort of ups and downs you'll be used to in the UK. It's usually at its warmest in July and August, when temperatures average around 17°C or 18°C. Things are coldest in January and February, when the mercury drops to almost zero at times.

NIGHTLIFE

Chilled evenings are the order of the day in Ratinger Strasse – a street packed with classy wine cellars and cocktail bars. Or, you can liven things up in the old town, where hundreds of pubs and clubs compete for your attention.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

DUSSELDORF WALKING TOUR

You'll have a local guide to show you around on this one-hour tour of Dusseldorf. Starting at the Tonhalle, you'll take a stroll around the old town, where parks, monuments and historic buildings pop up around every corner. Your guide will fill you in on the best places to eat, drink and shop, too, so you'll be armed with plenty of insider knowledge for the rest of your visit.

Search for: Discover Dusseldorf on a guided tour with a local

DUSSELDORF RIVER BOAT CRUISE

Panoramic views are the order of the day on this Rhine River boat cruise through Dusseldorf's city centre. You'll tick plenty of places off your sightseeing list on the one-hour trip, like the old town, the Castle Tower and the Media Harbour. Plus, you'll have an audio guide to tell you all about the city's history, and the stories behind each landmark.

Search for: Panorama river boat cruise in Dusseldorf with audio guide

DUSSELDORF BREWERY TOUR

This one's for the beer lovers. On a two-hour tour, you'll visit five different breweries in Dusseldorf's old town. At each brewery, you'll get to taste a different variety of Altbier – Dusseldorf's local tipple. Plus, your guide will give you all the lowdown on the art of craft brewing.

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HOTEL PICK



HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS DUSSELDORF CITY NORD TTT

This modern hotel's within easy reach of Dusseldorf's city centre – you can hop on the metro across the road and get there in 20 minutes. Back at base, there's a big buffet spread at breakfast, and a chic lobby bar for evening drinks.

HOTEL PICK



NH DUSSELDORF KONIGSALLEE TTTT

This place puts you in a shopping hotspot, just a short stroll from Dusseldorf's old town. Plus, you'll have a splattering of bars, cafés and restaurants on your doorstep.

HOTEL PICK



STEIGENBERGER PARK HOTEL DUSSELDORF TTTT

This luxe hotel's picked a top-notch spot in the city centre. The old town's just down the road, and it's stuffed with restaurants.

Reykjavik

Reykjavik holidays really up the wow factor, with natural wonders and a welcoming, mellow vibe.



AT A GLANCE

- Bathe in the thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon
- Spend a day touring the picturesque Golden Circle
 - Try your luck on a Northern Lights hunt

A COASTAL CAPITAL

Reykjavik may be small, but don't let that fool you – Iceland's coastal city knows how to have a good time. The world's most northerly capital's brimming with cosmopolitan hangouts, lively bars, laidback cafés and modern eateries. The music scene's great too, not to mention the dramatic landscape of volcanoes and snow-capped peaks. We've got a medley of swanky hotels sprinkled across the city centre, including by the bar-back waterfront and near picture-perfect parks.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Reykjavik is a great springboard to the rest of the country. You can head out to sea on whale and puffin-watching tours from the harbour, and sign up for day-long trips around the well-known Golden Circle route. Iceland's number one attraction, the geothermal Blue Lagoon, is also less than an hour's drive away.

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Catching a glimpse of the Northern Lights isn't just about luck – though that is a big part of it. They're at their most visible during the winter when nights are long and dark. Up your chances of seeing the mystical spectacle with a night-time boat trip away from the city lights – just be sure to wrap up warm.

A WHALE OF A TIME

During the summer months, you'll have the best chance of seeing playful sea mammals in their natural habitats. Whale-watching boats leave from Reykjavik harbour to Faxaflói Bay in the North Atlantic Ocean – if you're lucky, you could get up close to resident orcas.



COUNTRY

Iceland



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FOOD & DRINK

Plokkfiskur – an Icelandic fish stew – is just what you'll need after a cold, wintery walk. The main ingredient is Atlantic cod. Potatoes, onions, flour, milk, salt and pepper make up the rest of the ingredients list – and don't forget the chunky slice of rye bread that usually comes with it.

SHOPPING

Laugavegur – Reykjavik's main shopping street – is the place to go if you fancy a spot of good old retail therapy. Clothes, accessories, books and homewares are just some of the goodies on offer in the independent stores around here. Plus, there are plenty of places to stop for a bite to eat.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

In winter, it can dip well below freezing here, so you'll want to pack your biggest coat – especially if you're going in search of the Northern Lights. In summer, it's much milder, sometimes reaching the mid to high teens, with a lot less rain and snow. Plus, the midnight sun means there's almost 24-hour daylight – ideal if you've got a lot of sights to squeeze in on a short break.

NIGHTLIFE

Reykjavik's main shopping street – Laugavegur – is also known for its nightlife. You'll find all the liveliest bars and clubs around here, some of which double up as restaurants so you can spend your whole night in one spot. Live music, DJs and dance parties are on the agenda every night of the week.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

GOLDEN CIRCLE TOUR

You'll tick off three of Iceland's biggest attractions on this full-day tour. First up is a trip to Thingvellir National Park – the ideal spot for a selfie with a backdrop of glistening lakes and forest. Then, you'll stop by Geysir to watch the erupting hot springs soar up to 40 metres into the sky, before rounding the day off with a visit to one of the country's biggest waterfalls, Gullfoss.

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NORTHERN LIGHTS TOUR

No trip to Iceland is complete without seeing – or at least trying to see – the Northern Lights. On this nighttime coach trip, you'll head away from the city centre and seek out clear and starry skies where you'll have the best chance of seeing the lights as they illuminate the sky.

Search for: TUI Northern Lights Tour

CITY TOUR AND 5D THEATRE RIDE

This trip starts with a tour of Reykjavik, where you'll see some of the capital's highlights, like the Pearl and the Hallgrímskirkja church, which both offer first-class views over the city. You'll also head to the harbour and Reykjavik 101 – the downtown district. The Sun Voyager and the futuristic Harpa concert hall are on the agenda, too, as well as Höfði House, where Reagan and Gorbachev met in 1986 to begin the process of ending the Cold War. You'll then round your tour off with a visit to FlyOver Iceland – a 5D theatre ride where you'll experience the feeling of flight without ever leaving the ground.

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HOTEL PICK



CENTERHOTEL PLAZA TTT

This hotel's bagged itself a central spot in downtown Reykjavik. It's on the edge of a square lined with cafés, bars and restaurants, and it's just five minutes' walk from the harbour.

HOTEL PICK



SKUGGI HOTEL BY KEAHOTELS TTT+

This stylish design hotel's right around the corner from Reykjavik's main shopping street, Laugavegur. And you can set yourself up for a day's shopping and sightseeing with a visit to the breakfast buffet, which earns rave reviews on TripAdvisor.

HOTEL PICK



CENTERHOTEL ARNARHVOLL TTTT

This chic hotel's on the harbourfront, opposite Reykjavik's space-age Harpa concert hall. There's a rooftop bar that gazes out over it, too, which is ideal for end-of-the-day drinks with a view.

Stockholm

Stockholm is stacked with museums, Swedish cuisine, and boat tours around the islands that border this easy-on-the-eye city.



AT A GLANCE

- See a warship at the Vasa Museum
- Sunbathe on one of the city beaches
- Cruise the Stockholm Archipelago

THE VENICE OF THE NORTH

From above, the city of Stockholm looks a bit like a jigsaw puzzle. That's because Sweden's capital is built over 14 islands, easily navigated by more than 50 bridges, as well as ferries and sightseeing boats. Stockholm's located right on the Baltic Sea and has over 30,000 islands off its coast. Famous tourist attractions here include the 17th-century warship at the Vasa Museum, Gamla Stan – the Medieval old town – and the ABBA Museum.

THE COBBLED STREETS OF GAMLA STAN

Gamla Stan – Stockholm's old town – is one of the largest Medieval city centres in Europe. It's built over four islands, and the peaches-and-cream-coloured buildings date back to the 13th century. You can't visit Stockholm without a wander through Gamla Stan's narrow cobblestone streets and winding Medieval alleyways.

A TREASURE TROVE OF ISLANDS

One of the best things about Stockholm is how close its beehive-busy streets are to its archipelago. This mass of 30,000 islands stretches from Oregrund in the north to Landsort in the south, and a boat trip can get you out to the furthest in just two hours. You'll want your camera handy for the mixture of rocky cliffs, tucked-away sandy bays, and hamlets of fisherman's cottages.

MUSEUM MANIA

If you're keen for culture, take a peek at Stockholm's list of museums and art galleries. Like the ABBA Museum, which plays tribute to the Swedish band's costumes, music and performances. The Vasa Museum is also a must-visit – it's home to a warship with a pretty impressive backstory. And on the art front, try the Moderna Museet – a museum for contemporary art.



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Sweden



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FOOD & DRINK

Fika – AKA afternoon tea – is a daily ritual in Sweden, and Stockholm's foodie scene delivers on all fronts. A lot of cafés have their own fika menus that include everything from flat whites and flavoured teas to saffron buns, rye open sandwiches and avocado rolls.

SHOPPING

Purses at the ready for Ostermalm, a smart district that's the top banana of premium shopping in Stockholm. Splash the cash on everything from pricey hand-knitted jumpers to jewellery studded with egg-sized gems. Then carry on by visiting the Swedish History Museum and National Library of Sweden, both of which call this district home.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Stockholm gets some of Sweden's best weather. Its southern location means you'll avoid the sub-Arctic climate of the north – although winter months in the city still feature snow, ice, and temperatures that can drop below freezing. The spring and summer are a different story, with highs of 25°C in July, Stockholm's warmest month.

NIGHTLIFE

If you fancy dancing the night away in a big club, make a beeline for Stureplan. This area's packed with glitzy venues that draw big crowds, especially in the summer. There are plenty of bars around to kick off your night in, too, playing everything from jazz to international chart music.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

NOBEL PRIZE MUSEUM

Be inspired by the ideas that changed the world. In the heart of the old town, the Nobel Prize Museum presents the Nobel Prize laureates, their work and visions, the ideas behind the Nobel Prize, and the entrepreneur Alfred Nobel. Your ticket for this experience includes a guided tour, as well.

Search for: Nobel Prize Museum entrance ticket

GUIDED HIKE IN A NATURE RESERVE

Get in touch with nature on this guided hike through Stockholm Nature Reserve. You'll walk through dense forest, over cliffs and past lakes as you look for wildlife and get among the great outdoors. There'll be a stop for lunch, which is cooked over a campfire, and you'll be able to learn how to start a fire, too. You'll get the chance to swim in a lake, too, if you're feeling adventurous.

Search for: Guided hike in Stockholm Nature Reserve eco-tour

STOCKHOLM'S MUST-SEES

This half-day tour does exactly what it says on the tin. Starting from the main square in the old town, you'll set off on a guided walk, where you'll learn lots more about the Swedish capital's storied history. You'll then hop on a ferry to Djurgården, where you'll visit the Vasa Museum. This place is home to the world's oldest, best-preserved ship, and you'll hear all about it from your guide as they lead you around the museum.

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HOTEL PICK



FREYS TTTT

This family-owned hotel's right around the corner from Stockholm's central train station, and just a 20-minute walk from the old town. The à la carte restaurant, meanwhile, takes care of lunches and dinners.

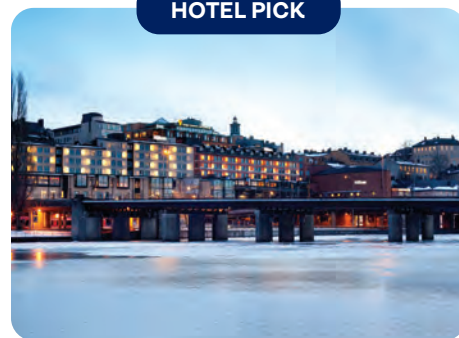
HOTEL PICK



BEST WESTERN KOM HOTEL STOCKHOLM TTT

This city centre hotel serves up an impressive breakfast buffet every morning. There's a huge gym, too, while the lounge bar's ideal for a relaxing drink after a day's sightseeing.

HOTEL PICK



HILTON STOCKHOLM SLUSSEN TTTT

This stylish hotel's just across the water from Stockholm's old town. It's around 15 minutes' walk away, and you can soak up the panoramic views from the floor-to-ceiling windows in the hotel's restaurant.

Jersey

Holidays to Jersey land you on an island just off the Normandy coast, full of French and English influences.



AT A GLANCE

- Get your history fix in Jersey's wartime tunnels
- Stroll along the sands of St Brelade's Beach
- Look across the water from St Helier at Elizabeth Castle

FRENCH FLAIR AND HALLMARKS OF HOME

Jersey can't seem to make its mind up about whether it fancies following French or British themes – road signs and menus are mostly in French, but you'll hear locals chattering in the Queen's and see them driving on the left. What's not up for debate is the island's impressive coastal scenery – steep craggy cliffs are punctuated with sleepy fishing villages, and there's a Cornish feel to the pretty coves and bays. It's the biggest of the Channel Islands, and the capital – St Helier – is up with the times – you can expect edgy street food vendors, luxe boutiques and a swish marina.

AN ISLAND STEEPED IN HISTORY

From centuries-old castles to wartime relics, Jersey's got plenty for history buffs to dig their teeth into. On a visit to Elizabeth Castle in St Aubin's Bay, you can climb battlements dating back to the 1590s. And at the Jersey War Tunnels, you can learn about what life was like when Germany occupied the island during WWII. This huge network of underground tunnels was built to withstand air raids, and was converted into a hospital in 1943.

COVE-STUDDED COASTLINE

Jersey's rugged shoreline means that most of its beaches are nestled in coves and bays. St Brelade's Beach, on the south of the island, is one of the most popular – it's a wide sandy sweep with watersports on offer. Either side of it, you've got the smaller but equally pretty Portelet and Beauport beaches. Head to one of these if you're hoping to escape the crowds – they're a little more secluded thanks to their steep, rugged access routes. In the north, you've got Plemont Beach which is known for its network of caves.

GET BACK TO NATURE

Fun fact: Jersey almost doubles in size at low tide. It has one of the largest tidal differences in the world, revealing a landscape of jagged rocks and pools at La Rocque Harbour. Head here after dark and you'll see a greeny-blue glow thanks to the tiny glow worms that live in the water. In the day, take to the north's granite cliffs for a coastal walk and spectacular views out over the Channel Islands. Being the sunniest spot in the British Isles, Jersey has its own microclimate that brings the landscape to life with the purple Jersey orchid from May to June.



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THINGS TO SEE & DO

SELF-GUIDED DISCOVERY WALK

Scratch beneath the surface of historic St Helier on this interactive walk around Jersey's capital. As you stroll about town, you'll play along and solve riddles on your phone while you learn more about everything from historic battles to life during the occupation.

Some of the sights you'll discover on your walk include, Royal Square, the Jersey Opera House and Jersey's Central Market.

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FOOD & DRINK

Jersey's food scene boils down to the island's 'big four'. Oysters and lobster are the first two on the list. Then you've got the Jersey Royal – a variety of potato that's distinctive to Jersey and has EU protection status to back it up. Lastly, there's the Jersey cow, which has been bred on the island for more than 200 years and supplies the highest quality milk to the Jersey Dairy.

SHOPPING

Head to the capital, St Helier, for the widest variety of shops. Jersey's central market has been in the heart of town for over 100 years, and it's home to nearly 50 traders selling everything from jewellery to handicrafts. The Channel Islands' largest department store, de Gruchy, is also on the doorstep, plus lots of local boutiques and familiar faces from UK high streets.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

The weather here is a lot like what you'd expect in the UK's sunnier coastal towns – July and August are the toastiest months, with average temperatures of 17°C, and highs of 19°C. If you're not afraid of a bit of chillier Channel Island weather, winter trips in January and February are at the other end of the scale, with average temperatures of 6°C.

NIGHTLIFE

Unsurprisingly, most of Jersey's liveliest nightlife can be found in the capital, St Helier. There's a small handful of nightclubs here, plus plenty of pubs and cocktail bars. And if you head down to the harbour, you'll find plenty of waterfront bars with views over the marina.



HOTEL PICK



MERTON TTT

This place comes with a seriously impressive pool scene, including waterslides and a surf machine. And as for location? St Helier's seafront is just a 10-minute walk away.

HOTEL PICK



SOMERVILLE TTTT

This country house-style hotel's rooted right by the coast, with views of a picturesque marina and Jersey's capital – St Helier – across the bay.

HOTEL PICK



NORFOLK LODGE TTT

Norfolk Lodge sits right on the edge of St Helier, just a 10-minute walk away from the shops and restaurants in the town centre. Back at the hotel, meanwhile, there's an indoor pool if you fancy a dip.

Dubai

Dubai delivers heady skyscrapers, league-of-their-own hotels and whiter-than-white beaches.



AT A GLANCE

- Watch the dancing jets of the Dubai Fountain
- Soak up the views from the Burj Khalifa
- Flake out on Sunset Beach

LAS VEGAS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

With the world's tallest building, the world's biggest shopping mall and the world's biggest choreographed fountain, Dubai's a city that breaks records for fun. Glamorous hotels on purpose-built islands and seven-figure yachts are all part of the fabric of the UAE's answer to Tinsel Town. Its ever-evolving city centre's just one of the things that makes it a must-see. And because the skyline is always getting bigger and bolder, it's not uncommon to see a spot of construction work going on around the city.

HOTEL HOTSPOTS

Our hotels dance around Dubai's best bits. To start, you've got beachside breaks on the city's manmade marvel, the Palm Jumeirah. This peninsula's name takes inspiration from its palm tree shape – it's got a host of first-class hotels and a postcard-perfect beach, too. Or, choose a hotel near Dubai Marina – this place is in the thick of the action in the centre of the city. Whether you stay palm-side or in the heart of the action, you're bound to bump into one of Dubai's world-famous malls – it's home to a list of over 60 shopping complexes, with new ones being added all the time.

STYLISH SUNBATHING

Dubai's shoreline's a real eye-catcher, and not just because of the stellar sands. True to form, the city ups the game with a huge, hotel-studded island shaped like a giant palm tree. From here, you can spy one of the most iconic skyscrapers – the sail-shaped Burj Al-Arab – from your lounge. Sunbathing's a year-round pastime in Dubai, too, thanks to a steady dose of sunshine. And if you prefer pool to beach, they don't come much more impressive than the Aura Skypool. It's the world's highest 360° infinity pool, at more than 200 metres above the ground. Safe to say, the views are pretty special up here, too.

COASTERS AND COCKTAILS

Dubai has plenty up its sleeve for families. The MOTIONGATE™ and LEGOLAND® theme parks take a leaf out of Orlando's book and there are aquariums, themed minigolf courses and one of the world's biggest sweet shops to get your teeth into. Evening entertainment ramps up the glitz and glamour. Cocktail bars compete with one another in the swankiest hotels, and the shorefront's peppered with open-air lounges that host live DJ sets and pool parties.



COUNTRY

United Arab Emirates



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THINGS TO SEE & DO

SUNSET DESERT SAFARI AND DINNER

This five-hour tour takes you outside of Dubai's city limits and into the Arabian Desert, just in time for sunset. After a ride across the dunes, you'll stop off at a traditional Arabic camp, where there'll be a barbecue dinner laid out. If you like, you can set off on an evening camel ride, or have a henna tattoo while you relax in one of the bedu tents. Or, chill out with some shisha and watch traditional Tanourah dancing.

Search for: Desert safari with dinner in the golden desert dunes

BURJ AL ARAB HOTEL TOUR

You'll get an exclusive peek inside Dubai's most famous hotel on this 90-minute tour. The Burj Al Arab has become one of the most iconic landmarks in the UAE, and it's been dubbed the home of luxury, so you can expect plenty of standout features. Your guide will fill you in on the building's history. And, you'll learn all about its construction, including a look at the original architectural designs.

Search for: Burj Al Arab hotel tour

DUBAI FOUNTAIN BY BOAT

Dubai Fountain is one of the city's most iconic sights, and you can get up close and personal with it on this trip. It's a real showstopper – over 22,000 gallons of water are in the air at any one time while the fountain's operational. You'll set off on a cruise in a traditional Abra water taxi on Burj Khalifa Lake as the water, music and light display kicks off, so you'll have the best seats in the house.

Search for: Dubai Fountain show and lake ride by traditional boat

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FOOD & DRINK

Indian street food's a big hit in Dubai, and one of the most popular snacks is samboosa. These hot pastries closely resemble samosas, and they often come stuffed with spiced meat or vegetables.

The most popular filling in Dubai, though, is cheese.

SHOPPING

When it comes to shopping, Dubai's a city of contrasts. You can hop between swanky fashion stores in the massive Dubai Mall, which boasts the Burj Khalifa as its next-door neighbour. Or, pick up everything from souvenirs to spices in the city's sprawling souks.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Baking hot temperatures and sunny days are the norm all year round in Dubai. Average daily temperatures sit in the 30s from May to September, and August is the hottest month – it's not unusual for it to climb into the 40s. If cooler climes are what you're after, it's best to visit between November and March. As for rain, there's not a lot of it here – but February's by far the wettest month of the year.

NIGHTLIFE

Dubai's nightlife scene ticks off everything from pool parties to neon-lit clubs. If you fancy a big night out, the Dubai Marina area's a good place to start – here, venues with resident DJs keep the party going until the early hours.

HOTEL PICK



ROVE CITY CENTRE TTT

This super-stylish hotel puts you conveniently close to Dubai Airport, and just a short drive from the city's main hotspots, like the Burj Khalifa and Dubai Mall.

HOTEL PICK



RIU DUBAI TTTT

This place rolled out the red carpet in winter 2020, with three pools, six bars and four restaurants. It's got a beachfront setting to shout about, too.

HOTEL PICK



RIXOS THE PALM DUBAI HOTEL TTTTT

Ten restaurants, an Olympic-sized pool and an exclusive spot on The Palm give this place plenty to boast about. It lines up hard-to-beat views, as well.

Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi mixes the UAE's old and new sides. From cloud-brushing skyscrapers to mosques and desert daytrips.



AT A GLANCE

- Stroll along the skyscraper-lined Corniche
- Visit the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
- Hit the rides at fast-paced Ferrari World

HYBRID CITY

Abu Dhabi's more like a half-sibling than an identical twin to Dubai. It's grown just as quickly, with the head count jumping from 40,000 in the 1960s to 2.9 million today. Skyscrapers like the Capital Gate and the Etihad Towers are cut from a similar cloth to those in Dubai, and the Abu Dhabi Mall mimics its swanky shopping scene. But unlike Dubai, this place is loaded with authentic Emirati culture, so it's easy to team modern sights with a dose of history.

SPEED AND STYLE

Racing fans flock to the city's Yas Marina Circuit for the roar of F1 cars, which burn rubber once a year in the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, meanwhile, is a permanent fixture for adrenaline junkies – it's home to the world's fastest rollercoaster, Formula Rossa. For stylish surroundings, make tracks for the Corniche. This smart seaside boulevard's framed by sandy beaches, shiny skyscrapers and the modern Marina Mall.

TONNES OF TO-DOS

The to-do list on an Abu Dhabi city break is as long as your arm. The Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque tops most tourist agendas – this white marble structure's the largest of its kind in the UAE, and attracts more than five million visitors each year. Elsewhere, the super-modern Louvre museum has loaned works by Matisse, Da Vinci and Van Gogh from its French namesake. And beyond the city limits, dune buggies race across the desert and traditional dhow boats soak up the coastal scenery.

SHOPPER'S DELIGHT

From bright gold jewellery and Arabic coffee pots to rugs and Eastern spices, Abu Dhabi is a shopper's paradise. The traditional markets offer affordable treasures for bargain hunters, while its world-class malls are filled with bright lights and luxury goods for big spenders.



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FOOD & DRINK

Khuzi is the national dish of UAE, so it's almost a cert for menus in Abu Dhabi's eateries. It's a dish of roasted lamb, served up on a bed of spicy rice topped with nuts, raisins and potatoes.

SHOPPING

Nowhere does shopping quite like Yas Mall – this place's shop count stacks up to an impressive 400. Everyone's kept happy here – beyond its selection of shops, it's also got a huge cinema complex and a family entertainment zone.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Sunshine's part of the deal on holidays to Abu Dhabi at any time of the year. The mercury reaches its peak in July and August, with temperatures swinging around the mid-thirties. January's the coolest month, but even then you can still expect the thermometer to sit around the late teens.

NIGHTLIFE

Yas Marina's well-known for its entertainment and nightlife scene, and it's all with good reason. You can kick your night off here with a meal in a waterside restaurant, looking out over the super-stylish Yas Marina. After, you can hit one of the island's bars for handcrafted cocktails, and then continue your evening in a beat-pumping nightclub.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

FERRARI WORLD TICKETS

Visit the world's first ever Ferrari-based theme park, which is completely devoted to the legendary car brand. Ride the world's fastest rollercoaster, whizz round on advanced racing simulators, and see if you've got what it takes to join the Formula One pit crew in the tyre-change experience.

Search for: Ferrari World Abu Dhabi tickets

GUIDED CITY TOUR AND A LOCAL LUNCH

You'll see both sides of Abu Dhabi on this city tour, from its humble historical roots to its present-day status as one of the Middle East's mega cities. You'll start your trip at the imposing Qasr Al Hosn – the city's oldest stone building. Abu Dhabi's modern presidential palace – Qasr Al Watan – is also on the cards, as well as a traditional lunch at a local restaurant and a close-up view of a traditional Arabic coffee preparation ceremony.

Search for: Abu Dhabi guided tour including Qasr Al Watan and local lunch

DHOW DINNER CRUISE

This dinner cruise under the stars takes place on a traditional wooden dhow boat. It sets sail from Yas Marina and heads towards Ferrari World, past the Yas Marina F1 race circuit, the Al Raha Mall, and plenty more of Abu Dhabi's top sights. There's a belly dance show onboard, too, and as for the dinner? It's a big buffet spread, with plenty of options to fill you up, plus tea, coffee and soft drinks.

Search for: Dhow dinner cruise from Abu Dhabi

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HOTEL PICK



HILTON ABU DHABI YAS ISLAND

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This place is just 10 minutes' drive away from Abu Dhabi's top theme parks, like Ferrari World Abu Dhabi and Warner Bros World™. Back at base, it's got all the essentials, like a pool, a bar and a restaurant.

HOTEL PICK



THE WB ABU DHABI HOTEL CURIO COLLECTION BY HILTON

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Stay here and you'll get unlimited trips to Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi, and Warner Bros. World Abu Dhabi included – they're all right next door.

HOTEL PICK



RIXOS PREMIUM SAADIYAT ISLAND

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The first All Inclusive hotel of its kind in Abu Dhabi, the Rixos Premium Saadiyat Island comes fully stocked with six restaurants, an aqua park and a top-tier spa. Not to mention, a private beach, as well.

Doha

Doha has everything you'd expect from a Middle Eastern mega city, from leggy skyscrapers to soft, white beaches.



AT A GLANCE

- Shop 'til you drop in a mega mall
- Search for spices at a traditional souk
- Go sandboarding in the Doha desert

A CITY ON THE UP

Step aside, Dubai, the Middle East's got a new sheriff in town. Doha's a relative newcomer on the tourist trail, but it's more than making up for lost time. The city centre's growing by the day – mostly upwards thanks to the countless skyscrapers – and the number of global events on the city's calendar is only going one way, too. Anyone else remember England's 2022 tournament heartbreak?

MAKING ITS MARK ON THE WORLD STAGE

The football World Cup was just the start of things here. On the outskirts of the city, the Lusail International Circuit hosts one of Formula One's night races every season, and the Basketball World Cup's coming to the city in 2027. Throw in international tennis, golf and athletics tournaments that take place regularly here, too, and you'll see why a stack of new sports stadiums and arenas have sprung up alongside the skyscrapers.

MUSEUMS GALORE

If you want to scratch beneath Doha's shiny surface, the city's museums are a great place to start. The National Museum of Qatar delves into the country's past, present and future. And even if you don't make it inside, it's worth grabbing a picture of its weird and wacky exterior. If you're an art buff, the Museum of Islamic Art is a must-see – this waterfront gallery has the largest collection of Islamic art in the world.

SOUKS AND SHOPPING MALLS

Long before skyscrapers popped up all over town, it was the ancient souks that ruled the roost here. Souq Waqif's been around in one form or another for more than 250 years, and it's still the best place to pick up spices and oud – a classic fragrance in this part of the world. If you prefer snagging your souvenirs from modern malls, there are loads dotted around. The best of the bunch is the Mall of Qatar – it's got almost 500 shops to wander around.



COUNTRY

Qatar



FLYING TIME

6 hours 25 minutes
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FOOD & DRINK

Majboos is Qatar's national dish, which unsurprisingly pops up in restaurants across the capital. The base ingredient's either lamb or chicken, which is slow-cooked, served over seasoned rice and finished off with salad and homemade tomato sauce.

SHOPPING

The Mall of Qatar is home to around 500 stores, with every big brand you can think of under its roof. Nike, Adidas, Zara – they're all in there. And at last check, there was even a Virgin Megastore. Remember those?

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Doha's great for sunseekers thanks to year-round temperatures that rarely drop below the high teens. That being said, the summer months can be a bit intense with the mercury regularly topping out in the low 40s. February to April are probably the most comfortable months, when it's usually between 20°C and 30°C.

NIGHTLIFE

The Pearl is Qatar's answer to the Palm in Dubai. This man-made island just off the coast is filled with cafés and restaurants that stay open 'til late. Nightclubs aren't traditionally big business here, but the liveliest bars and clubs tend to be found inside the major hotel chains that are dotted around the city centre.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

DESERT SAFARI TOUR

You'll be slung round the Qatari desert's sand dunes in a 4X4 on this experience, which includes pick-up and drop-off at your hotel. Soft drinks and water are included on this trip, and when you reach the perfect picture spot, your guide will stop and give you time to take some snaps for your photo album. There'll also be time for a camel ride if you fancy it – this will cost a little extra on the day.

Search for: Half-day Desert Safari Tour in Doha

GUIDED BOAT TOUR

You'll see Doha from a different side on this two-hour boat cruise, which starts from the Pearl – a manmade island just off the city's coastline. On your cruise, you'll glide past some of the city's major landmarks, including Katara Cultural Village, West Bay, the Museum of Islamic Art, the National Museum of Qatar and 974 Stadium. You'll also hear all about Qatar's history, from its pearl diving heritage to the discovery of oil, which has transformed Doha into the modern mega city that it is today.

Search for: 2-hour guided boat tour in Doha

DOHA CITY TOUR

You'll explore Doha's mix of modern meets traditional on this guided city tour, which ticks off some of the top sights. Along the way, you'll stop off at places like Katara Cultural Village and Souq Waqif – a 19th-century marketplace where the smell of spices and scents wafts through the air. You'll visit the Pearl, as well. This artificial island sprung up in the late noughties, and it's Doha's answer to the Palm in Dubai.

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HOTEL PICK



FAIRMONT DOHA **T T T T T**

This distinctive hotel's a sight in itself along Lusail's waterfront, thanks to its unique horseshoe shape. It doesn't hold back on facilities either, with six bars and restaurants, a pair of pools and a spa.

HOTEL PICK



RIXOS GULF HOTEL DOHA **T T T T T**

This luxury hotel's planted right on a beach, a 10-minute taxi ride from the heart of Doha's city centre. And with six bars and restaurants, a pair of pools and a spa, there's plenty to keep you going.

HOTEL PICK



SHERATON GRAND DOHA RESORT & CONVENTION HOTEL **T T T T T**

This place is spot on for a mix of beach and city break. It comes with its own private swathe of sand, while the city centre mall's just 15 minutes' walk away and the iconic Corniche promenade arcs its way along the waterfront by the hotel.

New York

With sky-scraping sights and a nose for fashion, New York keeps you wide-eyed from dawn to dusk.



AT A GLANCE

- Take postcard-perfect snaps from the top of the Empire State Building
- Go on a spending spree down Fifth Avenue
- Hop on the ferry to the Statue of Liberty

THE BIG APPLE

The Empire State Building. Lady Liberty. Times Square. New York tops the world's city superleague. But it's got more than one green-tinted crown to its name. Dining and shopping capital, arts and culture hub, nightlife king – this trendsetting metropolis has earned them all.

WORLD-FAMOUS SIGHTS

It's not dubbed the city that never sleeps for nothing. Ergo, you'll never be short of things to do on a New York city break. Crane your neck to see the sun glinting off the Gatsby-era Chrysler Building, go goggle-eyed in Times Square or fill your bags on Fifth Avenue. Even the train station is a work of art. Then there's the spectacular skyline, as seen from those architectural movie stars – the Empire State and the Statue of Liberty.

GREEN SIDE

Beneath its touristy veneer, New York's got even more going for it. Off the tourist trail, the crowds thin out and the streets get leafier. Oh-so-cool neighbourhoods like SoHo, Chelsea and Greenwich Village line up cupcake cafés, cocktail bars and laidback boutiques. And right in the middle of the city is colossal Central Park – a soul-soothing escape from Manhattan's concrete jungle.

NICHE NEIGHBOURHOODS

There's plenty to see in all of New York's five boroughs, but Manhattan claims most of the footfall here and each of its neighbourhoods has its own distinctive features. With names like the Theatre District, Chinatown and Little Italy, some of them need no explaining, but other areas are less of a giveaway. SoHo is the go-to for art galleries and chic boutiques, the Meatpacking District has transformed itself from an industrial area to a hub of nightlife and fashion, while TriBeCa is home to a number of A-list movie stars.



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FOOD & DRINK

You can tuck in to just about anything here, but as for New York's signature dishes, think bagels, cheesecake and pizza – the latter's been adopted by the locals since the Italians brought it to the city in the 1900s. And while you're in town, head over to Katz's Deli. It's appeared in tonnes of TV shows and films, and its pastrami sandwiches have been a firm favourite for over a century.

SHOPPING

As it's one of the big four fashion capitals of the world, visitors to New York get treated to plenty of choice when it comes to shopping. Brooklyn's Flea Market's the place to go for antiques and vintage trinkets, or, if you're lucky you might just snap up stuff from the latest up-and-coming designer. Fifth Avenue hosts the main hub of shops though – it's got everything from Prada to Zara.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Spring and autumn are arguably the best time to visit New York, when it's not too hot or too cold. Temperatures hover in the mid-teens and early twenties from April to May and September to October. The mercury moves towards the 30°C mark during summer, but the humidity can make it feel even hotter.

NIGHTLIFE

For a place that's dubbed 'the city that never sleeps', it's no surprise to know that all-night clubs are easy to find here. The upmarket Meatpacking District's where you'll find the biggest concentration of them, but rooftop bars with first-class city views can be found all over Manhattan – some of them even come with hot tubs by the dancefloor, too.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

9/11 GROUND ZERO WALKING TOUR

This 90-minute guided walking tour covers St Paul's Chapel, the Firefighter's Memorial Wall and the 9/11 Memorial. Plus, you can tag access to the 9/11 Museum and One World Observatory – which is on the 100th floor – on to your tickets, where you'll have free time to explore at your own pace.

Search for: 9-11 Ground Zero walking tour with optional 9-11 Museum and One World Observatory tickets

HUDSON RIVER SAILING

This express cruise sets off from Midtown and sails down the Hudson River, passing the One World Trade Centre and High Line Park en route. An audio guide will give you on all the details while you enjoy your ride. You'll circle around the southern tip of Manhattan to get a close up of the Statue of Liberty before returning back to Midtown.

Search for: NYC liberty cruise

NEW YORK CITY TOUR

New York's made up of five boroughs, and you'll get a chance to see four out of the five on this coach trip. A tour guide will lead you through the neighbourhoods of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Harlem, Queens, and Coney Island. Be sure to pack your camera, as you'll get to see top landmarks such as Brooklyn Bridge, the Apollo Theatre, and the huge home of the New York Yankees.

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HOTEL PICK



THE BELVEDERE HOTEL

This hotel is in one of the most action-packed spots in New York, with must-sees like Central Park and Fifth Avenue a 15-minute walk away.

HOTEL PICK



RIU PLAZA NEW YORK TIMES SQUARE

Broadway, Central Park and The Empire State Building – they're all within striking distance when you lay your hat here.

HOTEL PICK



THE KNICKERBOCKER HOTEL

This place was built at the turn of the 20th century – it was the first luxury hotel on Times Square, and it's still going strong more than a hundred years later.

Las Vegas

Holidays here are one-of-a-kind – think poker games inside a pyramid and rollercoaster rides around 'New York'.



AT A GLANCE

- Roll the dice at The Luxor's Egyptian-themed casino
- Watch mind-blowing stunts at a Cirque du Soleil show
- Take selfies with the Welcome to 'fabulous' Las Vegas sign

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

If you're after an escape from reality, a city break to Las Vegas is one of the best ways to get it. This neon-lit metropolis in the middle of the Mojave Desert really knows how to overload the senses – from big-beyond-belief hotels to dazzling shows and inventive food and drink. Time's irrelevant here, too – casinos, bars and restaurants are open around the clock. All in all, this is no ordinary city break.

AN EXCEPTIONAL SKYLINE

Hotels here are more like giant playgrounds, with each one offering something different to the last. There's the Luxor, with its enormous Egyptian pyramid – complete with pharaohs and sphinxes. Inside The Venetian you'll find a carbon copy of Venice's mazy streets and canals, and you can go back in time, too – the Excalibur hotel brings Medieval jousting to the table. Then, the Sphere is one of the city's latest additions. This huge arena hosts things like concerts and sports events, but it's the exterior that truly dazzles. It features one of the world's largest wraparound LED screens, which can be lit up in any design, from a giant basketball to planet Earth.

BIGGER IS BETTER PHILOSOPHY

The United States' talent for super-sizing everything is pushed to the limits in Las Vegas. The Peppermill Restaurant lists a 10-egg omelette on their menu, while the Carnegie Deli at The Mirage serves 30-centimetre-tall sandwiches. Hershey's Chocolate World, meanwhile, has a sculpture of the Statue of Liberty made from 800 pounds of milk chocolate. The city's also home to some of the world's largest shops and hotels. And the fountains outside the Bellagio can reach loftier heights than the top of the London Eye.

DESERT DAYTRIPS

Venture away from the bright lights of the city, and you'll see this part of the States has plenty to offer in the way of natural scenery, as well. The Grand Canyon's otherworldly terrain has to be seen to be believed. You can drive to the Skywalk – a glass bridge that teeters over it – in two and a half hours. Less well-known but only an hour's road trip is the Hoover Dam. As the highest concrete dam anywhere in America, towering more than 200 metres above the Colorado River, it's well worth a look.



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FOOD & DRINK

There's nothing like a steak dinner to complement your stay in Las Vegas. A staple of the Nevada foodie scene, a steak goes a long way here – bigger is better when it comes to meal size in most of the Strip's restaurants. Wagyu beef is a popular choice, and is well paired with red wine, fries, and crispy onion rings.

SHOPPING

Las Vegas souvenirs come by the dozen in Bonanza. This shop lines up 36,000 square feet's worth of Las Vegas memorabilia from mugs and t-shirts to handbags and American footballs. The Las Vegas South Premium Outlets centre, meanwhile, is one of the city's top-rated places for outlet shopping.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Temperatures can reach as high as 40°C in June, July and August in Las Vegas, although the mercury tends to drop around 10°C at night. The thermometer hovers within the twenties in April, May, October and November, while December and January are the coolest months of the year, with an average of 14°C.

NIGHTLIFE

One of the most iconic things to do in Las Vegas is to go to a pool party – try Wet Republic at MGM Grand for Champagne and DJ sets. Alternatively, save some money and watch the Bellagio Fountains show. It takes place every 15 minutes between 8pm and midnight and doesn't cost a penny.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

GRAND CANYON BUS TOUR

It would be a shame to stay in Las Vegas and not make a beeline for the Grand Canyon. Our VIP bus tour zips you right up to the West Rim – so you won't have to wait around to get on a canyon shuttle bus. A barbecue lunch at the canyon is also included in this trip, as is a visit to the Hoover Dam Memorial Bridge for photos.

Search for: Grand Canyon West Rim bus tour with optional skywalk and Hoover Dam photo stop

NIGHT FLIGHT OVER SIN CITY

It's worth booking our 15-minute night flight over Las Vegas just for the bragging rights when you get home. You'll take a seat in a helicopter, then soar over the famous Strip, as well as Downtown. Keep your eyes peeled for the space beam of the Luxor Resort and Casino, the New York-New York skyscrapers, and the iconic fountains of the Bellagio.

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DRIVE THROUGH LAS VEGAS BY NIGHT

Our night drive through Las Vegas is the perfect pick for keen photographers. You'll pass by a tonne of world-famous sights, all from the comfort of an open-air Pink® Jeep® Wrangler. Get a selfie by the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign, then zoom along Wedding Chapel Row. Blink at the 12 million LED lights along Fremont Street, and spot Caesars Palace, too.

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HOTEL PICK



EXCALIBUR HOTEL & CASINO

This castle-themed resort and casino is located in the centre of the Las Vegas Strip, and comes with seasonal outdoor pool areas.

HOTEL PICK



CAESARS PALACE

Hotels don't get more Las Vegas than the iconic Caesars Palace. This Roman-themed powerhouse flaunts seven pools and a huge shopping mall.

HOTEL PICK



BELLAGIO

Get to know Las Vegas in style from the comfort of the Bellagio, where you'll find elegant courtyard pools, a casino, and even an art gallery.

Miami

The USA meets the Caribbean in this city, and Latin cuisine mingles with classic architecture and tropical beaches.



AT A GLANCE

- Get in the party mood at South Beach
- Take a stroll along Miami Beach's nine-mile long promenade
- Speed through the Everglades on an airboat

SKYSCRAPERS AND SANDS

From quirky Art Deco buildings to glamorous white-sand beaches, Miami city breaks are flamboyant from start to finish. Florida's southeastern tip is an easy-on-the-eye jumble of beaches, skyscrapers and colourful, cultural districts. And it all backs on to the huge Everglades National Park – prime crocodile-spotting territory.

BUZZING BEACH

One of the most iconic snapshots of Miami has to be South Beach, known affectionately to locals as SoBe. Take one look and you'll see why. Rolling on for more than seven and a half miles, it's not just a beach, it's a community. Here, bronzed tourists bathe on the vanilla-coloured sands, rollerbladers speed down the boardwalk and art lovers gawp at the impressive 1920s backdrop. What's more, you'll find a lot of our hotels in Miami planted along its A-grade sands.

SUNRISE TO SUNSET

Miami may be famous for its beaches, but there is life beyond the sands. You'll find a café culture to rival any European city on a Miami city break. Little Havana, Miami's Cuban quarter, is home to some of the most charming. Then there are the museums, extravagant manor houses and wildlife parks. After dark, choose between the city's Spanish-style, al fresco bars or join the A-listers at the swish mega-clubs.

DISTINCTIVE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Every one of Miami's neighbourhoods has its own unique story to tell. South Beach and Little Havana are two of the better-known areas, but you've also got the likes of Coconut Grove to explore. It's the city's oldest neighbourhood, and home to Little Bahamas – so called due to the area's historically large Bahamian population. Then, there's the Design District, which is popular for its art galleries, showrooms and upmarket restaurants, while the Downtown and Brickell neighbourhoods are where you'll find most of the city's skyscrapers.



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FOOD & DRINK

The Cuban equivalent to an American hamburger, the frita is a Miami must-try. The tender patty is a mix of beef and chorizo, topped with shoestring potatoes, onions and ketchup.

SHOPPING

For the crème-de-la-crème of shopping, Bal Harbour takes the cake. Bowing palms and koi ponds are flanked by designer stores and ornate marble fountains. For something more middle-of-the-road, car-free Lincoln Road is a great spot to part with a bit of holiday cash. And at the bargain-hunting end of the scale, you can often find a treasure trove of stuff in discount stores.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

This part of Florida basks in year-round toasty temperatures, which means the mercury rarely drops below 20°C. To skip the humid weather, it's best to avoid the months between June and September, which often see peak temperatures.

NIGHTLIFE

There's an easy pattern to follow when it comes to nights out in Miami. Things usually kick off with a cocktail or a frosty beer at a rooftop joint or a beach bar. Later, once the sun's said its goodbyes for the day, Latin dance places and neon-framed nightclubs step up to the plate. It's not unusual to see an A-list DJ on the billing somewhere, either.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

KEY WEST DAYTRIP

The Florida Keys, which poke out from the state's southern point, almost feel more Caribbean than American. You'll cross 42 bridges as you head south to the most famous of them – Key West. Once you get to this tropical town, you'll have free rein to explore how you like. Popular spots include Ernest Hemingway's one-time home and vibrant waterfront Mallory Square.

Search for: Key West day trip from Miami

ART MURAL BUGGY TOUR

You'll see some of the coolest pieces of street art in Miami on this trip, all from the comfort of a nippy little golf buggy. Wynwood, one of the city's best-known art districts, is home to all sorts of weird and wonderful graffiti and murals. A guide will tell you about the artists behind the different works, and there'll be photo stops along the way.

Search: Wynwood graffiti golf cart tour

MIAMI SIGHTSEEING YACHT CRUISE

Miami's waterfront is famously glitzy and glamorous, and you'll see it from the comfort of an air-conditioned yacht on this trip. You'll see celebrity homes from the waters of Biscayne Bay, before passing by the picturesque Venetian Islands. A guide will provide commentary along the way, pointing out sights like Al Capone's former home.

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HOTEL PICK



RED SOUTH BEACH HOTEL

You're just steps from the sands of South Beach here, and only a few minutes' cab ride from Lincoln Road Mall and the nightlife of Ocean Drive.

HOTEL PICK



RIU PLAZA MIAMI BEACH

With its beachside locale and chilled-out pool, this hotel ticks off all the Miami must-haves. It's a 20-minute walk away from the historic Art Deco district, too.

HOTEL PICK



SLS SOUTH BEACH

This place is just a two-minute stroll from Miami Beach. And for getting out and about, there's a free luxury vehicle service that will take you anywhere within two to three miles.

Toronto

City breaks to Toronto hide a whole lot of history and culture behind a skyscraper-packed facade.



AT A GLANCE

- Peer down at the city from the CN Tower's sky-high observation deck
- Catch a ferry to Toronto Island Park for a picnic by the lake
- Try authentic street food from around the world in Kensington Market

SKYSCRAPER CITY

Toronto – Canada's biggest city – sidles up to the northwest shore of Lake Ontario. Glance at the city from the water, and a string of cloud-popping skyscrapers will have you thinking it's a business-centred setup. And you wouldn't be wrong – it's the country's financial and commercial centre. Delve a little deeper, though, and you'll uncover a vibrant, cultural capital with over 200 years of history in its locker.

A CULTURAL MELTING POT

Toronto's one of the most diverse cities in the world – about half the population were born outside of Canada. For a taste of the different cultures, you can hop between distinctly different districts – Greek Town, China Town and Little Italy all have something unique to offer. Then, there's Kensington Market – the city's most multicultural neighbourhood – where the streets are sprinkled with authentic hole-in-the-wall eateries and vintage stores.

CITY SIGHTS

One of the best ways to see the sights in Downtown Toronto is by riding the iconic streetcar – it glides its way through all the must-see neighbourhoods. As for landmarks to look out for, the CN Tower sits at the top of most visitors' sightseeing lists – this Wonder of the Modern World is home to the highest observation deck in the western hemisphere. And at a whopping 553 metres tall, it stands head and shoulders above the rest of the city's skyline.

LAKESIDE LOUNGING

For a change of pace, hop on a ferry to Toronto Island Park – a group of islands linked together by bridges. You'll feel a million miles from the city when you're wandering through its forest trails and quaint little villages. As for chill-out spots, you've got beaches, gardens and piers to pick from here. If you'd rather stay on the mainland, stroll along one of Toronto's waterfront paths, instead – Lake Ontario's so vast in places that it'll feel like you're gazing out to sea.



COUNTRY

Canada



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FOOD & DRINK

Peameal bacon sandwiches top loads of lists of must-try foods in Toronto. They're made with grilled slices of bacon, which are wedged into a soft bun. The sandwich is usually served plain, but you can drizzle a squeeze of mustard on top if you fancy it. It pairs well with a Caesar cocktail – Canada's take on the Bloody Mary, featuring clam-infused tomato juice and hot sauce.

SHOPPING

Toronto Eaton Centre headlines the city's shopping scene, and with more than 200 shops to its name, it's pretty easy to see why. There's a mixed bag of places to go, with local and international names both part of the line-up. If designer buys are more your bag, make a beeline for Bloor-Yorkville – it's often dubbed as Toronto's Fifth Avenue.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Toronto sees warm summers and cold winters. The hottest months are July and August, where temperatures reach the early twenties, and the coolest is January, where the mercury quite often dips below freezing. July also happens to be the rainiest month in the year, so if you're visiting then, don't forget to pack an umbrella.

NIGHTLIFE

For something laidback, the neighbourhood of Little Italy's one of your best options. Trendy cocktail bars are this place's bread and butter, with many serving snacks and nibbles to go with your drinks. Or, if rooftop bars and stylish lounges headline your big nights out, the King West district is the place to be.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

NIAGARA FALLS AND NIAGARA PARKWAY

This trip hones in on Niagara Falls, which is only around an hour-and-a-half's drive from Downtown Toronto. Once you're there, you'll have three hours of free time to explore the thundering water at your own speed. Then, on the way back, you'll drive across the Niagara Parkway, stopping off for photos at places like the Niagara Whirlpool and the plant-packed Floral Clock.

Search for: Niagara Falls small-group day tour from Toronto

TORONTO SIGHTS BY BOAT

You'll meet at Toronto Harbour for this trip, ready to take to the waters of Lake Ontario on a boat. You'll spend an hour cruising the lake, with your clued-up captain giving you all the details on the city's iconic skyline, as well as the surrounding Toronto Islands.

Search for: Toronto Harbour and islands sightseeing cruise

KENSINGTON MARKET'S FOOD SCENE

The Kensington Market neighbourhood is a bit of a big deal when it comes to the city's foodie map. And, on this walking tour you'll get to try out tastes from eight different countries, as you make your way around the area on foot.

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HOTEL PICK



NOVOTEL TORONTO NORTH YORK

This modern hotel's in Toronto's North York neighbourhood. A stylish restaurant and a chic lounge bar are two of the talking points, and downtown Toronto's within easy reach on the city's subway.

HOTEL PICK



NOVOTEL TORONTO CENTRE

This place is in Old Toronto, within walking distance of major sights like the CN Tower. There's a restaurant and a slick lounge bar for post-dinner drinks, plus an indoor pool if you fancy a dip.

HOTEL PICK



HOLIDAY INN TORONTO DOWNTOWN CENTRE

The clue's in the name at this hotel, which sits in Toronto's downtown district, just off Yonge Street. This leggy stretch of road is a shopaholic's dream, with hundreds of stores, from independent boutiques to big-name brands.

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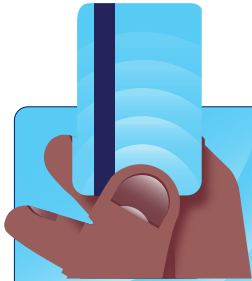
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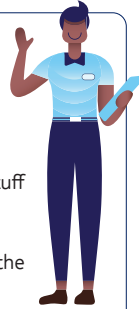


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Accuracy We published our latest brochures in July 2024. The information in those brochures was accurate on that date but may have changed since then. We always check our properties regularly to make sure we're giving you accurate information and we'll tell you of any changes we know about when you book. If you've already booked, we'll tell you about any major changes we're aware of as soon as we can. Bear in mind public holidays and religious festivals affect whether or not facilities are available. Also, it may be the case some facilities aren't managed directly by the hotel and they could close without notice.

Advanced Passenger Information So that you can travel, it may be mandatory (as required by government authorities before or at the point(s) of departure and/or destination) to disclose and process your personal data for immigration, border control, security and anti-terrorism purposes, or any other purposes which they determine appropriate. Some countries will only permit travel if you provide your Advance Passenger Information or API (for example Caricom API Data and US Secure Flight Data) to the airline before your departure.

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The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requires you to provide your full name, date of birth and gender for the purpose of watch list screening. You may also provide your Redress Number (as well as a Known Traveler Number), if available. Failure to provide details may result in denial of transport or denial of authority to enter the boarding area. TSA may share information you provide with law enforcement or intelligence agencies or others under its published system of records notice. Please see the TSA website for more details.

These requirements may differ depending on your destination and you are advised to check. Even if not mandatory, we may assist where appropriate. You'll need your booking reference number, the lead passenger's surname and your date of departure to access the site.

Age Ranges No under-18s can travel on their own. For our hotels, 2 to 12-year-olds are classed as children unless we say otherwise. For self-catering properties and any type of property in Florida, it's 2 to 16 inclusive.

Air-conditioning This may depend on the time of year and be subject to hotelier discretion. Also, you may have to pay for it when you get there.

Airport Assistance See **Assisted Travel**.

Airport Hotels and Parking - UK The companies that provide the hotels and car parks will have their own terms of use which will also apply to you. We can get you a copy of these if you need one, just ask.

If you don't follow the instructions we give you, we may not be able to refund you any additional costs you're charged as a result.

Any parking is at your own risk, so we ask that you don't keep any valuables in your car. You should be prepared to leave your keys with car park staff as this may be necessary. If you have a larger-than-average vehicle or a motorbike, please contact us to check that the car park can accommodate it without an additional charge. When you travel, take your booking confirmation with you as it contains instructions on what you need to do.

If you have any problems on the day, please let the hotel or car park know so they can help you. If you don't let them know, we may not be able to help you later on. If you're parking and you arrive before the day and time shown on your confirmation, or stay later than planned, you may be charged for the extra parking at the car park's normal price. If you leave earlier than planned, we won't refund any of the charges you've paid.

You can amend or cancel any time up until a minute to midnight, the day before you arrive at the airport, free of charge. So, if you fly on the 2nd, you'd need to cancel by 23:59 on the 1st. If you cancel in time, you will be refunded what you've paid for the hotel and parking. If you don't cancel in time you will not be refunded any amounts paid for the hotel and parking and we will retain this as a cancellation charge.

Airport Lounges You can pay for UK airport lounge access after you've booked, subject to availability. You can do this via a TUI Holiday Store, Manage My Booking or by logging into your Customer Account.

All Inclusive Hotels You may need to wear a wristband or carry some ID to get the benefits of your package. For a full description of what's included, check the hotel description. Times for inclusive drinks, meals and snacks vary. Your All Inclusive package may not include bottled water, imported drinks, à la carte meals, or some speciality dishes. Some restaurants expect you to reserve a table and will be subject to availability. Not all bars and restaurants operate on an All Inclusive basis. Also, there may be cash bars once All Inclusive bars close. Bear in mind, under-18s won't be served alcohol.

You should also be aware that we, and the hotels, may confiscate wristbands and IDs from guests who abuse the All Inclusive benefits.

You may be charged for motorised sports, and there are time limits or age and experience restrictions on some of these activities. You may have to pay a deposit to hire equipment. Things like classes and beauty treatments may be included in the price but there'll be a limit on how many sessions you can take. Safety deposit boxes may not be included and you'll need to pay for things like telephone calls and excursions.

All Inclusive packages end when you check out of your room. In some cases you can pay to keep using the facilities. If there's a delay to your flight home and you have to spend extra time in the resort, any refreshments will be in line with the airline's instructions – not the board basis of your hotel. One last thing, you may find timings will change for things like happy hours in bars and dining times.

Amenities Lots of things you come across in resort will be quite different to what you've come to expect at home, like roads, power and water, for instance. If there's a prolonged drought, it might interrupt water supplies. In summer, there's often more demand on water, which means the pressure can drop, disrupting water heaters. You may also find in some destinations you won't be able to flush toilet paper down the toilet.

Artist Impressions These, together with any computer-generated images, are there to give you an idea of how the property will look – they're not replicas of the finished building.

Assisted Travel If you or anyone you're travelling with has a disability, is less mobile, has a vision or hearing impairment, or is undergoing medical treatment and needs support, contact our Assisted Travel Team – their number can be found at the end of this guide.

Our colleagues can advise you which holidays are more suitable and meet your requirements. Also, if you've got any medical or dietary needs, they will do their best to help.

Assisted Travel at the Airport Assistance teams will be on hand at the airport, once notified of the request for assistance. Assistance is given at the designated points inside and outside terminal buildings. Assistance can include moving across various areas within the airport (e.g. check-in counter, toilet facilities and the luggage hall). And you can be assisted to the aircraft as well as boarding it. You can highlight to the Assisted Travel Team what type of assistance, and in which part of the airport experience, is needed.

Assisted Travel on Your Flight If you or a member of your party has a disability, uses a mobility aid, can't walk, or has difficulty climbing stairs, you should notify us of your assistance needs before travel. You can do this by contacting our Assisted Travel Team. You are strongly advised to contact us at least 48 hours before your departure.

Assisted Travel on Transfers We can arrange an adapted transfer if you tell us in advance by contacting our Assisted Travel Team. See **Medical Conditions & Wheelchairs**.

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Balconies If the description refers to a French or Juliette balcony, this means that your room will have glass doors but you won't necessarily be able to go out onto the balcony as it'll be shallow in depth.

If you're on the ground floor, you'll get a terrace instead of a balcony, even if it says 'BL' or 'balcony' on your booking confirmation. Health and safety restrictions mean some hotels or apartments may not put you on a high floor if you have small children. Even if you're on a low floor, make sure you never leave your children unattended on your balcony.

Banned Airlines To improve safety, the European Commission has banned some airlines from operating in European airspace. In line with EU directive (EC) no. 2111/2005, Article 9, we need to make you aware of the list of banned airlines. To view the list of airlines that are subject to an operating ban within the European Community, visit http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/search_en

Bars If a hotel has a bar, you may well hear some noise – even outside normal licensing hours.

Beaches Many of the beaches in our resorts have been awarded the Foundation for Environmental Education's Blue Flag. The programme awards beaches and marinas that meet its high standards of hygiene, cleanliness, safety and environmental management.

For details, visit www.blueflag.org.

When you're on the beach, make sure you check any flag warning systems and take local conditions into account, particularly things like undercurrents and tides. You'll also need to supervise children at all times as most beaches won't have a lifeguard.

You may find that public beaches are closed at certain times, particularly in low season. Beach closures are carried out by local authorities so are beyond our control. One more thing, you may need to pay to use some beaches, especially in Italy.

Building Work From time to time, building work is unavoidable, particularly where hotels are open all year round, and it can be noisy. If we're aware of any work, we'll let you know as soon as possible if we think it'll affect your holiday. This can be difficult as we don't control the work and we're not always told when it'll happen and how long it will last. But if we think it'll have a significant effect, you'll have the option of a refund or an alternative holiday, as outlined under 'Major changes to your holiday' in Our Agreement With You.

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Check-in

For Your Flight We recommend you arrive at the airport at least two hours before your scheduled departure time. For flights over seven hours, it's three hours before. Regardless of the length of your flight, you need to have completed check-in at least an hour before departure.

UK airlines need to carry out enhanced security screening from certain destinations for return flights to the United Kingdom. If this applies to your flight, you'll be told whilst you're on holiday as it may mean that you need to check in a bit earlier. You might need to be at the boarding gate earlier, too.

If we think you may be under the influence of alcohol or pose a threat to passengers or crew, you won't be able to fly. The same applies if you smoke, use insulting or abusive words before or after your board. If that happens, we won't be responsible for your holiday arrangements and we won't give you a refund, pay compensation, or cover any other costs. We may even seek compensation from you for any loss caused by your behaviour. This includes having to divert the plane.

It's also a criminal offence to cause disruption on board, so you may be prosecuted. Airlines may also share details about your behaviour with other airlines, which could affect your future trips.

For Your Accommodation Check-in time is usually 3pm to 4pm for hotels, unless you're on a Villa Collection holiday when it's usually 2pm. Depending on when your flight arrives, you may miss a meal if you've booked All Inclusive, Half or Full Board. If your flight arrives late at night, this is classed as the first night of your holiday and your room will be ready when you arrive. If you arrive in the early hours of the morning the day after your flight departed, your room may not be available until the hotel's normal check-in time. You'll be able to use the hotel's facilities while you wait. And because you're checking in later on your first day you'll get to keep your room on the last day of your stay.

If you're staying in a villa and expecting to arrive after 7pm, you need to call the key holder with the rough time you expect to arrive so you can make arrangements to collect the key. If you don't, you may not be able to get into the villa until the following day.

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Check-out

For Your Accommodation On the last day of your holiday, you'll usually have to leave your room by mid-morning or noon. You'll be told the exact time when you get there. You may be able to keep your accommodation for longer, but there could be a charge. Depending on the time of your flight, you may miss a meal at your hotel. Also, you might not be able to use some of the facilities or take advantage of the full All Inclusive package.

If your flight leaves on or after midnight, you'll have to check out of your hotel room by midday the previous day. There'll usually be a courtesy room or apartment available for you where you can change and leave your bags until it's time to leave. You can pay for a late check-out room. They're normally available until 6pm that evening, but this varies from hotel to hotel. We recommend you book in advance as the hotel will allocate them on a first-come, first-served basis. You may be able to stay in the room you've had during your holiday, but you may have to move to another. The rooms will only be for you and your group to use, and will have beds and a private bathroom. Late check-out only covers the use of your room.

Conditions Of Carriage When you travel by air or river, your journey may be subject to certain international conventions including, but not limited to, the Warsaw and Strasbourg Conventions, and the Montreal Convention for air. By law we need to give you these in 'legal speak' to avoid any misinterpretation. We can supply a full copy of these if you ask us to.

Montreal Convention This is a notice required by European Community Regulation (EC) No. 889/2002.

Air carrier liability for passengers and their baggage This information notice summarises the liability rules applied by Community air carriers as required by Community legislation and the Montreal Convention.

Compensation In The Case Of Death Or Injury There are no financial limits to the liability for passenger injury or death. For damages up to 100,000 SDRs (approximately £96,000), the air carrier can't contest claims for compensation. Above that amount, the air carrier can defend itself against a claim by proving that it wasn't negligent or otherwise at fault.

Advance Payments If a passenger is killed or injured, the air carrier must make an advance payment, to cover immediate economic needs, within 15 days from the identification of the person entitled to compensation. In the event of death, this advance payment shall not be less than 16,000 SDRs (approximately £15,360).

Passenger Delays In case of passenger delay, the air carrier is liable for damage unless it took all reasonable measures to avoid the damage or it was impossible to take such measures. The liability for passenger delay is limited to 4,150 SDRs (approximately £3,980).

Baggage Delays In case of baggage delay, the air carrier is liable for damage unless it took all reasonable measures to avoid the damage or it was impossible to take such measures. The liability for baggage delay is limited to 1,000 SDRs (approximately £960).

Destruction, Loss Or Damage To Baggage The air carrier is liable for destruction, loss or damage to baggage up to 1,000 SDRs (approximately £960). In the case of checked baggage, it's liable even if not at fault, unless the baggage was defective. In the case of unchecked baggage, the carrier is liable only if at fault.

Higher Limits For Baggage A passenger can benefit from a higher liability limit by making a special declaration at the latest at check-in and by paying a supplementary fee.

Complaints On Baggage If the baggage is damaged, delayed, lost or destroyed, the passenger must write and complain to the air carrier as soon as possible. In the case of damage to checked baggage, the passenger must write and complain within 7 days, and in the case of delay within 21 days, in both cases from the date on which the baggage was placed at the passenger's disposal.

Liability Of Contracting And Actual Carriers If the air carrier performing the flight is not the same as the contracting air carrier, the passenger has the right to address a complaint or to make a claim for damages against either. If the name or code of an air carrier is indicated on the ticket, that air carrier is the contracting air carrier.

Time Limit For Action Any action in court to claim damages must be brought within 2 years from the date of arrival of the aircraft, or from the date on which the aircraft ought to have arrived.

Basis For The Information The basis for the rules described above is the Montreal Convention of 28 May 1999, which is implemented in the Community by Regulation (EC) No. 2027/97 (as amended by Regulation (EC) No. 889/2002) and national legislation of the Member States.

Cots There's usually room for one cot in all our hotel rooms, apartments or villas, but you'll need to check with us before you travel to make sure there will definitely be one available when you arrive. In some countries, such as Italy, you'll need to pay a daily charge to hire a cot. If you're staying in a villa in Florida, you'll need to pay to hire a cot by credit card, before you travel. If you decide to bring your own travel cot, bear in mind there's no extra luggage allowance for these and the airline will charge extra if you go over your limit.

Customer Welfare See **Assisted Travel**.

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Data Protection All details provided by you will be held by us and used in accordance with our Privacy Notice. We will process personal data about you and members of your party so that we can manage your account or booking, provide you with our products, services and/or any other travel arrangements booked with us. By providing other people's personal data, you must be sure that they agree to share their data with us and, where appropriate, they understand how their personal data may be used by us. For more information, please refer to our Privacy Notice available on our website or upon request in our stores.

Deposits As well as the deposit you pay when you book, if you're staying in an apartment or villa, you may also be asked to pay a deposit in local currency when you arrive. Some hotels require a credit card swipe or cash deposit when you check in. Deposits cover all, or part of, the replacement costs for things being lost, broken or damaged. It's also to take care of any unusual cleaning charges. You'll get it back when you leave, or with an amount deducted if necessary. The property needs to be inspected before you leave. In some cases, your deposit will be returned to you by post. Unfortunately we can't accept responsibility for any disputes which may arise, although we'll try to help you to resolve them. You'll find details of the amount and type of deposit for each property on our website, or you can call us. See **Low Deposit Offer** for more details on the deposit you pay when you book.

Disability Assistance See **Assisted Travel**.

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ESTA See **Visas**.

Extra Charges The key aspects of your holiday will be included in the price when you book – see **Prices** for details. But it's important to point out you may have to pay extra for some things when you get there. For example, you might want to book an excursion, use the safety deposit box in your room or enjoy something from the minibar. You may also need to pay extra for things like sports, beauty treatments and classes. If we're aware you'll need to pay extra for a particular activity or facility, we'll show you by adding an asterisk after the item. You may also need to pay extras locally if you choose to hire a car, for example: upgraded insurance cover, young driver's insurance, local taxes etc. Please refer to the car rental terms and conditions for details when booking your holiday. See **Meals and All Inclusive Hotels** for more details.

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Family Rooms These are generally for two adults and two children. These are only available for selected holidays in selected accommodation, and only where the child is sharing a room, apartment or villa with a minimum of two full-fare-paying adults. When hotels are fully occupied, family rooms may be limited. Bear in mind, family- and 4-bedded rooms might not be larger than standard rooms.

Flight Times Actual flight times are on your tickets. They are local times based on the 24-hour system. We can't guarantee the flight times in our brochure, on our website or on your booking confirmation won't change, so please always check your tickets.

Flying With Children Infants less than 14 days old are not allowed to travel. Any child over 14 days and under two years old on the date of their return travel is classed as an infant. Infants must sit on an adult's lap and wear an extension seatbelt. If your child reaches their 2nd birthday while you're away you'll need to allow for this when you book. All children aged two and above must have their own seats on the plane. If you've paid for an additional seat for your infant, you can use your own car seat as long as it has a single release harness. It needs to be facing forward on the aircraft seat, designed to be secured by lap belt alone, and must conform to EU safety standards. You'll also need the instruction leaflet to show the cabin crew if they need it. The seat mustn't be more than 16 inches or 40cm wide. You can't use carrycots and deluxe child car seats, as they won't fit. The use of car seats will be at your airline's discretion. Airlines registered outside the UK may have their own rules. Call TUI for information on approved car seats. You'll find the number at the end of this guide.

G

Gala Meals Many hotels and apartments host gala meals over the Christmas and New Year period. Bear in mind that men will probably have to wear a jacket, shirt, tie and full-length trousers. You'll see if the meal's included by checking the individual property descriptions.

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Insurance You'll need to take out a suitable insurance policy for you and anyone travelling with you. This includes infants and children. We'll tell you about our insurance policy when you book. If you choose not to take out our insurance, you'll need to tell us who you're insured with. We'll need the company details and your policy number before you travel. We can't accept responsibility for any loss that you or anyone travelling on your booking suffers if the individual isn't adequately insured. As with all insurance policies, terms and conditions apply, so you need to make sure you've got the right policy for you. See **Delays** for more details.

If you're travelling to the European Economic Area you'll also need a European Health Insurance Card. You'll get a new UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) instead of an EHIC. You can apply at www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card. Visit www.nhs.uk/ehic for full details on what it covers. You do not need to apply for a GHIC if you already have an EHIC. Your EHIC remains valid in the EU until it expires. An EHIC or GHIC is free of charge. You'll need to have both this card and adequate travel insurance.

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Late Check-out Rooms See **Check Out**.

Lifts Some of our hotels don't have a lift. If stairs are a problem for you, please ask us for more details before you book so we can suggest a suitable property. See **Assisted Travel** for more details.

Local Laws Sometimes local laws, religious customs or events mean facilities aren't available. For example, in all Muslim countries during the month of Ramadan, bars and restaurants – including hotel restaurants – change their opening hours. You may not be allowed to eat, drink or smoke in public areas during daylight hours either. Drinking and gambling ages vary by destination. It's a good idea to find out more before you travel. For the most up-to-date information, we recommend you check www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice.

Lost Property If you leave something behind on the plane during your flight out, you'll need to contact the overseas airport and ask them to check their lost property. If it's on your flight home, let us know and we'll do our best to track down the item for you. If you leave what we class as a 'valuable item' at your hotel, like a camera, a laptop or a wallet, we'll do our best to find it for you. If your item is found, you'll need to contact the hotel to arrange for it to be returned, and there may be a charge for this. If we can't find your item, we'll send you a statement to support your travel insurance claim. For help with lost property, contact After Travel Customer Support – you'll find their details in the Getting In Touch section.

Low Deposit Offer This offer is per passenger. We can change or withdraw this offer at any time. The rest of the deposit will be due within eight weeks of you booking your holiday. If you cancel your holiday you still have to pay the full deposit.

Low Season You may find that if you're travelling outside of peak holiday periods, some facilities, both in your hotel and resort, may not be available and entertainment may be more low-key. Hoteliers may remove facilities at certain times due to low demand. These can include restaurants or bars and can be sudden, implemented by hotels on the spot without any prior notice.

Low season is usually May and October for short and mid-haul destinations like Spain and North Africa. For long haul destinations such as in the Caribbean and Mexico, low season tends to impact other months including January, May, September, October and November. However, unforeseen circumstances or lower-than-expected hotel occupancies can happen at any time, so facility closures are not limited to these specific months.

Luggage You'll be able to see how much luggage you can take and what you can pack on your booking confirmation. Please make sure you know your limits so your trip can get off to a smooth start. Luggage allowances vary, and could change, so please check when you book.

On Other Airlines If you're not flying with TUI, you'll need to find out what your allowance is for checked-in luggage and hand luggage. Some airlines do not give infants their own allowance.

Excess Luggage And Sports Equipment There may be a charge for excess luggage and sports equipment. Whether or not we can carry it will depend on capacity on the day. You can arrange to take golf clubs, windsurf boards, diving equipment and other sports equipment on your flight. If you don't book, you may still be able to check your own equipment in. But we can't guarantee this and there'll be a charge. Bear in mind, any problems with excess luggage charges need to be sorted out at the airport. We can't guarantee you'll be able to take bulky sports equipment with you on the coach to your holiday accommodation, and there may be an extra charge.

Lost And Damaged Luggage Please report any lost luggage or damage to us within seven days. If not, under the terms of the Montreal Convention, we won't be liable. See Montreal Convention for details. If your luggage is damaged on your way back to the UK, you need to complete a Property Irregularity Form (PIF) at the airport and keep a copy of it for insurance purposes.

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Meals

At Your Hotel Meals are usually served in the hotel's main restaurant. The set-up here may change from buffet to waiter service, or vice versa. For à la carte restaurants you may be limited to a certain number of visits per stay and you may need to make a reservation. You may need to pay extra for these, too. Not all of the hotel's restaurants will necessarily be open at the same time. Meals for infants are not included in the price of your holiday so you'll need to make your own arrangements. **Full Board Plus** includes a Continental breakfast, lunch and dinner with drinks included during mealtimes. **Full Board** includes a Continental breakfast, lunch and dinner. **Half Board** includes a Continental breakfast and dinner – or lunch, if you wish – at some hotels. **Bed & Breakfast** usually means Continental breakfast.

Medical Conditions

On Your Flight If you have a medical condition, a serious illness, or you've recently had surgery or an accident, you'll need to be cleared for travel by the airline. You may also need a 'Fitness to Fly' certificate from your GP. Conditions that need medical clearance include respiratory, coronary or infectious illness. You'll need to give your request for medical clearance to the airline at least four working days before you're due to fly. If you're unsure what conditions require medical clearance, or if you have any concerns about your health, we recommend that you contact your doctor before you book.

The risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) while flying is extremely low but is still a serious medical condition. DVT is when a blood clot forms, usually in the lower leg, sometimes because of sitting still for a long time. It needs treatment with blood-thinning drugs to prevent clots breaking off and travelling to the lungs. You can take precautions to reduce the risk. People most at risk include those with a history of bronchial or circulatory problems, thrombosis, those recently hospitalised, smokers, the obese, those with congestive heart failure, a malignant disease, pregnant women or women taking the contraceptive pill. To reduce the risk, exercise your legs from time to time, or walk around if possible. Elastic stockings may be helpful. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic liquids to prevent dehydration. See your doctor if you think you may be particularly prone to DVT.

At Your Destination If you have specific medical needs, think about whether the healthcare system in the destination you're looking at is likely to be able to meet those needs, if you have any problems while you're away. Consider things like the country's state of development and its size. You may find it helpful to look at www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/travel-abroad.

Mobility Aids See **Wheelchairs**

Mobility Assistance See **Assisted Travel**

Money Exchange If you want to change money to your hotel when you get there, check the property descriptions to find out if you can do this at your hotel.

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Official Ratings Each country has its own system for rating properties, but at TUI we use our own ratings to make it easier to compare hotels. See **Tour Operator Ratings** for details.

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Passports The name in your passport must match the name on your ticket otherwise you may not be able to travel and your insurance could be invalid. If someone in your group changes their name after you have booked, tell us and we'll issue the ticket in the new name. If you've already received the ticket, return it and we'll send one with the correct name. There may be a fee for this change. British Citizens must hold a valid 10-year passport. British passport holders travelling to any EU country require at least six months validity on their passport on the day of travel. Some countries outside of the EU require a British passport to have a certain period of validity left on it, or blank pages. Please visit gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice for advice by country. Other nationalities should check with their own governments. It is also your responsibility to check whether you need a visa to enter your destination country. British Citizens under 16 years old, including newborn babies, are required to have a child passport. The child's passport will initially be valid for 5 years, but can be renewed for a further 5 years at the end of this period. You can visit the gov.uk/ website for further information and how to apply.

If your passport has an Israeli stamp, you may be refused entry to some countries. For more information, visit HM Passport Office website at gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-passport-office. If you don't have a UK passport, you should always check with your own embassy, high commission or consulate before you book. Please also see **Visas**.

Passenger Assistance See **Assisted Travel**.

Playgrounds You need to supervise your children on all play equipment. Bear in mind, we can't guarantee standards of equipment.

Pool Views If you book a room with a pool view, you'll look directly onto or have a side view of the pool.

Pregnancy Please check directly with your scheduled airline as their travel conditions may vary. Please also check your insurance policy for any restrictions that apply, as many policies only cover up to the 28th week.

Prices - What's Included The basic cost of your holiday includes the following...

- Return flight from the UK
- Air passenger duty at the standard economy rate.
- Transfers between the airport and your accommodation, where specified - this is usually by coach.
- Car hire on selected holidays – check when you book
- The accommodation and meals as advertised or confirmed on your invoice
- Luggage allowance as confirmed on your ticket
- Aviation insurance and security charge
- Estimated fuel costs
- Access to our 24/7 Online service
- All obligatory hotel service charges and taxes payable in advance
- VAT on all holidays to EC countries

Prices - What's Not Included The basic cost doesn't include the following...

- Additional flight charges, such as taxes and regional supplements
- Additional air passenger duty – there's a difference between standard and premium cabin charges. A higher rate is charged by the government for passengers travelling in premium cabins.
- In-flight meals unless we say otherwise
- Seats together on the plane unless we say otherwise
- Fuel supplements where applicable
- Excursions and shore excursions
- Holiday insurance
- Additional charges for particular room types, meals or under-occupancy in apartments. For details, ask your Travel Expert.
- Excess luggage and the transport of any sporting equipment
- Any local taxes, levies or similar that local authorities abroad expect you to pay yourselves

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Room Upgrades If you arrange a different room type with the hotel when you arrive, this won't be included in your contract with us.

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Safety Overseas' safety standards are generally lower than ours in the UK. We take reasonable care to make sure only reputable businesses provide the services that make up our holidays, and we expect them to provide those services in line with local standards.

Children's Safety For our own Kids' Clubs, we take advice from leading UK child safety organisations and accident prevention agencies. You should always check you're happy with hotel clubs and children's facilities.

Health And Hygiene Hygiene standards are generally lower than in the UK – particularly in developing countries. Having said that, you can help to improve hygiene levels by taking a few basic steps...

- Wash your hands after going to the toilet
- Shower before you get into the pool
- Encourage children to go to the toilet before getting in the pool
- Make sure babies and infants wear swim nappies in the pool

Scuba Diving We recommend you check with your doctor before you go, and have a full medical examination in resort if you're planning scuba training. You may need to pay extra for this. It's also dangerous to fly within 24 hours of scuba diving. This is because pressure changes might cause 'the bends' or even in severe cases, paralysis. Of course, you also need to make sure you have adequate insurance cover.

Sea Views If you book a room with a sea view, it may be partly blocked by trees or smaller buildings, or across a road, but you'll still be able to see the sea. If we describe a room as a Limited Sea View, this will generally mean that your view of the sea will be to the side rather than directly in front of you. There may also be more obstructions like trees between your room and the sea than with a Sea View room.

Single Rooms Single rooms and rooms for sole occupancy are available in most hotels, but demand always exceeds availability. Sometimes when we refer to single rooms it may mean a room suitable for sole occupancy. Single rooms are generally smaller, may not have the best locations or the same amenities. If you're booking a double room just for yourself, you'll usually be asked to pay a supplement. This also applies to self-catering accommodation, where, for example, three people choose a property for four. Our prices reflect the costs of the rooms contracted to us.

Smoking All flights are non-smoking. In our hotels, there are usually designated areas.

Spa Spas in our hotels aren't included in the price of your holiday unless we say otherwise. Just so you know, in Spain and the Canary Islands, by law only over-16s can use the facilities.

Special Offers Our offers are only available on the holidays and dates we advertise, are per booking, and subject to availability.

Special Requests We'll always do our best to help however we can, but we can't guarantee we'll be able to meet your needs every time. These special requests aren't covered by Our Agreement With You so from a legal point of view, they're not part of your holiday contract.

Supplements/Discounts Depending on the number of people sharing a room, you may have to pay an 'occupancy supplement' for under-occupancy or single occupancy, or there may be a discount if more people share a room. Occupancy supplements/discounts may go up or down throughout the season.

Room Supplements Depending on the type of room you choose to stay in, you may have to pay a 'room supplement'. Room supplements may go up or down throughout the season. All rooms are subject to availability and any applicable occupancy and age restrictions.

Sustainability We are members of Sustainable Aviation, a UK initiative that sets out the collective, long-term strategy of UK aviation to tackle the challenge of ensuring a cleaner, quieter, smarter future for our industry. You can find more information at www.sustainableaviation.co.uk.

Swimming Pools It's unlikely your pool will have a lifeguard. An adult must always accompany children in the pool. This includes children's pools and surrounding areas. Pools may be closed in early or late season, so April, early May and October, or in particularly bad weather. Also, pools won't be heated unless we say otherwise in the property description. If your pool has a waterslide, there may be height or age restrictions.

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Taxes You may need to pay a tourist tax either at the airport or at your hotel. Taxes change regularly so check before you go. See **Prices** for more details.

Tour Operator Ratings We rate our holidays on our annual reviews and also the feedback we get from our end-of-holiday Customer Satisfaction Questionnaires. We rate hotels and apartments from '2' for no-frills, good value accommodation, to '5' for more comfort and a wider range of facilities. There may be some differences between accommodation that shares the same rating. That's where our 'plus' rating comes in.

Towels You'll see from the individual property descriptions whether or not there's a pool towel service. You may find you'll need to pay a small charge.

Transfers The transfer times we give you are a rough guide. They don't allow for delays to incoming flights or local traffic conditions. In terms of the type of transfer you'll get, it depends on the holiday you've booked. Just so you know, if your holiday includes a coach transfer, we may occasionally need to change this to a minibus or taxi. Where coach access is limited, we may need to transport your luggage separately to and from your accommodation. If this is the case, it may also be necessary for your luggage to be collected earlier than your return transfer time to ensure it arrives at the airport in time for you to collect it before checking in.

Twin Rooms Some twin rooms can take a 3rd or 4th bed but they're usually camp or folding beds. Rooms that take extra beds or a cot aren't necessarily bigger than standard rooms so space may be limited.

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Vaccinations Speak to your doctor at least two months before you're due to go away. Some treatments, for malaria for example, should begin well before you go. If you're booking within three weeks of your departure, speak to your doctor before you book. There's more information available in the Department of Health's free leaflet – Health Advice for Travellers. Call 0800 555 777 for a copy.

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Weather There are sometimes tropical storms and hurricanes in some of our mid- and long-haul destinations. If a storm is forecast, your safety is always our first priority, and we follow the advice of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, and work with the Federation of Tour Operators. Please also bear in mind that some hotel facilities - like outdoor bars and some sports - may not be available in adverse weather.

Wheelchairs - On Your Flight If you're flying with a scheduled airline, you'll need to contact them directly to see if your wheelchair will fit onboard. Our Assisted Travel Team can help you with this.

Wi-Fi Bandwidths may vary. Some hotels may offer an upgrade to a higher bandwidth which you may need to pay for. The upgraded service may also cover a different location to the free Wi-Fi zones. Some hotels may have a data cap on usage, or the free Wi-Fi may be restricted to a daily time limit per device or room. Once this usage or time limit is reached, there may be a charge to continue using the service. Factors that may reduce signal strength include high usage - particularly if lots of devices are using Wi-Fi at the same time, obstructions like thick walls and electronic machinery and adverse weather conditions. The device used to connect to the Wi-Fi - e.g. mobile phone, tablet or laptop - may result in a differing quality of service received. Wi-Fi zones may not be in the same location at every hotel. If your device isn't connected to Wi-Fi, remember to turn off data roaming to avoid possible data charges. Due to factors outside of our control we can't guarantee the availability, performance or security of the Wi-Fi provided.

Our agreement with you, and yours with us

We are TUI UK Limited, Company Number 02830117, our Registered Office is Wigmore House, Luton, LU2 9TN and Our Agreement sets out what we can expect from each other when you buy a holiday from us.

Booking Your Holiday

When you book your holiday you are accepting Our Agreement on behalf of everyone travelling with you. We will only deal with you, the lead name, and you must be an adult when you book. Anyone aged under 18 on your holiday must be accompanied by an adult. When we say "you" and "your" we mean you, as the lead name, or you and everyone travelling, depending on the context. Our Agreement, includes our A-Z Guide, the conditions of carriage of the airline or cruise operator and the provisions of international conventions (including the Warsaw, Montreal, Strasbourg and Athens conventions) that apply to travel by air, land, sea or river. Please ask for a copy of any conditions applicable. Our Agreement along with the relevant details in the booking confirmation is the entire agreement between us for your holiday. Our Agreement is made under the laws of England and Wales. You submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of those courts. You can choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland but only if you live there.

Providing Information

You must ensure all information you give is correct. We'll use the personal data you give us in line with our Privacy Notice. You must pass on any information we give you to everyone travelling. You must comply with all passport, visa and other immigration requirements. Your passport and travel documents must be in good condition – you may be refused travel if they are damaged. If you are not self-reliant or have reduced mobility (like finding it hard to walk 500 metres) you must tell us before you book and if this changes tell us at least 48 hours before your holiday.

The Price You Pay

When you book your holiday, you must pay a deposit unless this is within 12 weeks of your holiday when you must pay in full. We'll tell you the price of your holiday and the deposit before you book. At least 12 weeks before you go you must pay the full balance. If you don't, we can cancel your holiday and charge you a termination fee.

When you book your holiday, we'll send your booking confirmation within 14 days. Mistakes can happen, so if any price on your booking confirmation, our website or our booking systems is obviously wrong, a booking made based on that price won't be valid, we can cancel it and refund you unless you want to pay the correct price. If your holiday price changes because of movement in the relevant exchange rates, taxes or fees charged by someone else including tourist or landing taxes, port or airport fees or the cost of transport fuel or other power sources we can charge you that increase or refund to you a decrease (less our administrative expenses) providing it doesn't happen within 20 days before the start of your holiday. If we need to do this, we'll forward an amended invoice to you showing the changes made along with a detailed explanation. We'll absorb any increase of 2% or less of your holiday price, so we won't pass on any increase below that level. If the increase is more than 8% of the holiday price, you may cancel your holiday within 14 days of us telling you about the increase and we'll refund your holiday price except any amendment charges; and the increase will be considered a major change, see below.

Before Your Holiday

If You Change Your Holiday

Airlines or other transport providers can charge a fee for a change and sometimes treat a change as a cancellation. Fees can be up to 100% of the price for that part of your holiday. You must pay those fees as well as the amendment fee shown below. When making changes, the price of your new travel arrangements will be based on the price that applies on the day you make the change. If your change means fewer adults travel, and your holiday price is based upon the number of adults, we'll recalculate the total price and the price per person may go up. This extra price isn't a termination fee. You will also need to pay the appropriate proportion of the termination fee for the adult who has cancelled. See "If You Cancel Your Holiday". Some elements of your holiday, such as excursions, transfers, children's activities, flight or accommodation options, room/board upgrades, late check-out rooms theme park tickets and airport parking, may be non-refundable. You may transfer your holiday to someone else if you give us at least 7 days' notice in writing or by email and the new lead name accepts the transfer and the terms of Our Agreement – insurance can't be transferred. You will be responsible, together with the new lead name, for our amendment fees and any costs as a result of the change.

Change	Days before your holiday			
	71+	70 - 29	28 - 15	14 - 0
To change a name, passenger or passenger type (you can correct a spelling error without a fee).	£25 per person			
To upgrade a service, add on a flight extra, upgrade a room type or board basis.	No fee			
To change to a new package holiday from a TUI accommodation-only or TUI Airways flight-only booking travelling on the same dates as original booking. Does not apply to third party accommodation or flights. <i>Note: if your change request includes travelling on different dates to your original booking, the cancellation/amendment fees set out in the T&Cs applicable to your original booking will apply.</i>	No fee (But you will need to pay the difference in price if your new TUI package booking is more expensive.)			
To change duration, the time of a TUI Airways flight or to travel on an earlier date than planned.	£50 per person			
To change accommodation, departure or destination airport, or to change a flight not operated by TUI Airways.	£50 per person	Treated as a cancellation		
To travel on a later date than planned.	£50 per person	Treated as a cancellation		

If You Cancel Your Holiday

To cancel your holiday you must tell us as soon as possible. If you booked using a travel agency, that agency must tell us. When your holiday has been cancelled you will receive a cancellation invoice. You must pay a termination fee which covers our administration costs and compensates us for the risk that we do not resell your holiday. The fee is based upon how long before your holiday you tell us you want to cancel and is a percentage of the total price of your holiday.

How long before your holiday you cancel	Percentage of your holiday price
70 days or more	Loss of deposit
69-63 days	30%
62-49 days	50%
48-29 days	70%
28-15 days	90%
14-0 days	100%

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Even if the termination fee is lower than the deposit, your deposit will not be refunded. We may not be able to refund elements of your holiday if they are added extras. If you are cancelling because of an unavoidable and extraordinary circumstance happening at your destination that will significantly impact the performance of your holiday or your flight to get there, you will not have to pay a termination fee and your deposit will be refunded.

If We Cancel Your Holiday

If we cancel your holiday, except where it's because you haven't paid or you have been disruptive, you can have a refund or accept a replacement holiday from us of a similar standard and price if we can offer you one. We'll also pay the compensation shown below (unless we have cancelled because of one of the reasons listed in 'Events Beyond Our Control' or where you haven't paid) and we'll refund the difference if the replacement holiday is of a lower price.

If We Change Your Holiday

We aim to give you what we promise but, as we plan our holidays a long time in advance, sometimes things can change. We can make a change at any time but will let you know before your holiday if there's time.

Flight times given are for guidance only – your actual times will be shown on your e-ticket. Check that carefully when you receive it. Aircraft type can change and some facilities such as entertainment or advertised seat pitch may not be available. If we can't provide a seat option, we'll refund the price you paid for that option.

Occasionally, we may have to make a major change to your holiday such as a change of destination, downgrade of your accommodation by one full star rating, a change in flight time by more than 12 hours or a change of UK departure airport. A change in flight time that we need to make within 24 hours before you are due to fly is not a major change unless the time changes by more than 24 hours.

If we tell you about a major change after you book your holiday, you can accept the new arrangements offered by us; or accept a replacement holiday from us of the same or similar standard and price at the date of the change (we'll always refund the difference in price if the replacement holiday is a lower price at the date of the change), if we are able to offer you one; or cancel your holiday with us and receive a full refund.

If we make a major change, and you choose to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund, we'll pay the compensation shown below, unless the change is because of an event beyond our control. Any compensation payable is based upon how many days before your holiday departure we tell you about a major change. We'll pay 50% of the compensation for each person who paid a child price. No compensation will be paid for free child places.

How long before your holiday we tell you about a major change	Compensation per person
84 days or more	0
83-29 days	£25
28-15 days	£35
14-8 days	£50
7-0 days	£100

Events Beyond Our Control

Examples of events beyond our control are: war, threat of war, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist activity or its consequences, industrial disputes, any failure to secure relevant flying rights, natural or nuclear disasters, fire, health risks, unavoidable and unforeseeable technical problems with transport, closed or congested airports or ports, actual or potential severe weather conditions, the imposition of sanctions or other Governmental action and any other similar events.

On Your Holiday

Behaviour

Only you can use your accommodation. You must not let anyone else stay there. You are responsible for any damage to your accommodation or its contents during your holiday. We can refuse to accept you on your holiday or continue dealing with you if we, or someone in authority, believe your behaviour (by any form of communication or in person) is disruptive. The Captain of your aircraft or ship can restrict your movements on board or remove you. If you are disruptive and stopped from boarding your flight from the UK, or disruptive during your flight, we'll treat your booking as cancelled by you at that moment. If you are disruptive on your holiday we can remove you from your accommodation and you will be responsible for your own return home and for any other members of your group who cannot or will not travel without you. You will not be entitled to a refund in either case and we will not provide compensation or meet any costs or expenses.

If you are disruptive you will be responsible for any damages, costs and expenses (including legal expenses) incurred as a result. This can include cleaning, repairing or replacing property lost, damaged or destroyed by you, compensating any passenger, crew, staff or agent affected by your actions and diverting the aircraft or ship for the purpose of removing you.

Disruptive behaviour includes being threatening or abusive, damaging property, upsetting, annoying or disturbing any other traveller, our staff or agents or putting any of them in danger.

Excursions

We may introduce you to suppliers of excursions or other services. If you buy one of these, you'll be contracting with the supplier directly, we act only as an agent and have no liability for the performance of that contract. Our Agreement doesn't apply to any contract for excursions or other services.

If Things Go Wrong on Your Holiday

You benefit from the rights applying to packages under The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. We are responsible for all the travel services included in your holiday. If any of them isn't provided as we agreed, we'll pay you compensation, if appropriate, unless it's due to an event beyond our control (see 'Events Beyond Our Control'), is your fault or is caused by a third-party.

If you are in difficulty on your holiday we'll help by providing information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance. We'll help you make phone calls, send emails or make alternative travel arrangements. You must pay any costs we incur if the difficulty is your fault.

If You Have A Complaint

It is very rare for things to go wrong. If they do, you must tell the supplier in question (e.g. the hotel) and our representative straight away so they can solve the issue. If our representative isn't available, you should contact our TUI Guest Experience Centre which is open 24/7. If you're still not satisfied, contact After-Travel Customer Support within 28 days of coming home so we can investigate properly. Contact details are in the A-Z Guide.

We usually solve any issues but you can use ABTA's scheme for resolving disputes at www.abta.com.

Personal Injury

Your holiday is made up from services provided by suppliers who follow local standards. Overseas safety standards are generally lower than in the UK.

If anyone travelling suffers injury, illness or death because of the services provided as part of your holiday, you must tell us and the supplier involved about it and complete a report at the time.

After your holiday you can contact After-Travel Customer Support. It must be no more than 3 months after you come home so we can investigate properly. Contact details are at the end of this guide.

Protecting Your Money

We provide security for the money you pay for your holiday and to bring you home in the event we become insolvent. When you buy a holiday from us that includes a flight, we do this by way of an ATOL (number 2524) managed by the Civil Aviation Authority, Gatwick Airport South, RH6 0YR. We also place a bond held by ABTA (V5126), 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ, for holidays that do not include flights. We've tried to write Our Agreement clearly. Unfortunately, the ATOL rules make us to include the next three paragraphs exactly as they're written.

Your Financial Protection.

When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive package from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong.

We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

Where your holiday is protected under the ABTA scheme, you agree to accept that in the event of our insolvency ABTA may arrange for the services you have bought to continue, or for a suitable alternative to be provided at the same cost as your original holiday. You also agree to accept that in circumstances where the travel service provider provides the services you have bought, you agree to pay any outstanding sum under your contract with us to that alternative travel service provider. However, you also agree that in some cases the services will not be provided, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under ABTA's Scheme of Protection (or your payment card issuer where applicable) for a refund of the monies you have paid. Where your holiday is protected under the ABTA scheme, you agree to accept that in the event of our insolvency ABTA may arrange for the services you have bought to continue, or for a suitable alternative to be provided at the same cost as your original holiday. You also agree to accept that in circumstances where the travel service provider provides the services you have bought, you agree to pay any outstanding sum under your contract with us to that alternative travel service provider. However, you also agree that in some cases the services will not be provided, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under ABTA's Scheme of Protection (or your payment card issuer where applicable) for a refund of the monies you have paid. All money you pay to a travel agent for your holiday is held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times but subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to us for so long as we do not fail. If we do fail, any money held at that time by the agent, or subsequently accepted from you by the agent, is and continues to be held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us.

Getting In Touch

Before You Go

If you're yet to travel with us, here are some numbers you may need...

Bookings, Amendments or General Enquiries	0203 451 2688
Assisted Travel Team	0800 145 6920

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