



# **2023 USC TOURS**

Small Group Journeys with Odysseys Unlimited Just 12 to 24 Guests - Guaranteed | International Airfare Included

# Welcome to the Beauty of Small Group



Dear USC Alumni and Friends,

I'm delighted to introduce our 2023 USC-sponsored Odysseys Unlimited tours. For close to 20 years, USC alumni and friends have experienced the world through exciting and high-quality travel opportunities carefully crafted by Odysseys Unlimited.

From alluring locations to new experiences to longtime favorites, you're sure to discover a trip that will intrigue you! Our travelers have come to rely on Odysseys Unlimited for consistent quality on tours around the world. Space on each of these USC Trojan Travel programs is limited to just 24 guests in total, or fewer, and our programs often fill very quickly

International travel is on the rebound and we are so excited to explore the world with you, just like we've been able to with many alumni this year. Since travel regulations continue to change with time, we are excited to announce that the risk-free booking policy from 2022 has been extended! This cancellation policy offers travelers a **full refund of your deposit up to 95 days before the tour's departure**. Be assured that travel safety and peace of mind remain the highest priorities for both the USC Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited.

More details about these itineraries and our entire travel program are available at <u>TrojanTravel.usc.edu</u>. If you would like to make a reservation on one of these exciting tours, or would like more information, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at (888) 370-6765.

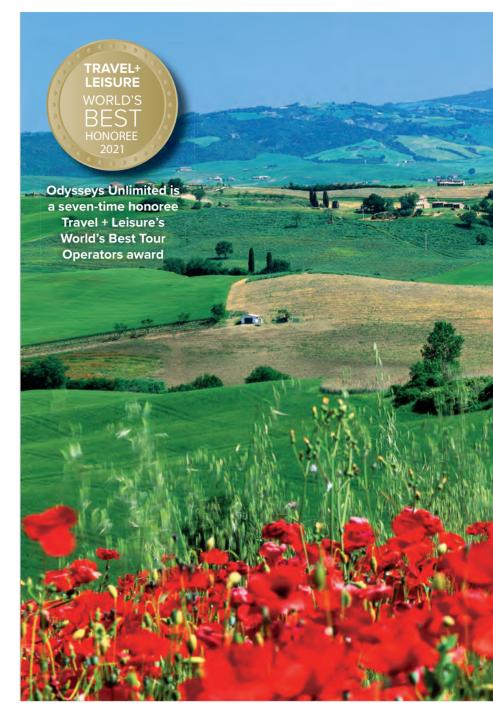
We hope you will join us soon and rediscover the joys of travel!

Flight on and Travel on!

Burday Ball

Linda J. Ball '83 Associate Director, USC Trojan Travel

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Designed for People Accustomed to Independent Travel



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# USC Trojan Travel and Odysseys Unlimited

USC Trojan Travel is committed to educating and delighting alumni, family and friends through quality, worldwide travel opportunities. Our program offers travelers many exciting and enriching ways to stay connected to USC and to each other, and our small group tour collection with Odysseys Unlimited offers particular advantages. Here are some of the many reasons to travel with USC and Odysseys Unlimited.

# Tours Designed *Specifically* for Small Groups

Each of these tours is custom-designed specifically for small groups, with a balanced mix of traveling, sightseeing, and cultural encounters. We make sure we set aside time for you to explore on your own or simply to relax. With USC Trojan Travel and Odysseys Unlimited, you're assured of seeing the highlights - and also the unexpected. And because we generally spend at least two nights in most places and in some cases as many as four, you won't be run ragged by changing hotels every day. In addition to the freedom, flexibility, and camaraderie that our small groups engender, you'll enjoy more personal, authentic encounters while traveling. Rather than descending en masse upon an ancient ruin or provincial village, we make a minimum of impact so we have maximum opportunity for enjoyment, and for responsible travel. Many of our tours include visits with local families in their homes or villages, and excursions to schools and marketplaces. Simply because of our small size, we can move around faster and easier - leaving more time for seeing and doing.

### What Our Tours are Like ... a note on physical activities

Odysseys Unlimited does not offer "adventure" or "walking" tours; however, walking is an essential element of most of our trips. The amount of walking varies, but you should be in relatively good health to enjoy our tours to the fullest. If you need assistance in getting around, our tours may not be appropriate for you. Tours with visits to ancient sites and archaeological ruins typically include considerable walking, and the use of stairs without handrails. In many places, motorcoaches are prohibited from entering historical city centers, which means walks to and from the coach. In addition, some of our small hotels do not have elevators. If you have any concerns about your ability to participate in a tour, please discuss them with one of our Travel Counselors. This was our third tour with Odysseys and we look forward to many more."

> – Nancy & Ira Baumel New York, NY

These small group tours include a great deal of thoughtful and engaging sightseeing and activities, such as museum tours, river cruises, and UNESCO site visits. As you'll see on the following pages, we include all the highlights, and much more.

# **High Quality and Outstanding Value**

Traveling is an investment, and we make sure you get the best value for your money. Our trips allow you to stretch your travel dollar so that you can experience a wide variety of cultural, educational and recreational activities without any surprise charges. For USC Trojan Travel and Odysseys Unlimited, "value" doesn't mean the lowest price around. We believe it's a ratio of quality and service to price; of expectations met or exceeded based on what was promised - and what is delivered. We strive to provide excellent value by securing the best possible rates and including many meals, comprehensive sightseeing, and most gratuities, while always being mindful of quality and service. Of course, the best value of all is indeed priceless: the privilege of traveling in a small group of just 12 to 24 guests.

# **Knowledgeable Tour Directors**

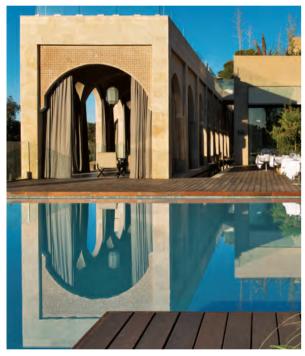
We are dedicated to educational travel. Odysseys Unlimited tour directors rank among the best in the business; their love of travel is equaled only by their desire to share their enthusiasm and knowledge with others. Most trips also feature lectures given by local experts.

# Distinctive Hotels Enhance Your Small Group Travel Experience

Hotels aren't the main reason for traveling. But it happens that good accommodations can enhance your overall experience – and great accommodations can

The hotels were exceptional in every way, especially location, location, location."

– Richard & Karen Alexander Rochester, IL



Hotel Sahrai, Fez, Morocco



Villa San Filippo, Tuscany, Italy

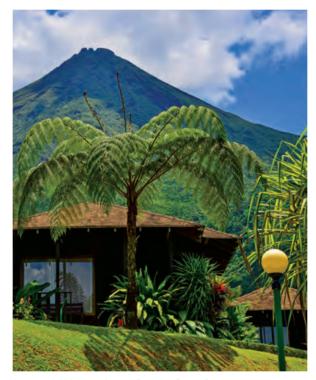
contribute to a memorable trip. Our hotels in major cities are usually centrally located so guests can get around easier. Our other "unique lodgings" are often out of the way, offering our small groups a local ambiance that larger groups never experience.

# **Assisted Hearing Devices**

We're continually seeking new ways to enhance our tours, and many of our tours include the use of hearing devices that enable you to hear the tour guide from up to 30 feet away. No more crowding around the tour guide.

# About USC Trojan Travel

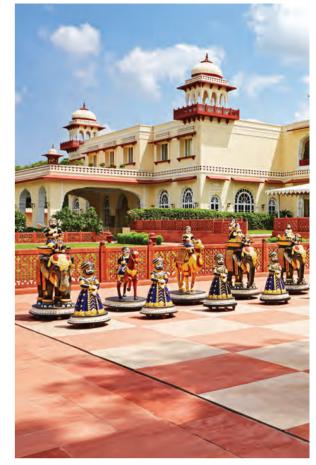
You don't have to be a University of Southern California graduate to join one of our tours. We invite the entire Trojan Family - alumni, family, parents, and friends - to **Travel with USC**. For more information on USC Alumni Association travel opportunities, visit <u>TrojanTravel.usc.edu</u> or contact the Trojan Travel office at 213-821-6005. We look forward to exploring the world with you!



Lomas del Volcan, Arenal Region, Costa Rica



Parador de Ronda, Ronda, Spain



Jai Mahal Palace, Jaipur, India

# The Odysseys Unlimited Small Group Difference

## What You Receive on Every Tour

- Travel in a small group of just 12 to 24 guests – guaranteed
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; plus all flights within your tour
- Accommodations in distinctive lodgings those that offer the best combination of quality, atmosphere, and value for a particular location
- Most meals: all breakfasts, many lunches and dinners – and you'll also have the opportunity to dine on your own, without the group
- Extensive sightseeing (plus all entrance fees and admissions) – you don't have to spend extra money to visit the sights you traveled so far to see
- Singular activities and more intimate cultural encounters possible only with a small group
- The services of an experienced, professional Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- Luggage handling for one bag per person

# Costa Rica's Natural Heritage

# 11 days for \$4,281 total price from Los Angeles (\$4,095 air & land inclusive plus \$186

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In this small Central American democracy kissed by nature, our small group discovers a nation's wealth in four distinct regions, from cloud forest to rainforest, Central Valley to Pacific Coast. As Costa Rica presents its staggering display of biodiversity – pristine landscapes, unique microclimates, exotic flora and fauna – we enjoy a relaxed yet comprehensive exploration that celebrates Costa Rica's wideranging natural resources.



# Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Irazú Volcano excursion • Doka Coffee Estate • Carrizal's Botanical Orchid Garden • Visit with schoolchildren • Ecocentro Danaus Biological Reserve • Arenal hanging bridges Sky Walk • Night viewing of Arenal Volcano • Monteverde Cloud Forest biological reserve • Tempisque River float safari • Three-night Guanacaste stay at a beachfront resort

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for San Jose	InterContinental Costa Rica	Sup. First Class
2	San Jose	InterContinental Costa Rica	Sup. First Class
3-5	Arenal Region	Lomas del Volcan	First Class
6-7	Monteverde Cloud Forest	El Establo Mountain Hotel	First Class
8-10	Guanacaste	JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort & Spa	Sup. First Class
11	Depart Guanad	caste for U.S.	

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.



We see Arenal, one of the world's most active volcanoes, from a safe distance.

**Day 1: Depart for San Jose, Costa Rica** We arrive in the Costa Rican capital and transfer to our hotel located in the Escazu area outside the city. This afternoon and evening are at leisure.

**Day 2: San Jose** After meeting our Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and fellow travelers at this morning's breakfast briefing, we embark on an excursion to Irazú National Park, whose active volcano last erupted in 1994. At 11,260 feet, Irazú stands as Costa Rica's tallest volcano, as well as its largest; and presents a spectacle of nature, as it rises from a flat, bare landscape coated in ash. We return to our hotel late this afternoon; tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner there. *B*,*L*,*D* 

**Day 3: San Jose/Arenal Region** We leave this morning for the Arenal region, passing picturesque villages along the way. We stop at the Doka Coffee Estate, located on the fertile slopes of Poas Volcano, where we learn about coffee-making and Costa Rica's coffee crop, one of the country's largest exports. Continuing on, we stop in Carrizal at the family-owned Botanical Orchid Garden, with tropical trails, exhibits, nurseries, and gardens all dedicated to the wondrous orchid plant. After time to explore here, we travel on to Arenal and our hotel, which offers magnificent views of Arenal Volcano and where we dine tonight. *B*,*L*,*D* 

Day 4: Arenal Region This morning we visit a local elementary school to enjoy a cultural exchange with the children and learn about Costa Rica's vaunted educational system - the country boasts a literacy rate of more than 95%. We continue on to Ecocentro Danaus, a biological reserve focused on conservation, environmental education, and sustainability. A series of trails winds through the secondary forest, where we see diverse flora, including orchids, bromelia, and heliconia, along with some of the preserve's 150 species of birds, sloths, and bats, among other fauna. Highlights include a butterfly farm with 30 different species and a natural water spring that attracts waterfowl, alligators, and iguana. Later today there's time for more volcano viewing before and after dinner (at a local restaurant) from a comfortable perch at our hotel. B,L,D

**Day 5: Arenal Region** On this morning's visit to Arenal's hanging bridges Sky Walk, we have the special opportunity to experience the rainforest from the canopy level as we traverse a series of five suspension bridges high above the forest floor. While we observe the rainforest from a unique perspective, our naturalist guide will point out some of the flora and fauna that thrive here. Then we return to our hotel, where the remainder of the day is at leisure to relax amidst the beautiful grounds and thermal waters. Lunch and dinner today are on our own. *B* 

**Day 6: Arenal Region/Monteverde Cloud Forest** We travel today to the "green cathedral" of Monteverde. En route we stop to visit a non-profit handicrafts cooperative dedicated to enhancing the economic and social well-being of local women artists. After lunch on our own in Santa Elena, we continue on to our hotel, arriving late afternoon. We dine tonight at a local restaurant in Monteverde. *B*,*D* 

**Day 7: Monteverde** This morning we embark on a guided walk through Monteverde's biological reserve, learning about the amazing biodiversity in this relatively small area. After lunch together we visit the Monteverde Bat Jungle to learn about Costa Rica's diverse – and important – bat population. Late this afternoon we return to our hotel for time at leisure before we dine together this evening. *B,L,D* 

**Day 8: Monteverde/Guanacaste** We depart by coach this morning for Guanacaste, Costa Rica's



west Pacific coastal region. Along the way we visit Monteverde's delightful Butterfly Garden, with a variety of species including the stunning blue morpho and the virtually transparent glasswing. After a stop for lunch, we reach our resort hotel overlooking the Pacific midafternoon. B,L,D

stunning north-

Arenal's Sky Walk

### Pre-Tour Option

January 23-26, 2023 Tortuguero

# A days/3 nights for \$795 total price

Single Supplement: \$145

Encounter exceptional biodiversity, from rainforest to marsh, where fresh water meets the sea to form canals, lagoons, and wetlands; and also to provide an important turtle nesting reserve. An ecological tour de force!

#### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip transfers San Jose/Tortuguero by van and boat
- 3 nights' accommodations: 1 night in San Jose at InterContinental Costa Rica (Superior First Class); 2 nights in Tortuguero National Park at Mawamba Lodge (First Class)
- 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Included sightseeing: Tortuguero town and Caribbean Conservation Center; two boat safaris along the Tortuguero canals
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



He who goes the wrong road must go the journey twice over."

– Costa Rican Proverb

**Day 9: Guanacaste** A float safari on the Tempisque River highlights this morning's excursion to the Palo Verde region, which is both an extraordinary wetland and also one of the world's last tropical dry forests. In this unique ecosystem, we can expect to see abundant bird- and wildlife, including monkeys, iguanas, and crocodiles. After lunch together we return to our hotel mid-afternoon, with the remainder of the day at leisure along one of Costa Rica's most beautiful Pacific Coast settings. *B*,*L* 

**Day 10: Guanacaste** Today is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful beach and other amenities of our hotel, including an outdoor infinity pool. Optional activities include kayaking, hiking, or visiting the lively town of Tamarindo. This evening we gather at a farewell dinner to celebrate our Costa Rican adventure. *B*,*D* 

**Day 11: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport this morning for our return flights to the U.S. *B* 



We explore Tortuguero's canals on the pre-tour option.

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 23 meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an expert Costa Rica naturalist as your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Local birdlife includes the Great Green Macaw.

# Tour Departs: January 26, 2023

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, su	ircharges, and fees	
Miami	\$3,981	
Boston, New York, Tampa, Washington, DC	\$4,181	
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Orlando, San Francisco	\$4,281	
Baltimore, Cincinnati, Denver, Detroit, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Seattle	\$4,381	
Land Only (transfers not included) \$3,49		

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$186, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,195. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All 2023 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Please note: This trip includes nature walks and lengthy coach rides over bumpy dirt roads. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

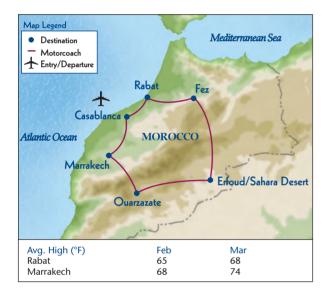
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# $Moroccan \ Discovery$ from the Imperial Cities to the Sahara

# 14 days for \$5,779 total price from Los Angeles

# (\$4,995 air & land inclusive plus \$784 airline taxes and fees)

This land of dramatic contrasts invites us to encounter its ancient ruins and sacred mosques, endless desert and storied mountains, imposing kasbahs and spirited souks. As we travel from the imperial cities of Rabat, Fez, and Marrakech to the High Atlas and vast Sahara, we open our eyes, and hearts, to a truly foreign land, an age-old culture, and genuinely hospitable people.



# Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Private Sahara sunset excursion and camel ride on the dunes
Visits to five UNESCO World Heritage sites
Ancient ruins of Volubilis
Scenic "Route of a Thousand Kasbahs"
Dramatic Todra Gorge and Atlas Mountain scenery *Kasbah* of Ait ben-Haddou
Fez touring
Marrakech's *medina* and Djemaa el Fna Square
Storied Casablanca and Hassan II mosque
Outstanding accommodations

Day	ltinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. f	or Casablanca	
2-3	Rabat	La Tour Hassan	Sup. First Class
4-6	Fez	Hotel Sahrai	Deluxe
7-8	Erfoud	Le Palais du Désert	First Class
9	Ouarzazate	Le Berbere Palace	Sup. First Class
10-12	Marrakech	Sofitel Marrakech	Deluxe
13	Casablanca	Hyatt Regency Casablanca	Deluxe
14	Depart Casal	planca for U.S.	

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.



We encounter many of Morocco's age-old kasbahs on our journey.

### Day 1: Depart U.S. for Casablanca, Morocco

**Day 2: Arrive Casablanca/Rabat** Upon arrival this afternoon in Casablanca, the commercial center of Morocco, we transfer by coach to Rabat and our hotel located near famed Hassan Tower. We have time to relax and refresh before dinner tonight at the hotel. *D* 

**Day 3: Rabat** One of Morocco's four ancient capitals, or imperial cities, Rabat is again the country's capital, at once historic and contemporary, as we discover on today's tour. We visit the necropolis of Chellah, built on ancient Roman ruins, and the Mohammed VI contemporary art museum then have lunch in a private home. On tap this afternoon: the 12<sup>th</sup>-century *Kasbah* of the Oudaias, the peaceful Andalusian Gardens, and Rabat's *medina*, a UNESCO site. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner of traditional Moroccan fare at acclaimed Dinarjat in Rabat's Old Town. *B,L,D* 

Day 4: Rabat/Meknes/Volubilis/Fez This morning we depart Rabat for Fez, stopping along the way in Meknes, Morocco's youngest imperial city (and UNESCO World Heritage site). We visit the Bab el Mansour gateway and the ruins of the imperial stables before lunch in a local restaurant. Then we continue on to the ancient Roman ruins at the UNESCO site of Volubilis, known for its intricate and colorful mosaics. Late afternoon we reach Fez and our elegant hotel overlooking the *medina*. *B*,*L*,*D* 

**Day 5: Fez** Today we explore Morocco's oldest imperial city, considered the "Athens of Africa" for its wealth of cultural, educational, and religious institutions. We begin with a comfortable walk through the Fez *medina*, where we see some hidden treasures, including the Blue Gate, the most picturesque of the Old City's historic gates; the medieval school of Bouanania; the 12<sup>th</sup>-century home of Jewish scholar Maimonides; and the authentic food market. We also visit the traditional quarter where we watch artisans craft the acclaimed Fez pottery and ceramics. After lunch together in the *medina*, we tour the old *Mellah* (Jewish quarter) and its 17<sup>th</sup>-century synagogue and the royal gates. *B,L,D* 

**Day 6: Fez** We begin today with a visit to the Al-Attarine Madrasa, whose highlight is a small courtyard showcasing intricately detailed tilework and carving decorations dating to the early 1300s. We then continue our discovery on a walking tour of the *medina* focusing on the artisans' quarters, the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Koranic schools, and Al Karaouine, the medieval theological university. The remainder of the afternoon is free for independent exploration and lunch on our own. Tonight, we enjoy a private dinner at an intimate family-run *riad* in Fez. *B*,*D* 

**Day 7: Fez/Midelt/Erfoud** Traveling inland today, we cross the fertile plains beyond Fez and continue through the Middle Atlas mountain range. We stop in the small town of Midelt for lunch. Continuing on we cross the Ziz River, passing rows of sky-scraping palm trees and fortified villages before reaching our *kasbab*-style hotel in Erfoud late in the day. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. *B*,*L*,*D* 

**Day 8: Erfoud/Rissani/Merzouga** This morning we visit the city of Rissani, with its 18<sup>th</sup>-century *ksar*, a virtually impenetrable warren of alleys. We enjoy a tour highlight this afternoon as we set out on a sunset excursion to the breathtakingly beautiful sand dunes at Merzouga on the edge of the Sahara. In the enormous silence we watch the sun set over the desert as we take a camel ride along the *erg*. Following this experience, we'll have dinner together in this desert setting before returning to our hotel tonight. *B,L,D* 

Day 9:

Erfoud/Tinehir/ Todra Gorge/

Our destination

today is in the

snow-topped

High Atlas. The

day features one

beautiful scene

after another, including the vil-

lage of Tinehir, a stunning moun-

tain oasis rising

riverside terraces

on a series of

lush with palm

trees; and the

Ouarzazate



Rabat's Kasbah des Oudaias

spectacular 984-foot Todra Gorge, home to a variety of rare bird and plant species. Following lunch here we visit El Kelaa des Mgouna, known for its roses, then set out on the fabled "Route of a Thousand Kasbahs" ancient caravan route, a region of fortresses with elaborately decorated façades. Late afternoon we reach the town of Ouarzazate (the "door of the desert") where we spend the night. *B,L,D* 

#### Day 10: Ouarzazate/Ait ben-Haddou/Marrakech

En route to Marrakech today, we stop first at uninhabited Ait ben-Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of southern Morocco's most scenic villages that is often used as a location for fashion and film shoots. Its old section consists of deep red *kasbahs* packed together so tightly they appear to be a single unit. Then as we begin our descent from the High Atlas, we pass through typical villages with fortified walls and stone houses with earthen roofs. In Tizi N'Tichka, we traverse the Pass of the Pastures (alt. 7,415 feet), where life is much as it was centuries ago: shepherds bring their flocks to the high pastures every summer, then return with them to their villages in autumn. We arrive in Marrakech late this afternoon and dine tonight at our hotel. B,L,D



If life gets tight, loosen it by travel."

– Bedouin Proverb

**Day 11: Marrakech** Once the capital of southern Morocco, the imperial city of Marrakech is an alluring oasis with a temperate climate, distinct charm, and fascinating sights. Our day-long tour includes the beautifully proportioned Koutoubia Mosque with its distinctive 282-foot minaret visible from miles away; the lovely Andalusian-style El Bahia Palace (part of which is still used by the royal family); and the ruins of 16th-century Palais El Badii. After lunch at our hotel, mid-afternoon we embark on a walking tour of the medina, ending at Djemaa el Fna Square, a UNESCO site and the heart of Marrakech, crowded with snake charmers, entertainers, storytellers, musicians, barbers, and sellers of fruit, water, and spices. Dinner tonight is on our own in this exotic city. B,L

**Day 12: Marrakech** This morning we travel by horse-drawn carriage from Menara Park to Majorelle Gardens, a private botanical garden with some 15 species of birds native to North Africa and known for its cobalt blue accents. Following a tour of the gardens we visit the nearby Yves St. Laurent Museum, housing a vast collection of the designer's haute couture and design works. The afternoon is at leisure before dinner tonight at a local restaurant in the city's Old Town. *B*,*D* 

**Day 13: Marrakech/Casablanca** We leave Marrakech this morning by coach for storied Casablanca, Morocco's largest and most cosmopolitan city. After a brief orientation tour of the city, we visit the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, Morocco's only functioning mosque open to non-Muslims. Sitting on the Atlantic shoreline, the mosque boasts a prayer hall the size of London's St. Paul's Cathedral. Tonight we celebrate our Moroccan adventure at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B*,*D* 

**Day 14: Depart for U.S.** After breakfast this morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S. *B* 

# Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 31 meals: 12 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 11 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- We are pleased to share this departure with alumni from the University of Alabama



We ride camels in the Sahara on Day 8.

# Tour Departs: February 19, 2023

Prices include international airfare and all taxes	s, surcharges, and tees
Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$5,479
Atlanta, Chicago	\$5,679
Baltimore, Charlotte,	
Detroit, Los Angeles,	\$5,779
Miami, Philadelphia	

Cincinnati, Cleveland,	
Dallas, Denver, Houston,	
Minneapolis, Orlando,	\$5,879
Phoenix, Portland (OR),	
San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	

Land Only (transfers not included) \$4,595

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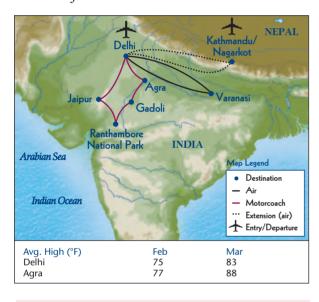
Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,195 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

# Mystical India with Ranthambore Tiger Preserve

# 17 days for \$5,087 total price from Los Angeles

# (\$4,295 air & land inclusive plus \$792 airline taxes and fees)

Mystical and spiritual, chaotic and confounding, India overflows with riches. While staying at excellent hotels, we travel the classic Golden Triangle: bustling Delhi; Agra, home of the sublime Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, great city of the Rajput. We also search for elusive Bengals at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve, and absorb the holiness of Varanasi.



# Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Tours of Old and New Delhi • Home-hosted dinner with Jaipur family • Magnificent Taj Mahal • Two-night stay at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve • Meena tribal home visit • "Pink City" of Jaipur • Holy city of Varanasi • Pilgrimage site of Sarnath temple and museum

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for	r Delhi	
2-4	Delhi	Taj Palace, New Delhi	Deluxe
5-7	Jaipur	Jai Mahal Palace	Deluxe
8-9	Ranthambore	Taj Sawai Madhopur Lodge	First Class
10	Kalakho	The Clement Village Retreat	Not rated
11-12	Agra	Courtyard Marriott Agra	Sup. First Class
13-15	Varanasi	Taj Gateway Ganges	Sup. First Class
16	Delhi	Hotel Pullman New Delhi Aerocity	Deluxe
17	Depart Delhi fo	or U.S.	

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On Day 12 we visit the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO site considered one of the world's most beautiful buildings.

### Day 1: Depart U.S. for Delhi, India

**Day 2: Arrive Delhi** We arrive in India's hyperactive capital late evening and transfer to our hotel.

**Day 3: Delhi** After a morning at leisure followed by a briefing about the journey ahead, we set out to discover Old Delhi. Our first stop is Qutb Minar, the 379-step tower dating to 1192. We continue on to Gandhi Smriti, a museum dedicated to the Indian icon; and pass by India Gate, the majestic arch honoring the 90,000 Indian soldiers who died fighting alongside the British in World War I. Late this afternoon we return to our hotel, where tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner together. *B*,*D* 

**Day 4: Delhi** We encounter more of this pulsating city today, beginning at Raj Ghat, the simple black marble slab honoring Mahatma Gandhi. After stopping for photos at Lal Qila, the Red Fort complex of palaces, we visit a Sikh temple followed by lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon's sights include the red sandstone and marble Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque; and the colorful Chandni Chowk market, where we ride rickshaws. Then the remainder of the day is free for further exploration and dinner on our own. *B*,*L* 

**Day 5: Delhi/Jaipur** Today we travel by coach to the "pink city" of Jaipur, one of the great cities of the Rajput, with historic forts, palaces, and gardens. We reach our hotel late afternoon. *B*,*L*,*D* 

**Day 6: Jaipur** Our first stop is the stunning Hawa Mahal, the elaborately carved pink sandstone "Palace of the Winds." We continue on to Amber Fort, built by the Kachhawah Rajputs as their capital from 1037 to 1728; Jantar Mantar, the open-air observatory; and City Palace Museum, housing the magnificent art collections of the Maharajahs of Jaipur. B,L

**Day 7: Jaipur/Sanganer** This morning we visit the village of Sanganer to see traditional block printing and handmade paper industries. Later we see local life up close as we explore an outdoor market. Tonight we are dinner guests in the home of a multigenerational Rajasthan family. *B*,*D* 

**Day 8: Jaipur/Ranthambore** We travel today to Ranthambore National Park, the former hunting ground of the Maharajah of Jaipur and now a 512-square-mile natural preserve that is home to hundreds of species of birds, reptiles, mammals, and of course, Bengal tigers. This afternoon we take our first game drive through the park. *B,L,D* 

Day 9: Ranthambore We take both morning and afternoon game drives today to see not only game (though tiger and leopard sightings are not guaranteed), but also picturesque ruins of forts and palaces. B,L,D

Day 10: Ranthambore/Kalakho We depart early for Kalakho, where we set out on a village walk to meet local Meena tribespeople in their homes. Tonight we enjoy a traditional folk dance performance. B,L,D

Day 11: Kalakho/Agra En route to Agra, we stop in the ancient village of Abhaneri to see the fortified Chand Baori step well (c. 800 CE), whose 3,500 steps descend some 13 stories into the ground. Continuing on, we reach the ancient Mughal stronghold of Agra,



where this afternoon we visit Itimad-ud-Daulah, the two-story marble "Baby Taj" that inspired the Taj Mahal. B,D

Day 12: Agra This morning we visit the Taj Mahal, the magnificent tomb built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz. Then we take an

Bengal tiger rests in Ranthambore.

Indian cuisine cooking lesson and enjoy the results for lunch. Later: imposing Agra Fort. B,L

Day 13: Agra/Delhi/Varanasi We depart by coach this morning for Delhi, where we board a late afternoon flight to Varanasi, Hinduism's holiest city. B,L,D

# Post-Tour Extension

March 11-16, 2023

# Nepal

6 days/4 nights for \$1,395 total price Single Supplement: \$375

Absorb the beauty of the Himalayan kingdom - and the warmth of its people - on this special journey featuring sacred shrines, royal cities, and indigenous lifestyles.

### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation Delhi/Kathmandu, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 4 nights' accommodations: 2 nights in Nagarkot at Club Himalaya Nagarkot (Superior First Class); 2 nights in Kathmandu at Soaltee Kathmandu (Superior First Class); day room in Delhi
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including Pashupatinath shrine (UNESCO site); Boudhanath monument; colorful Bhaktapur, "City of Devotees;" Swayambhunath Temple; royal city of Patan: and Kathmandu and environs
- · Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



THE BUTTERFLY COUNTS NOT MONTHS BUT MOMENTS, AND HAS TIME ENOUGH."

– Rabindranath Tagore

Day 14: Varanasi/Sarnath Before breakfast today, those who wish can join in a private yoga session. Then we visit nearby Sarnath, where the Buddha first taught after achieving enlightenment. One of Buddhism's four holiest sites, Sarnath draws pilgrims from the world over. We see some of the temples and stupas then tour Sarnath Museum, housing a superb collection of Buddhist artifacts from excavations here. Late afternoon we attend a traditional *aarti* ceremony: as we cruise along the Ganges, we watch as devout Hindus offer their lit lamps to the deities. B,D

Day 15: Varanasi Early this morning we return to the Ganges where Hindu pilgrims perform their rituals along the ghats (steps) leading to the river. We visit several *ghats* by boat as we experience for ourselves the spiritual aura of the hallowed Ganges waters. Then we return to our hotel with time to rest before this afternoon's walking tour and private performance of classical sitar. Tonight we celebrate our journey at a farewell dinner at our hotel. B,D



We see the "Palace of the Winds" in Jaipur on Day 6.

### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within India
- 15 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 32 meals: 14 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
  - Luggage handling for one bag per person
  - Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
  - We are pleased to share this departure with alumni from the University of Minnesota



We explore Jaipur's Amber Fort on Day 6.

Day 16: Varanasi/Delhi We fly this afternoon to Delhi, where the evening is at leisure. B

Day 17: Return to U.S. Very early this morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S.

### Tour Departs: February 23, 2023

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Boston, New York	\$4,887
Chicago, Dallas,	
Houston, Los Angeles,	\$5,087
San Francisco, Seattle,	\$5,007
Washington, DC	
Atlanta, Baltimore,	
Charlotte, Cincinnati,	
Cleveland, Miami,	\$5,287
Minneapolis, Orlando,	
Philadelphia,Tampa	
Denver, Detroit,	\$5,387
Phoenix, Portland (OR)	\$3,301
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$792, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,495. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All 2023 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$4,195 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

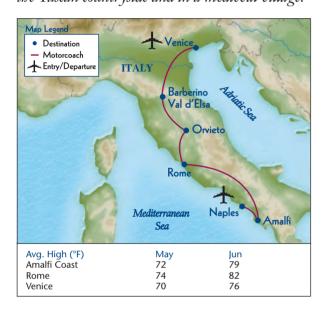
Please note: This trip involves considerable walking, as well as some lengthy coach rides. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

# $Portrait \ of \ Italy \ \ {\rm from \ the \ Amalfi \ Coast \ to \ Venice}$

# 16 days for \$5,774 total price from Los Angeles (\$5,195 air & land inclusive plus \$579

airline taxes and fees)

From the breathtaking Amalfi Coast to eternal Rome, through the gentle Umbrian and Tuscan countryside to timeless Venice, this wide-ranging tour showcases ancient sites, contemporary life, priceless art, and beautiful natural scenery. You'll especially appreciate the small size of your group as you stay in unique accommodations in the Tuscan countryside and in a medieval village.



# Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Stunning Amalfi Coast • Ruins at Pompeii • Amalfi Coast cruise • Rome sightseeing, including St. Peter's Square, Sistine Chapel, Colosseum, Forum • Pastoral Umbria, the "green heart" of Italy • Italian cooking demonstration • Visit to the walled city of Assisi • Comprehensive Tuscany sightseeing: San Gimignano, Siena, Florence • Local wine tasting • Timeless Venice • Three-night stays in intimate small hotels in Amalfi, Tuscany, and Umbria

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for	Naples	
2-4	Amalfi	Hotel San Francesco	First Class
5-7	Rome	Monti Palace Hotel	Sup. First Class
8-10	Orvieto (Umbria)	Grand Hotel Italia	First Class
11-13	Barberino Val d'Elsa (Tuscany)	Villa San Filippo	First Class
	Venice	Carnival Palace Hotel	Sup. First Class
16	Depart Venice f	or U.S.	

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.



We spend three nights on the stunning Amalfi Coast, with its sheer cliffs, turquoise seas, and classic Mediterranean landscape.

# Day 1: Depart U.S. for Naples, Italy

**Day 2: Arrive Naples/Amalfi Coast** After arriving in Naples this morning, we travel to the storied Amalfi Coast, a popular resort and our base for exploring Italy's Campania region. We dine at our hotel tonight, as we will throughout our stay here. *D* 

**Day 3: Ravello** This morning we experience this breathtaking coast by sea as we cruise from our hotel to Amalfi Center (weather permitting). Here we enjoy a brief tour of the region's largest town then have lunch on our own. Next we ascend to mountaintop Ravello, with its spectacular gardens and coastal views. *B*,*D* 

**Day 4: Pompeii/Amalfi Coast/Sorrento** Our fullday excursion begins in Pompeii, the city frozen in time by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 CE but not excavated until 1748. After a tour and lunch on our own here we embark on a breathtaking drive along the winding Amalfi Coast road high above the azure Mediterranean – with stops for photos and in Sorrento along the way. We return to our hotel late afternoon. *B*,*D* 

### Day 5: Amalfi Coast/Montecassino/Rome En

route to Rome today we visit the town of Montecassino, whose Abbey is the mother church of the Benedictine

order and a center of medieval art. A German stronghold during World War II, the hilltop Abbey was destroyed by Allied bombing then rebuilt as a replica of the  $17^{\text{th}}$ -century original. We tour the Abbey, then continue on to the Eternal City. We arrive at our well-located hotel mid-afternoon; our tour director will lead an informal walk of the nearby area. *B* 

**Day 6: Rome** This morning we tour the heart of ancient Rome: the 55,000-seat Colosseum, built in 72 CE to stage gladiator spectacles; and the temples of the Forum, ancient Rome's political and legal center. The afternoon is free to explore on our own; the possibilities endless: shopping along the fashionable Via Veneto; sipping *espresso* in beautiful Piazza Navona; seeing the Pantheon, the city's best preserved ancient building; tossing a coin into Trevi Fountain; or visiting any number of renowned museums and churches. *B* 

**Day 7: Rome** Another morning of touring followed by a free afternoon. Today we visit the Vatican for a tour of St. Peter's Square and Basilica, and the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican Museums. Highlights include Michelangelo's *Pieta* in St. Peter's, considered one of the greatest sculptures of all time; his frescoed ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, now restored to its original glory; and art-filled St. Peter's itself, the most important church in all Christendom. *B* 

**Day 8: Rome/Orvieto** Leaving Rome, we travel north through a pastoral landscape of gentle agricultural land bounded by mountain wilderness and dotted with traditional villages and medieval hill towns. Mid-afternoon we reach Orvieto, perched high on a plateau above a vineyard-clad plain. After we check in at our hotel in the heart of the city's medieval quarter, our tour director leads us on an informal walking tour. Tonight we attend a simple cooking demonstration followed by dinner at Zeppelin Restaurant. *B*,*D* 

**Day 9: Orvieto** This morning we embark on a guided walking tour of this dramatically set city. We visit the medieval *Duomo* featuring a frescoed chapel by Fra Angelico and Luca Signorelli's masterpiece, *The Last Judgment*. Next we explore the formerly secret passages of Parco delle Grotte, a labyrinth of underground caves used since Etruscan times. The remainder of the day is at leisure. *B* 

**Day 10: Orvieto/Assisi** Today's excursion is to Assisi, considered a gem of an Umbrian town with inviting plazas, abundant flowers, buildings of white marble, and a pervasive medieval air. We visit St.



Clare Church and the renowned Basilica di San Francesco, the burial place of St. Francis and a sacred pilgrimage site. Inside are Giotto's priceless frescoes, The Life of St. Francis. There's time on our own to stroll the fountainsplashed *piazzas* and to enjoy local specialties

Timeless Venice

for lunch. We also visit Deruta, known for its prized hand-painted Majolica ceramics. B

Day 11: Orvieto/Siena/Tuscany Continuing our journey, today we visit walled Siena, whose ochre-

Post-Tour Extension

# June 7-9, 2023

Venice – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$395 total price Single Supplement: \$325

> Enjoy time on your own in this most timeless of cities.

#### Your Tour Price Includes

• 2 nights' accommodations at Carnival Palace Hotel (Superior First Class)

- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport



Our homeland is the whole world." – Dario Fo

colored buildings and ancient ramparts evoke the city's medieval past. Fan-shaped Piazza del Campo is one of Europe's greatest public squares; its *Duomo*, one of Italy's finest. We set out on a guided walking tour that includes an inside visit to the *Duomo*, housing masterpieces by Michelangelo and Donatello, then have free time for lunch on our own and to explore as we wish. *B*,*D* 

**Day 12: Florence** A living monument to the Renaissance, Florence is the crown jewel of Tuscany. We discover this splendid city on a full-day excursion that includes a morning walking tour. Then we visit the Galleria dell'Accademia to view Michelangelo's sublime *David*, as well as his pieces for the papal tombs; and the revered *Duomo*, with its stupendous dome by Brunelleschi. This afternoon is free to enjoy Florence as we wish. Tonight we enjoy dinner together at our hotel. *B*,*D* 

**Day 13: San Gimignano** We encounter classic Tuscany today as we visit the hill town of San Gimignano, known for the 13 watchtowers that have left its skyline virtually unchanged since medieval times. Later we visit a local winery and enjoy a tasting before returning mid-afternoon to our lodgings, where we have time to relax before tonight's dinner at a local restaurant. *B*,*D* 

**Day 14: Tuscany/Venice** Leaving Tuscany today, we travel through the Veneto region to Venice, which, along with its lagoon, is a UNESCO site. We arrive early this afternoon; the remainder of the day is free to explore this wondrous city on our own. *B* 

**Day 15: Venice** This morning we take a guided walk through vast St. Mark's Square and surroundings. Our afternoon is free to explore Venice independently; tonight we bid "*arrivederci*" to Italy and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. *B*,*D* 

**Day 16: Depart for U.S.** We depart early this morning for our connecting flights to the U.S. *B* 

### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 14 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 22 meals: 14 breakfasts, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- We are pleased to share this departure with alumni from the University of Kentucky



The Roman Forum dates to the 7<sup>th</sup> century BCE.

### Tour Departs: May 23, 2023

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees			
New York \$5,374			
Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$5,574		
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$5,674		
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,774		
Land Only (transfers not included) \$4,595			

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Single travelers please add \$1,095. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All 2023 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

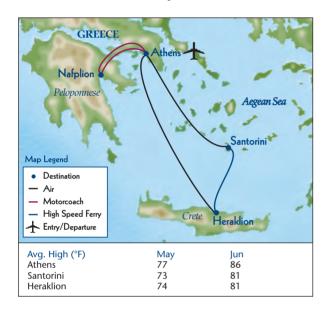
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# Ancient Greece with Santorini and Crete

# 14 days for \$6,692 total price from Los Angeles

# (\$6,095 air & land inclusive plus \$597 airline taxes and fees)

Unearth the grandeur of the ancient world on this singular journey combining premier archaeological sites with the beauty and lore of the Aegean and her isles. As the ancient world comes alive in Athens and the Peloponnese, Crete and Santorini, we celebrate the glory that was Greece – and still is today.



# Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Athens sightseeing, including Acropolis and Parthenon • Excursion to ancient Delphi • Tour of National Archaeological Museum, Athens • Visits to archaeological sites of Corinth, Mycenae, and Epidaurus • Half-day excursion to Hydra • Heraklion's Minoan Palace of Knossos and Archaeological Museum • Private cruise to Spinalonga • Tour and tasting at olive oil farm • Two-night stay on island of Santorini • Winery tour and tasting • Archaeological site of Akrotiri

Day	ltinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. fo	r Athens	
2-4	Athens	Athens Capital Center Hotel-MGallery	Deluxe
5-7	Nafplion (Peloponnese)	Amphitryon Hotel	Sup. First Class
8-10	Heraklion (Crete)	Aquila Atlantis Hotel	First Class
11-12	Thira (Santorini)	Santorini Palace Hotel	First Class
13	Athens	Athens Capital Center Hotel-MGallery	Deluxe
14	Depart Athens	for U.S.	

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.



On Day 4, we tour the ruins of Delphi, believed by the ancients to be the "navel [center] of the world."

### Day 1: Depart U.S. for Athens, Greece

**Day 2: Athens** After our arrival in the Greek capital, there's time to relax at our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned for today.

**Day 3: Athens** On this morning's tour we visit the city's most important sites, including the  $5^{\text{th}}$ -century Acropolis and Parthenon, and the renowned Acropolis Museum. We also take a walking tour of Hadrian Street and the Plaka district. Then the afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration; ancient sights, monuments, and museums abound. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *B*,*D* 

**Day 4: Delphi** Today's excursion takes us to central Greece to explore Delphi, one of the most beautiful and celebrated ancient sites. Nestled between twin cliffs on a slope of Mount Parnassus and spilling out onto the Sacred Plain, Delphi is where the oracle representing the revered god Apollo presided over the ancient world. We see the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo; walk the marble Sacred Way; and climb to the 4<sup>th</sup>-century BCE theater still in use today. We also visit Delphi's museum that houses the bronze "Charioteer," one of antiquity's greatest statues. After lunch in a local restaurant, we return to Athens late afternoon. *B*,*L* 

Day 5: Athens/Corinth/Nafplion This morning we visit the National Archaeological Museum, home to the world's most significant collections of Greek artifacts. We then depart by coach to the Peloponnesian Peninsula, Greece's southernmost region separated from the mainland by the Corinth Canal. En route we visit the ruins and museum of Ancient Corinth, one of the country's largest cities in antiquity that was demolished by the Romans (146 BCE), who then rebuilt it a century later. Today, only low stone walls, foundations, and several Corinthian columns remain as testimony to the mighty city that once flourished here. The site boasts a strong connection to Christianity: Paul wrote his two letters, First and Second Corinthians, here; and we see the altar where he preached. This afternoon we reach our hotel in Nafplion and dine there tonight. B,L,D

**Day 6: Epidaurus/Mycenae** Among the highlights of this morning's visit to the vast archaeological site and museum of Epidaurus: the 2,300-year-old theater, a masterpiece of Greek architecture known for its perfect acoustics and still in use today. Long associated with healing and medicine, Epidaurus comprises one of the most complete sanctuaries remaining from antiquity. This afternoon we tour the imposing ruins at Mycenae, a UNESCO site that represented the pinnacle of civilization from

the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> centuries BCE. A key influence on the development of classic Greek culture (and hence Western civilization), Mycenae also is linked to Homer's epics, *Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. We see the Tomb of Agamemnon, with what was the world's highest and widest dome for more than a thousand years; and the Lion's Gate, the only known Bronze Age monumental sculpture in Greece. Then we return to Nafplion to explore this gem of a Venetian/ Byzantine town with picturesque narrow streets, fortifications, and a bounty of waterfront cafés. We enjoy an afternoon at leisure before we dine together tonight at a local taverna. *B,L,D* 

**Day 7: Nafplion/Hydra** This morning we travel to the port of Ermioni, where we board a private boat for the ride to Hydra, the car-free Saronic island where donkeys provide the transportation. After lunch together at a local taverna, we have free time to enjoy this picturesque island as we wish. Late afternoon we return to Nafplion for an evening at leisure. *B*,*L* 

Day 8: Nafplion/

Heraklion, Crete

En route to Ath-

ens this morning

we stop to see the Corinth Canal,

cutting at sea

level through the

narrow Isthmus

the Saronic Gulf

continue on to the Athens airport

in the Aegean. We

for the 50-minute

flight to Crete,

arriving mid-

afternoon in

of Corinth to



Old ways endure ...

Heraklion, the Cretan capital. After checking in at our hotel, we enjoy an afternoon at leisure; this evening we take a walking tour of the Venetian/ Ottoman-influenced town center prior to dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

**Day 9: Heraklion/Knossos** This morning we tour the ruins of the palace of Knossos, once the political center of Minoan civilization and legendary home of King Minos, the Labyrinth, and the Minotaur. Considered Europe's "oldest city," Knossos is the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete. After lunch, we visit one of the greatest museums in all of Greece: Heraklion's Archaeological Museum housing artifacts from 5,500 years of Cretan history, from the Neolithic period to Roman times. The museum is especially renowned for its Minoan collection, much of which was excavated from the palace of Knossos. Then we return to our hotel, where the rest of the day is at leisure, with dinner on our own. B,L

# **Day 10: Heraklion/Spinalonga/Agios Nikolaos** After an hour's drive this morning, we board a private boat for a cruise through the Bay of Elounda

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GO AS FAR AS YOU CAN. GO FURTHER THAN YOU CAN!" - Nikos Kazantzakis

to Spinalonga, a former Venetian island fortress later occupied by the Ottomans then used as a leper colony from 1903 to 1957. From here we travel to the colorful harborside town of Agios Nikolaos, with its galleries, shops, cafés, tavernas, and tiny Lake Voulismeni, where, legend has it, the goddess Athena once bathed. Next: a visit to a Cretan olive oil farm to learn about the history of olive oil production – Greece consumes more olive oil than any other country – and to enjoy a tour and tasting. *B* 

**Day 11: Crete/Santorini** We depart this morning by high-speed ferry for Santorini, southernmost of the Cycladic islands. Once believed to have been the legendary lost island of Atlantis, Santorini today attracts both Greeks and visitors alike with its stupendous setting of cubiform whitewashed houses sitting atop the jagged cliffs of a crescent-shaped caldera. Upon arrival we visit a local winery for a tour and tasting then have free time in the town of Firostefani for lunch and to explore on our own. *B*,*D* 

**Day 12:** Santorini Today we tour Santorini's archaeological site of Akrotiri, a Bronze Age Minoan location that was abandoned in the  $17^{\text{th}}$  century BCE following a volcanic eruption – whose ash also preserved the excavations that we now see. Late this afternoon we head to the town of Oia, known for its iconic whitewashed architecture and stunning views. *B*,*D* 

**Day 13: Santorini/Athens** After a late morning flight to Athens, we check in at our hotel then have free time for lunch on our own and an afternoon at leisure, perhaps to visit the Plaka for last-minute shopping or to stroll the broad plaza of lively Syntagma Square. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel. *B*,*D* 

**Day 14: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to Athens' international airport this morning, where we connect with our return flight home. *B* 

# Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 12 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 24 meals: 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- We are pleased to share this departure with alumni from North Carolina State University



We spend two nights in idyllic Santorini.

# Tour Departs: June 1, 2023

Prices include international airfare	and all taxes, surcharges, and fees
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\$6,692	
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Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,495 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

# Paradores & Pousadas Historic Lodgings of Spain & Portugal

# 15 days for \$5,374 total price from Los Angeles

# (\$4,695 air & land inclusive plus \$679 airline taxes and fees)

You're invited on a distinctive small group journey through the Iberian Peninsula to the intimate lodgings of Spain's paradores and Portugal's pousadas: medieval monasteries, historic fortresses, and stately palaces, each reflecting the spirit of its region. We feel the spell of Iberia's rich Roman and Moorish past – and the pull of its vibrant contemporary life.



# Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Eight nights' accommodations in distinguished historic lodgings • National Palace of Queluz, Portugal • Lisbon sightseeing, including Belem • Evora, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Roman ruins at Merida • Moorish Toledo • Tour of Cordoba, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Seville and its renowned Catédral • Granada's Alhambra and Generalife Gardens • Three-night stay in sophisticated Madrid • Madrid sightseeing, including Prado, Plaza Mayor, and Royal Palace

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating	
1	Depart U.S. for Lisbon			
2-3	Lisbon	Corinthia Hotel Lisbon	Deluxe	
4-5	Evora	Pousada dos Loios	First Class	
6-8	Carmona	Parador de Carmona	First Class	
9-10	Ronda	Parador de Ronda	First Class	
11	Ubeda	Parador de Ubeda	First Class	
12-14	Madrid	Wellington Hotel	Deluxe	
15	Depart Mad	rid for U.S		

15 Depart Madrid for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.



Seville's Plaza de España, the most striking public square in Spain

### Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lisbon, Portugal

**Day 2: Arrive Lisbon** We arrive in the Portuguese capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times vary, we have no group activities planned during the day. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner. *D* 

**Day 3: Lisbon/Queluz** This morning's city tour includes the Jeronimos Monastery, a masterpiece of Manueline architecture; iconic Belem Tower; and the Monument to the Discoveries commemorating Portugal's storied explorers. Then we visit the National Palace of Queluz, the former residence of Portuguese royalty now used for state occasions. After returning to Lisbon, the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore as we wish. *B* 

**Day 4: Lisbon/Evora** Leaving Lisbon this morning, we travel through the rolling hills of the agricultural Alentejo district, with its bountiful fields of wheat, fragrant vineyards, and stands of olive and cork trees. After stopping for lunch in the fortified hilltop town of Monsaraz (pop. 150), late afternoon we arrive in Evora, capital of the Alentejo and site of our *pousada*, considered Portugal's finest. *B*,*L*,*D* 

**Day 5: Evora** Our morning walking tour of Evora introduces us to the many charms of this architectural

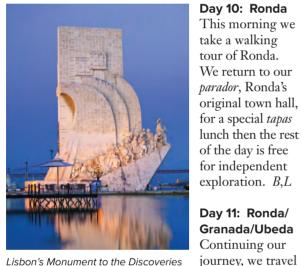
gem – a university town, prosperous regional capital, and UNESCO site thanks to the many relics of its Roman and Moorish heritage. We sample Alentejo wines at a local winery then the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy this "Golden Age" city as we wish. *B*,*D* 

**Day 6: Evora/Merida, Spain/Carmona** Today we travel east through countryside peppered with the ruins of fortresses and castles to the Spanish border town of Merida. Once the capital of ancient Lusitania (Latin for the kingdoms of Spain and Portugal), Merida boasts outstanding Roman ruins. There's time to explore and eat lunch on our own before we continue on to Carmona and our *parador*, a restored 14<sup>th</sup>-century Arab fortress. *B*,*D* 

**Day 7: Carmona/Seville** This morning we visit splendid Seville, Moorish capital of Spain's Andalusia region and city of beauty and romance. This is the place that inspired *Carmen* and *Don Giovanni*; where fragrant orange trees and flower-bedecked balconies delight the senses; and home of the renowned Catédral, the world's largest Gothic building. After a tour that includes the Alcazar palace and the Arab quarter, the afternoon is free to explore independently. We return to Carmona late afternoon and dine at our *parador* this evening. *B*,*D* 

Day 8: Carmona/Cordoba Today's visit to this cultural gem promises to be special indeed. First the capital of Roman Spain, then of Moorish Spain, Cordoba features some of the country's most important monuments, including the Old Quarter built around the magnificent Mezquita mosque. It was here that the Moors ruled from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> centuries and fostered a culture of learning and religious harmony known the world over. Cordoba also is home to Andalusia's only synagogue to survive the expulsion of Spain's Jews in the 15th century. After touring these and other highlights we have free time to explore on our own. Late this afternoon we return to our *parador*, where we dine tonight. B,D

Day 9: Carmona/Ronda Leaving Carmona this morning we travel south to tiny Ronda, one of Spain's oldest and most aristocratic towns. It's set high in the mountains with whitewashed houses clinging improbably to the edge of El Tajo Gorge - 500 feet deep and 300 feet wide. B,D



Lisbon's Monument to the Discoveries

the former stronghold of Moorish Spain set in the foothills of the snowcapped Sierra Nevada. The city's undisputed highlight is the Alhambra, the extraordinary palace of Spain's last Moorish rulers. Sprawled

exploration. B,L

today to Granada,

#### **Post-Tour Extension**

# November 4-7, 2023 Barcelona – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for \$795 total price Single Supplement: \$355

Enjoy this bustling seaport, Spain's cultural and commercial capital, with its medieval Gothic Quarter and popular Ramblas waterfront promenade.

#### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Air transportation Madrid/Barcelona, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 3 nights' accommodations at Hotel Avenida Palace (Superior First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Transfers to/from airport

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YOUTH HAS NO AGE."

– PABLO PICASSO

across a hilltop above the Darro River, the Alhambra commands breathtaking views of the city below, as we see on our afternoon tour of this splendid citadel. We also visit the Granadian-style Generalife, the palace's acclaimed gardens. Late afternoon we travel north to Ubeda and our next *parador*, where we dine tonight. B,D

Day 12: Ubeda/Toledo/Madrid A highlight is in store today as we visit Toledo, capital of medieval Spain. Declared a Spanish National Landmark, the city is little changed visually from its 16<sup>th</sup>-century days as a subject for the artist El Greco. Toledo boasts an incomparable hilltop setting overlooking the Castillian plains and surrounded on three sides by the Tagus River. After lunch on our own we see Toledo's most important sights on our guided tour, including the massive Gothic Cathedral begun in 1226 and not finished until 1493. Then we continue on to Madrid, arriving late afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own; perhaps to dine late as the Madrileños do. B

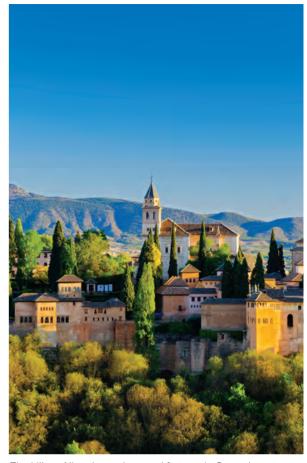
Day 13: Madrid Our morning tour of this monumental and dignified capital city includes vast Plaza Mayor, in the heart of Old Madrid; the Moorish medieval district; and opulent 18<sup>th</sup>-century Palacio Real (Royal Palace), with its 2,800 rooms. Then we sample some of Madrid's specialties over a lunch of tapas. Our tour ends at the Prado, one of the world's greatest museums, displaying treasures by Spanish masters Goya, El Greco, and Velazquez. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration in this most cosmopolitan city. Well known for its "foodie" culture, Madrid offers a bounty of restaurants for dinner on our own tonight. *B*,*L* 

**Day 14: Madrid** Today is at leisure to enjoy the Spanish capital as we wish. Tonight we bid "Adios" to Spain and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 15: Depart for U.S. We transfer to the airport this morning for our connecting flights to the U.S. B

## **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights' accommodations: 5 nights in Deluxe hotels; 8 nights in First Class paradores and pousadas
- 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 9 dinners
- Regional wine with dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
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  - Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
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The hilltop Alhambra palace and fortress in Granada

## Tour Departs: October 21, 2023

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, su	rcharges, and fee
Boston, New York	\$4,974
Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$5,174
Atlanta, Baltimore,	
Charlotte, Chicago,	
Cincinnati, Cleveland,	\$5,274
Detroit, Miami,	
Orlando, Tampa	
Dallas, Denver, Houston,	
Los Angeles, Minneapolis,	\$5,374
Phoenix, Portland (OR),	
San Francisco, Seattle	
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,195

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$679, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,195. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All 2023 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class - \$3,595 per person; Premium Economy -\$1,595 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

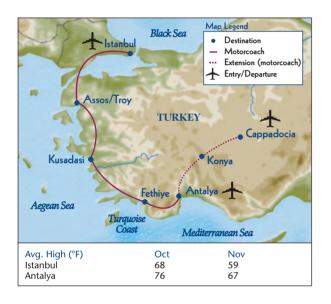
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# Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Exotic Istanbul, including Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Basilica Cistern, Grand Bazaar • Private Bosphorus cruise • WWI battlefield of Gallipoli • Ruins at ancient Troy, Pergamum, Ephesus • Rustic village of Sirince • "Blue Voyage" day cruise aboard privately chartered yacht • Secluded coves and hidden sites along Turquoise Coast • Lycian rock tombs • Church of St. Nicholas • Ancient sites of Phaselis and Perge • Antalya's acclaimed Archaeological Museum

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Istanbul		
2-5	Istanbul	Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus	Deluxe
6	Assos/Troy	Assos Eden Gardens	First Class
7-9	Kusadasi	Charisma Hotel	Deluxe
10-11	Fethiye	Alesta Yacht Hotel	First Class
12-14	Antalya	Akra Barut	Deluxe
15	Depart Antalya	a for U.S.	

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.



An Antalya landmark, the Yivli Minare (fluted minaret) overlooks the Turquoise Coast.

# Day 1: Depart U.S. for Istanbul, Turkey

**Day 2: Arrive Istanbul** We arrive in Turkey's cultural and spiritual heart today and transfer to our hotel located near Taksim Square, the heart of modern Istanbul. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned; on our own we can explore the area surrounding our hotel or simply relax. Dinner tonight is on our own.

**Day 3: Istanbul** We get our first real taste of this city straddling two continents today as we set out on a walking tour along lively pedestrian Istiklal Street, lined with boutiques, galleries, restaurants, and late Ottoman-era buildings. We see the acclaimed mosaics and frescoes at Chora Church (now Kariye Museum) then take a panoramic drive along Istanbul's Old City walls. Then we visit intimate Rustem Pasha mosque, with its exquisite Iznik tiles, followed by the renowned Spice Market. After lunch on our own here, we take a private cruise on the Bosphorus, the waterway that separates Europe from Asia. This evening we take a short walk to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner of traditional Turkish fare. *B*,*D* 

**Day 4: Istanbul** Today we encounter Old Istanbul, beginning with the ancient Roman Hippodrome, the 3,500-year-old obelisk brought from Egypt in 390 CE.

Next we visit the Blue Mosque, with its 20,000 blue Iznik tiles and signature six minarets. We then visit the renowned Museum of Turkish & Islamic Art, housing priceless artifacts from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. After lunch at a local restaurant we continue on to Hagia Sophia, the 6<sup>th</sup>-century church that was Christendom's most important before becoming a mosque in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. *B*,*L* 

**Day 5: Istanbul** This morning we tour splendid Topkapi, for 400 years the palace of Ottoman sultans that today ranks among the world's richest museums. We continue on to the Basilica Cistern, the marblecolumned underground chamber that provided water to Istanbul in antiquity. Our next stop is the Grand Bazaar, the covered market housing some 5,000 shops along 60 "streets." The remainder of the day and evening is free for independent exploration. *B* 

**Day 6: Istanbul/Gallipoli/Troy/Assos** Leaving Istanbul this morning, we travel to the northern Aegean Coast for a brief visit to Gallipoli, haunting site of 31 Allied cemeteries from World War I. Then we ferry across the Dardanelles to Troy, once believed to exist only in Homer's epic poem until the present site was discovered in the 1870s. After touring here we continue south to Behramkale, ancient Assos, where we spend the night. *B,L,D* 

**Day 7:** Assos/Pergamum/Kusadasi Today we explore one of Turkey's most spectacular ancient sites: windswept Pergamum, a major power in the  $3^{rd}$  and  $2^{nd}$  centuries BCE, with a wealth of Hellenistic ruins. Then we continue on to Kusadasi. *B*,*L*,*D* 

**Day 8: Kusadasi/Ephesus** Few ancient sites compare to Ephesus, the world's best-preserved classical city which we explore today. Dating to at least 1300 BCE, Ephesus was Asia Minor's largest metropolis and principal port. Our tour includes the Terrace Houses, the recently restored "houses of the rich," with their outstanding mosaic floors and frescoed walls. Then we enjoy lunch in the rustic village of Sirince. *B*,*L* 

**Day 9: Kusadasi/Ephesus** We return to Ephesus to visit the Basilica of St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup>-century ruins that stand over what is believed to be the burial site of John the Apostle. Then we learn about Ephesus through the ages, as we tour the Ephesus Museum, housing treasures from the archaeological site. After



lunch together, we stop at a carpet factory to watch a demonstration of this age-old craft. *B,L,D* 

Day 10: Kusadasi/ Fethiye En route to Fethiye today, we stop in Dalyan, where we board a small skiff for a trip through a maze of channels. Reaching the Lake of Koycegiz, we see our first

Ruins at Ephesus

Lycian rock-cut tombs on the cliffs above. Dating to 350 BCE, the tombs number more than one thousand

#### Post-Tour Extension

# November 17-21, 2023 Cappadocia & Konya

5 days/4 nights for \$1,095 total price Single Supplement: \$245

We visit ancient Konya then explore in depth the bizarre rock formations and underground cities of Cappadocia and the Goreme Valley.

#### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Private motorcoach transportation Antalya/Konya/Cappadocia
- 4 nights' accommodations: one night in Konya at Hilton Garden Inn (First Class); 3 nights in Cappadocia at Yunak Evleri Hotel
- (Superior First Class)
- 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing: Meviana (Whirling Dervish) Museum in Konya, rock churches of Goreme Valley (including open-air museum), Kaymakli's underground city, Zelve Valley, Avanos and Troglodyte villages of Cavusin and Uchisar
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



No road is long with good company."

– Turkish Proverb

along Turkey's Mediterranean coast. Then we continue our journey to the port town of Fethiye, known for its beautiful natural harbor. *B*,*L*,*D* 

**Day 11: Fethiye/Cruising** This morning we coach to the Greek "ghost town" of Kayaköy, abandoned after WWI and now preserved as a historical monument. Then we board a private yacht for our Turquoise Coast "Blue Voyage" cruise along the stunning coastline that Antony is said to have given to Cleopatra as a wedding gift. We visit secluded coves (including Aquarium Cove, with its waters of brilliant blue and green), have the opportunity to swim and snorkel, and enjoy lunch on board. *B*,*L* 

**Day 12: Fethiye/Antalya** We set out this morning on a scenic drive along the coastal road to Antalya, stopping along the way in Demre (ancient Myra). Here we visit the 6<sup>th</sup>-century Church of St. Nicholas, known for its impressive frescoes, its significance to both Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Christians, and as its namesake's inspiration for Santa Claus. Then we travel on to the evocative seaside ruins of Phaselis, the ancient Greek and Roman port city now a national park. Following our visit here, we continue on to Turkey's premier resort town of Antalya. *B,L,D* 

**Day 13: Antalya** We discover Antalya's charming old city (Kaleici) on a morning walking tour through its narrow streets, past historic buildings, mosques, and parks. After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit Antalya's acclaimed Archaeological Museum, housing priceless artifacts unearthed from nearby sites. *B*,*L* 

**Day 14: Antalya/Perge** This morning we explore the ruins at Perge, an ancient Greek city once among the world's prettiest and most prosperous. We also visit the Düden Waterfalls, which tumble about 130 feet into the Mediterranean. Returning to our hotel, this afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, we celebrate our Turkish adventure over a farewell dinner at a harborside restaurant. *B*,*D* 

**Day 15: Depart for U.S.** This morning we board an early flight for our return to the United States. *B* 

# **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights' accommodations in Deluxe and First Class hotels
- 29 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
  - Luggage handling for one bag per person
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  - We are pleased to share this departure with alumni from Oregon State University



Istanbul's Hagia Sophia

# Tour Departs: November 3, 2023

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, su	ircharges, and fees
Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$4,092
Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, San Francisco	\$4,392
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Dallas, Philadelphia	\$4,492
Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Seattle, Tampa	\$4,592
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,195

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Single travelers please add \$995. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All 2023 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$4,195 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.



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# Important Information About Your Tour General Terms and Conditions

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

# Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2023, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

# Gratuities

Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on "On Your Own" optional extensions.

# Not Included in Your Tour Price

Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

# **Registration and Payment**

A deposit of \$500 per person confirms your reservation and is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

# **Cancellations and Refunds**

If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

### For all tours (except as noted)

Prior to departure	Charge
95 days or more:	Full refund
94-65 days:	25% of tour price
64-45 days:	50% of tour price
44-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

#### For Ancient Greece

Prior to departure	Charge
95 days or more:	Full refund
94-65 days:	50% of tour price
64-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package, should you or your travel companion cancel your participation during the tour. If because of low participation Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Upon reservation, you will be able to access all information regarding your tour in My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal. This material includes your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa requirements (if applicable), and more. Your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers), will be available in the portal two to three weeks before departure.

### Single Travelers

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We will endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

### Changes to Your Reservation

We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a \$100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason or at any time, you will be charged the single supplement.

Please note that no changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.

### **Required Information**

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program (for details, please visit www.tsa.gov), as well as for our travel partners: for international tours – your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender; for domestic tours – your full name as it appears on the accepted form of government-issued photo identification that you plan to use, date of birth, and gender. In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport (international tours) or other form of government-issued photo identification (domestic tours) than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

### Travel Documents

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all of our international tours. For all domestic tours, where we fly into a U.S. city to begin the tour or out of a U.S. city at the end, you must present a valid U.S. government-issued photo identification. Starting on May 3, 2023, your government-issued photo ID must be REAL ID-compliant (or you can present an alternate form of ID, such as a passport). Visit www.dhs.gov/real-id or contact your local DMV for more information. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you are traveling with a minor, please contact us for special entry requirements. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

### Smoking

For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

# Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance if you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that a number of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the USC Alumni Association reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, the USC Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination.

#### Air Transportation

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer more direct service, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates that enable us to offer you the best possible travel value. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited

to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. In addition, we recommend that you not purchase your tickets until final payment is due. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the USC Alumni Association will incur no liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes therein. In any event, neither Odysseys's Unlimited, Inc., nor the USC Alumni Association is responsible for losses, direct or indirect, or missed components of a trip which result from air delays, cancellations, rerouting or any other air-related problem.

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### **USC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RESERVATION FORM**

To reserve your place on tour, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited**, **Inc.** and include with the form.

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Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up

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