

## *Discover Paris at Your Leisure - Romantic Paris*



Standard Class Travel  
Leisure Select (First class) includes breakfast, dinner &  
refreshments  
served at your seat

### **Days of Operation: Daily (except Sunday)**

This tour starts at 5:30am and finishes at approximately 9:40pm  
The Louvre Museum is closed on Tuesdays (entry not included)

**Please note:** This tour will not run on the 30th October 2010 due to  
engineering work on the Eurostar

### **Journey to Paris**

Check-in at 5.45am (except on Sat 5.30am) for your Paris departure. Meet  
your Golden Tours representative at the group welcome desk at St. Pancras  
International Station where you will receive your welcome pack. Just 2hrs  
15mins and you'll be in Paris! Pass through the 31 mile-long Channel Tunnel  
along the way!

### **Paris at Your Leisure**

A totally free and easy product – no frills and a price to match! Explore Paris  
at your own leisure, visiting the sights you want to see! Our package  
includes a Visit Paris pass to get you round the city by metro to all the top  
sights – Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame and even the Louvre.  
You will also receive a map to set you on your way.

### **Free River Cruise**

Take to the water on a luxury cruise and enjoy panoramic views of Parisian magical monuments. The cruises lasts an hour and an audio tour is provided.

### **Return Journey**

Arrive at the Euro star Check-in at least 45 minutes before departure. Your departure time from Paris is 8:13pm, arriving in London at 9:40pm.

### **Train Departure Times:**

**Monday to Friday:** trains will depart from St Pancras Int. at 6:55am arriving in Paris at 10:17am

**Saturday:** will depart from St Pancras Int. at 6:22am arriving in Paris at 9:47am

**Monday to Saturday:** return trains will depart from Paris at 8:13pm arriving in London at 9:40pm

**Please note:** On the 3rd, 24th and 31st May 2010, the departure time from London will be at 08:26am. Check-in will be at 7.00am and pick-up will be at 6.15am, arriving into Paris at 11:47am. The return train back from Paris remains the same.

### **Additional Information:**

**Once booked this tour is non-refundable. Please ensure you have a valid passport and visa.**

## *Splendour of Paris*



Standard Class Travel  
Leisure Select (First class) includes breakfast, dinner & refreshments served at your seat

### **Tour Highlights:**

- Free Return Transfers
- Reserved Seats on Eurostar
  - Fully escorted in Paris
- Entry to Eiffel Tower 2nd Floor
- Entry to Palace of Versailles
  - Free Map of Paris
- Leisure Select (First class) includes breakfast, dinner & refreshments served at your seat - **Click here for sample menu**

### **Days of Operation:**

**April to Oct:** Tue to Sat

**Nov to Feb:** Tue, Thu & Sat

**Mar:** Tue to Sat

This tour starts at 6:30am and finishes at approximately 9:40pm

**Please note:** This tour will not run on the 30th October 2010 due to engineering work on the Euro star

### **Free Hotel Transfers**

Please wait by the concierge desk at 5:00am (except on Sat at 4.45am) for your optional FREE transfer to and from St. Pancras International station. (Applicable to clients staying in central London hotels only and must be pre-booked).

### **Journey to Paris**

Check-in at 5.45am (except on Sat 5.30am) for your Paris departure. Meet the Golden Tours representative at the group welcome desk at St. Pancras International Station where you will receive your welcome pack.

### **Tour of Paris and Eiffel Tower**

On arrival at the Gare du Nord station where you will be met by your guide. Enjoy a whistle stop tour of Paris and marvel at its magical monuments from the comfort of your seat! We visit the Eiffel Tower where you can enjoy breathtaking views of the city from the second floor..

### **The Palace of Versailles**

Visit the magnificent Palace. Take in the Great Royal Apartments, Hall of Mirrors and the Queen's Apartments. The tour also includes a visit to the magnificent gardens, except during The Musical Fountain Display on Sat and Public Holidays. (There is no guiding inside the Palace).

### **Return Journey**

Your guide will escort you back to the Gare du Nord. Your departure time from Paris is 8:13pm, arriving back in London at 9:40pm

### **Train Departure Times:**

**Tuesday to Friday:** trains will depart from St Pancras Int. at 6:55am arriving in Paris at 10:17am

**Saturday:** will depart from St Pancras Int. at 6:22am arriving in Paris at 9:47am

**Tuesday to Saturday:** return trains will depart from Paris at 8:13pm arriving in London at 9:40pm

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### **Additional Information:**

- Passports will be required. Please check visa requirement.

## ***Tower of London***

- 100% cancellation charges apply to this tour - once booked it cannot be



### **Days of Operation:**

**1 Mar to 31 Oct**

**Tues to Sat** - 09:00 to 17:30

**Sun to Mon** - 10:00 to 17:30

Last admission 17:00

**1 Nov to 28 Feb**

**Tue to Sat** - 09:00 to 16:30

**Sun to Mon** - 10:00 to 16:30

Last admission 16:00

The Tower is closed 24-26 December (inclusive) and 1 January.

HM Tower of London has been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

One of the most famous castle keeps in the world, it was built to awe, subdue and terrify Londoners and to deter foreign invaders. It's now an iconic symbol of London and Britain and one of the world's premier tourist attractions

### **Crown Jewels**

Our nation's regalia is held in the most visible vault in the world. Thousands of glittering gem stones and yards of silver gilt create a priceless display of royal ornament. Each can tell tales of intrigue, power and majesty across the ages. The Maundy Dish and Imperial State Crown are still part of the annual

traditions of monarchy, come on the right day and you'll see our own tradition - placing the 'in use' sign on a velvet cushion in the relevant case.

### **Beefeater tours**

Share the secrets of one thousand years of royal gossip with a body of Beefeaters (proper name 'Yeoman Warder' but who remembers that?) that has guarded this fortress for centuries. Take one of their tours and you'll be amazed and appalled by tales that have been passed down for generations.

Pain and passion, treachery and torture, all delivered with a smile and swagger.

### **The White Tower**

The White Tower was the original Tower of London. Begun by William the Conqueror around 1080, it would have made a safe and impressive home for the newly crowned Norman invader. It is still home to original armours worn by Henry VIII and Charles I and a scary collection of historical weapons and torture instruments. For those seeking a less gory side of its life, there is the beautifully preserved 11th century Chapel of St John the Evangelist to explore.

### **Prisoners of the Tower**

Despite its reputation there are no dungeons at the Tower of London and its doubtful there ever really were. The Tower was rather more exclusive than that, with prisoners from the higher levels of society entitled to be held here.

Come and see what life was like imprisoned in the Bloody or Beauchamp Towers. Experience the sights, sounds and inscriptions left from incarceration five hundred years ago.

### **Additional Information:**

The last Yeoman Warder tour starts at **14.30** (winter), **15.30** (summer).

## *The Original London Sightseeing Tour*



### **Tour Highlights:**

- English live guides and a wide choice of language commentaries
  - Hop-on and hop-off service with over 90 stops
  - Tickets valid for **24** hours on all tour routes
    - Thames River Cruise
    - Walking Tours
  - Unique Kids' Club including a kid's activity pack
- Superb modern bus fleet, many with low floor disabled access

### **Tickets are valid for 24 hours**

The Original London Sightseeing Tour provides more than just a great way to travel around London. Founded in 1951 at the time of The Festival of Britain and now the largest single sightseeing operator in the world, it has become established as an essential introduction to London. It offers you total choice and flexibility. The Hop-on Hop-off service allows you to board any of the tour routes at over 90 different stops with a commentary in English or six other languages (see below). The Kids' Club provides an educational but fun alternative for 5-12 year olds. Hop on Hop off services are frequent and reliable with tours running daily, every 15-20 minutes. The Original Tour allows you to experience all the magical sights and sounds of London in a comfortable and secure environment.

### **Walking Tours:**

Changing of the Guard Walk and Cool Britannia both departing from The Original London Visitor Centre on Cockspur St and also the Original London Jack the Ripper Walk departing from The Original Tour stop at Tower of London on Tower Hill. Our walking tours last 90 minutes and are guided in English by one of our experienced and entertaining guides.

### **New routes:**

Original Tour are now running a Station Connector service from St Pancras International, linking Eurostar day trip arrivals into our two main tour routes at Marble Arch. We will also be running an all day Capital Connector service in the Bayswater area, again linking into the main tours at Marble Arch.

### **Kids' Club:**

History made fun - for kids, by kids ... plus the voice of the ghost of London! Every child also gets a 'passport' to London and a fantastic free fun pack with activity/quiz book. Look out for the great Kids Club competition in the back of the book where you could win a souvenir of London. The Kids Club Channel is available on the red route.

### **Tour Languages:**

French, German,  
Italian, Japanese,  
Russian, Spanish

#### **Main Start Points:**

- Trafalgar Square
  - Piccadilly Circus
    - Victoria & Grosvenor Gardens
- Click here for  
information  
about each bus  
route**



**Tour Times:**  
Tour busses operate from Main Start Points from around 8:30am - 6:20pm.



### *Gems of London - The City, Tower of London and River Cruise*



#### **Tour Highlights:**

- Entry to the Tower of London
- See the famous Crown Jewels
  - Thames River Cruise
- Entry to St Paul's Cathedral with exclusive visit to the Quire on Tour 3
  - See the City of London

#### **Days of Operation:**

**Daily**

This tour starts at 12:40pm and finishes at approximately 6:00pm

**\*\*\* Golden Tours Exclusive Feature \*\*\***

## **St. Paul's Cathedral and City of London**

Uncover the history of our capital city, from the Great Fire in 1666 to the Blitz of 1940-1, as our tour takes you to the key locations where it all began. Take in the Bank of England as well as the residence of the Lord Mayor at Mansion House in the financial district. Visit the iconic London landmark of St. Paul's Cathedral, completed in 1708 and witness Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece. Exclusively available to Golden Tours clients and not normally open to the public, enter the Quire and marvel at the beautiful mosaics contained within its walls.

\*On Sundays due to church services, there is no guiding inside the cathedral.

## **The Tower of London & Crown Jewels - meet an official Yeoman Warder**

On arrival at the Tower of London you will be greeted by an official Yeoman Warder. Take this opportunity for a memorable photograph! During its 1000-year history this impressive fortress has been a Royal Palace, prison, mint and even a zoo! Be dazzled by the Cullinan diamonds and the spectacular Kohi-i-Noor at the Crown Jewels. Commemorating the 500th anniversary of King Henry VIII's accession to the throne, the Tower of London will unveil the exquisite exhibition of 'Dressed to Kill', featuring armoury and weapons.

## **Thames River Cruise**

Take to the water on a luxury river cruise and enjoy a panoramic tour of the array of attractions which encompass London.

This tour will finish around 6.00pm.

## **Additional Information: Sundays in London**

Meeting the Trooper at the Household Cavalry Museum is subject to Guard Change.

## *The Total London Experience*



- \* This tour does not include lunch \*\* This tour includes lunch at a Traditional English Pub

### **Tour Highlights:**

- Panoramic tour of London
  - See the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace
    - Exclusive visit to the Household Cavalry Museum
- Visit Covent Garden and lunch at a traditional English Pub (optional)
- Entry to Tower of London with exclusive Beefeater tour experience
  - See the famous Crown Jewels
- Entry to St. Paul's Cathedral with special access to the Quire
  - Thames River Cruise
- Spectacular flight on the London Eye

**Days of Operation:  
Daily**

This tour starts at 8:45am and finishes at approximately 7:00pm

**London Panoramic Tour and Westminster Abbey**

A whistle stop tour of London's famous monuments, marvel at the history of London's modern masterpieces from the comfort of your seat! Have your cameras ready for our photo stop at the spectacular Westminster Abbey.

**\*\*\* Golden Tours Exclusive Feature \*\*\***

**Household Cavalry Museum**

Meet an official Household Guards trooper and have your burning questions answered! Try on their official uniform and be photographed as a trooper! Our exclusive behind the scenes tour of the museum is an opportunity not to be missed!

**Buckingham Palace and Changing of the Guard\***

A mass of red tunics, bearskins and Buckingham Palace - an unforgettable experience! Observe the Queen's Foot Guard in their regal uniforms march alongside the military band to the Palace and witness the famous ceremony that is the Changing of the Guard.

**Optional lunch in Covent Garden (2 course)**

Tantalise your taste buds at a traditional English Pub within the vibrant Italian piazza of Covent Garden and time permitting; enjoy the boutiques and street entertainers which litter its cobbled streets.

**St. Paul's Cathedral and City of London**

A guaranteed treat for historians! Uncover the history of our capital city, from the Great Fire in 1666 to the Blitz of 1940-1, take in the Bank of England as well as the residence of the Lord Mayor at Mansion House in the financial district. Visit the iconic London landmark of St. Paul's Cathedral, completed in 1708 and witness Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece.

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**St Paul's Cathedral - Entry to 'The Quire'**

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cathedral.

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### **The Tower of London & Crown Jewels - meet an official Yeoman Warder**

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### **River Thames Cruise**

Take to the water on a luxury river cruise and enjoy a panoramic tour of the array of attractions which encompass London.

### **London Eye Flight**

End your day in style! Take to the skies on a London Eye flight and enjoy breathtaking views of London in the luxury of your glass capsule.

This tour will finish at the London Eye around 6.45pm

\*Subject to weather conditions and timetable changes

### **Additional Information: Sundays in London**

Please note that due to services being held at St. Paul's Cathedral there is no access to the Quire.

Meeting the Trooper at the Household Cavalry Museum is subject to Guard Change.

## *Thames Clippers*



### **Days of Operation:**

**Daily** - March 2009 to March 2010

**Monday to Friday** 10.00am until 10.00pm approx every 20 minutes

**Saturday and Sunday** from 9.00am until 10.00pm approx every 20 minutes

### **River Roamer**

The fastest fleet on the river - a fleet of hi-speed catamarans which operate daily with departures every 20 minutes from piers including Embankment, London Bridge, Tower, Greenwich, Waterloo, Canary Wharf and The O2, London's premier concert venue. The luxurious boats include an indoor seating area as well as a covered outdoor area and refreshments are available onboard.

Use your river roamer ticket for unlimited river travel and combine it with

one of the riverside attractions such as Shakespeare's Globe, Tower of London, Tower Bridge Exhibition and much more.

### **Tour TC1 River Roamer**

Unlimited Day River Travel

### **Tour TC2 Point to Point**

Valid one way Embankment/Waterloo to Greenwich or vice versa.

### ***New York Skyride***



### **Tour Highlights:**

- New York's one and only virtual tour simulator
  - Exciting adventure tour of New York City
  - Located on the second floor of the Empire State Building
- Through the magic of flight simulation, guests 'fly over' 30 famous New York sights.
- Includes 2 pre-shows - 'I am New York' & 'Top 10 Things to do in New York'

### **Days of Operation:**

**7 days a week**

8:00am - 10:00pm

The NYSkyride is conveniently located on the 2nd floor of the famed Empire State Building and is a 'must see' for any itinerary. A New York sightseeing tour like no other, see all New York has to offer from the outside and the

inside of the Empire State Building. Experience an exciting IMAX style adventurous tour combining high definition digital technology, moving platforms and seats and a 18 foot high screen.

Through the magic of flight simulation, guests “fly over” over 30 sights New York is famous for without ever leaving the second floor of the Empire State Building. In addition, the experience includes 2 static pre-shows. The first called “I am New York”, a 7 minute perspective of the history of the Empire State Building and “Top 10 Things to do in New York”, a 7 minute presentation on all that New York has to offer visitors.

**Additional Information:**

**Please print your voucher and bring it with you on the day of the visit as you will need to exchange it at the redemption point within the venue to gain entrance.**

## *Empire State Building*



### **Days of Operation:**

Observatory Hours:

Open daily 365 days a year.

8:00am to 2:00am 7 days a week. Last elevators go up at 1:15am.

### **Skyride Hours:**

10:00am to 10:00pm daily

Open daily 365 days a year.

### **Tour ESB1 - Observatory Tickets only**

Since the Observatory opened to the public in 1931, almost 110 million visitors have been thrilled by the awe-inspiring vision of the city beneath them.

Each year over 3.5 million people are whisked to the 86th floor to be where Clark Gable waited in vain for Deborah Kerr in an "Affair to Remember", while Tom

Hanks and Meg Ryan had their fateful meeting in the movie "Sleepless in Seattle." The observatory is handicap accessible.

The building, one of New York City's main tourist attractions, offers a variety of activities for its visitors. One can tour the Observatory 365 days per year, day and night, rain or shine for breathtaking views of Manhattan and beyond. Also there are two restaurants, a sushi bar, three coffee shops, a drug store, a Hallmark card shop, a post office and two banks, in addition to the plethora of restaurants and nightlife activities in the surrounding area.

For the family, there is the New York Skyride, an independently owned and operated simulated helicopter ride and virtual-reality movie theater. In addition there are concerts and art exhibits located in the lobby year-round, holiday-based decorations/shows, as well as special annual events such as the ESB run up and Valentine's Day.

All in all, the feeling and spirit of New York City is embodied in the Empire State Building. From the people who fell in love here, to the ones who have returned with their children and grandchildren, everyone recognizes the building not only as an awe-inspiring landmark which offers one of the most spectacular views on earth but an unequalled symbol of American ingenuity and Art Deco architecture.

### **86th Floor Observatory:**

The 86th floor observatory, 1,050 feet (320 meters) above the ground, is reached by high speed, automatic elevators, has a glass-enclosed area, which is heated in winter and cooled in summer, and spacious outdoor promenades on four sides of the Building. High-powered binoculars are available on the promenades for the convenience of visitors at a minimal cost. Souvenir counters are also located in the 86th floor observatory. The 86th floor observatory is handicap accessible.

### **Additional Information**

**IMPORTANT:** Everyone must go through the security check when entering the building. No glass or bottles are permitted to be taken to the Observatory. Cameras and camcorders are allowed but no tripods. ONLY carry-on size and style bags, suitcases, backpacks, duffle bags, luggage, etc are permitted. There is no coat check, package, baggage check or holding area, so please do not attempt to bring non-carry-on style luggage to the Observatory.

## ***Dubai***

Arrive in Dubai at any time.

### **Day 2 Dubai**

A day spent exploring old Dubai, including the aromatic and glittering Spice and Gold Souks, the beautiful rose-coloured Grand Mosque of Jumeirah and Dubai's most popular attraction, the Dubai Museum.

### **Day 3 Abu Dhabi - Al Ain**

Journey along Jumeriah Beach to the modern metropolis of Abu Dhabi, witnessing local handicraft skills and visiting the splendid Al-Husn fort. The spectacular Corniche coastal road takes in traditional dhows before arriving in Al Ain.

### **Day 4 Emirates Oman border - Jabal al Akhdar & Nizwa**

A packed day begins with city sights before a scenic drive along the interior to Oman. Wadis, mountains, forts, villages and Wadi Ghul, Oman's very own 'Grand Canyon' are all part of the rich experience on the road to Nizwa.

### **Day 5 Nizwa**

Explore the oasis of Nizwa, with its impressive Jabreen Fortress, visiting the traditional goat and cattle market, a timeless tradition, offering a unique insight into traditional Omani life.

### **Days 6-7 Muscat**

After a morning visit to Birkat al Mauz, journey on to Muscat where there will be time to explore the town by land and sea. Bustling souks, resplendent mosques and palaces and sea-facing forts are set against a stunning mountain backdrop.

### **Days 8 Fujairah-Dibba**

A stunning coastal drive winds north to Fujairah and its 16th century Fort, before crossing into the U.A.E and heading for the ancient Islamic village of Dibba, home to the oldest mosque in the U.A.E.

### **Day 9 Sharjah-Dubai**

A morning visit to the peaceful Masafi oasis, before heading west to Dubai via the ancient trading port of Sharjah.

### **Day 10 Depart Dubai**

### **Days 1 Dubai**

Arrive in Dubai at any time on day 1. There are no included activities, apart from the group meeting at 6 pm, please, check the lobby for a message from your group leader.

### **Day 2 Dubai**

A day spent exploring the intrigues on offer in this lively city. From the bustling Dubai Creek, the aromatic and glittering Spice and Gold Souk to the beautiful rose-coloured Grand Mosque of Jumeirah and the Bastakia neighbourhood, Dubai has so much to offer, not forgetting Dubai's most popular attraction, the Dubai Museum.

### **Day 3 Abu Dhabi - Al Ain**

Journey along Jumeriah Beach, to the modern metropolis of Abu Dhabi. Witness the intricate local skills on display at the Woman's Handicraft Centre before a visit to the splendid Al-Husn, previously a palace fort for the previous ruling Al-Nahyan family and the oldest building in the city. A drive along the spectacular Corniche coastal road provides a chance to see traditional Arabian dhows, before arriving in Al Ain.

### **Day 4 Emirates Oman border - Jabal al Akhdar & Nizwa**

A visit to the charming local museum, Buraimi Fortress and chaotic camel market kicks off a packed day as the journey follows a scenic path along the interior to Oman. Wadis, mountains, forts, villages and Wadi Ghul, Oman's very own 'Grand Canyon' are all part of the rich experience on the road to Nizwa.

The mountains and wadis of the Jabal al Akhdar offer spectacular views and fascinating villages to explore. We travel through the mountains, passing the dramatic craggy peaks of the highest mountain range in Oman. For thousands of years self-sufficient oases have flourished in the folds of rocks, using an ancient irrigation system known as falaj.

Peer down the drop of 1000m to the bottom of Wadi Ghul, known locally as the 'Grand Canyon' - at the bottom of this vast void, the wadi winds peacefully through the landscape. Stop at the eerie ruined village of Tanuf, destroyed during the Jabel wars of the 1950s.

### **Day 5 Nizwa**

Oman's former capital, steeped in ancient culture provides delightful souks, including the famous cattle market, packed with bellowing bulls! No visit is complete without taking in the 17th century Nizwa Fort and the stunning Jabreen Fortress. Possibly Oman's most impressive fort, it was once an important centre of learning for astrology, medicine and Islamic Law. In the afternoon, venture to the natural beauty of Wadi Nachel.

### **Days 6-7 Muscat**

With its deep, protected harbour Sur was the country's premier dhow building port and we visit the shipyards and discover the traditional Dhow building skills before continuing onto Muscat.

Time is given here to explore the town's bustling souks, resplendent mosques and palaces and sea-facing forts, set against a mountain backdrop. Highlights of the city include visits to the Grand Mosque, the National Museum Bait Zubair and Merani & Jelani forts.

### **Days 8 Fujairah - Dibba**

A stunning coastal drive winds north to Fujairah with its 16th century Fort, before crossing the border into the U.A.E and heading for the fishing village of Dibba.

Famous in Islamic history for the great battle in 633, it is also close to the Al Bidiyah Mosque- the oldest mosque in the U.A.E- a delightfully simple construction built between 1446 and 1668. Free time is given to explore at leisure.

## **Day 9 Sharjah - Dubai**

A morning visit to the serene beauty of the Madha oasis before heading west to Dubai, via the waterside town of Sharjar. Once the major power in the region with an economy built on trade, fishing and pearls before the discovery of oil, Sharjar's conservative atmosphere is a far cry from its glitzy neighbour.

## **Day 10 Depart Dubai**

### *Istanbul*

#### **Day 1**

Arrive in Istanbul at any time.

#### **Day 2 Istanbul**

Explore the city that is both Europe and Asia. Steeped in centuries of history, this city of turrets and domes is a highlight for any traveller. Don't miss those historical icons, the Aya Sofya, the Basilica Cistern, the Hippodrome and the legendary Blue Mosque.

#### **Days 3-4 Goreme, Cappadocia**

Hire a bike or dust off your walking shoes and check out the incredible canyons and natural rock formations, known as "fairy chimneys" that dominate Cappadocia's unique landscape. Choose to explore the underground city of Derinkuyu and take the option to have a meal with a local family.

#### **Day 5 Ihlara Gorge**

Hike through this beautiful gorge filled with caves, containing ancient Byzantine churches with stunning painted frescos.

#### **Day 6 Adana**

Adana is our overnight stop as we continue our odyssey southeast towards the Syrian border. Check out the extravagant Sabanci Merkez Cami, built by Turkey's most famous tycoon.

#### **Days 7-8 Aleppo**

**Aleppo is the epitome of an Arabian bazaar. Steeped in centuries of history, donkeys and horse-drawn carts are still the fastest way around**

**the labyrinthine alleyways of the charming Al-Jdeida quarter. Explore the souks bartering for gold and silver treasures, intricate wooden boxes, mounds of fabric and sweet-scented soaps.**

### **Day 9 Hama, Crac des Chevaliers**

Listen to the creak of giant water wheels in atmospheric Hama before heading to explore the crusader castle of Crac des Chevaliers or Qala-at al-Hosn, regarded by poets and writers as the epitome of the fairytale castle or simply "the most beautiful castle in the world".

### **Day 10 Palmyra**

Learn about the intriguing history of this Greco-Roman city in its captivating desert oasis backdrop. The tales of a queen, a murder and a tragic ending will bring these beautiful and evocative ruins to life.

### **Days 11-12 Damascus**

Damascus, Syria's Holy City and traditional seat of the country's rulers, claims to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. It certainly feels like it as you wander the ancient walled Medina with its unique old-world oriental charm locked into a maze of alleyways, filled with bazaars, minarets, mosques and fountain courtyards.

### **Day 13 Amman**

We hop the border into Jordan and continue to Amman, the capital and largest city of the Hashemite Kingdom.

### **Days 14-15 Petra**

Making a stopover at the Dead Sea, we proceed to the ancient Nabataean city of Petra in southern Jordan. Marvel at Petra's incredible towering façades carved into the rose-coloured rock face.

### **Day 16 Wadi Rum**

Blessed with some of the most spectacular desert scenery you will ever see, Wadi Rum is home to the nomadic Bedouin people. We head deep into the desert by 4x4, arriving at our tented home for the night where we enjoy a traditional meal and learn more about this ancient culture.

### **Days 17-18 Red Sea Beach Camp**

Welcome to the land of the Pharaohs as we transfer by ferry into Egypt, where it is time for a well-earned beach break. Relax, take a dip in the crystal waters and

enjoy some unique snorkelling over the coral reefs for which the Red Sea region is famous.

### Day 19 Mount Sinai

Make the steep climb to the top of Mt. Sinai and be rewarded with stunning views, before visiting St Katherine's monastery, legendary home of the biblical burning bush.

### Day 1 Tunis

Arrive in Tunis at any time.

### Day 2 Carthage, Tunis

Head to the spectacular ruins of the ancient city of Carthage, Tunisia's most extensive and fascinating archaeological site. Afterward, we'll make a stop at the village of Sidi Bou Said, perched on a cliff towering above the Mediterranean Sea, Carthage and the Gulf of Tunis.

### Day 3 Tunis, Kairouan

In Tunis, lose yourself in the bustling, tangled streets of the Medina (old town) with its labyrinthine souks and the fabulous Bardo Museum, situated in an old Turkish Palace and one of the best collections of Roman and Byzantine mosaics in the world. We spend the night in the Islamic Holy City of Kairouan, Tunisia's carpet capital.

### Day 4 Kairouan, Sfax

Visit the enchanting, crumbling white-washed streets of Kairouan, including the Great Mosque of Jamaa Sidi Oqba, reflecting the magnificence of Islamic prominence at that time. We continue in the afternoon to El Jem with its magnificently preserved Roman coliseum and in the evening to the bustling city of Sfax.

### Day 5 Matmata

Take a stroll in the hustle and bustle of Sfax medina before we head to the desert, rocky landscape of Tunisia's remote southeastern corner, a land of abandoned hilltop Berber villages, underground troglodyte dwellings and fortified strongholds or "ksour" dominating all the villages. This is one of the last places where the Berber language, Chelha, can still be heard. We spend the night in a troglodyte village, in Matmata.

### Day 6 Douz, Zaafrane

We head to Douz, gateway to the Sahara and the southern trade routes across the great ocean of dunes to Sub-Saharan Africa. As the sun sets and the temperatures cool, marvel at the change in the town's atmosphere as the streets come alive with locals.

### Day 7 Tozeur

We drive across the incredible expanse of the Chott el Jerid salt "lake", a surreal experience. The oasis appears before your eyes in the distance on the white lake oozing with salt, and then disappears as you get closer: was it a dream or a mirage?

### Day 8 Tozeur

Today is free to enjoy pleasant Tozeur. You may like to take an optional excursion to Metlaoui, the departure station for the famous "Red Lizard Train". The beautifully restored red and gold-painted wagons, adorned with brass fittings and mahogany panels, chug through spectacular scenery and are a reminder of an era when time was of no consequence.

### Day 9 Sbeitla, Le Kef

Admire the ancient theatre, great thermal baths and the temples of this ruined Roman city in the middle of the dusty North African desert landscape. We then continue to Le Kef (Arabic for "rock") with its hilly, cobbled streets, blue-shuttered buildings and fabulous Byzantine kasbah.

### Day 10 Tabarka

We visit Bulla Regia, sure to surprise you with its beautiful architectural structures: multiple floors of underground houses, a Roman forum, Christian basilicas, plus a theatre, ancient market and Byzantine Fortress. We continue to the pretty coastal town of Tabarka with its backdrop of white sandy beach, a hub of live music performances and a laid-back café life.

### Day 11 Tunis

Today we visit the impressive Dougga ruins, one of the most interesting archaeological sites in Africa, reflecting a rich and contrasted history marked by Numidian and Roman civilizations. We head back to Tunis in the afternoon for a final night in the bustling city.

## ***Istanbul***

### **Day 1**

Arrive in Istanbul at any time.

### **Day 2 Istanbul, Overnight bus**

Discover Istanbul on our guided walking tour. See all of the "must see" sights such as the Blue Mosque and Hippodrome.

### **Days 3-4 Fethiye**

Explore a deserted village and take the chance to sample Turkish pancakes for lunch. Afterwards, cool off in the crystal clear waters of Oludeniz beach. If it's sunshine you seek, head off on a Five Island boat cruise for a day of swimming, snorkelling and relaxing. For the more active, consider a visit to Saklikent Gorge.

### **Days 5-6 Selçuk**

The laid-back town of Selçuk is your base for exploring Ephesus. Consider hiring a bike to visit one of the best-preserved examples of a Roman city in the world. Catch a local "dolmus" bus to the picturesque village of Sirince where you can sample some of the local wine or shop for crafts. The beach at Kuşadası is also within reach.

### **Days 7-8 Pamukkale**

Enjoy another morning in Selçuk before making our way to the town of Pamukkale, and experience the sparkling calcium cliffs for which the area is famous. Explore the ruins of ancient Hierapolis and take a swim amongst its sunken Roman columns.

### **Day 9 Lake Egirdir**

Heading inland, we leave the crowds behind for a relaxing lakeside break. Cruise the waters on a boat trip or take a short hike around this lovely body of water.

### **Days 10-12 Cappadocia**

We explore Cappadocia by foot, taking in stunning views of the soft lava formations, carved by the elements into fantastic shapes. Here, local people still live in elaborately carved caves. Explore the Open Air Museum, packed with beautiful examples of Byzantine painted cave churches. Take a day trip to the Ihlara Valley for more churches in a wonderfully lush setting. Hire a bike and ride to nearby villages and don't miss the chance to have dinner in a small village at a local family home.

### **Day 13 Ankara, Overnight train**

We head to Turkey's bustling capital, Ankara. If time permits, head up to its ancient citadel, or relax and watch life go by in the Central Gardens.

### **Day 14 Istanbul**

Istanbul has so much to explore. Head to the Topkapi Palace, former home of the Ottoman Sultans. The Aya Sofya is a stunning structure and definitely worth a look! After starting life as a church, then becoming a mosque, it is now a museum. Don't miss the chance to sample a sherbet from the traditionally-dressed sellers before heading down the Bosphorus for a fish sandwich and a cold beer for lunch.

## *Greece*

### **Day 1**

Arrive in Santorini by 11am to embark on our first day of sailing, setting off in the afternoon for the island of Ios. On arrival, explore the picturesque harbour town at leisure or perhaps enjoy some of the island's famed nightlife in one of its lively bars and discos.

### **Day 2 Ios - Small Cyclades**

Spend the morning on the fantastic little island of Ios, famous for its sandy beaches and pretty chapels. Around noon, we leave Ios to cruise to the unique chain of islands known as the "Small Cyclades" - the perfect hideaway for an overnight stay.

### **Day 3 Small Cyclades - Naxos**

Today we enjoy the life of a sailor as we make our way to Naxos. Hang out on deck and watch for dolphins or try your hand at sailing with the Skipper!

### **Day 4 Naxos**

Today we have a full day to explore the beautiful island of Naxos. Join your Skipper on an optional excursion around the island as they show you some of the hidden gems and explore the local side of Naxos. Check out the Temple of Demeter with its spectacular views down onto the green valleys of the island, have lunch in a local tavern high up in the hills at almost 3000ft and end the day on one of the spectacular golden beaches.

### **Day 5 Naxos - Mykonos**

Set sail for an adventurous day to Mykonos, where we will dock in the bustling port of Mykonos Town. There are plenty of options on this popular and charmingly elegant island. Why not take a trip out to Delos, birthplace of Apollo and the most sacred island in Ancient Greece. For a more relaxing day, lounge in one of the

trendy bars on the waterfront at Little Italy, or if shopping is your thing, the boutiques of Mykonos Town are definitely the place for you!

### **Day 6 Mykonos - Syros**

Set sail for Syros, stopping en route for a lunch break at the uninhabited island of Didimi for some spectacular snorkelling and swimming opportunities off the boat.

We will moor for the night at the old Cycladic capital city of Ermoupolis, with plenty of time for exploring the town's beautiful architecture and absorbing its local spirit.

### **Day 7 Syros – Paros**

A morning sail brings us to Parikia, on Paros, where we can explore this charming little port town, or even better, take an optional excursion to visit Antiparos with its world famous shallow beaches and wonderful caves.

### **Day 8 Paros - Sifnos**

Leaving Parikia, we set sail for Sifnos, so secluded and charming that Ernest Hemingway himself might well have chosen to stay for a while. Soak up the magnificent setting and relax, away from the crowds.

### **Day 9 Sifnos - Folegandros**

After a nice morning swim, we set sail for Folegandros. In the evening, an optional bus ride into the town of Hora will allow you to explore one of the most beautiful areas in the Cyclades to celebrate the last night of our journey.

### **Day 10 Folegandros - Santorini (Departure)**

We set sail in the morning for our last port of call, Santorini, where we began our sailing adventure. Depart the boat around 12 noon.

## *Italy*

### **Day 1 Arrive Rome**

Arrive in Rome at any time.

### **Day 2 Siena**

Siena is one of Italy's best preserved medieval towns. Wander the streets and enjoy the many treasures of its Romanesque and Gothic architecture.

### **Days 3-4 Florence**

Explore the Tuscan capital that inspired the fathers of Italian Art - Cimabue and Giotto. It is the birthplace of the Italian language (Dante Alighieri) and the Italian Renaissance.

### **Day 5 Lucca**

Spend the day in this beautiful little Tuscan town. There is plenty of free time to get to know the piazzas, towers and churches of this enchanting walled city.

### **Days 6-7 Cinque Terre**

Five little villages are built into the rocks between the beach and the hills. Hike, swim, drink wine, and watch amazing Mediterranean sunsets. Follow the centuries-old footpaths and mule tracks that lead through olive groves, vineyards, orchards and chestnut woods.

### **Day 8 Asti**

Asti is the capital of the province of the same name. Discover the wineries and sample the vintages, making sure to taste the sparkling Asti Spumante, the region's specialty.

### **Days 9-10 Como**

Just north of Milan, Como is the gateway to Lago di Como. Explore Bellagio, a charming lake town that is often described as the "most beautiful in all of Europe."

## **Days 11-12 Venice**

Venice is one of the few cities in the world that can be truly described as unique. Over an extra-ordinarily long period, the city was embellished with monuments of rare splendour that today make it a town like no other in the world.

## ***4 DAYS 3 NIGHTS KUALA LUMPUR FREE & EASY***

### **Day 01 Arrive Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA)**

Meet by our representative and transfer to your hotel for rest. Free.

### **Day 02 : Kuala Lumpur (B) - Free Day**

Numerous tours within Kuala Lumpur and its surrounding areas are available on a daily basis. Kindly contact us should you need any assistance.

### **Day 03 Kuala Lumpur (B) - Free Day**

### **Day 04 Depart Kuala Lumpur (B)**

Free until time for Departure transfer from hotel to KLIA for flight to next Destination.

**Condition :**

**Minimum 02 adults**

**Full payment upon confirmation (subject to availability).**

**Extension night only applicable if purchased with package above. It cannot be sold separately.**

**4 DAYS 3 NIGHTS PENANG FREE & EASY**

**Day 01 Arrive Bayan Lepas International Airport, Penang**

Meet by our representative and transfer to your hotel for rest. Free.

**Day 02 : Penang (B) - Free Day**

Numerous tours within the Island of Penang and its surrounding areas are available on a daily basis. Kindly contact us should you need any assistance.

**Day 03 : Penang (B) - Free Day**

Day 04 : Depart Penang (B)

Free until time for Departure transfer from hotel to BLIA for flight to next Destination

**Condition :**

**Minimum 02 adults**

**Full payment upon confirmation (subject to availability).**

**Extension night only applicable if purchased with package above. It cannot be sold separately.**

## **4 DAYS 3 NIGHTS LANGKAWI FREE & EASY**

### **Day 01 Arrive Langkawi International Airport**

Meet by our representative and transfer to your hotel for rest. Free.

### **Day 02 : Langkawi (B) - Free Day**

Numerous land & sea tours are available on a daily basis. Kindly contact us should you need any assistance.

### **Day 03 Langkawi (B) - Free Day**

### **Day 04 Depart Langkawi (B)**

Free until time for Departure transfer from hotel to LIA for flight to next Destination.

#### **Condition :**

- **Minimum 02 adults**
- **Full payment upon confirmation (subject to availability).**
- **Extension night only applicable if purchased with package above. It cannot be sold separately.**

## ***4 DAYS 3 NIGHTS BANGKOK FREE & EASY***

### **Day 01 Arrive Bangkok International Airport**

Meet by our representative and transfer to your hotel for rest. Free.

### **Day 02 : Bangkok (B) - Free Day**

Numerous tours within Bangkok & Pattaya are available on a daily basis.  
Kindly contact us should you need any assistance.

### **Day 03 Bangkok (B) - Free Day**

### **Day 04 Depart Bangkok (B)**

Free until time for Departure transfer from hotel to BIA for flight to next destination.

#### **Condition :**

**Minimum 02 adults**

**Full payment upon confirmation (subject to availability).**

**Extension night only applicable if purchased with package above. It cannot be sold separately.**

- Surcharge USD 15 per person from 01 June to 31 August 2010 for President Group Hotels.

### **3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS PATTAYA FREE & EASY**

#### **Day 01 : Arrive Bangkok International Airport**

Meet by our representative and transfer to Pattaya by private car or van (2 hours drive). Check in hotel. Free.

#### **Day 02 : Pattaya (B) - Free Day**

Numerous day & night tours are available on a daily basis.  
Kindly contact us should you need any assistance.

#### **Day 03 : Depart Pattaya (B)**

Free until time for Departure transfer from hotel to Bangkok Int'l Airport or to BKK Hotel.

#### **Condition :**

- **Minimum 02 adults**
- **Full payment upon confirmation (subject to availability).**
- **Extension night only applicable if purchased with package above. It cannot be sold separately.**

***4 DAYS 3 NIGHTS PHUKET FREE & EASY***

**Day 01 : Arrive Phuket International Airport**

Meet by our representative and transfer to your hotel for rest. Free.

**Day 02 : Phuket (B) - Free Day**

Numerous city, island and night tours are available on a daily basis.  
Kindly contact us should you need any assistance.

**Day 03 : Phuket (B) - Free Day**

**Day 04 : Depart Phuket (B)**

Free until time for Departure transfer from hotel to Phuket Int'l Airport  
for flight to next destination.

**Condition :**

**Minimum 02 adults**

**Full payment upon confirmation (subject to availability).**

**Extension night only applicable if purchased with package above. It cannot be sold separately.**

**ALL FREE & EASY PACKAGES INCLUDE ONLY :**

Return Airport Transfers by private car or van during normal hours from 0700hrs



to 2200hrs (all based on local time in each country).  
Accommodation based on twin share in hotels mentioned above or similar class.  
Daily breakfast in hotel.