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# **PACKAGES & PRICING**

Your voyage offers the pricing options below.

## Á La Carte Excursions

Individual à la carte excursions are available for pre-purchase. Reserving in advance gives you the peace of mind knowing that your excursions have been pre-arranged and pre-reserved prior to your arrival.

Oceania Select Excursions - While all of the shore excursions offer extraordinary experiences, some are so outstanding and so aweinspiring that they merit special recognition. These tours are designated as Oceania Select excursions and offer unique, one-of-a-kind experiences to the passionate explorer wishing to delve even deeper into a region's culture and history.

Oceania Exclusive Excursions - For those travelers who prefer an added measure of privacy, intimacy and flexibility, we also offer our Oceania Exclusive excursions. With a minimum participation of 10 guests, and never more than 16, these excursions benefit from a higher level of personal attention and detail only possible in small groups.

# Simply More Shore Excursion Package

Save 25% - Our Simply More Shore Excursion Package (formerly known as Your World Collection) provides you with the flexibility to design a personalized, value-packed collection of excursions. Best of all, you will save 25% off onboard à la carte prices when you reserve the shore excursion minimum. Save 25% when you reserve the minimum of 6 shore excursions.

# **BOOK YOUR SHORE EXCURSIONS**

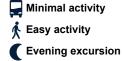
If you purchase a shore excursion package, you also receive priority confirmation of your selections. This added benefit is especially appealing if you wish to ensure that you have a place on the most popular tours in marquee cities such as Santorini, Rome, Bordeaux and Istanbul, to name a few.

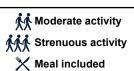
All excursion packages have the added convenience of being fully refundable until sail date and must be purchased in advance of sailing to enjoy the maximum savings. Packages will be non-refundable thereafter. Á la Carte excursions will remain fully refundable up until 36 hours before the excursion. You may pre-purchase shore excursions up until 7 days prior to your sail date.

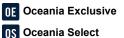
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# Helsinki, Finland

HEL-001 HIGHLIGHTS OF HELSINKI

Date: Jul 24, 2024 Time: 11:30 AM, 03:45 PM

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$119.00



## **OVERVIEW**

Settle back for the definitive overview of Finland's marvelous capital city on this panoramic drive. The carefully chosen route winds from the harbor past Embassy Park, Senate Square, the chic Esplanadi park district and landmark-lined Mannerheim Street, among other top Helsinki locales - with stops made for you to get closer to some of the most intriguing and photogenic sights. Among the highlights seen are the gleaming white Lutheran Cathedral made famous in the movies, the stadium where the 1952 Olympics happened, a concert hall designed by celebrated Finnish architect Alvar Aalto, and one of the city's quirkiest signature buildings: the underground Rock Church. Excavated out of solid granite, its ribbed glass and copper dome roof looks rather like a UFO that took a wrong turn. At Sibelius Park, you'll stop to ponder another modernist must-see - a shimmering stainless steel monument made of hollow tubes, erected in 1967 to honor Finland's most famous composer by making music of their own as the breezes flow by. At the conclusion of your guided survey, you can choose to return to the ship or continuing exploring this never-dull city on your own.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Take in Helsinki's most prominent sights in panoramic comfort on a guided coach drive around the city.
- See the domed cathedral and its famous steps in Senate Square, the historic Olympic Stadium and the modern new Opera House on Töölönlahti Bav.
- Visit the Rock Church, blasted out of the bedrock and capped with an extraterrestrial-style saucer roof.
- At Sibelius Park, decide if you love or loathe the controversial steel-pipe monument built to honor Finland's most famous composer.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour is mostly panoramic with optional walking at the stops. There is a 10-minute walk in each direction required to reach the Rock Church; guests may arrange with the guide to opt out of this portion of the tour if desired. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Due to religious services and new regulations, inside visit of the Rock Church cannot be guaranteed.

HEL-0010E OCEANIA EXCLUSIVE - HIGHLIGHTS OF HELSINKI

Date: Jul 24, 2024 Time: 11:30 AM, 03:45 PM

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$289.00

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# OVERVIEW

Designed for travelers who prefer an added measure of intimacy and flexibility, our new Oceania Exclusive tours limit group size to just 16 guests maximum. The Oceania Exclusive format is available on specially selected shore excursions in nearly every port we visit, around the world. Settle back for the definitive overview of Finland's marvelous capital city on this panoramic drive. The carefully chosen route winds from the harbor past Embassy Park, Senate Square, the chic Esplanadi park district and landmark-lined Mannerheim Street, among other top Helsinki locales – with stops made for you to get closer to some of the most intriguing and

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- Enjoy a higher level of personal attention and flexibility on this Oceania Exclusive small group tour.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

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HEL-BB1 BEYOND BLUEPRINTS — HELSINKI

Date: Jul 24, 2024 Time: 11:30 AM Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$159.00



# **OVERVIEW**

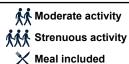
See two of Helsinki's most avant-garde buildings through the eyes of your architectural historian guide and come away with an eye-opening insider's view. The façade of the Oodi Central Library boasts a striking undulating shape that celebrates Finland having one of the world's highest literacy rates. But only a third of the library contains books, the rest being devoted to public spaces such as a recording studio, movie theatre, restaurants and top-floor Citizens' Balcony. The innovative use of steel beams allowed the middle floor to be built without columns for an unobstructed view from one end to the other. Your guide will also detail the advanced technologies used to construct the Helsinki Music Centre. In particular, you will discover how acoustic technician Yasuhisa Toyota designed the main concert hall in a terraced, vineyard style so the audience surrounds the musicians. Much of the interior is underground to prevent the building from towering above the surrounding ones.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Gain an insider's perspective into the designs of two modernistic buildings in Helsinki.
- Discover how the Oodi Central Library was brilliantly designed for much

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more than books.

• Hear about the design challenges in creating the Helsinki Music Centre's extraordinary acoustics.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- · Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of walking over mainly flat and even surfaces. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

HEL-007 WALKING TOUR OF HELSINKI Date: Jul 24, 2024 Time: 12:00 PM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$109.00

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# **OVERVIEW**

Get up-close to Helsinki's famous array of medieval and modern landmarks on a leisurely guided walk through the city center. You'll get to see far more detail than you would traveling the streets by vehicle. Like in Senate Square where you'll gaze up at the dazzling white Lutheran Cathedral, and at the Railway Station, another icon of Finnish National Romantic architecture opened in 1919. You'll amble along Mannerheim Street, Helsinki's main thoroughfare lined with museums, a new Music Hall and the dignified Parliament building. Re-energized thanks to a coffee and pastry from a downtown café, you'll walk on and pay a visit to one of the city's quirkiest signature buildings: the underground Rock Church. Blasted out of solid granite, its giant ribbed glass and copper dome roof looks very much like a UFO that took a wrong turn. Walking through Sibelius Park, you'll ponder another modernist must-see - the shimmering stainless steel monument made of some 600 hollow tubes, designed to honor Finland's most famous composer by making music of their own as the breezes flow by. No question, this city moves to the beat of its own unique soundtrack.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Tour Helsinki on foot and enjoy closeup encounters with its most prominent sights.
- Stop to photograph and learn about key landmarks like the Lutheran Cathedral, Railway Station, the National Museum and House of Parliament.
- Visit the Rock Church, blasted out of the bedrock and capped with an extraterrestrial-style saucer roof.
- Stop and enjoy a freshly-brewed cup of joe and a pastry served in a downtown coffee venue.
- At Sibelius Park, decide if you love or loathe the controversial steel-pipe monument built to honor Finland's most famous composer.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2-miles (3-hours) of moderate walking over mostly cobblestone and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns, and operates during all weather conditions so participants should be prepared for the chance of rain. Due to religious services and new regulations, inside visit of the Rock Church cannot be guaranteed.

HEL-007OE OCEANIA EXCLUSIVE - WALKING TOUR OF HELSINK

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HEL-GG1 FINLAND'S NATURAL BEAUTY AND ARCHITECTURE

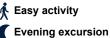
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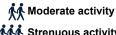
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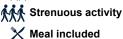
# **OVERVIEW**

Become immersed in Helsinki's ground-breaking, eco-friendly architecture as a prelude to hiking through a national park. While driving through the lively capital, you will pass a collection of notable landmarks such as the Parliament House, National Museum and Finlandia Hall, a masterpiece that acclaimed Finnish architect Alvar Aalto designed. Still, few buildings are as striking as the Helsinki Central Library. Known as the Oodi, which means "ode," in Finnish, the library offers much more than books. For instance, there are meeting spaces, music studios, restaurants and 3-D printers, all available to the general public. As you tour the Oodi, the guide will point its unusual aspects and describe the building's energy efficiencies. You will understand why Finns are so passionate about preserving their natural resources when you see Nuuksio National Park. A wonderland of green

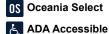












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forests, serene lakes and rugged crags, it makes an ideal setting for your hike and snack around the campfire.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · See Helsinki's architectural landmarks on a panoramic drive around the capital.
- Tour the extraordinary Oodi library while the guide describes its energy efficiencies
- Share the reverence that Finns have for nature on a leisurely hike through a national park.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

#### PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 ½ hours of walking, some of it over cobblestone surfaces. The sights on this tour are not wheelchair accessible and therefore, it is not available to wheelchair quests and those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Comfortable, flat walking shoes, light clothing and a hat are recommended. The Library is spread out on 3 floors. There are elevators stairs and escalators guests may use. Escalators are the mainly used method of reaching the other floors.

HEL-GL1 GL-OS-HELSINKI THROUGH THE EYES OF A LOCAL

Date: Jul 24, 2024 Time: 12:30 PM Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$229.00

## **OVERVIEW**

Experience local life by exploring food markets and a shopping mall, sampling Finnish cuisine and then strolling a serene waterfront park. As you meander about the historical market Vanha Kaupahalli, you will gain an understanding of daily life in Helsinki. Similarly, after a short tram ride to the Kamppi Shopping Centre, you will get a feel for other types of merchandise available to the residents, mainly fashions and jewelry. You will then ride the metro to Hakaniemi Market, a shopping area that specializes in gourmet foods and delicacies. To see if the local cuisine suits your palate, you will sample traditional snacks such as cold smoked reindeer with marinated red onion, Finnish archipelago bread with lemon crème fraiche and salmon, and non-alcoholic rhubarb soda. To become further immersed in local life, you will stroll through waterfront Kaivopuisto Park, which is on the southernmost tip of Helsinki and surrounded by embassies and extravagant homes.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Observe local life while browsing the merchandise at several popular shopping areas.
- Recognize the vast range of stores available in urban Helsinki.
- Sample traditional Norwegian snacks and stroll a waterfront park.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 31/2 hours of walking and standing with some cobblestone surfaces and inclines. It is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.

HEL-009 OS-KAYAKING THE FINNISH ARCHIPELAGO

Date: Jul 24, 2024 Time: 12:45 PM Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$279.00

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Experience a guided paddle through the maze of tranguil islands that surround bustling Helsinki. It's an unspoiled urban archipelago where sea birds and diverse flora thrive in peaceful isolation just a few miles from the center of the Finnish capital. Enroute to your starting point, you'll get to see some of the city's most famous landmarks by motor coach - including Market Square, Uspenski Cathedral, the Presidential Palace and the impressive Finnish icebreaker fleet at dock in season. Once at the kayaking center, you'll be outfitted with all the necessary gear and receive a brief kayaking intro before settling into your stable and easy-to-handle watercraft. From there, over 300 islands floating off Helsinki await discovery. With your knowledgeable guide in the lead, you'll see a number of them and learn much about the natural and human history of this fascinating region. A stop on one of the islands affords a welcome opportunity to stretch your legs, savor a snack, and admire your scenic surroundings.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a panoramic tour of key Helsinki landmarks as you head for a kavaking center.
- Receive basic kavaking instruction and all proper safety gear, then set out in your stable kayak for a guided archipelago tour.
- Paddle the waters that surround Helsinki on three sides. laced with islands where birds and plants thrive in peaceful natural isolation.
- · Stop off on a scenic islet to enjoy a well-deserved break to stretch your legs and savor a snack.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- Wear warm, layered clothing.
- Flat, comfortable waterproof sport shoes are recommended.

## PLEASE NOTE

Kayaking time is approximately 2.25 hours. As this is an active excursion, it is only recommended for guests who are physically fit and free of back, neck or heart problems. Those who participate in water activities do so at their own risk and responsibility and must know how to swim, be comfortable in the water and able to cope with occasional currents. Participants must be 12 years of age or older; if under 15, must be in the company of an adult sharing a double kayak. Guests height should not exceed 6'3" and maximum weight cannot exceed 280 lbs. for single kayaks, 380 lbs. for double. A limited number of double kayaks are available on request; please advise your destination team onboard. It is recommended that guests dress in warm, layered clothing and flat, comfortable, waterproof sport shoes; raingear is also recommended. As you will get wet on this excursion, any electronic devices as well as any valuable items must be stored in a sealable, waterproof dry bag or left on board the ship. Any damage occurring to these items is the responsibility of the guests. Wildlife sightings, although likely, are not guaranteed. The operation of this excursion is dependent on prevailing weather conditions.

# **HEL-002 SCENIC HELSINKI HARBOR CRUISE**

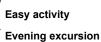
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Admire the ins and outs of Helsinki harbor's delightful maze of islands as you cruise waters dotted with historical sites. This one-of-a-kind urban archipelago boasts waterfront saunas, old villas, the city zoo, and a giant icebreaker or two. Your guide will provide ample color on the region's vibrant backstory and its deep relationship to the sea. One of the most impressive of the landmarks you'll encounter during your sail is Suomenlinna, an 18th-century fortress so significant it's been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Built during the days when Sweden ruled

Minimal activity





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Finland, this remarkable turf-covered citadel straddles several small islands and once reigned as the Baltic's most powerful sea fortress. Your waterborne harbor survey ends at an open-air market, where you'll have time to wander and graze — perhaps sampling delicious fresh berries or other locally grown produce until it's time to rejoin your coach for the trip back to the pier.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Take to the waters of Helsinki harbor for a refreshing and enlightening exploratory cruise.
- Sail past islets and landmarks of every stripe that make up this city's unique urban archipelago.
- See Helsinki's signature island-hopping citadel, Suomenlinna, and learn about Helsinki's age-old relationship with the sea.
- Drop in at an open-air market where fresh local produce and artisan foodstuffs are ripe for the grazing.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a water/windproof jacket.
- · Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour is mostly panoramic with limited optional walking during free time at the market. Entering and exiting the tour boat does require negotiating 3-5 narrow steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating.

# HEL-004 OS-HELSINKI BY SEA AND FORTRESS ISLAND

Date: Jul 24, 2024 Time: 01:00 PM Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Experience Helsinki's scenic archipelago from the sea during this waterborne tour through the maze of islands that surround the Finnish capital. Driven to harborside Market Square, you'll take to the water for a guided cruise that brings you by waterfront suburban neighborhoods where locals live, romantic old villas and giant icebreakers, among many other unique sights. Even the city zoo is on one of Helsinki's generous share of the 180,000 isles to be found in Finland. But one island in particular stands out from the rest, and you're headed there for a guided walk. Suomenlinna is both a major military monument and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Built during the days when Sweden ruled Finland, this remarkable citadel straddles several small islands and once reigned as the Baltic's most powerful sea fortress. Its military shipyard was one of the world's largest dry-docks and Suomenlinna was considered on par with the great maritime fortifications at Gibraltar. Today, 250 years on, it remains carefully preserved and makes a fascinating place to explore and learn about. After the guided fortress walk, you'll have some time to free-range on this picturesque island and discover it further.

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Take to the waters of Helsinki harbor for a refreshing and enlightening exploratory cruise.
- Sail past islets and landmarks of every stripe that make up this city's unique urban archipelago.
- Tour the medieval, island-hopping fortress at Suomenlinna and learn about Helsinki's centuries-old maritime history.
- Return to land at an open-air market where fresh local produce and artisanal foodstuffs are sold.
- If you wish, stay on to graze and explore the city further, or catch the coach ride back to the pier.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

• Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a water/windproof jacket.

· Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves a moderate amount of walking on Suomenlinna island, and over uneven gravel surfaces at the fortress. Entering and exiting the tour boat requires negotiating 3-5 narrow steps. The tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or who use a wheelchair.

## **HEL-011 SUOMENLINNA FORTRESS**

Date: Jul 24, 2024 Time: 01:00 PM Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$99.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Travel by public ferry to tour Finland's signature 18th-century sea fortress, straddling several small islands in Helsinki harbor. Suomenlinna is both a major military monument and a UNESCO World Heritage site, built to safeguard against the threat of Russian invasion back in the days when Sweden ruled Finland. Its military shipyard was one of the world's largest dry-docks and Suomenlinna was considered on par with the great maritime fortifications at Gibraltar. Today, 250 years on, the citadel remains carefully preserved and makes a fascinating place to explore and learn about. During your walking tour around the Suomenlinna grounds, you'll soon realize that this place is more than a fortress: the complex is really a city within the city of Helsinki, boasting its own library, health center, fire brigade and school. There's even a WWII-vintage submarine parked along the coastline, a restored vestige of Finland's flareup-prone territorial tug-of-war with Russia. After your formal Suomenlinna tour, the ferry crossing back to the Market square, where you will some short free time to explore on your own, before going back to the ship

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Head into the waters of Helsinki harbor by ferry to visit a fascinating UNESCO-listed landmark.
- Tour Suomenlinna, the iconic 18th-century sea fortress built at the peak of Sweden's rule of this region.
- Learn about Suomenlinna's long maritime and military history, and about the island's full suite of civilian attributes including its own library and fire brigade.
- Enjoy some free-range time to explore the Market square at your leisure

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a water/windproof jacket.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

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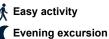
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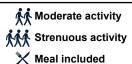
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# **OVERVIEW**

Surrender to the wooden charms of Finland's second-oldest town, and enjoy a panoramic spin through the country's landmark-filled capital city. Your excursion to Porvoo begins with a drive through the heart of Helsinki, past its bustling open-air marketplace and architectural must-see's like the Uspenski Orthodox Cathedral, Presidential Palace and expansive Senate Square. You'll make a brief stop to admire the dazzling white Lutheran Cathedral; capped with green domes and set atop a dramatic stairway it dwarfs nearly everything else on the surrounding skyline. Some of the other marquee attractions you'll spot include the Opera House, Finlandia Hall, the National Museum, Parliament building and the Contemporary Art

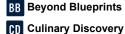






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Museum. Arriving in Porvoo, the look and feel of everything shifts backwards in time as you begin a leisurely walking tour of this city that receiving its charter all the way back in 1346. Stroll along cobblestone streets lined with brightly painted buildings crafted with hammer and nail. Stop to admire stellar views of the historic center from the Old Bridge of Porvoo, which spans the town river. After your orientation walk, take some time on your own to explore further; colorful gardens and browse-worthy handicraft and antique shops abound.

- Settle back for a drive through central Helsinki via panoramic coach, taking in its many landmarks, ancient and modern.
- Stop for a closer view of the city's signature, green-domed Lutheran Cathedral at Senate Square.
- Take the scenic route to medieval Porvoo, where time has not moved nearly as fast as elsewhere.
- Enjoy an illuminating guided walk through Old Town, then spend a while exploring Porvoo's charms – and its shops – at your leisure.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour is mostly panoramic, with a short introductory walk in Porvoo over hilly and cobbled terrain. Amount of walking and level of exertion during free time is at guests' discretion. This tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests or those with walking or mobility concerns.

HEL-012 OS-HELSINKI, PORVOO & COUNTRYSIDE

Date: Jul 24, 2024 Time: 01:30 PM Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$359.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Join us on a single tour that combines Helsinki sightseeing, a visit to cobbled Porvoo, and lunch at a rural farm. Your coach journey will bring you by landmarks like Embassy Park, Market Square, Uspenski Cathedral and the Presidential Palace. You'll stop and graze the fresh produce at an open-air market and continue on past Mannerheim Street's museums, Parliament House, Finlandia Hall and the stadium that hosted the 1952 Olympics. Some 45 minutes out in the Finnish countryside is Savijarvi Farm, where your welcoming hosts will discuss their way of life and show some of the horses they breed here. They also serve delicious homemade food, which you'll soon savor in the form of a relaxed three-course lunch. Later, you'll take a step backwards in time in nearby Porvoo, founding in 1346. Enjoy a tour and free time along cobblestone streets lined with brightly painted wooden buildings and catch super-photogenic views from the Old Bridge of Porvoo. On the return drive to Helsinki you'll see its famous shipyards, and make a stop to visit what must be the city's quirkiest landmark - the underground Rock Church, carved out of solid granite and topped with what looks like a misplaced UFO.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a sightseeing drive through central Helsinki, taking in its many landmarks, ancient and modern.
- · Visit a family-run equine farm in Savijarvi, meet the hosts and their horses, and savor a relaxed lunch.
- Tour Finland's second-oldest town, medieval Porvoo, and spend a while exploring its charms - and its shops - at your leisure.
- · Visit extraordinary Temppeliaukio Rock Church, blasted out of the bedrock and capped with an extraterrestrial-style saucer roof.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

## PLEASE NOTE

Tour includes approximately 1-hour of walking over even and cobblestone surfaces with some inclines and steps. Amount of walking and level of exertion during free time is at guests' discretion. This tour is not available for wheel chair guests and those with walking or mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Due to religious services and new regulations, inside visit of the Rock Church cannot be guaranteed.

HEL-010 OS-SPEED BOAT ADVENTURE

Date: Jul 24, 2024 Time: 02:00 PM Duration: 2.50 Hrs Price: \$409.00



#### **OVERVIEW**

Feel your adrenaline soar on an aquatic romp around the Helsinki archipelago and enjoy Finnish-style refreshments at a private summer cottage. It all starts just a short walk from the ship, where you'll change into special waterproof clothing and step aboard the speedboat. Your adventure begins at a gentle pace as you cruise toward the center of the city, passing Embassy Park, famous Suomenlinna fortress, the Open-Air Market and impressive docked icebreakers awaiting colder times. Get ready to hold on tight after the narrow strait of Kustaanmiekka, where your captain will throttle up for the thrill-ride portion of this experience day. Zipping along through the waters at up to 40 knots, you'll fly past large and small islands and handsome Finnish summer homes, some of which date back to the 19th century. After a time, your vessel will come ashore at a summer cottage where your host will share stories about the local history and way of life. To make for a fully Finnish experience, you'll be treated to their classic summer favorites – grilled sausages and locally brewed beer. The cruise back to the city brings yet more scenery, including a modern technology center and a sea-facing residential neighborhood.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Don a provided waterproof outfit and flotation device in preparation for a high-speed boat ride through the Finnish archipelago.
- See some of Helsinki's top landmarks from this unique on-the-water viewpoint, including UNESCO-listed Suomenlinna island sea fortress.
- Disembark at a private summer cottage where the hosts are genial, and the refreshments are authentic local fare.
- · Continue your exhilarating waterborne tour, passing picturesque scenery all the way back to the pier.

- Wear warm, layered clothing and bring along a jacket.
- Flat, comfortable waterproof shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

This excursion is not recommended for guests with physical limitations, as it requires embarking and disembarking a vessel that sits low in the water. Pregnant women and guests with back or neck conditions should not participate. A special waterproof outfit and flotation device will be provided. You may get wet during this excursion, so all personal electronics, cameras and valuables must be stored in a waterproof dry bag or left on board the ship. Any damage to these items is the responsibility of the guest. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Operation of this excursion is dependent on weather conditions.

HEL-013 OS-HELSINKI HIGHLIGHTS & ARCHITECTURE

Date: Jul 24, 2024 Time: 02:00 PM Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00



# **OVERVIEW**

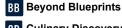
Enjoy a rolling survey of Helsinki's many architectural highlights and tour the landmark country home where several of Finland's most renowned

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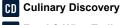


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architects lived and worked. Your panoramic drive through the Finnish capital brings you past iconic sights both ancient and contemporary. Standouts include coastal Embassy Park, the colorful open-air market and Senate Square, famed for its skyline-defining Lutheran Cathedral. Along broad Mannerheim Street, you'll admire the Parliament House, National Museum and Finlandia Hall - a futuristic 1970s masterpiece designed by Alvar Aalto. The curvaceous Kiasma art museum is another highly conceptual showstopper along the route, and a stop to visit Helsinki's quirky underground Rock Church - blasted out of solid bedrock - is a true one-of-a-kind experience. Traveling out of town and into a rural landscape of deep forests, majestic rocks and crystal water, you'll arrive at Hvitträsk. This 1902 stone and log shrine to Finnish National Romantic architecture was the shared compound of three of Finland's most renowned architects - and the boyhood home of international superstar Eero Saarinen, revered for designing signature mid-century projects like the St. Louis Arch, the TWA terminal at JFK Airport and Washington's Dulles Airport. Your tour of the building includes free time to wander its tranquil grounds.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a panoramic highlights tour of Helsinki's most prominent landmark buildings, some dating back centuries, others at the leading edge of modern architecture.
- · Visit the Rock Church, blasted out of the bedrock and capped with an extraterrestrial-style saucer roof.
- Travel by coach through a rural Finnish landscape to Hvitträsk, the residence and studio once shared by the country's top architects.
- Tour this 1902 landmark structure, now a museum and art exhibition center, and wander its peaceful surrounding gardens.
- Learn about the boyhood life of superstar architect Eero Saarinen who grew up here, son of one of the three original builders.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

Guests must be able to walk approximately 1.5-hours (half-mile) over even and cobblestone surfaces, some level gravel with 30 to 50 steps. Amount of walking and level of exertion during free time is at guests' discretion. Tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair and are able to make their own way on and off transportation. Guests must be self-sufficient or if assistance is required, they should travel with a companion who can provide this. Due to religious services and new regulations, inside visit of the Rock Church cannot be guaranteed.

# Saarema, Estonia

SAA-001 HISTORIC SAAREMAA Date: Jul 25, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$289.00



# OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW Become immersed in the history of Estonia's largest island through attractions that shed light on its past. Although little more than a century old, the Dutch-style windmills that dot a hilltop in the village of Angla reveal Saaremaa's traditional roots. You will see how the wind power was used to grind flour, taste freshly baked rye bread and watch a folkloric show, all of which will enhance your understanding of the rural culture. In nearby Karja, you will browse a church that was likely built in the late 13th century. Perhaps even more revealing than its simple design are the medieval symbols and stone decorations that adorn the church. A tour of the medieval stronghold Kuressaare will lend insight into Estonia's tumultuous past. The Soviet army occupied the fortress during World War II and hundreds were killed on the grounds when the Nazis invaded. Free time in the town of Kuressaare follows.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit the historical landmarks that reveal life on Saaremaa Island through the centuries
- Behold medieval symbols on a 13th-century church whose meanings are still uncertain
- Explore Kuressaare Castle and the on-site museum that details the area's turbulent past.
- Enjoy free time shopping and perhaps dining in the town of Kuressaare.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE This tour includes approximately 3.5 hours of walking. mainly at guests' discretion. It is not recommended to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. There are approximately 60 steps at the Castle. Order of sites visited may vary.

# SAA-003 ISLAND OF VIKINGS

Date: Jul 25, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$279.00



# **OVERVIEW**

OVERVIEW Discover the Viking connection to the island of Saaremaa in part by viewing two 8th-century warships found with artifacts and the remains of the slain crews. The Viking influence will be clearly evident in the village of Salme, where you will view two early Viking ships partially buried in the ground. It is still a mystery as to why the crews were killed, covered with shields and stacked in piles on board. This archaeological find is remarkable because of the ships' technological advancements that helped the Vikings become an unstoppable force as they mercilessly raided and traded across four continents. Centuries later, Kuressaare Castle was built on the island, and while touring the town you will see this imposing fortress built with chiseled blocks of dolomite. You will also pause at the Nasva Tihemetsa Farm to watch a folkloric show and learn about the island's fishing heritage while enjoying a seafood lunch.

- View two partially buried Viking ships and learn why archaeologists find them remarkable.
- · Gain insight into Viking battle tactics, tools and ship technology in the 8th century.
- · Behold Kuressaare Castle, a medieval stronghold that is still surprisingly
- · Watch an enlightening folkloric show while dining on seafood.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

# PLEASE NOTE

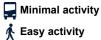
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SAA-002 KURESSAARE PANORAMIC

Date: Jul 25, 2024 Time: 09:45 AM Duration: 5.25 Hrs Price: \$139.00



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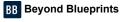
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OVERVIEW Admire the abundant historical landmarks while walking through the delightful town of Kuressaare and take the opportunity to explore its 14th-century castle during free time. The capital of Saaremaa Island and Estonia's westernmost town, Kuressaare overlooks the Gulf of Riga. It first appeared on a map in the mid-12th century and exudes history most everywhere you turn. While walking through town, much of which was constructed with the natural stone dolomite, you can expect to see highlights such as the House of Nobility, the baroque-style Weigh House and the town hall, which features the largest ceiling painting in Estonia. If you wish to delve deeper into Kuressaare's past, feel free to tour its well-preserved medieval castle and museum on your own. Otherwise, that time can be spent browsing the shops in town. If you dine, you might try the traditional dark rye bread with Baltic herring and a locally brewed beer.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a leisurely and enlightening walk through the historical town of Kuressaare.
- · See architectural treasures such as the House of Nobility and Kuressaare's town hall.
- Notice the locally guarried dolomite used for many of the buildings.
- Spend free time shopping, dining or perhaps visiting nearby Kuressaare

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

## PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking, mainly at guests' discretion. It is not recommended to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. There are approximately 60 steps at the Castle. Order of sites visited may vary.

# SAA-004 HIKING THE GREEN ISLAND

Date: Jul 25, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$269.00



# **OVERVIEW**

OVERVIEW Enjoy a leisurely hike through the forests and mossy bogs onSaaremaa, an island that the organization Green Destinations has acknowledged for its efforts to be environmentally responsible. Several nature reserves and parks have been created to protect and nurture the flora and fauna that thrive on the island. During the hike, the guide will point out and describe some of the most unusual indigenous species. Wild orchids are especially abundant, including the endemic Saaremaa marsh orchid, which is not found anywhere else in the world. You many also see a lady's slipper, the largest orchid in Estonia. The island is a paradise for birding and depending on the season, you may spot flocks of barnacle geese, common rosefinches and a variety of waterfowl. Saaremaa is included in the islands that are part of the UNESCO program Man and Biosphere, which recognizes natural areas that enhance the relationship between people and their environments.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Hike through one of the most naturally beautiful areas on Saaremaa
- · Look for indigenous plants and animals that the guide will describe in
- Gain an understanding of how Saaremaa Island fiercely protects its environment.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

## PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE This tour includes approximately 3.5 hours of hiking. Guests should be in good physical health. It is not recommended to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

# SAA-005 LIVING SAAREMAA-STYLE

Date: Jul 25, 2024 Time: 11:00 AM Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$279.00



# **OVERVIEW**

OVERVIEW Observe daily life in two rural villages in western Saaremaa Island – one a bit inland and the other overlooking the sea. Established nearly 500 years ago, Leedri has long been acclaimed for its natural beauty, windmills and traditional lifestyle. Even so, the village has become even more well known for the syrup that the residents make from the wild juniper that grows in the surrounding forests. You will gain an understanding of the process at the Orbu Farm, which produces juniper syrup flavored with various nuts, berries, herbs and spices. You will be offered a taste of this concoction, which is typically added to marinades, baked good and drinks. You will also visit seaside Kihelkonna, a fiercely independent and traditional village where in many ways time seems to have stood still. The residents are skilled boatbuilders and you will see some of their handcrafted wooden vessels in Abaja Harbor.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit two rural villages where life has changed little over the centuries.
- Sample the revered juniper syrup made in Leedri and learn how it is
- · Admire the craftsmanship used to make wooden fishing boats in the village of Kihelkonna.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

# PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of walking, mainly at guests' discretion. It is not recommended to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Order of sites visited may vary.

# Klaipeda, Lithuania

KLA-003 SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPON SITE

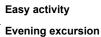
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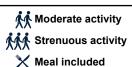
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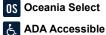
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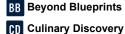
Delve into Lithuania's rugged natural beauty and discover a former nuclear missile bunker that once threatened all of Europe. From the pier, you'll drive to Zemaitija National Park, deep within sparsely populated Plokstine Forest. Passing magnificent vistas and a crystalline lake, you'll soon see that this green and remote place was also once home to a lethal secret. Plokstine Missile Base is a stark reminder of the Cold War, its four silos excavated by hand in an-around-the clock effort by thousands of soldiers, conducted across 3 years in total secrecy. Becoming operational in 1963, the R12 Dvina nuclear missiles here were targeted at Europe's largest cities, including Berlin, London, Madrid and Paris. In 1962, similar missiles deployed from here to Havana precipitated the Cuban Missile Crisis. Luckily, none were ever fired and Plokstine's were all removed when the site closed in 1979. Abandoned after the Soviet Union's collapse, the silos and central control complex were reopened as a Cold War Museum in











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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel by panoramic coach through beautiful, unspoiled terrain to Zemaitija National Park.
- · Visit what was once a top-secret and sinister facility hidden deep within the Plokstine Forest.
- Tour what's left of Plokstine Missile Base, from which the Soviets targeted all of Europe with nuclear warheads.
- Explore 88-foot-deep corridors and underground tunnels, even peer into one of the empty launch silos.
- Enjoy some typical Lithuanian dishes and beverages at a lunchtime café

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1 mile of walking and 1 hour of standing. There are many thresholds and steps to negotiate at the tunnels. The Soviet Nuclear Weapon Site has not been reconstructed, and there are some uncomfortable areas in the underground tunnels. If you are claustrophobic, do not enter the tunnels. Lunch includes a choice of two beverages: local beer, soda or water.

KLA-002 KLAIPEDA CHARM & PALANGA AMBER

Date: Jul 26, 2024 Time: 09:45 AM, 10:45 AM, 01:00 PM

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$89.00



## **OVERVIEW**

Sightsee in historic Klaipeda Old Town, tour a 19th-century mansion filled with amber, and walk a lively seafront promenade that juts out 1500 feet into the Baltic. A memorable stop will be made at Klaipeda's Theatre Square, where you'll be introduced to its most famous resident, the sculpture of "Annie of Tharau." On a walk through narrow streets, you'll admire the fine old half-timbered fachwerk architecture Klaipeda is known for. A drive north to Palanga brings you to a botanical park where you'll have awhile to stroll forested gardens where swans and other birds float in tranquil ponds. You'll also marvel at another kind of beauty here, inside the splendid neoclassical mansion that once housed a Count and now houses the Amber Museum. Within these walls, thousands of pieces of "Baltic Gold" are on display, including one that weighs in at nearly eight pounds and has been stolen on more than one occasion. Your Palanga tour continues with a stroll along pedestrianized Basanavicius street, both its sides brimming with cafes and bars - leading to a wooden sea pier that extends far out over the Baltic.

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a sightseeing drive and walk in Old Klaipeda, including Theatre Square and its famous statue.
- · Stroll the Palanga Botanical Garden, designed by a top turn-of-the-century French landscape architect.
- Tour the palatial Amber Museum within the park and marvel at the Baltic Gold displayed within.
- · Gain insights on how amber is formed, where it is found and how it is worked into fine jewelry.
- Experience the scene along Palanga's Basanavicius street, lined with cafes and leading to a Baltic pier.

# HELPFUL HINTS

Wear weather-appropriate clothing.

- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves over 2 hours of moderate walking/standing, at times over uneven surfaces, and may not be suitable for guests with mobility difficulties. There are 8 steps to enter the museum and a flight of stairs to reach the 2nd floor, but there is an elevator. Tour is not recommended for wheel chair quests or those with walking or mobility concerns. Some of the public restroom facilities in town require local currency. Once back in Klaipeda Old Town, you may step off to explore further on your own or stay aboard the coach for a direct transfer back to the pier.

## KLA-001 LEGENDS OF THE WITCHES HILL

Date: Jul 26, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 01:00 PM Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$99.00



#### **OVERVIEW**

Experience Klaipeda's world of fairy tales and legends on a tour of the Black Shore, with a stop at Witches Hill. This highly scenic coach journey, punctuated by a 10-minute ferry crossing to reach the famed Curonian Spit, brings you to the town of Juodkranté. The name means "Black Shore" in Lithuanian, and this once-hopping period resort exudes Old World charm and plenty of quirky superstitious character. You'll see Amber Bay, where tons of precious prehistoric amber were mined in the 19th-century, and visit a gallery displaying the whimsically colorful "Curonian pennant" weather vanes that became the artistic symbols of the Spit. But the highlight of any Juodkranté visit is Witches Hill, a site of pagan celebration since ancient times. Along a path through the forest, you'll encounter some 80 strange and grotesque carved oak sculptures tied to Lithuanian folk tales and legends - including the she-giant Neringa and Egle, queen of the grass-snakes. Your guide will share their long-told stories and several others. On the drive back, stop at the long honey colored shores which have been awarded the Blue Flag and are considered one of the best beaches of the Baltic Sea.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel by coach through Klaipeda and out into the shifting-sand dune terrain of the Curonian Spit.
- Tour the old fishing village and resort town of Juodkranté, which means the Black Shore.
- Take a walk up Witches Hill, where Lithuania's pagan heritage is alive and well - and carved into wood.
- Visit a gallery of iconic Curonian pennant weather vanes, pass by historic Amber Bay, and see Evangelical Lutheran church.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat athletic or hiking shoes with non-slip soles are recommended.
- Bring a hat, insect repellant, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.
- Bring along a bottle of water from the ship.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves nearly 2 hours of moderate to strenuous walking; the Hill of Witches requires navigating an uphill dirt path through a dense forest. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. Guests should be in good physical condition. Once back in Klaipeda Old Town, you may step off to explore further on your own or stay aboard the coach for a direct transfer back to the pier.

KLA-008 CYCLING TO THE END OF DUNES WITH E-BIKES

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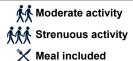
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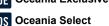
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Grab your e-bike, ferry across the lagoon that separates Klaipeda from the Curonian Spit, then pedal along its famous sand dunes and discover a rare ecosystem. Departing the pier on your comfortable e-bike, you'll soon be on a 5-minute ferry crossing to the Spit, a long and skinny peninsula of ever-shifting sand dunes. There's much more to it than sand, though - it's a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site because its lagoon settlements have learned so well how to evolve with and protect this fragile environment over the centuries. Your group leader will provide background on all this as you head for Hagen's Dunes, where a stone obelisk commemorates the 19th-century Prussian physicist credited with first planting native flora to help stabilize the dunes' erosion. Following the winding bicycle trail, you'll encounter forest - some planted by Hagen himself, panoramic views of Klaipeda just across the lagoon, and a beautiful beach. You'll also bike past Nerija Fort – a six-sided, 19th-century brick bastion that now defends a maritime museum and aquarium. On reaching the long breakwater jetty, you'll retrace your route and head back into Klaipeda Old Town for some freewheeling time around historic Theatre Square.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Meet your guide at the pier, be fitted for your e-bike and safety gear, and head for the hills - of sand.
- · Cross to the UNESCO-listed Curonian Spit by ferry then follow a trail through forest, dune, and beach.
- · Learn about how this precious ecosystem, Europe's largest assemblage of drifting dunes, is protected.
- · Stop at points all along the way to take in outstanding panoramic views and landmarks.
- · Back in Old Town, spend some free time admiring Klaipeda's famous central square and half-timbered fachwerk architecture.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable, non-slip walking shoes are suggested.
- Helmets, bags for personal belongings and maps of the route will be provided.

# PLEASE NOTE

E-bikes for children under 16 are not available. This tour includes approximately 3 hours (10.5 miles) of strenuous activity and is recommended only for the physically fit and adventurous traveler. It is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns. Guests should be comfortable on a bike and used to hand brakes. Bring a bottle of water. Tour timing is dependent on the ferry schedule.

# KLA-004 MANSION, CHURCH, & MONASTERY

Time: 10:15 AM Date: Jul 26, 2024 Duration: 4.25 Hrs Price: \$89.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Explore Lithuania's turbulent past and reinvigorated present as you tour Kretinga's Church of the Annunciation and the historic mansion of Count Tiskevicius. Kretinga is one of Lithuania's oldest cities - one that suffered immensely during 20th-century occupations by both Soviets and Nazis. You'll visit the 17th-century Church of the Annunciation and its cellars. Monks from the adjoining Franciscan monastery did much to advance education in early Lithuania, but they were expelled by the Tsarist government and again in Soviet times. After Lithuania's 1990 declaration of independence, the Franciscans once more returned – and today care for the church. One of the brothers will lead your tour if not at prayer. Another must-see in Kretinga is Count Tiskevicius' 19th-century estate, which now houses a museum devoted to spiritual and cultural treasures. Here you'll see a collection of Lithuanian wooden art and countless pieces of equipment used in authentic Lithuanian living and gain insight into what life

was like in Kretinga over a century ago. You'll also learn more about the tragic times when thousands of people, including the Franciscans, were deported to Siberia by the Soviets. Adding a more uplifting note, enjoy light refreshments in the museum's beautiful winter garden, surrounded by exotic plants.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel by panoramic coach to Kretinga, a small and city with ancient roots and turbulent history.
- Tour a medieval red-brick church and adjacent monastery run by Franciscans who have promoted education in Lithuania for centuries.
- Learn of the purges that happened here repeatedly in the last century but should never happen again.
- · Visit the Museum of Kretinga, its cultural collection housed in a 19th-century water mill building, which is part of Counts Mansion estate.
- Enjoy refreshments served in an elegant café nestled amidst tropical plants, next to a waterfall.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves approximately 2 hours of walking, at times over uneven surfaces, and may not be suitable for guests with mobility difficulties. The cellars of the church will not be accessible during religious functions. An alternate venue for snack will be used when Winter Garden is unavailble.

# KLA-006 PANORAMIC KLAIPEDA & AMBER

Time: 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM Date: Jul 26, 2024

**Duration: 3.75 Hrs** Price: \$99.00



This enlightening tour reveals Klaipeda's history and life under Soviet rule and explores how amber has shaped the city's fortunes. From the pier, you'll travel past top Klaipeda landmarks like the Clock and Watch Museum, the Gothic Revival post office and a former barracks that now houses Klaipeda University. Lithuania remained under Soviet rule from the end of World War II until it regained independence in 1991. You'll stop for photos at one of Klaipeda's last remaining Soviet memorials and drive through several Soviet-built residential areas. The scenery and your guide's commentary will provide great insight into this long chapter in Lithuania's history. But as influential as that era was, the production of items made from amber has had an even longer - and certainly more positive - impact on Klaipeda. Since ancient times, this fossilized resin from prehistoric pine trees has been used in medicines, perfume and jewelry. It's even found in colors other than amber - including yellow and sometimes red or blue. You'll watch amber artisans creating one-of-a-kind jewelry, see amber antiques, and sip a cup of amber tea while hearing tales of the ancient amber trade route that passed near Old Town.

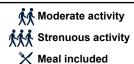
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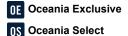
- Enjoy a panoramic overview drive through Klaipeda Old Town, past top historic landmarks.
- Pose for photos at one of the last Soviet memorials in town and see Soviet-era suburbs.
- · Learn about amber's long history in Klaipeda and watch artisans crafting it into jewelry.
- · Admire amber antiques and even sip tea made from this organic and much-prized substance.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Minimal activity Easy activity **Evening excursion** 





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• Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking and standing. It is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. The amber artisans' workshop is a fully-functioning factory and for safety of our guests group size is limited. Guests can remain in Old Town after the tour's end; maps will be provided. Walking distance from there to the ship is approximately 800 yards.

# Gdansk, Poland

**GDN-005 STUTTHOF & GDANSK CITY** 

Date: Jul 27, 2024 Time: 07:30 AM Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$179.00 Time: 07:30 AM



## **OVERVIEW**

Delve into Gdansk's legacy of war with a visit to the Stutthof Concentration Camp, then be soothed by an orientation tour of the city. Stutthof was chosen in 1939 as the locale for the first Nazi concentration camp built outside Germany, and it was one of the last to be liberated in 1945. Between those years, tens of thousands of Poles and Jews were transported and ultimately exterminated here. Be prepared to be impacted deeply by the harsh reality of what you'll see during your guided walk through the Stutthof site today. Fortunately, the modern city of Gdansk has managed to move thoroughly beyond its wartime ravages and Communist suppression - reclaiming its thousand-year history as a Hanseatic stronghold with buildings and monuments designed in Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles. On a guided walk through Old Town, you'll transit the Golden Gate and admire Long Street's line-up of buildings sporting elaborate facades and gables, pausing at must-admire landmarks like Long Market square, the 15th-century Artus Court merchants' palace and Neptune's Fountain. Your stroll along lively, cobbled St. Mary's Street leads you to Gdansk's most enduring icon - its gargantuan church where 25,000 can worship without elbows bumping.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Tour the haunting museum at Stutthof camp, where thousands of Poles and Jews met their harsh end.
- Take in the medieval landmarks of Gdansk on a guided walk through its historic Old Town
- See iconic sights like the Long Market, the Merchants Palace at Artus Court and Neptune's Fountain.
- · Visit immense St Mary's Church, and admire its precious artworks and 15th-century astronomical clock.
- Take free time in Gdansk to seek the lunch of your choice, visit the shops or go on a discovery stroll.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring a bottle of water from the ship.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour involves 3 hours of moderate walking over a distance of about 3 miles. There will be some steps to negotiate. Due to the graphic nature and disturbing images at Stutthof, this excursion is not recommended for the faint of heart. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them; it is not suitable for those with walking difficulties. No meals are included, but there will be

opportunities to purchase food during free time in Gdansk.

#### **GDN-006 STUTTHOF CAMP MUSEUM** Date: Jul 27, 2024 Time: 08:15 AM

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$149.00



#### **OVERVIEW**

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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## HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring a bottle of water from the ship.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves 2.5 hours of moderate walking over a distance of about 1.5 miles. There will be some steps to negotiate. Due to the graphic nature and disturbing images at Stutthof, this excursion is not recommended for the faint of heart. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them; it is not suitable for those with walking difficulties. No meals are included.

# **GDN-001 HIGHLIGHTS OF GDANSK**

Date: Jul 27, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$119.00

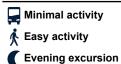


# **OVERVIEW**

Discover the iconic landmarks of Gdansk on a comprehensive guided walk that concludes with some free time for wandering independently. You'll transfer from Gdansk pier to its historic heart by coach, then set out on foot and pass through the Golden Gate, a grand ornamental arch within the city's medieval defensive walls. Long Street is all stunningly decorated building facades with ornate gables, and features the convivial square at Long Market, a grand Town Hall miraculously restored after WWII's ravages, and beautiful Artus Court, a 15th-century Dutch-Mannerist merchants' palace. Neptune's Fountain celebrates Gdansk's Hanseatic seafaring roots while lively, cobbled St. Mary's Street evokes its medieval personality. But the absolute pride of Gdansk is captured at St. Mary's the world's largest brick church - in the epicenter of Old Town. Accommodating some 25,000 worshippers, it took over 150 years to build and sports a bright, spacious interior with over 30 lavish chapels. Other highlights include a fine painted polyptych at the altar, ancient floor tombstones and an early astronomical clock that tracks the zodiac and a calendar of the saints. With your time at leisure, explore further or do some shopping independently before the coach return to the ship.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

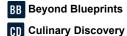
- Experience the multifaceted maritime city of Gdansk in the most intimate way - on foot.
- · Walk the legendary stretch known as Long Street, lined with period buildings and bustling with life.
- See iconic city landmarks like Town Hall, Artus Court merchants' palace, and the Neptune Fountain.















- · Visit St Mary's Church, an abiding symbol of Gdansk, large enough to dwarf all around it and in it.
- Enjoy some free-range time for shopping or further sightseeing before returning to the ship.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring a bottle of water from the ship.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 2 hours of easy-to-moderate walking plus any done at guests' discretion during free time. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Kindly note, visits to the Oliwa Cathedral will not be available on 6/16/22.

# **GDN-003 PANORAMIC GDANSK**

Date: Jul 27, 2024 Time: 08:45 AM **Duration: 3.75 Hrs** Price: \$109.00

#### **OVERVIEW**

Settle back for a scenic drive that includes photo stops at some of the most notable landmarks in Gdansk. Oliwa Cathedral, dates back to the 13th century but has been destroyed and rebuilt on several occasions since. The current building is a mix of Romanesque, Gothic and Rococo architectural styles, and inside reverberates one of the world's oldest and largest pipe organs. In Gdansk proper, the Green Gate beckons the group to set off briefly on foot, walking to convivial Long Market square with some free time to shop a bit or admire landmark sights like Town Hall or the 15th-century merchants' palace at Artus Court. A drive to Solidarity Square brings you face to face with the monument honoring the shipyard workers gunned down in 1970 by the Communist regime. Nearby, the 90-foot Nowy Port lighthouse is one of the most handsome in Northern Europe. Standing proudly at the entrance to Gdansk harbor, it serves as a coastal light, a harbor pilot's tower and a time ball station similar to the one in Greenwich, England. This archaic device is the ultimate in analog technology but conjures the lost romance of seafaring ship captains and their chronometers perfectly.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Survey the key sights of Gdansk in relaxed comfort via comfortable coach, with stops for photos.
- · See iconic city landmarks like Oliwa Cathedral, Solidarity Square, and Nowy Port Lighthouse.
- Enjoy a brief Old Town walk from the Green Gate to the Long Market, with free time to visit the shops or take in a few must-sees like Town Hall and Artus Court.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes which can be easily removed are recommended.
- · Bring a hat and sunglasses as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour is primarily panoramic in nature. The walk through the Green Gate to the Long Market takes approximately 30 minutes. The tour is available to wheelchair quests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The tour

sequence may vary. Kindly note, visits to the Oliwa Cathedral will not be available on 6/16/22.

**GDN-0010E OCEANIA EXCLUSIVE - HIGHLIGHTS OF GDANSK** Date: Jul 27, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM

Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$259.00

#### **OVERVIEW**

Designed for travelers who prefer an added measure of intimacy and flexibility, our new Oceania Exclusive tours limit group size to just 16 guests maximum. The Oceania Exclusive format is available on specially selected shore excursions in nearly every port we visit, around the world. Discover the iconic landmarks of Gdansk on a comprehensive guided walk that concludes with some free time for wandering independently. Discover the iconic landmarks of Gdansk on a comprehensive guided walk that concludes with some free time for wandering independently. You'll transfer from Gdansk pier to its historic heart by coach, then set out on foot and pass through the Golden Gate, a grand ornamental arch within the city's medieval defensive walls. Long Street is all stunningly decorated building facades with ornate gables, and features the convivial square at Long Market, a grand Town Hall miraculously restored after WWII's ravages, and beautiful Artus Court, a 15th-century Dutch-Mannerist merchants' palace. Neptune's Fountain celebrates Gdansk's Hanseatic seafaring roots while lively, cobbled St. Mary's Street evokes its medieval personality. But the absolute pride of Gdansk is captured at St. Mary's the world's largest brick church - in the epicenter of Old Town. Accommodating some 25,000 worshippers, it took over 150 years to build and sports a bright, spacious interior with over 30 lavish chapels. Other highlights include a fine painted polyptych at the altar, ancient floor tombstones and an early astronomical clock that tracks the zodiac and a calendar of the saints. With your time at leisure, explore further or do some shopping independently before the coach return to the ship.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience the multifaceted maritime city of Gdansk in the most intimate way - on foot.
- · Walk the legendary stretch known as Long Street, lined with period buildings and bustling with life.
- See iconic city landmarks like Town Hall, Artus Court merchants' palace, the Neptune Fountain and
- e magnificently prodigious St Mary's Church.
- Take some free-range time for shopping or further sightseeing independently.
- Enjoy a higher level of personal attention and flexibility on this Oceania Exclusive small group tour.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring a bottle of water from the
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 2 hours of easy-to-moderate walking plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Kindly note, visits to the Oliwa Cathedral will not be available on 6/16/22.

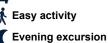
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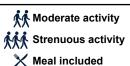
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Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$259.00



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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Survey the key sights of Gdansk in relaxed comfort via comfortable coach, with stops for photos.
- · See iconic city landmarks like Oliwa Cathedral, Solidarity Square, and Nowy Port Lighthouse.
- Take a brief Old Town walk from the Green Gate to the Long Market, with free time to visit the shops or take in a few must-sees like Town Hall and Artus Court.
- Enjoy a higher level of personal attention and flexibility on this Oceania Exclusive small group tour.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes which can be easily removed are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour is primarily panoramic in nature. The walk through the Green Gate to the Long Market takes approximately 30 minutes. The tour is available to wheelchair quests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The tour sequence may vary. Kindly note, visits to the Oliwa Cathedral will not be available on 6/16/22.

**GDN-002 HISTORIC GDANSK & OLIWA** Date: Jul 27, 2024 Time: 09:15 AM

Price: \$129.00 Duration: 5.00 Hrs

# **OVERVIEW**

Walk the fascinating Old Town of Gdansk, visit landmark sites like St. Mary's Church and travel to renowned Oliwa Cathedral for a rousing musical performance. Begin with a scenic drive to the historic center of Gdansk, where you'll leave the coach behind and make your way into the city's cobbled heart just as they did in medieval times: on foot. Entering via the grand ornamental arch known as the Golden Gate, you'll encounter a series of famous landmarks including a Town Hall miraculously restored after WWII's ravages and beautiful Artus Court, a 15th-century

Dutch-Mannerist merchants' palace. You'll also visit very generously proportioned St. Mary's Church. An unmissable Gdansk icon for centuries, this world's-largest brick basilica accommodates 25,000 worshippers, holds over 300 tombstones and 30 lavish chapels, and took more than 150 years to build. After some free time to amble Old Town further on your own, you'll rejoin the coach and head for another celebrated house of worship: Oliwa Cathedral. The huge attraction here is inside, where three impressive organs together comprise some 7,876 tin and wood pipes and can imitate several different musical instruments plus natural voices. You'll hear its resounding tones during a brief recital.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience the historic Old Town of Gdansk via the classic medieval transportation: on foot.
- See iconic city landmarks like Town Hall, Long Market and Artus Court merchants' palace.
- · Visit St Mary's Church, an abiding symbol of Gdansk, large enough to dwarf all around it and in it.
- Enjoy an interval of time for free-range sightseeing or shopping.
- Travel by coach to Oliwa Cathedral to hear heavenly sounds from its famous 7,800-pipe organ.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring a bottle of water from the
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 2.5 hours of easy-to-moderate walking plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

# Berlin (Warnemunde), Germany

WAR-003 THE STREETS & CANALS OF BERLIN

Date: Jul 28, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM Time: 08:00 AM Date: Jul 29, 2024 **Duration: 12.50 Hrs Price: \$379.00** 

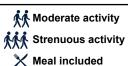


# **OVERVIEW**

Settle in for a scenic drive across the German countryside to tour Berlin by coach and river cruise, with free time to add your own discoveries to the agenda. Many of the symbols in this reunited capital city still pack a powerful punch, like the monumental Brandenburg Gate, walled off with barbed wire from 1961 until East and West were reunited in 1990. Another classic Berlin icon is the Unter den Linden, the fashionable avenue of aristocratic old Berlin. Lined with stately linden trees, it stretches from the Brandenburg Gate to Alexanderplatz, once the heart of socialist East Germany. A stop at the East Side Gallery invites you to contemplate the messages embellishing a section of the actual Berlin Wall on which artists were invited to express themselves in paint. Midday brings free time to seek lunch on your own before regrouping for a cruise along the River Spree, where you'll pass must-see landmarks like the Reichstag and Charlottenburg Palace, large enough to hold several other palaces within its baroque walls. Additional free-range time for exploring Berlin at your leisure follows before the coach return to Warnemunde pier.

• Enjoy a comfortable panoramic drive through northern Germany and into

Minimal activity Easy activity **Evening excursion** 





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its capital city.

- · Survey Berlin's top landmarks by coach, including Brandenburg Gate and historic Unter den Linden.
- Encounter a section of the Berlin Wall painted by artists' expressing the power of freedom.
- Board a tour boat for a gentle cruise on the city's River Spree, bordered by signature landmarks.
- · Lunch on your own and enjoy independent time for exploring as much or little as you choose.

## **HELPFUL HINTS**

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of coach travel each way to Berlin. The tour includes little scheduled walking; that done during free time is at guests' discretion. There are 15 steps involved in boarding both the coach and boat. The order of sites visited may vary. An official escort will be in the coach to provide some orientation information for use during self-guided intervals. This tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Not all shops accept credit cards or USD; bringing along some Euros is recommended. Most shops are closed on Sundays.

# WAR-004 BERLIN ON YOUR OWN

Date: Jul 28, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM Date: Jul 29, 2024 Time: 08:00 AM Duration: 12.50 Hrs Price: \$199.00



This non-guided tour is the perfect option for independent-minded travelers who relish the adventure of exploring at their own pace and with their own agenda. You'll depart Warnemunde pier by coach with your escort, traveling through northern Germany to arrive in central Berlin in about 3 hours' time. On arrival at the drop-off location, you'll have approximately 6 hours in town to do, see and savor whatever most captures your imagination. While this is to be a self-directed day, your escort will be available for a time to equip you with a Berlin map and provide information about places you may want to visit while in the city. They will also confirm the time and place to rendezvous later for the return journey. Keep in mind that museum and attraction hours vary by day and season, and that meal or admission costs incurred during this visit are your responsibility. At the appointed time and location, you'll rejoin your coach for the transfer back to Warnemunde. Plan this step wisely: those who run late for pickup must then make their own way back to the ship, at their own expense.

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Express your independence and keen traveler instincts by creating your own day in Berlin.
- · Begin with a coach transfer to a convenient spot in the city center, accompanied by your escort.
- · Make use of your escort's local knowledge to help get your day's itinerary sorted out.
- · Once oriented, head out and spend a marvelous 6 hours or so exploring this multifaceted capital city.
- Be sure to return for pickup at the pre-set time and place for the return trip to Warnemunde.

# HELPFUL HINTS

· Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; perhaps include a light raincoat or umbrella.

- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

## PLEASE NOTE

Amount of walking and level of exertion on this independent tour are at guests' discretion. No guide services are included, only transportation to and from Berlin. An official escort will be on the coach and will provide city maps and limited information about places to visit while in town. Not all shops or restaurants accept credit cards or USD; bringing along some Euros or visiting a bank ATM on arrival is recommended. For most calls, drop off point is the Hilton Hotel Gendarmenmarkt; your Destinations Team will advise of any changes.

# WAR-005 THE BERLIN EXPERIENCE

Date: Jul 28, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM Date: Jul 29, 2024 Time: 08:00 AM Duration: 12.50 Hrs Price: \$379.00



# **OVERVIEW**

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Enjoy an exceptionally scenic drive to Berlin, where you'll be introduced to top landmarks as you survey the city by coach. Many symbols in this reunited capital still pack a powerful punch, like the monumental Brandenburg Gate, walled off with barbed wire from 1961 until the divided city was reunified in 1990. Another must-see is the Unter den Linden; a fashionable, tree-lined avenue of aristocratic old Berlin that stretches from Brandenburg Gate to Alexanderplatz in what was once the heart of socialist East Germany. At the East Side Gallery, you'll contemplate a section of the actual Berlin Wall embellished with messages painted by artists, both famous and obscure. Encounter other sights that serve as poignant reminders of Berlin's earlier divided-city years as you visit Checkpoint Charlie - the infamous Cold War crossing point featured in so many spy stories - and feel the postwar era come alive at the Allied Museum and Tempelhof Airlift Memorial in the old American Sector. Midday brings free time for lunch on your own before traveling to more attractions like the Reichstag and new Memorial for the Victims of War and Dictatorship. Some more free time for shopping precedes the coach return to Warnemunde.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a comfortable panoramic drive through northern Germany and into its capital city.
- Encounter classic Berlin landmarks like the Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag and Unter den Linden.
- See a section of the old Berlin Wall embellished by artists expressing the power of freedom.
- · Stop at iconic Cold War sites including Checkpoint Charlie and the Allied
- · Savor free intervals for lunch and for shopping on your own in this exciting, cosmopolitan city.

# HELPFUL HINTS

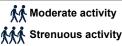
- · Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of coach travel each way to Berlin. Some easy-to-moderate walking is involved at the stops, plus any done at guests' discretion during free time. There are steps involved in boarding the coach. The order of sites visited may vary. An official escort will be in the coach to provide orientation information for use during self-guided intervals. While not recommended, this tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to





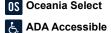


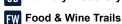






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assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended.

WAR-005OE OCEANIA EXCLUSIVE - THE BERLIN EXPERIENCE Date: Jul 28, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM

Date: Jul 29, 2024 Time: 08:00 AM Duration: 12.50 Hrs Price: \$669.00

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Designed for travelers who prefer an added measure of intimacy and flexibility, our new Oceania Exclusive tours limit group size to just 16 guests maximum. The Oceania Exclusive format is available on specially selected shore excursions in nearly every port we visit, around the world. Enjoy an exceptionally scenic drive to Berlin, where you'll be introduced to top landmarks as you survey the city by coach. Many symbols in this reunited capital still pack a powerful punch, like the monumental Brandenburg Gate, walled off with barbed wire from 1961 until the divided city was reunified in 1990. Another must-see is the Unter den Linden; a fashionable, tree-lined avenue of aristocratic old Berlin that stretches from Brandenburg Gate to Alexanderplatz in what was once the heart of socialist East Germany. At the East Side Gallery, you'll contemplate a section of the actual Berlin Wall embellished with messages painted by artists, both famous and obscure. Encounter other sights that serve as poignant reminders of Berlin's earlier divided-city years as you visit Checkpoint Charlie - the infamous Cold War crossing point featured in so many spy stories - and feel the postwar era come alive at the Allied Museum and Tempelhof Airlift Memorial in the old American Sector. Midday brings free time for lunch on your own before traveling to more attractions like the Reichstag and new Memorial for the Victims of War and Dictatorship. Some more free time for shopping precedes the coach return to Warnemunde.

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax on a comfortable panoramic drive through northern Germany and into its capital city.
- Encounter classic Berlin landmarks like the Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag and Unter den Linden.
- See a section of the old Berlin Wall embellished by artists expressing the power of freedom, and visit iconic Cold War sites including Checkpoint Charlie and the Allied Museum.
- · Savor free time for lunch and for shopping on your own in this exciting, cosmopolitan city.
- Enjoy a higher level of personal attention and flexibility on this Oceania Exclusive small group tour.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of coach travel each way to Berlin. Some easy-to-moderate walking is involved at the stops, plus any done at guests' discretion during free time. There are steps involved in boarding the coach. The order of sites visited may vary. An official escort will be in the coach to provide orientation information for use during self-guided intervals. While not recommended, this tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended

WAR-006 ECHOES OF THE PAST - JEWISH HERITAGE

Date: Jul 28, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM Date: Jul 29, 2024 Time: 08:00 AM Duration: 12.50 Hrs Price: \$299.00



#### **OVFRVIFW**

Travel through the hills of northern Germany to Berlin on an expedition focused on iconic landmarks with ties to Jewish history, including the exceptional Jewish Museum Berlin with a photo stop at the Holocaust Memorial . A panoramic three-hour drive through pastoral heath and moorland provides the ideal relaxed prelude before the emotional impact of touring a museum that chronicles 2,000 years of German-Jewish life. Even the Jewish Museum's building packs a punch; clad in zinc metal and vaulting skyward, it elicits inspiration and hope – a response fully intended by its superstar architect, Daniel Libeskind. Following your museum visit, which includes free time for lunch at the in-house café, you'll reboard the coach to survey sights significant to every Berliner, Jewish or otherwise. See tree-lined Unter den Linden, the promenade of aristocratic old Berlin. Gaze at the über-historic Brandenburg Gate and marvel at the Reichstag, rebuilt under the direction of superstar architect Norman Foster and once again home to Germany's parliament. An especially haunting highlight of the afternoon will be your visit to the Topography of Terror, an open-air photography exhibit located on the former site of the Nazi's Gestapo and SS headquarters. It's impossible to stand at this spot without hearing powerful echoes of the past. Before saying goodbye to Berlin, you'll stop for photos at Charlottenburg Palace.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sit back for a leisurely panoramic drive through rural northern Germany and into Berlin.
- · Visit the landmark New Jewish Museum Berlin and take an emotional journey through 2,000 years of Jewish life in Germany.
- Take a break to enjoy lunch on your own at this inspiring venue.
- Tour the city of Berlin by coach, encountering iconic sights with ties to history and Jewish life here.
- Visit the open-air Topography of Terror exhibition at the former Gestapo and SS headquarters site.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

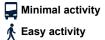
# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of coach travel each way to Berlin. Approximately 1.5 hours of walking are required at the Jewish Museum, plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. There are steps involved in boarding the coach. The order of sites visited may vary. An official escort will be in the coach to provide orientation information for use during self-guided intervals. The tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended.

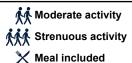
WAR-008 MECKLENBURG COUNTRYSIDE & NARROW-GAUGE RAILWAY 솄

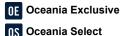
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**OVERVIEW** 



**Evening excursion** 





**ADA Accessible** 







Take a drive into Germany's pastoral Mecklenburg district and ride the narrow-gauge rails to a classic seaside resort once favored by Dukes. Kaisers and Tsars. This road and rail voyage brings you through some of the country's most sparsely populated terrain, a delightful marshland dotted with traditional villages and what seem to be thousands of pristine lakes. In the town of Bad Doberan, tucked between ancient beech forests and the Baltic Sea, you'll encounter several medieval treasures including a 700-year-old Cistercian abbey considered one of the Baltic region's finest Brick Gothic buildings. Stepping off the coach at the Molli train station, you'll climb aboard a historic narrow-gauge steam train for a true ride back in time. Your destination is Heiligendamm, Germany's oldest seaside resort, founded in 1793 as the summer residence of the local royalty. It feels royal still, with its line of sprawling white shorefront hotels and mansions. After a time, you'll head for refreshments and homemade German cake at a restaurant along the central beach promenade in Kühlungsborn - another spa town just up the coast, with its own grand buildings and even grander stories.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel into the Mecklenburg countryside a place of beech forests, marshes, lakes and the sea.
- Pass scenic villages en route to Bad Doberan, home to a very famous medieval abbey.
- Board the Molli train for an unforgettable narrow gauge, steam-powered voyage to the coast.
- Step off in the seaside resort town of Heiligendamm, long the playground of the privileged.
- · Enjoy cake and refreshments along the promenade in neighboring seaside Kühlungsborn.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a small amount of moderate walking, with high steps involved in boarding the coach and train. The order of sites visited may vary. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended. Most shops are closed on Sundays. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.

WAR-021 OS-PANORAMIC BERLIN & HISTORIC POTSDAM

Time: 10:00 AM Date: Jul 28, 2024 Date: Jul 29, 2024 Time: 08:00 AM Duration: 12.50 Hrs Price: \$339.00

# **OVERVIEW**

Delve into the histories of Potsdam and nearby Berlin by visiting landmarks that help define these remarkable cities. Potsdam is renowned for its imperial past, as you will discover while passing through the Dutch and Russian quarters that were constructed following the orders of various Prussian kings. To enhance your understanding of Prussian royal history, you will pause for photos of the Palace of Sanssouci - King Frederick the Great's summer residence – and Cecilienhof, the last palace constructed before Prussia was dissolved. More must-see attractions await you in Berlin, such as the somber Holocaust Memorial and the Reichstag, the domed Neo-Renaissance building where the lower house of Germany's legislature meets. You will also enjoy up-close views of a remnant of the Berlin Wall, the former border crossing Checkpoint Charlie and the Brandenburg Gate, the iconic symbol of a once-divided Germany. A look at the 17th-century Charlottenburg Palace reveals more about the Prussian

royals' passion for architecture.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- See historical quarters and palaces in Potsdam that reveal the Prussian imperial influence.
- View attractions in Berlin ranging from the Reichstag to the Holocaust Memorial
- Pass symbols of a once-divided Germany, including the Berlin Wall and the Brandenburg Gate.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring Euros as not all shops accept U.S. currency or credit cards.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves more than 1 mile of walking over uneven, sand and cobbled stone terrain. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. The tour runs during all weather conditions. Guests should be prepared for the possibility of rain. Shops are closed on Sundays and bank holidays. Only a few souvenir shops may be opened. To avoid congestion at the venues, order of sights may vary.

WAR-GG1 HOUSE OF FUTURE & SUSTAINABILITY IN BERLIN

Date: Jul 28, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM Date: Jul 29, 2024 Time: 08:00 AM Duration: 12.50 Hrs Price: \$289.00

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## **OVERVIEW**

Visit the environmentally friendly House of the Future for a glance into how people might live more sustainably and talk to Berliners that are already doing it. The Futorium, as the house is also known, showcases green construction as it was built with technologies that maximize renewable energies. It also contains exhibits that will get you thinking about better and perhaps controversial ways to live in the future, and the obstacles that first need to be overcome. Later, you will meet some restaurateurs that only serve vegan and vegetarian dishes made with organic, sustainably grown ingredients. Some of that produce comes from community gardens that have popped up throughout Berlin. You may want to visit one of these for lunch on our own. You may talk to a few of those gardeners or to local farmers at a communal market. Berlin's near obsession with eco-conscious goods extends into clothing, as you will discover while browsing stores with forward-thinking brands whose merchandise is ethically made and sustainable.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

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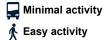
- Browse the House of the Future in Berlin and learn about its sustainable technologies .
- Get an idea how people might live in the future and make less of an environmental impact.
- · Converse with the owners of vegan restaurants or with community organic gardeners.
- · Meet shop owners whose merchandise is ethically made and sustainable.

# HELPFUL HINTS

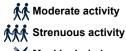
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes significant walking and/or standing for multiple hours - at times on uneven ground. There are also approximately 80 steps to negotiate; therefore, it is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate



**Evening excursion** 









Meal included





their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. Order of sights may vary to avoid traffic congestions. Please note that most of the shops will be closed on Sundays.

WAR-017 PANORAMIC ROSTOCK & RIVER CRUISE

Date: Jul 28, 2024 Time: 10:30 AM, 03:00 PM Date: Jul 29, 2024

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$159.00

# Time: 09:30 AM, 02:00 PM

# **OVERVIEW**

Travel by coach to Rostock for a panoramic drive, a guided walk through town, a microbrewery visit and a relaxing river cruise back to Warnemunde. Your rolling journey through Rostock brings you past top sights including University Square, where students have gathered for centuries. But soon, you'll leave the coach behind and stroll into the heart of this ancient Hanseatic city. A refreshing walk through the gardens of Holy Cross Convent leads to sprawling New Market square and its impressively pink, baroque town hall. Soon you'll reach St. Mary's Church, the icon of Rostock. An inside visit reveals one very engaging reason why it's so renowned: a complex and decorative astrological clock that dates from the 1470s and doesn't miss a beat. Twice each day, a procession of apostles emerges from doors high atop the clock to parade around Jesus in celebration of the hour. Having worked up something of a thirst on your trek through town, the stop at a local microbrewery will be a welcome one. Enjoy a beer-tasting and light snack before making for the local dock, where a river boat will be waiting to convey you back to Warnemunde via the scenic, watery route.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel to Rostock by coach and enjoy a panoramic survey of key sights including University Square.
- Take to the city-center streets on foot for a guided walk with stops at several important landmarks.
- Visit St. Mary's Church, a medieval stunner adored for the astrological clock that towers above its altar.
- · Stop in at a Rostock microbrewery and sample their liquid wares accompanied by a light snack.
- · Board a cruise boat at the nearby dock and enjoy a relaxing return to Warnemunde by river.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include rain jacket or umbrella.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking/standing, some over cobblestones and with steps involved at the brewery. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Guests must be 21 years of age to take part in the beer tasting. As tour visits places of worship, please wear non-revealing, conservative attire that covers knees and shoulders. It is suggested to bring Euros as not all shops accept US currency or credit cards. All shops are closed on Sundays.

WAR-011 FAIRY TALE CASTLE SCHWERIN

Date: Jul 28, 2024 Time: 11:00 AM Date: Jul 29, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM Duration: 5.50 Hrs Price: \$279.00



# **OVERVIEW**

You are cordially invited to join us on a scenic 90-minute coach journey to

an even more scenic destination, one of Germany's most romantic castles. Castle Schwerin sits on its own island in the lake of its namesake town, the capital of Mecklenburg. You'll first see it from a relaxing lake cruise, then by guided tour as you enter this truly spectacular royal residence. topped with more decorative towers and turrets than even the most audacious French chateau. Touring this museum-like former home of the Dukes of Mecklenburg, you'll gain many insights into the life of Pomeranian royalty - and it wasn't modest. Intricate wood carvings, fine silk wallpapers and masterfully painted ancestral portraits are everywhere. While the structure dates back only to the mid-1800s, Schloss Schwerin evokes a time that is far older - and has a fantasy style that's pure Baroque-era splendor. Once your castle tour is completed, take some free time in Schwerin city center before the return to Warnemunde pier. Perhaps you'll browse for mementos of your visit or simply find an inviting place to sit back and relax while nibbling on a local specialty accompanied by beer, of course. This is Germany, after all.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

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- Travel by coach across pastoral inland Mecklenburg to its famous capital city of Schwerin.
- From the waters of a placid town lake, view Castle Schwerin set romantically on its own island.
- Enjoy a guided inside tour of the castle, a fairytale residence that demonstrates just how sumptuously a royal family can live.
- Spend free time in Schwerin, browsing the shops or sampling the menu of an inviting eatery or beer garden.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes some 3 hours of round-trip coach travel and 1 hour of moderate walking at the castle, with approximately 60 steps to negotiate. The tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended. Most shops are closed on Sundays.

# WAR-012 MEDIEVAL FLAVORS OF ROSTOCK

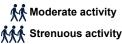
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# **OVERVIEW**

Discover the many Middle Age charms of Rostock on a delightful guided walk that visits key town landmarks, then takes you to a church tower high above them all. The coach transfer from Warnemunde provides views of the suburbs of this Hanseatic harbor city before arriving in Rostock city center, where you'll embark on your leisurely stroll. Among the diverse highlights encountered will be the venerable University of Rostock, the gardens of Holy Cross Convent, the vibrant shopping mile known as Kropelin Street, the old library and the evocatively playful Fountain of Joy. At picturesque New Market Square, you'll have a chance to admire Rostock's very pink Town Hall and St. Mary's Church, a true Gothic stunner. Free time in town allows for making more discoveries on your own before reboarding the coach for a short hop to St. Peter's, oldest of the town's three principal churches. Its rebuilt 360-foot tower is equipped with a modern elevator for a smooth ride up to an observation level that offers amazing bird's-eye views over all of Rostock. A champagne reception awaits you here and your excursion concludes with an

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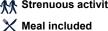


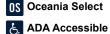
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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience Rostock's medieval landmarks up-close on a guided walk through its historic district.
- · Ascend to the top of St. Peter's Church by elevator for high-altitude views over the city.
- Enjoy a champagne reception and a visit to a blueprint studio that keeps the old techniques alive.
- Travel to and from Rostock by coach, gaining perspective on this Hanseatic port's 800-year history.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking over mostly flat surfaces. Guests not wishing to use the elevator at St. Peter's Church may reach the top via climbing 196 steps. The tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended. All shops are closed on Sundays. As tour visits a place of worship, please wear non-revealing, conservative attire that covers knees and shoulders.

WAR-013 BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Date: Jul 28, 2024 Time: 11:00 AM Date: Jul 29, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM Price: \$299.00 **Duration: 4.50 Hrs** 



# **OVERVIEW**

Get a candid look at the weaponry and vehicles that Germany and Russia used during World War II and the Cold War. You will first visit a technology museum housed in a former air force base. The curator will accompany you through the hangars while describing the collection. Hangar One contains military vehicles such as Panzers, which are armored tanks that Germany produced until the end of World War II. You will even have the opportunity to be a passenger in a Panzer and experience the sheer power of these heavily armed tanks. Other attractions include motorcycles, police cars, helicopters and former Russian government limousines. Browsing the vehicles and aircraft and then watching a S-IL truck demonstrate its missile-launching capabilities will provide great insight into the mindsets of wartime Germany and Cold War communist Russia. You will then tour nearby Rostock, a city known for its characteristic deep-red brick buildings from Hanseatic times.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Browse a collection of weapons and vehicles used during World War II and the Cold War
- Experience the sheer power of a Panzer military vehicle as a passenger.
- · Gain great insight into the mindsets of wartime Germany and Cold War communist Russia.
- Enjoy a brief tour of Rostock's brick buildings from Hanseatic times.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

# PLEASE NOTE

This excursion is not available to wheelchair guests and not considered suitable for those with mobility concerns. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.

WAR-001 AMAZING ROSTOCK

Date: Jul 28, 2024 Time: 03:00 PM Date: Jul 29, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$149.00



#### **OVERVIEW**

Amble through 800 years of maritime history on a guided Rostock walk that also includes a brewery stop and free time for independent exploration. This lively harbor and university city along the Warnow River has been a power player in shipbuilding and fishing ever since the heyday of the Hanseatic League - and despite heavy damage in WWII still has the buildings to prove it. Your stroll through the city center provides encounters with ancient towers, imposing fortifications, gabled houses from the 15th century and inspiring churches and abbeys, foremost of which is Marienkirche, a true Gothic stunner. During your free time here, you might browse the shops of picturesque New Market Square in the heart of old town, or stop in at the city's signature medieval monastery, now home to a cultural history museum. And your reward for all this walking around? That visit to a Rostock brewery complex, where you'll be invited to sample fresh-brewed German beer along with its ideal accompaniment, a salty pretzel.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a guided Rostock walk that brings you past landmark buildings dating back to Hanseatic times.
- Spend free time exploring further or window-shopping in vibrant New Market Square
- · Visit a local brewery and sample their delicious wares. With a pretzel, of course.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate walking over mostly flat surfaces but with some cobblestones and steps involved. Not all shops accept credit cards or USD; bringing along some Euros is recommended. Guided visit of St. Mary's will not be possible during religious services; in this case, your guide will provide commentary from the outside and you will enter on your own. It is suggested to bring Euros as not all shops accept US currency or credit cards. All shops are closed on Sundays. As tour visits a place of worship, please wear non-revealing, conservative attire that covers knees and shoulders.

# Amsterdam, Netherlands

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$159.00

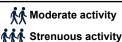
AMS-001 AMSTERDAM - THE HEART OF HOLLAND Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM, 01:30 PM



# **OVERVIEW**

Get a fascinating overview of the "Venice of the North" as you walk Amsterdam's most famous streets and glide along some of its 60 miles of canals. Primary focus is the Canal Ring area, dating back to the 17th century and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. After a short drive to the historic city center, you'll spend about 90 minutes strolling with your guide past iconic landmarks like the floating Flower Market, the Mint Tower and Dam Square - as you learn the history of this remarkable, watery city spread out over 70 islands. After soaking up the landside scenery, you'll board a glass-roofed boat to continue your journey of Amsterdam discovery along its labyrinthine canal network. Cruising the waterways of







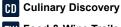
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this cosmopolitan city, you'll encounter bridges of every style (there are about a thousand of them here), houses ranging from palatial to classically austere, and a colorful procession of houseboats and tiny skiffs tied up along the stone canal banks. After a while, this waterborne journey brings you right back to the cruise terminal where you started.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Take an expertly guided introductory walk through Amsterdam's UNESCO-listed historic city center.
- See the Nieuwe Kerk (New Church), where Dutch monarchs are crowned, the splendid Royal Palace built at the height of the Dutch Golden Age, and many other essential sights.
- Skim gently along the atmospheric Amsterdam waterways by canal boat, experiencing the setting so fundamental to the fabric of life here.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

## PLEASE NOTE

This excursion includes approximately 1.5 hours of walking, including over uneven surfaces and numerous steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not recommended for those with limited mobility. There are 5 deep steps to enter the canal boat. The canal boat is not wheelchair accessible.

# AMS-002 TRADITIONAL HOLLAND & WINDMILLS

Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM **Duration: 8.00 Hrs** Price: \$259.00



## **OVERVIEW**

Take a scenic drive to tour Delft - famous home of blue ceramics - and The Hague, stately seat of the Dutch government. While its peak fame may have been a century or two ago when tin-glazed Delftware porcelain was all the rage, modern Delft remains a vibrant university city rich with cultural color. After an informative tour of Delft Porceleyne Fles, the last remaining factory crafting the city's signature porcelain, you'll be escorted on a brief Delft orientation walk – then set loose for a couple free hours to explore the local landmarks and shops, and to enjoy a Dutch lunch of your own devising. Meeting back up with your excursion companions, a short hop by coach brings the group to The Hague - where the Dutch get down to serious business. On a tour of this architecturally blessed metropolis, you'll encounter everything from ornate aristocratic elegance to modern sophistication. Inspiring landmarks like the grand Peace Palace, home to the International Court of Justice, reflect the Netherlands' longstanding role as an international sponsor of peace.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel through a classic Dutch landscape to visit two of the Netherlands' most picturesque cities.
- Tour Delft's sole remaining ceramic factory, where its classic blue wares are still painted by hand.
- · Spend two free hours exploring the sights in canal-ringed Delft and lunching at your own pace.
- Enjoy a guided tour of The Hague, home base of the Dutch government and its royal family.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes some 1.5 hours of guided walks, at times over cobblestones; additional walking and exertion during free time is at guests' discretion. This tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those

with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

AMS-009 THE FIRST RECLAIMED LAND Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM

Price: \$199.00 Duration: 6.50 Hrs

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# **OVERVIEW**

Leave modern Amsterdam behind and enjoy a countryside road-trip to a pair of authentic North Holland villages. Classically "Dutch" in every regard, Broek in Waterland is an utterly charming hamlet long-celebrated for its classic wooden houses and dairy farms. A center of considerable wealth in the 17th and 18th centuries, Broek had more than its fair share of impressive homes - and visitors, famously including Napoleon himself in 1811. After enjoying a leisurely guided walk through this fairy-tale community, you'll reboard the coach for the day's next destination: UNESCO World Heritage listed Beemster Polder, the Netherlands's oldest tract of reclaimed land. This well-preserved historic area was created by an amazing feat of 17th-century engineering – the extraction of under-lake land by use of windmills, dikes and canals. You'll learn how the Dutch succeeded at creating whole new towns and pasturelands from below sea level during a fascinating visit to an original 17th century windmill. On the drive back to Amsterdam, you'll certainly view the passing scenery with a fresh understanding.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel by coach on a tour of North Holland's traditionally atmospheric Waterland region.
- · Visit über-charming Broek, a village so picturesque it was popular to tourists even in the 17th century.
- · Tour Beemster Polder, the first tract of Dutch land reclaimed from below lake level by windmill pumping.
- · Visit an original windmill and learn how the locals managed to create and live in towns below sea level.
- Back in Amsterdam, enjoy some 90 minutes of free time to explore the city before riding back to port.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking, at times over cobblestones. There are 50 steep steps to negotiate inside the windmill. Any additional walking or exertion during free time is at guests' discretion. The excursion is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Guests will start their free time once the canal boat/coach has dropped them off in the city center.

# AMS-GG1 GREEN ENERGY BY WIND TURBINES

Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM Duration: 5.50 Hrs Price: \$139.00

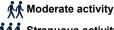


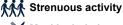
# OVERVIEW

Discover one of the primary ways that the Netherlands pursues sustainable energy at 11 Beaufort, a museum and wind farm that focuses on advancements in wind power. While browsing the detailed exhibits, you will learn how wind turbines operate and are maintained to supply huge quantities of sustainable power. The resulting clean energy also greatly reduces the Netherlands' carbon footprint, unlike power sources that rely on gas and coal. Still, nothing compares to seeing a collection of towering wind turbines up close. You will have that opportunity at Wind Park Noordoostpolder, a project that was constructed with a deep regard for













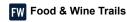
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how it would impact the ecology, particularly the bird and bat species. Today, the wind park of more than 80 turbines supplies enough energy to power 400,000 households. Some of the turbines are off shore, others rise high above the coast. They are an impressive sight.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Gain insight into renewable energy by browsing a wind farm and museum.
- Recognize the advancements that the Netherlands has made to reduce its carbon footprint.
- See a wind park with dozens of turbines up close and get an understanding of how they work.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- · Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour contains easy walking for 1.5 miles and approximately 15 steps to negotiate plus any additional walking at the guests' discretion during free time. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair. This tour must be purchased no later than 3 days prior to the operating date. Cancellations made within 3 days or less are subject to a 100% cancellation penalty. Programs falling under the minimum number of required participants are subject to cancellation.

## AMS-004 VOLENDAM & MARKEN

Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 08:45 AM, 01:15 PM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Visit a pair of colorful hamlets that together capture the romance of the Netherlands' special relationship with the sea – and its past. A short drive into North Holland province brings you to tiny Marken, whose tidy green and white clapboard houses remain little changed since the protective dikes of the Zuider Zee were first constructed in this region by monks in the 13th century. Many of the locals here still wear colorful ancestral costumes, making this something of a foray into ancient days. Continuing on to Volendam, discover another once-upon-a-time fishing village, this one a sea of red roofs and a maze of narrow streets that artists have been drawn to (and drawing in) for ages. On a guided walk, expect to encounter canals aplenty, quaint drawbridges, and a photogenic little harbor laden with authentic fishing vessels and seafood vendors.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sightsee during a brief panoramic drive across picturesque Dutch countryside by comfortable coach.
- Enjoy a guided walk through Marken, a Zuider Zee-side village where new home construction seems to have stood still long ago.
- Tour equally-ancient Volendam, a place of narrow lanes, canals, drawbridges and a bustling seafront.
- Visit a local dairy farm and sample delicious local cheeses produced using traditional methods.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

This excursion includes approximately 1.5 hours of guided walking, at times over cobblestones. Additional walking or exertion during free time is at guests' discretion.

# AMS-007 WINDMILLS & EDAM

Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM, 01:30 PM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



## **OVERVIEW**

Catch a colorful glimpse of traditional Dutch country life in the open-air museum town of Zaanse Schans, then visit the town forever known for its cheese. You'll journey northward from Amsterdam by coach, across scenic countryside to the town of Zaandam, where a faithfully remade Zaan community replicates a working village circa 1700. Your guide will lead you on a stroll along cobbled streets lined with craftsmen practicing the trades of yesterday in a region where windmills and green wooden houses still form the skyline, and dikes and canals still crisscross the pasturelands. Next on the agenda is the tranquil 17th-century town of Edam. Here you'll enjoy an escorted walk past picturesque canals, old-fashioned drawbridges and delightful homes - then indulge in a bit of free-range exploring. There's lots to see and abundant shopping for Dutch mementos (wooden shoes included). Of course, you'll also find plenty of Edam's trademark cheese to sample or purchase. It's a taste that's just as timeless.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Journey panoramically across a windmill-laced Dutch landscape like you've always seen in books.
- Tour the town of Zaanse Schans, a meticulously recreated village from when Europe was younger.
- Stroll through Edam, most famous for its cheese but brimming with charm and 17th century character.
- · Enjoy an interval at leisure, perhaps doing some shopping or further sightseeing, or simply relaxing.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1.5 hours of walking (at times over cobblestones), which can be at guests' discretion upon arrangement with the guide. While available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them, those guests with mobility concerns should evaluate carefully their personal level of ability before participating.

AMS-BB1 BEYOND BLUEPRINTS — AMSTERDAM

Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM **Duration: 4.00 Hrs** Price: \$269.00







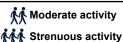
# OVERVIEW

Follow an architectural historian through three striking 21st-century icons that have altered the face of Amsterdam and discover how their design challenges were overcome. The Eye museum pays homage to the film industry and its geometric shape reflects the power of visual images. Like film, the building creates an interplay of reality and illusion. The Eye is particularly impressive in the way it has transformed a riverside area that was once an isolated wasteland. Similarly, The Whale apartment complex occupies a former harbor site. Although a high-density building, it maximizes light and space through an ingenious roof line follows the movement of the sun. The Silodam is another architectural triumph as this waterside apartment complex is reminiscent of a fully laden container ship. Your architectural historian guide will explain the design details such as how the different colors denote different "neighborhoods" within the village-like building.

**HIGHLIGHTS** 

Minimal activity

Easy activity **Evening excursion** 



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- · See three ingenious buildings that have transformed waterside areas that were once derelict.
- Learn how the visionary architects designed around the construction challenges.
- View cutting-edge apartment complexes whose designs enhance the residents' daily life.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of walking over mainly flat and even surfaces with some steps to negotiate. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

# AMS-012 AMSTERDAM & VAN GOGH MUSEUM

Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$129.00



#### OVERVIEW

Dive into the artistic beauty and somber mystique of Van Gogh on an audio-guided visit to the Amsterdam museum dedicated to his life and work. Located in what's known as Museum Square in the heart of the city, Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum has amassed the world's largest collection of this tortured 19th-century master's paintings, drawings, and memorabilia. While forever remembered for that missing earlobe, Vincent's real fame has more to do with his outstanding, colorful, totally unique renditions of sunflowers, potato-eaters and tortured self-portraits. Transferred to the museum entrance by coach from the pier, your excursion guide will brief you on the venue and some options for browsing its collection, then you'll have about two hours to explore it on your own with the help of an audio guide that provides background and context for much of what you're seeing. At the end of the visit, simply walk back out to the coach for the return ride to your ship.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Spend two fascinating hours immersed in the world's largest Van Gogh collection - some 200 paintings, 400 drawings, and 700 letters.
- Take in the Museum's collection at your preferred pace and sequence; get helpful background and context from the supplied audio guide.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

This excursion includes approximately 2.5 hours of moderate walking and standing. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who are able to make their own way on and off the transportation. Guests with mobility limitations should bring along a companion who can provide assistance as needed

# AMS-008 THE WATERWAYS OF AMSTERDAM - CANAL CRUISE

Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 09:45 AM, 01:30 PM Duration: 1.50 Hrs Price: \$109.00

# **OVERVIEW**

Glide through the Venice of the North in a fitting manner, via glass-roofed canal boat. It's an incomparable way to experience this cosmopolitan city that stretches over some 70 islands and boasts 60 miles of canals and 1,000 bridges. An obscure port mostly visited by fisherman back in the

13th century, Amsterdam steadily grew in trade importance – blossoming into one of the world's most important ports as the Dutch Golden Age gained steam. On this relaxed waterway tour, you'll traverse some of the four concentric canal rings that define the old city center while learning much of the history behind this watery network from your guide. Along the way, expect to pass countless variations on the signature gabled canal house design the city is so famous for. Just as colorful are the procession of houseboats and tiny skiffs tied up in organized randomness along the stone canal banks. The designated route brings you by such major monuments as the National Maritime Museum, magnificent Town Hall (once considered Europe's largest administrative building).

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore a city tied inextricably to the water as it must be seen: from the water.
- · Glide past gabled canal houses, bridges of every style, and key landmarks in the old city center.
- From your knowledgeable guide, learn the fascinating history of how Amsterdam grew from tiny seaport to powerhouse trade center.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

This tour includes a 10-minute walk (just over 300 yards) between the ship and canal boat. Entering and exiting the canal boat involves negotiating steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating.

# AMS-018 THIS IS HOLLAND AND GIN TASTING

Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 01:00 PM Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$179.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Fly like a bird over Holland on a virtual flight and then see Amsterdam from a water perspective on a special gin-tasting cruise through the canals. The attraction This is Holland presents views of the country that simply aren't available elsewhere. While seated in front of a sphere-shaped screen with your hands and feet dangling, you will watch a film that takes you on an adventurous aerial tour of the country. It will feel like flying, especially with the addition of wind, mist and aromas to enhance the experience. Continuing on to the A'DAM Tower, you will enjoy a real and unrivaled 360° view of Amsterdam and beyond from the sky deck that soars high above the port. You will be treated to yet another glimpse of the city on a leisurely private cruise through its iconic World Heritage site canals. A sampling of traditional juniper-infused gins known as genevers will round out the experience.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

• Take a virtual 5D flight over Holland enhanced with wind and mist to add to the realism. • View Amsterdam from high above the city on the sky deck of A'DAM Tower. • Cruise Amsterdam's iconic canals while sampling traditional Dutch juniper-infused gins.

# HELPFUL HINTS

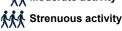
• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes

# PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is mainly at the guests. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Guests with photosensitive epilepsy are not able to

Minimal activity Easy activity







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Meal included









take the regular elevator up at the Lookout tower due to a light show while going up. They should report this to the guide to take a different elevator. To get to the platform at the Lookout guests need to take approx 20 stairs up. Guests need to be at least 18 years old to participate in the gin tasting. Weather appropriate clothing; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are suggested.

AMS-005 AMSTERDAM AND JEWISH HERITAGE

Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 01:30 PM Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00

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# **OVERVIEW**

Experience a vivid walk through Jewish history on this guided visit to several of Amsterdam's most poignant Judaic landmarks. Gain an understanding of early Jewish life in Amsterdam and the Netherlands at the Jewish Historical Museum, founded some 70 years ago, shut down by the Nazis, and reopened stronger than ever in 1955. Stroll the streets of the historic Jewish quarter, once the largest such community in Western Europe. See the Holland Theater (Hollandsche Schouwburg), now a monument to the 104,000 Jews who never returned to Amsterdam after World War II. And listen for the echoes of ancient times at the faithfully preserved Portuguese Synagogue, built in 1675 to accommodate large congregations of Portuguese and Spanish Jews who fled to the Netherlands to escape rampant persecution and forced conversion in their homelands. Thankfully, a suitable refuge was found here in Amsterdam, a city where religious tolerance is a prevailing principle of life.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Tour the Netherlands' premier Jewish museum, housed within four ancient Ashkenazi synagogues.
- Walk through the sprawling Jewish Quarter, where 10,000 Jews resided in relative peace in the 1700s.
- · Visit the Holland Theater, today a moving monument to the thousands of Amsterdam Jews who perished in the Holocaust.
- Enter the Portuguese Synagogue, where congregations Sephardic Jews escaping the Spanish Inquisition once worshipped.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

# PLEASE NOTE

This excursion includes approximately 2 hours of easy-to-moderate walking and standing, with some 20 steps to be negotiated at the Jewish Museum. The excursion is not recommended for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. The Portuguese Synagogue is closed to visitors on Saturdays. The Hollandse Schouwburg is in construction till 2024.

AMS-GL2 INSIDER ACCESS IN EDAM

Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 01:30 PM Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$229.00





# OVERVIEW

Enjoy an insider's look at life in Edam by visiting with a local family and then tour a cheese-making facility to see how Edam's famed cheese is produced. After departing from the pier, you will enjoy a short but scenic drive to Edam, which lies just north of Amsterdam. Although synonymous with its namesake cheese, Edam offers much more, especially when you observe the city through the eyes of a local. During an enlightening walk downtown, you will have an outside visit to see St. Nicholas Church, which was rebuilt following lightning fires in 1602 and 1699. Afterwards, the church's tower was significantly reduced, but the building is still a dominant landmark. Another highlight is the Edam Museum, which occupies an 18th-century sea captain's house. For an even deeper understanding of life in Edam, you will visit a local family in their centuries-old residence. While you enjoy coffee and cake, they will elaborate on the long history of their home, how Edam has changed just in their lifetimes and what the future may hold. Few experiences will reveal so much in such a short time. Still, it is impossible to escape the draw of cheese in Edam. More than a quarter of the cheese produced in the Netherlands is Edam, a soft cheese made with less milk fat than most other cheeses. While touring a cheese-making facility in town, you will watch the process and then taste samples of the iconic product.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- See some of the most meaningful landmarks while walking through downtown Edam.
- · Visit with a local family and enjoy coffee, cake and a candid look at life in Edam.
- Watch Edam cheese being produced and sample the freshly made product.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- · Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about two hours of walking and standing with some uneven surfaces and steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for guests with mobility concerns, who should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour.

AMS-GL1 DUTCH LANDSCAPE THROUGH THE EYES OF A LOCA Date: Jul 31, 2024 Time: 02:00 PM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$139.00

# **OVERVIEW**

Bicycle through the Waterland, a classic Dutch landscape that is ideal for bicycling as it is flat and spectacularly scenic. A ferry will take you to the Waterland, where you will begin pedaling at a leisurely pace well suited to the area's laid-back ambiance. You can expect to see farmers going about their daily lives, brightly painted wooden houses and an impossibly green countryside crisscrossed with canals and dotted with seemingly endless rivers and lakes. Almost half of the Waterland is water, held in check by a series of dikes, and the landscape couldn't be more beautiful. Expect to pass cows grazing in fields, iconic windmills pumping water out of the lowlands and a number of seaside villages, one of which you will stop in for a drink. The Waterland is also a paradise for water birds, and you will likely see countless swans and geese and perhaps even a godwit, the national bird of the Netherlands.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Bicycle through the Waterland, a flat bike-friendly landscape full of canals and windmills.
- · Expect to see locals pedaling too, as a third of all trips in the Netherlands are on bikes
- Enjoy the bucolic setting, as you pass grazing cows, windmills and water birds.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

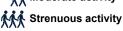
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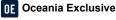
This tour requires about 10-15 miles of biking with some inclines and cobblestone surfaces to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for guests with mobility concerns, who should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour.

Minimal activity Easy activity



Moderate activity









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# OCEANIA CRUISES®

# Bruges (Zeebrugge), Belgium

ZEE-003 BRUGES ON YOUR OWN Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 08:00 AM Duration: 8.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



# **OVERVIEW**

This non-guided full day tour is the perfect option for independent-minded travelers who relish the adventure of exploring at their own pace and with their own agenda. Leaving Zeebrugge pier by coach with your escort, you'll arrive near the entrance of the Old City in Bruges in about 30 minutes. Once in the city center, you'll have about 6 hours to do, see and savor whatever most captures your imagination. While this is a self-directed excursion, your escort will be available for a time to equip you with a city map and answer questions about how best to spend your day in Bruges. Keep in mind that museum and attraction hours vary by day and season, and that meal or admission costs incurred during this visit are your responsibility. At the appointed time and location, you'll rejoin your coach for the return transfer to Zeebrugge. Plan this step wisely: those who run late for pickup must then make their own way back to the ship, at their own expense.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Express your independence and keen traveler instincts by creating your own day in Bruges.
- Begin with a coach transfer to the entrance of the old city, accompanied by your escort.
- Make use of your escort's local knowledge to help get your day's itinerary sorted out.
- Once oriented, head out and spend a marvelous 6 hours or so exploring this medieval showplace.
- Be sure to return for pickup at the pre-set time and place for the coach trip back to the ship.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat and umbrella as lowlands weather can change rapidly.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

Coach travel time to and from Bruges is approximately 30 minutes each way. There is a 20-minute walk on cobblestone surfaces from the coach parking area to the city center. Additional walking is at guests' discretion. No guide services are included, only transportation to and from Bruges. An official escort will be on the coach and will provide city maps and limited information about places to visit while in Bruges. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. On Sundays, only souvenir shops are open. For calls when the ship is in port for only 8 hours, this tour duration will be shortened by one hour. Since local currency may be needed, we suggest bringing along some Euros or visiting a bank ATM on arrival.

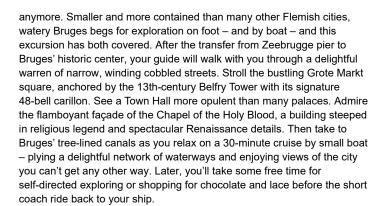
# ZEE-001 BRUGES - A MEDIEVAL GEM

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 08:15 AM, 10:45 AM

Duration: 4.75 Hrs Price: \$179.00

# **OVERVIEW**

Give yourself over to the incomparable charms of a UNESCO-listed wonderland that seems to have forgotten it's not the 14th century



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Zip from the pier to central Bruges by coach, then set out on foot with your seasoned guide in the lead.
- Amble winding, narrow streets where ancient gabled buildings share the scene with tree-lined canals.
- · See iconic landmarks like the Belfry Tower, spectacular Town Hall and the Chapel of the Holy Blood.
- Experience a completely different view of Bruges on 30-minute small-boat cruise along its canals.
- Use some free time to grab a bite, shop for local crafts or chocolate, or just soak up more of Bruges' medieval character.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; dress conservatively to enter the cathedral.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, light rain jacket or umbrella, and sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of walking, at times over uneven ground, cobblestone surfaces and with some steps to negotiate to enter and exit the canal boat. The tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

# ZEE-002 BRUSSELS IN A DAY

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM Duration: 8.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00



# **OVERVIEW**

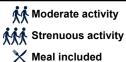
Get thoroughly introduced to Belgium's grand capital city on this guided coach and walking tour that covers Brussel's top must-sees - and leaves you with free time to discover even more. After a leisurely drive through the lush Belgian countryside, settle in for a panoramic survey of key Brussels sites and monuments - and there are many. Foremost among them are St. Michael's Cathedral, the shiny Atomium, the immense Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Royal Palace, European Community Headquarters and triumphant Arch of the Cinquantenaire. In the center of it all is Grand Place – a plus-sized open plaza surrounded by splendid Baroque guild houses and a beyond-splendid Town Hall put up in 1402 to outshine the famed city hall of Bruges. Of course, a visit to the Manneken Pis statue is on the agenda; it's hard not to be charmed by Brussels' little boy who's always "on the go." You'll also enjoy an interval of independent time to spend in the city center, browsing for classic Belgian delicacies. Or perhaps just sipping a flavorful abbey ale over lunch as you watch the world go by from a streetside café.

# HIGHLIGHTS

· Journey by coach to Brussels for a comprehensive panoramic

Minimal activity Easy activity

**Evening excursion** 





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- Encounter landmarks like St. Michael's Cathedral and the Basilica of Koekelberg, the Atomium, Centenaire exhibition halls, Palais Royal, and triumphant Parc du Cinquantenaire.
- See the EU Parliament building, walk through breathtaking Grand Place, and visit tiny Manneken Pis.
- Head into the streets of Old Town on foot for an unhurried walking tour with your guide.
- · Enjoy free time during the day for shopping, independent sightseeing and seeking lunch on your own.

## **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat and umbrella as lowlands weather can change rapidly.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

#### PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of walking, at times over uneven and cobblestone surfaces, plus any additional walking done at guests' discretion during free time. It is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

## ZEE-012 GHENT & BRUGES: FLEMISH ART JEWELS

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM Duration: 8.00 Hrs Price: \$229.00



#### **OVERVIEW**

Tour a pair of picture-perfect medieval cities in Flanders, each frozen in time in its own way. Ghent is an hour's coach drive across pastoral Flemish terrain and is home to St. Bavo's Cathedral, where you'll be wowed by the ornate carved pulpit and Van Eyck's world-famous masterpiece, the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb altar. From St. Michael's Bridge, see the Old Port's gabled houses and the Castle of the Counts and catch the "Row of Three Towers" view as the spires of St. Nicholas Church, the Belfry and St. Bavo's come into awesome alignment. Bruges is a smaller city than Ghent and a designated UNESCO World Heritage site; a walk through this glorious time capsule is like a stroll through an old master painting come to life. Your guide will lead the way along twisting, cobbled streets as you pass fabulously preserved Brick Gothic buildings with intricately gabled facades. Bruges' many tree-lined canals add immense atmosphere of the setting. Signature landmarks you'll see include opulent Town Hall, the Chapel of the Holy Blood and the carillon-topped Belfry Tower in Market square. Refresh yourself with lunch at a typical Bruges restaurant before some free time to explore the many chocolate and lace shops of Bruges.

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by panoramic coach to Ghent and then Bruges.
- See top landmarks in each city on guided walks through their well-preserved historic districts.
- In Ghent, experience the famous "Row of Three Towers" bridge view and go inside St. Bavo's to see the priceless Adoration of the Mystic Lamb altar.
- · Stroll along Bruges' winding cobbled lanes and canals, admire the Belfry Tower and Town Hall, and pass by the romantic Lake of Love.
- Enjoy shopping for lace, chocolate and other Belgian delicacies.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat and umbrella as lowlands weather can change rapidly.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of moderate-to-strenuous walking, plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. There are steps, cobblestones and uneven surfaces to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair quests or those with mobility concerns.Guests need to sign a waiver.

# ZEE-007 EXPLORE BRUGES

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 08:45 AM, 10:15 AM

Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$205.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Experience the famous beauty of Bruges on a walk through its medieval district and a cruise along its canals, with free time to shop and explore further on your own. Arriving in Bruges' historic center by coach from the pier, your guide will shepherd you through a labyrinth of cobbled lanes, serene waterways and fabulously preserved Brick Gothic architecture. And while this UNESCO-listed city is very much a fairytale setting, its landmarks are as solid as they come - like opulent Town Hall, the Chapel of the Holy Blood and the towering Belfry in Markt square, topped by a resounding 48-bell carillon. Board a canal boat for a 30-minute cruise of the atmospheric, tree-lined waterways that thread through Bruges and be treated to enchanting views you couldn't get any other way. With over two hours of free time at Walplein Square, you can savor a relaxed lunch on your own and browse the shops for fine Belgian lace and chocolates. A stroll past the romantic Lake of Love brings your Bruges exploration to a close

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- After a half-hour coach transfer, embark on a guided walk through Bruges' UNESCO-listed center.
- · Visit picturesque squares, cobbled streets lined with medieval Brick Gothic buildings, and see
- · onic landmarks like the Belfry Tower, Town Hall and the Chapel of the Holy Blood.
- · Board a canal boat for a relaxed sightseeing cruise along Bruges' atmospheric waterways.
- Find the lunch of your choosing, shop for souvenirs and people-watch on Walplein Square.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing; dress conservatively to enter the cathedral.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, light rain jacket or umbrella, and sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes some 2.5 hours of moderate walking, plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. Some steps and uneven and cobblestone surfaces are involved, and guests must be able to enter and exit the canal boat via a few steep steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not considered suitable for those with mobility concerns.

# ZEE-007OE OCEANIA EXCLUSIVE - EXPLORE BRUGES

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 08:45 AM Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$319.00

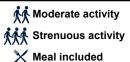


# **OVERVIEW**

Designed for travelers who prefer an added measure of intimacy and flexibility, our new Oceania Exclusive tours limit group size to just 16 guests maximum. The Oceania Exclusive format is available on specially selected shore excursions in nearly every port we visit, around the world. Experience the famous beauty of Bruges on a walk through its medieval









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district and a cruise along its canals, with free time to shop and explore further on your own. Arriving in Bruges' historic center by coach from the pier, your guide will shepherd you through a labyrinth of cobbled lanes, serene waterways and fabulously preserved Brick Gothic architecture. And while this UNESCO-listed city is very much a fairytale setting, its landmarks are as solid as they come - like opulent Town Hall, the Chapel of the Holy Blood and the towering Belfry in Markt square, topped by a resounding 48-bell carillon. Board a canal boat for a 30-minute cruise of the atmospheric, tree-lined waterways that thread through Bruges and be treated to enchanting views you couldn't get any other way. With over two hours of free time at Walplein Square, you can savor a relaxed lunch on your own and browse the shops for fine Belgian lace and chocolates. A stroll past the romantic Lake of Love brings your Bruges exploration to a close.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · After a half-hour coach transfer, embark on a guided walk through Bruges' UNESCO-listed center.
- Visit picturesque squares, cobbled streets lined with medieval Brick Gothic buildings, and see
- onic landmarks like the Belfry Tower, Town Hall and the Chapel of the Holy Blood.
- · Board a canal boat for a relaxed sightseeing cruise along Bruges' atmospheric waterways.
- · Find the lunch of your choosing, shop for souvenirs and people-watch on Walplein Square.
- Enjoy a higher level of personal attention and flexibility on this Oceania Exclusive small group tour.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; dress conservatively to enter the cathedral.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, light rain jacket or umbrella, and sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes some 2.5 hours of moderate walking, plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. Some steps and uneven and cobblestone surfaces are involved, and guests must be able to enter and exit the canal boat via a few steep steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not considered suitable for those with mobility concerns

# ZEE-014 YPRES, IN FLANDERS FIELDS

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$149.00



# **OVERVIEW**

This moving excursion focuses on the dramatic history of World War I and the battles fought in and around Ypres and Flanders Fields. Made forever and hauntingly - famous by the words of the poem In Flanders Fields by Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, the endless trench warfare battles fought without decisive victories in these poppy fields left 1,200,000 injured and 500,000 dead - and have come to symbolize the meaningless slaughter of war. You'll visit one of the British cemeteries and see the Menin Gate Memorial with the names of over 50,000 missing soldiers engraved on its walls. Your tour of award-winning Flanders Fields Museum will make it clear this is no normal war museum; its innovative exhibits capture the human stories of ordinary soldiers, nurses, fugitives and children who endured this war where "new" weapons like gas, land mines and missiles wreaked horrific destruction. You'll also visit Essex Farm Cemetery, where the author of In Flanders Fields was inspired to

write his now-famous poem in 1915 after witnessing the burial of his friend lost in battle. Midway through the excursion, free time will be taken for lunch and shopping at your leisure in Ypres.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel to Ypres and surrounding Flanders to visit several poignant wartime sites and monuments.
- Pay your respects to an entire generation of soldiers maimed or killed in the endless, indecisive World War I battles fought here.
- See the cemetery where a Canadian medic was moved to write the immortal poem, In Flanders Fields.
- Visit the In Flanders Fields Museum, presenting the stories of the war's ordinary participants in an extraordinary way.
- Break for lunch on your own and some free time in central Ypres.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat and umbrella as lowlands weather can change rapidly.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate-to-strenuous walking, plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. There are uneven surfaces and steps to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating.

# ZEE-005 BRUGES AT YOUR OWN PACE

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



# **OVERVIEW**

This half-day unguided tour is the perfect option for independent-minded travelers who relish the adventure of exploring at their own pace and with their own agenda. Leaving Zeebrugge pier by coach with your escort, you'll arrive near the entrance of the Old City in Bruges in about 30 minutes. Once in the city center, you'll have about 2 hours to do, see and savor whatever most captures your imagination. While this is a self-directed excursion, your escort will be available for a time to equip you with a city map and answer questions about how best to spend your time in Bruges. Keep in mind that museum and attraction hours vary by day and season, and that meal or admission costs incurred during this visit are your responsibility. At the appointed time and location, you'll rejoin your coach for the return transfer to Zeebrugge. Plan this step wisely: those who run late for pickup must then make their own way back to the ship, at their own expense.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Express your independence and keen traveler instincts by creating your own Bruges experience.
- · Begin with a coach transfer to a convenient spot, accompanied by your
- · Make use of your escort's local knowledge to help get your visit agenda sorted out.
- · Once oriented, head out with about 2 free hours to spend exploring this medieval showplace.
- Be sure to return for pickup at the pre-set time and place for the coach trip back to the ship.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

· Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat and umbrella as lowlands weather can change rapidly.

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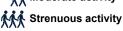
· Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Minimal activity Easy activity

**Evening excursion** 



Moderate activity



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• Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

## PLEASE NOTE

Coach travel time to and from Bruges is approximately 30 minutes each way. There is a 20-minute walk on cobblestone surfaces from the coach parking area to the city center. Additional walking is at guests' discretion. No guide services are included, only transportation to and from Bruges. An official escort will be on the coach and will provide city maps and limited information about places to visit while in Bruges. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. On Sundays, only souvenir shops are open. Since local currency may be needed, we suggest bringing along some Euros or visiting a bank ATM on arrival.

# ZEE-013 PANORAMIC GHENT BY CANAL BOAT

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$119.00

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# **OVERVIEW**

Board your coach and drive approximately one hour through the Flemish countryside to the medieval city of Ghent. Upon arrival, you will board a canal boat for an entertaining and thorough exploration of the city. As you cruise through the historic city, you'll see highlights such as the Chinese Teahouses, Pharmacodynamics Institute, Bijloke, Palace of Justice, Old Guildhalls, Castle of the Counts, Fish Market, 13th-century monasteries, and the ancient port of Ghent, along with its mercantile houses. The canal boat will stop in the center of Ghent, where you will have some free time to explore on your own. Afterwards, you will return back to the ship.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a scenic coach drive to Ghent, about an hour away across the Flemish countryside.
- · Board a canal boat and set out on a relaxed cruising tour of the city and its landmarks
- See the Chinese Teahouses, Castle of the Counts, the Old Fish Market, Ghent's original port guays, Old Guildhalls and Fish Market, and more.
- Stop and ramble on foot awhile in the city center where cafés, shopping and chocolates are at hand.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat and umbrella as lowlands weather can change rapidly.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

Please note: Walking on this tour is mainly at the guests' discretion during free time. Guests must be able to negotiate the steps into and out of the canal boat with limited assistance. There are cobblestone streets and uneven surfaces in Ghent. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Weather appropriate clothing, adequate sun protection and flat comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

ZEE-0010E OCEANIA EXCLUSIVE - BRUGES - A MEDIEVAL GEM

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 10:45 AM Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$319.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Designed for travelers who prefer an added measure of intimacy and flexibility, our new Oceania Exclusive tours limit group size to just 16 guests maximum. The Oceania Exclusive format is available on specially

selected shore excursions in nearly every port we visit, around the world. Give yourself over to the incomparable charms of a UNESCO-listed wonderland that seems to have forgotten it's not the 14th century anymore. Smaller and more contained than many other Flemish cities, watery Bruges begs for exploration on foot - and by boat - and this excursion has both covered. After the transfer from Zeebrugge pier to Bruges' historic center, your guide will walk with you through a delightful warren of narrow, winding cobbled streets. Stroll the bustling Grote Markt square, anchored by the 13th-century Belfry Tower with its signature 48-bell carillon. See a Town Hall more opulent than many palaces. Admire the flamboyant façade of the Chapel of the Holy Blood, a building steeped in religious legend and spectacular Renaissance details. Then take to Bruges' tree-lined canals as you relax on a 30-minute cruise by small boat plying a delightful network of waterways and enjoying views of the city you can't get any other way. Later, you'll take some free time for self-directed exploring or shopping for chocolate and lace before the short coach ride back to your ship.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Zip from the pier to central Bruges by coach, then set out on foot with your seasoned guide in the lead.
- Amble along winding streets where ancient gabled buildings share the scene with tree-lined canals, and admire iconic landmarks like the Belfry Tower, Town Hall and the Chapel of the Holy Blood.
- Experience a completely different view of Bruges on 30-minute small-boat cruise along its canals.
- Use some free time to grab a bite, shop for local crafts or chocolate, or just soak up more of Bruges' medieval character.
- Enjoy a higher level of personal attention and flexibility on this Oceania Exclusive small group tour.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; dress conservatively to enter the cathedral.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, light rain jacket or umbrella, and sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of walking, at times over uneven ground, cobblestone surfaces and with some steps to negotiate to enter and exit the canal boat. The tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

# ZEE-006 BRUGES & BELGIAN CHOCOLATES

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 11:00 AM Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Answer the call of the cacao on this walking tour of the medieval wonderland that is Bruges, with a special visit to a chocolatier's workshop. Even the sightseeing will be delicious as you explore the historic center of this exquisitely preserved Flemish city where time and progress have altered little over the centuries. Your guide will shepherd you through a labyrinth of cobbled streets, passing picturesque scenes of ancient buildings, tree-lined canals and intricately gabled facades. You'll stroll bustling Grote Markt square, home to the famed 13th-century Belfry Tower and a Town Hall more opulent than most palaces. Admire the Chapel of the Holy Blood, a landmark steeped in religious legend and spectacular Renaissance details. And, best of all, feed your fascination for all things chocolate with a visit to a local chocolatier. They'll demonstrate how the best, freshest, most carefully selected ingredients are masterfully transformed into the sweet – and semisweet – concoctions only Belgians

Minimal activity Easy activity

Moderate activity \*\* Strenuous activity

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seem to know how to make taste this good. After free time for self-directed exploring or shopping for lace and other Belgian delicacies, a stroll past the romantic Lake of Love leads you back to the coach and a short drive back to the ship.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Zip from the pier to historic Bruges by coach, then set out on foot with your seasoned guide in the lead.
- · Amble winding, narrow streets where ancient gabled buildings share the scene with tree-lined canals.
- See iconic landmarks like the Belfry Tower, spectacular Town Hall and the Chapel of the Holy Blood.
- · Learn a few tasty secrets as a local chocolatier demonstrates the art of crafting Belgian chocolates.
- Take some free time to shop for lace or chocolate, or just soak up more of Bruges' medieval character.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; dress conservatively if you plan to enter the cathedral.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, light rain jacket or umbrella, and sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

## PLEASE NOTE

This guided tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of walking, at times over uneven ground and cobblestone surfaces. Optional additional walking is at guests' discretion during free time. The tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

# ZEE-010 BRUGES SIGHTS & BEER TASTING

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 11:00 AM Duration: 4.75 Hrs Price: \$159.00



#### **OVERVIEW**

While giving a nod to its chocolate, landmarks and lace, this tour celebrates Bruges' most liquid asset: its beers. Belgium is a country renowned for its beer – all 450-plus varieties of it. Far more than a simple beverage, beer and the culture of making and drinking of it is deeply woven into the national character - and has even been recognized by UNESCO for inclusion on their "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" list. With its widely varying landscape, Belgium's array of styles and flavors is vast from pale lagers to amber ales, lambics, Flemish red ales, sour brown ales, stouts and more. On this tour, you'll attend a seminar at a Bruges café and taste samples of four different beers. You and your guide will also walk the town, paying appropriate homage to key landmarks in this city that never fully exited the medieval era. Rambling along twisting cobblestone streets, you'll pass fabulously preserved Brick Gothic buildings and tree-lined canals – and catch must-sees like opulent Town Hall, the Chapel of the Holy Blood and the carillon-topped Belfry Tower in Markt square. You'll also have ample free time to browse the shops for perfect Bruges mementos

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- After a half-hour coach transfer, embark on a guided walk through Bruges' UNESCO-listed center.
- Visit picturesque squares and cobbled streets lined with medieval buildings, and see iconic landmarks like the Belfry Tower, Town Hall and the Chapel of the Holy Blood.
- Take a deep dive into Belgium's beer culture at a seminar and tasting session at a local café.
- · Learn about the vast range of brews made in this country and their connection to the Belgian culture.
- Enjoy free time to shop Bruges for its fine lace, delectable chocolates

and - of course - beer.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat and umbrella as lowlands weather can change rapidly.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 2 hours of moderate-to-strenuous walking plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. There are steps and cobblestone surfaces to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. There are 30 steps to manage when entering the local café.

# ZEE-GL2 BRUGES THROUGH THE EYES OF A LOCAL

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 11:00 AM Duration: 4.75 Hrs Price: \$149.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Experience Bruges like a local by exploring areas off the beaten path but still in the shadow of landmarks such as Kruispoort. Although you will stop at this 15th-century gate, the sites that lie ahead will reveal a lesser-known but not less spectacular side of Bruges. You will see windmills along medieval ramparts, follow atmospheric lanes through residential neighborhoods and pause at the bridges and inner canals that gave Bruges its nickname, the Venice of the North. Upon arriving in St. Anne's, you will behold the Jerusalem Chapel, which was designed to mirror the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. By the 16th century, Bruges had become a textile center for woven lace, and you will observe a demonstration of this artisan trade that continues to flourish. Another way to become immersed in local life is at the Markt, a sprawling square that has been a marketplace for more than 1,000 years.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore atmospheric areas of Bruges that are typically unknown to all but the locals. Cross landmark canals that gave Bruges its nickname, the Venice of the North.
- · Watch a demonstration of lace making, a trade that has flourished in Bruges for centuries.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 2½ hours of walking over even and uneven ground, plus any additional walking at the guests' discretion during free time. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns, who should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour.

# ZEE-GG1 OFF-SHORE BLUE ENERGY

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 11:30 AM Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00



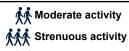




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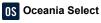
Cruise into the North Sea to a large offshore wind park that greatly contributes to Belgium's ambitious sustainable energy goals. Before you head out to sea from Blankenberge harbor, you will hear about Belgium's commitment to wind power, how wind turbines work and their effect on the climate and marine life. The country has embraced the development of wind parks because other means of energy emit excessive carbon dioxide and importing electricity has its limitations. It will be quite the experience to view the dozens of offshore wind turbines up close from the comfort of





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the boat. They soar high above the water and continuously generate power by optimizing the available wind. As part of your immersion into clean energy, you will see how the power is transported to shore for distribution.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Observe offshore wind turbines up close from a boat that provides a unique perspective.
- Learn the benefits of wind power and why Belgium is so committed to its development.
- See how the power from the offshore wind turbines is transported to shore.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately two hours of walking and/or standing. It is not available for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. The boat used can vary and could be a RIB or a partly covered boat, therefore warm clothing is strongly recommended as well as comfortable walking shoes. The tour can be cancelled due to bad weather conditions. Motion sickness may occur while on the water. The boat is accessible by a ladder and guests should be able to enter/exit the boat independently.

# ZEE-GG2 BEACH CLEAN UP AND GREEN ENERGY

Date: Aug 01, 2024 Time: 11:30 AM Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$249.00







# **OVERVIEW**

Help keep Zeebrugge's coastline free from debris during a beach clean-up and then take the collected material to a facility that will convert it into green energy. The exact beach will be chosen the day of the excursion, but you can be sure it will be one of Zeebrugge's most beautiful and popular stretches of sand. After about an hour of cleaning the beach, you will drive to nearby Oostende, where the collected debris will be taken to Biostoom, a biosteam plant that produces sustainable energy from waste. During the insider's tour of the facility, you will gain an understanding of the fascinating process that creates green energy from household trash. You will learn how the debris is sorted and combusted in an eco-friendly way that makes enough steam to drive a generator and produce electricity. Steam power is just one of the sustainable energies that have made Belgium a leader in green energy.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Dress in weather-appropriate clothing
- · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes

# PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE This tour must be purchased no later than 3 days prior to the operating date. This tour includes approximately 3 hours of moderate walking/standing on sandy wet and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Casual, warm weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. Strong winds may occur on the beach.

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# PTL-010 STONEHENGE AND CERNE ABBAS

Date: Aug 02, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Travel into the pastoral English countryside and be immersed in the mystery of two very famous and ancient sites. Deep in a grassy field in rural Wiltshire, Stonehenge's standing stones have puzzled visitors and scientists for centuries. Even your expert guide won't have definite answers as to how these astonishingly large stones - some 25 feet tall and weighing as many tons - were transported across great distances and manipulated into place 5,000 years ago. We know Stonehenge is aligned with the summer solstice and was built in phases, but beyond the few answers lie only more questions: who were these people, what was this place for, and what does it all mean? Maybe during your hour here you'll have an archeological epiphany and figure that out. Either way, you'll soon have another puzzling earthwork to contemplate, this one standing 180-feet tall on the slope of a Dorset hillside. The Cerne Abbas Giant is a chalk-outlined male figure carved into the bedrock centuries ago. We know he's male because he's naked enough to have long been revered as a symbol of fertility. Theories abound as to who created him, and why. Again, your guide has some answers – the rest you'll just have to work out for yourself.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel by coach into Wiltshire's rural fields to a sight that mystifies and thrills - all who visit it.
- Follow your guide around Stonehenge and be amazed by the scale of these standing stones somehow transported and assembled here by prehistoric builders. Or was it aliens?
- Visit the site of a second barely-explained earthwork, this one an enormous naked male figure outlined in carved chalk on a hillside in Dorset.
- · Ask all the questions you like; just don't expect very many definite answers on this outing.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear waterproof, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour is primarily panoramic with mostly optional and limited walking at the stops. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them.

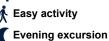
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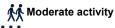
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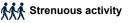
# **OVERVIEW**

Settle back for a drive through pastoral Dorset to visit the dramatic ruins of Corfe Castle. Along the way, your guide will share background on the royal manor of Portland, the Jurassic Coast, and the seaside resort of Weymouth made famous when King George III selected it as a favored summer getaway in the late 18th century. Corfe Castle sports far older kingly heritage; originally built by order of William the Conqueror in 1080, it took its final form in the 14th century. But by the mid-1600s was reduced to the hilltop ruins that stand today as some of Britain's most impressive and romantic. Photos taken here could make the cover of any English calendar, and a climb up Corfe's steep, grassy rise rewards the hearty with spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. Older still is the sprawling hillfort site known as Maiden Castle, considered England's finest prehistoric fortification by many. Developed by a Stone Age community





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circa 2,000 BC, the site was used as a funeral mound during the Bronze Age before being taken by the Romans in 43 AD. A scenic drive south through Weymouth returns you to the 21st century and your waiting ship.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel inland from the Isle of Portland and across the beautiful Dorset landscape to Corfe Castle.
- · Visit the evocative hilltop ruins of this once-sprawling castle, begun nearly 1,000 years ago.
- · Continue exploring Dorset by panoramic coach, with a stop made at Maiden Castle, a hillfort with far more ancient roots.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- · Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour is not available for wheel chair guests and those with walking or mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. There are approximately 100 steps to negotiate during the visit to Corfe Castle, steep hills and uneven surfaces. Amount of walking and level of exertion during free time at the village is at guests' discretion.

# PTL-009 TANK MUSEUM & DORCHESTER

Date: Aug 02, 2024 Time: 09:45 AM Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$179.00



## **OVERVIEW**

Enjoy this unique opportunity to be part of history while visiting The Tank Museum. The museum is not just about tanks, and it brings history to life through interactive displays, multimedia exhibits and collections.; it offers education and entertainment for all ages. After an approximately 1-hour drive through the Dorset countryside you arrive to the amazing British Tank Museum. Explore powerful exhibitions, displaying nearly 300 armored vehicles which include from the world's first tank to the most modern. Ride a tank or walk through mock trenches and air raid shelters. There is so much to see and do! After nearly 2-hours of free time to enjoy the activities at your own pace, rejoin your coach and head to Dorchester, a historic market town. The author and poet Thomas Hardy based the fictional town of Casterbridge on Dorchester, and his novel The Mayor of Casterbridge is set here. Enjoy some free time to explore its quaint streets and buildings, perhaps shop for a bargain antique or grab a bite. Please note: This tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair and are able to make their own way on and off transportation. Guests must be self-sufficient or if assistance is required, they should travel with a companion who can provide this. Event takes place in an outdoor arena, therefore stable foot wear, warm and waterproof clothing are highly recommended. Wearing of military uniform is not allowed apart from serving military personnel.

# PTL-002 ATHELHAMPTON HOUSE

Date: Aug 02, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$189.00



# **OVERVIEW**

Travel to Dorset's picturesque capital town of Dorchester for some impromptu exploring, then visit a historic house with a very Great Hall. Dorchester has deep connections to English lit: Thomas Hardy set his famous novel The Mayor of Casterbridge here, and the city brims with significant medieval buildings, quaint streets, and shops offering interesting antiques. Enjoy an independent interval here, then rejoin the group for the short drive to award-winning Athelhampton House, where you'll tour at your leisure. A residence of true romantic stature, Athelhampton dates

from 1485 and is most famous for its Great Hall, one of the country's finest examples of 15th-century domestic architecture. All of the home's richly furnished and decorated rooms retain their original period character and contents. Ample cross-connections to Thomas Hardy are here, as well. His father, a stonemason, was involved in restoration work to the Great Hall and West Wing in the 19th century, and young Thomas himself first visited Athelhampton at age 19. The house's gardens are a magnificent treat of their own; landscaped in 1891, they feature topiary pyramids and an extensive collection of Magnolias, roses and seasonal plants. Wander at will before returning to your ship in time for lunch.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel up from the Isle of Portland and inland through pastoral Dorset to its capital city.
- Spend some free time exploring Dorchester's medieval landmarks, quaint streets and antique shops.
- · Learn about the connections between this region and the famous novelist. Thomas Hardy.
- · Visit and tour Athelhampton House, a romantic 15th-century stunner with the furniture to prove it.
- Wander at leisure inside and outside this great house, renowned for its Great Hall and Grade 1 gardens.

# HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PTL-004 MINTERNE GARDENS & THE CERNE ABBAS GIANT

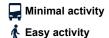
Date: Aug 02, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$179.00

# **OVERVIEW**

Travel through the Dorset countryside to tour a grand 18th-century manor house garden, passing by famous landmarks left behind by the ancients. The Maiden Castle hillfort site outside Dorchester dates back to 2,000 BC, but no one's quite certain when the Cerne Abbas Giant chalk-outlined hill figure was created, or by whom. Once you've added the Giant to your own image library, Minterne House and its spectacular horseshoe-shaped gardens are next on the agenda. This extremely impressive estate has been in the same hands for hundreds of years and was landscaped in the Capability Brown style so fashionable during the 1700s. The garden's stellar collection of Himalayan rhododendrons and azaleas are set amongst fine and rare trees, accented by a chain of small lakes, waterfalls and streams with water gardens. Flowering cherries brought from Japan in 1920 and large Magnolia campbelli trees flower showily in the spring together with a profusion of bulbs. Nearly two miles of walks rich with understory plantings and framed by mature cedars and beeches provide new vistas at every turn, and the changing seasons make Minterne memorable at any time of year.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Savor a panoramic drive that winds through beautifully pastoral Dorset
- Enjoy passing encounters with the Maiden Castle hillfort site and the 180-foot Giant at Cerne Abbas.
- Tour magnificent and colorful 18th-century gardens at Minterne House, which itself is rather giant.
- · Wander paths lined with rare rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias, cherries and along streams brimming with tender water plants.
- See a collection of rarities including Davidia involucrata, the pocket handkerchief tree, and Pieris 'Wakehurst' with its showy scarlet juvenile leaves.



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## **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- · Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

#### ABBOTSBURY SWANNERY AND SUB TROPICAL PTL-003 **GARDENS**

Date: Aug 02, 2024 Time: 11:00 AM Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$199.00

## **OVERVIEW**

Visit the only place in the world where you'll see a colony of nesting Mute Swans, then stroll a 20-acre exotic garden planted by a Countess 250 years ago. Your scenic drive from Portland tracing the famous Chesil Beach strand leads to Abbotsbury Swannery, established in the 11th century by Benedictine monks who farmed the swans for lavish banquets at their monastery, now in ruins. Today, some 150 pairs of fiercely territorial mute swans find room to share these two acres, and late each Spring hundreds of fluffy cygnets hatch from colony nests. It's a rare and heartwarming sight to see. Just up the coast in a sheltered valley, Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens was established in 1765 by the Countess of Ilchester as a kitchen garden for her castle. Today it's home to rare and exotic plants collected from all over the world - many of them first introductions to Britain brought here by plant-hunting descendants of the Countess. Restored and reimagined after a damaging storm in 1990, the garden is a mix of formal and informal plantings with walled garden walks, spectacular woodland valley views and world-famous Camellia, Magnolia, Rhododendron and Hydrangea collections. Tour them at your leisure.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

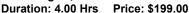
- Enjoy a panoramic drive up from the Isle of Portland to Abbotsbury, along the Chesil Beach coast.
- · Meet the colony at Abbotsbury Swannery, founded by medieval monks with a banqueting habit.
- · In season, encounter hundreds of fluffy newborn or full-fledged cygnets.
- · Wander awhile in Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens, where 20 acres of stunning color and flora await.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- · Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

# Fishguard, Wales

FGH-003 A TASTE OF PEMBROKESHIRE Date: Aug 03, 2024 Time: 12:30 PM



# **OVERVIEW**

Discover how two small, family-operated businesses make traditional Welsh products using traditional and unconventional methods. At the Bug Farm, you will learn how native insects are employed to enhance farming practices in unexpected ways that are based on scientific research. For instance, the farm relies on dung beetles to fertilize the soil without chemicals and to better grow crops and grasses for its Welsh Black Cattle. You may be surprised by the many agricultural benefits of bugs. As a special treat, you might taste some bug-infused products such as chocolate cookies made with powdered crickets and biscuits flavored with buffalo insects, which are high in nutrients. At a more traditional farm nearby, you will discover the step-by-step process of producing ice cream from milk. If the time and weather permit, you will ride an open-air

tractor-trailer to a scenic spot overlooking Newgale Beach.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · See how native bugs are used creatively to grow better crops and enhance farming.
- · Discover how bugs are added as nutrients to foods such as biscuits and cookies.
- Tour a traditional farm and gain insight into the process of turning milk into ice cream

## HELPFUL HINTS

· Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes more than 2½ hours of walking and standing on mostly level ground and some natural surfaces with some steps to negotiate. It is available to wheelchair quests who have a collapsible wheelchair and are able to make their own way on and off transportation. Guests must be self-sufficient or travel with a companion who can provide assistance.

# FGH-004 POWERFUL PEMBROKESHIRE

Date: Aug 03, 2024 Time: 12:30 PM Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$189.00



Today trace the medieval power struggles in Wales and learn how Pembroke Castle played a key role in history. The tour starts with a drive into Little England beyond Wales, to the power base of the Tudors -Pembroke Castle. Henry VII, founder of the Tudor Dynasty, was born in Pembroke Castle in 1457 in a tower now named for him. Henry VII fled from here to France as a child, only to return as a man to challenge and defeat Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. The guided tour will bring to life the characters involved in the War of the Roses and Pembroke Castle. While touring the magnificent fortification, don't miss the exhibits in the gatehouse, which re-create the most significant events in the history of the castle. As you head outside from the castle, enjoy some free time in the town of Pembroke to view the statue dedicated to Henry, browse some of the shops or grab a coffee before enjoying a panoramic view of Carew Castle on the way back to Fishguard to re-join your ship.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

• Explore Pembroke Castle and the exhibits describing its historical significance.

# HELPFUL HINTS

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes

# PLEASE NOTE

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Within Pembroke castle there are some steps as you walk around the castle to get to/through different rooms. Any additional walking and the level of exertion during free time is at guests' discretion. This tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

FGH-002 DISCOVER CARDIGAN

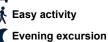
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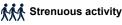
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Explore wonderfully historical Cardigan, starting at the remains of its namesake castle overlooking the River Teifi, parts of which date to the 12th century. An audio-visual display in the castle's medieval north tower recounts the history of the fortification, the centuries of invasions and how the castle became the birthplace of Wales' biggest cultural festival, the Eisteddfod. Be sure to browse the lovely Georgian house and gardens on

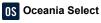














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the grounds before heading into downtown Cardigan to explore further on your own. The architectural highlights include the 19th-century Cardigan Guildhall Market, a two-story shopping venue constructed with locally guarried stone. The field gun at the front recognizes the 7th Earl of Cardigan, who was a commander in the ill-fated Charge of the Light Brigade. Inside the market, you will find dozens of shops with merchandise ranging from locally made clothing to traditional Welsh delicacies. There are also plenty of art galleries throughout town.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the intriguing history of Cardigan Castle, which dates to the 12th century.
- · Spend free time in Cardigan, exploring the attractions you find most interesting.
- Opt to shop for clothing and artwork in the historical downtown.

## **HELPFUL HINTS**

· Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. · Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about an hour of walking and standing on mostly level ground. Any additional walking and the level of exertion during free time is at guests' discretion. This tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair and are able to make their own way on and off transportation. Guests must be self-sufficient or travel with a companion who can provide assistance.

# FGH-007 BRITAIN'S SMALLEST CITY - ST. DAVIDS

Date: Aug 03, 2024 Time: 12:45 PM Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



## **OVERVIEW**

Explore St Davids, a diminutive city with remarkable attractions that belie its size. Browsing the exhibitions within the Oriel y Parc centre of Pembrokeshire Coastal National Park will offer an enlightening introduction to St Davids, which is home to only 1,600 residents. For a more complete snapshot of the city, you will tour the glorious cathedral, parts of which date to the 12th century. It famously holds the relics of Saint David, the patron saint of Wales, and has long been a pilgrimage site. Architectural highlights include the carved Welsh oak ceiling in the nave, the stained-glass rose window and the Treasury, which holds an abundance of religious artifacts, some of which were discovered in the graves of the cathedral's earliest bishops. The Bishop's Palace lies adjacent to the cathedral and even in ruins it reflects the power that the church and its bishops held in medieval times.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Browse exhibits that present a fascinating overview of St Davids, Britain's smallest city.
- · Visit St Davids Cathedral, named for the patron saint of Wales, who is buried there
- Walk among the ruins of the Bishops Palace and discover the power the bishops once held.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

# FGH-005 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. BRYNACH

Date: Aug 03, 2024 Time: 01:00 PM **Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$169.00** 



#### OVERVIEW

Gain an understanding of the life of St. Brynach, the 6th-century saint that left his mark throughout Wales. Although probably Irish by birth, Brynach settled Wales and dedicated his life to preaching and building churches, many of them in the Pembrokeshire region. The Church of Nevern was constructed on the site of a chapel that St. Brynach built and today is known for the 10th-century cross in its courtyard and a yew tree that has been seeping blood-red sap for centuries, supposedly in sympathy to Christ being crucified. Later, you will stop at Petre Ifan, a stone burial dolmen that pre-dates St. Brynach by about 3,000 years. A drive through the idyllic countryside will bring you to the tiny town of Pontfaen. While pausing at St. Brynach's Church, you will hear about its restoration in the 19th century after being left in ruins. The church's inscription stones indicate that the site is early medieval.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Follow in the footsteps of St. Brynach, pausing at important sites that he
- Visit a church erected on the site of a chapel that St. Brynach built in the
- View an aboveground burial tomb that existed long before St. Brynach arrived in the area.
- Stop at a restored medieval church dedicated to St. Brynach.

## **HELPFUL HINTS**

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

#### PLEASE NOTE

Tour includes more than two hours of walking and standing on level and natural uneven surfaces and a long walk uphill to reach the pilgrim's cross at the church of Nevern. This tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

FGH-008 FISHGUARD BY FOOT Date: Aug 03, 2024 Time: 01:00 PM Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$119.00

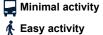


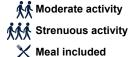
# **OVERVIEW**

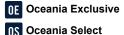
Walk around Fishguard at a leisurely pace with a local guide that will elaborate on the history and lifestyle of the quaint coastal town. As you meander along the waterfront, which is considered Lower Town, you will learn about its founding in the 18th century as a trading port that provided herring to much of Britain. Later, you will hear details about the French invasion of Fishguard in 1797 while looking at a tapestry that commemorates the British quickly defeating the invaders. The natural cotton tapestry was created to celebrate the bicentenary of that event and took dozens of embroiderers four years to complete. The peace treaty between the British and French was signed at the Royal Oak, a pub that you will visit before heading for Penslade Street to explore on your own. You might browse the boutique shops and pause at a café for a traditional Welsh cake.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Take a leisurely walk through Fishguard and hear fascinating facts about the town.
- · See the embroidered tapestry that celebrates a key moment in Fishquard's history.
- Stop at a pub where a peace treaty between the French and British was signed in 1797.











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· Spend free time exploring Fishguard on your own.

## HELPFUL HINTS

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes

## PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 4 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

# FGH-006 STUNNING GLACIAL LANDSCAPES

Date: Aug 03, 2024 Time: 02:00 PM Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Gain a remarkably in-depth understanding of Pembrokeshire's geology by observing volcanically formed mountains, glacial erosion from the Ice Age and sedimentary rocks that were once the floor of an ancient ocean. Besides its stunning natural beauty, this region is renowned for its highly varied geology. At Dinas Mountain, you will see several massive outcrops of barren rock that glaciers shaped long ago. The Gwaun Valley is another relic of the Ice Age, as torrents of glacial meltwater created it. Volcanic eruptions also dramatically altered the landscape, as you will see at the Mynydd Preseli mountain range, which is estimated to be 350 million years old. The guide will regale you with legends associated with the mountains, which will serve as an excellent introduction to the violently folded rocks you will see in the cliffs at Ciebwr. They too inspired legends about their creation.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Observe the most significant geological wonders in Pembrokeshire.
- Discover how volcanoes and glaciers shaped the landscape eons ago.
- Hear legends that supposedly explain the origin of the geological formations.
- See an area that was once the floor of an ancient ocean.

# **HELPFUL HINTS**

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing, including a waterproof jacket. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes more than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours of walking and standing on level and natural uneven surfaces that may be muddy. It is not recommended for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

# FGH-009 STAINED GLASS & PIRATE TALES

Date: Aug 03, 2024 Time: 03:00 PM Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$199.00



# OVERVIEW

Travel into the idyllic North Pembrokeshire countryside and visit some of its more historically important attractions. While driving through the lush Trecwn Valley, you will learn about its secret arms depot, which held a huge cache of torpedoes, mines and other weaponry during World War II. Upon arriving at the church at St Dogwel, which is dedicated to the 6th-century saint, you will behold its magnificent stained-glass windows. The Church of St Peter in Little Newcastle also features stained glass, but it was commissioned in 1990. The church is one of the few in Wales with such a unified collection of modern glass. The infamous pirate John Roberts grew up in Newcastle in the late 1600s, and you will hear tales of his exploits that inspired his nickname, Black Bart. On the return to Fishguard, you will pass St. Mary's Church and learn about the memorial stone to local heroine Jemima Nichols.

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a relaxing drive into the picturesque countryside of North Pembrokeshire.
- Visit two churches with remarkable stained-glass windows from different time periods.
- Hear tales of locally born John Roberts, a pirate said to have plundered 400 ships.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
 Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

# PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

# FGH-001 COASTAL DELIGHTS

Date: Aug 03, 2024 Time: 05:00 PM Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$129.00



## **OVERVIEW**

Drive along one of the most picturesque sections of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path, a lengthy road through the United Kingdom's only coastal national park. Although you will pass historical sites such as Strumble Head Lighthouse atop domed St. Michael's Island, it is the natural beauty that will take center stage. The views, particularly of remote beaches and rugged cliffs, will be spectacular. Wildlife is abundant and you may spot seals, dolphin and even whales not far off shore. Birds are also plentiful, so keep an eye out for puffins and cormorants nesting on the highest cliffs. While pausing for photos of the Neolithic burial chamber Carreg Samson, you may hear the legend of how Samson put the massive capstone in place with just his little finger. Later, you will enjoy free time for shopping in Porthgain, a fishing village that once thrived as a commercial harbor for exporting stone quarried nearby.

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the dramatic natural beauty while driving along the Pembrokeshire Coast Path.
- Look for wildlife such as puffins, seals, dolphin and whales.
- Pause for photos of the more than 100-year-old Strumble Head Lighthouse.
- Enjoy free time for shopping in the delightful fishing village Porthgain.

# HELPFUL HINTS

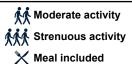
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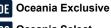
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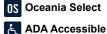
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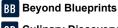
















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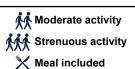
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Transportation - Licensed and insured late-model coaches, mini-vans, automobiles, watercraft and other modes of transportation are utilized. Guides - Licensed, English-speaking local guides accompany all tours.

Admission Fees - Shore excursions include all required admission fees, where applicable.

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# **CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS**

- · Shore excursions operate rain or shine.
- · Minimum participation levels are required to operate shore excursions, so please sign up as early as possible. Excursions may be cancelled if minimum participation levels are not met. To ensure quality guides and sufficient transportation, we must provide the tour operator with passenger counts at least 36 hours in advance.
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