



LONGER STAYS | SMALLER GROUPS | 2027

Europe & UK



Tours departing March - October 2027 from
Australia's Multi Award-Winning Specialised Tour Operator

COME SHARE OUR LOVE OF EUROPE

As we move into our fourth decade of 'Creating Memories that Last a Lifetime,' our passion for uncovering Europe's hidden corners remains as strong as ever.

We design our tours specifically for New Zealanders and Australians who appreciate a truly leisurely pace. By prioritising shorter drives and extended stays of three nights or more, we ensure you have the 'My Time' needed to actually experience the destinations you've travelled so far to see.

I am particularly thrilled to introduce three new itineraries in France for 2027. These were born from my own summer of adventure in 2025 – from the rugged beauty of the Atlantic Coast to the breathtaking turquoise depths of the Gorges du Verdon. I cannot wait for you to discover these highlights for yourself.

We look forward to helping you create memories that last a lifetime!

Euan

Euan Landsborough, Founder & Tour Designer



Cover: Strasbourg, France



New 2027 tours designed especially for you!

The Albatross team have been busy crafting unforgettable experiences for you in 2027! Get ready to explore five stunning, new itineraries, each meticulously assembled with the exceptional inclusions you've come to expect and love.

Leisurely France

Bordeaux, Dordogne,
La Rochelle & Loire Valley

15 days | Bordeaux to Paris
Departing in May and September



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Northern France

Normandy, Brittany,
Loire Valley & Chantilly

18 days | Paris to Paris
Departing in May, August and September



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French Epicurean Trail

Champagne, Alsace,
Burgundy & Provence

20 days | Paris to Nice
Departing in June and September

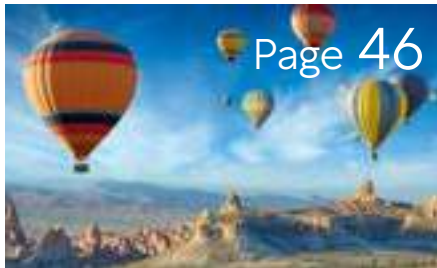


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Türkiye

Cappadocia, Gallipoli &
Ancient Troy

12 days | Istanbul to Izmir
Departing in May and September



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Leisurely Greek Islands

Rhodes, Crete,
Santorini & Mykonos

13 days | Rhodes to Athens
Departing in May and September



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Discover our 2027 Tours

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Viking Folklore & Flåm**

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OSLO TO OSLO

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Irish Connections

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DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

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Best of British

18 DAYS
LONDON TO LONDON

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NEW

**Northern France –
Normandy, Brittany,
Loire Valley & Chantilly**

18 DAYS
PARIS TO PARIS

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NEW

**French Epicurean Trail –
Champagne, Alsace,
Burgundy & Provence**

20 DAYS
PARIS TO NICE

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La Grande France

20 DAYS
PARIS TO NICE

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NEW

**Leisurely France –
Bordeaux, Dordogne,
La Rochelle & Loire Valley**

15 DAYS
BORDEAUX TO PARIS

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**Northern Spain &
the Pyrenees**

17 DAYS
MADRID TO BARCELONA

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**'Magnifico' Spain
& Portugal**

18 DAYS
MADRID TO MADRID

France Tours

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comprehensive map
of all French tours.

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**Italian Lakes
& Tuscany**

16 DAYS
MILAN TO VENICE

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**Tuscany & Umbria –
Echoes of the Etruscans**

10 DAYS
ROME TO ROME

Tours designed to connect

Many travellers are increasingly looking to take two successive tours with us to make the most of the journey to Europe.

**See the full Tour Calendar on pages 86 & 87
and start planning your journey.**



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**André Rieu,
Rhine Castles &
Moselle Vineyards**

11 DAYS
FRANKFURT TO FRANKFURT

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**Brussels to Berlin –
Chocolate, Canals &
Culture**

16 DAYS
BRUSSELS TO BERLIN

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**Black Forest, the Bavarian
Alps and Austria**

14 DAYS
FRANKFURT TO MUNICH

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**Glorious Germany &
the Czech Republic**

14 DAYS
BERLIN TO MUNICH

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**Leisurely Switzerland –
the Glacier Express and
Cable Car Adventures**

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MILAN TO ZÜRICH

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An Alpine Adventure

16 DAYS
ZÜRICH TO MILAN

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Luxury Collection

**Swiss Grandeur featuring
the Glacier Express**

15 DAYS
MILAN TO ZÜRICH

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**Beautiful Slovenia &
Croatia's Istrian Jewels**

16 DAYS
VIENNA TO VENICE

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**Crossroads of Balkan
Empires featuring
Romania & Transylvania,
Serbia & Bulgaria**

19 DAYS
BELGRADE TO SOFIA

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Croatia & the Adriatic

13 DAYS
TROGIR TO DUBROVNIK

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**Mountains, Myths
& Ancient Empires
featuring North
Macedonia, Greece,
Corfu & Meteora**

18 DAYS
SOFIA TO ATHENS

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NEW

**Türkiye – Cappadocia,
Gallipoli & Ancient Troy**

12 DAYS
ISTANBUL TO IZMIR

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**Cradles of Civilisation,
featuring Gallipoli,
Cappadocia & those
Greek Isles**

24 DAYS
ISTANBUL TO ATHENS

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NEW

**Leisurely Greek Islands –
Rhodes, Crete, Santorini
& Mykonos**

13 DAYS
RHODES TO ATHENS

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**Italy, Off The
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**Italy, the Deep South
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Italian Grande

18 DAYS
MILAN TO ROME

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**Sardinia & Corsica, the
Lands of Myths & Legends**

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CAGLIARI TO BASTIA

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**Sicily, Malta &
Aeolian Islands**

15 DAYS
PALERMO TO VALLETTA

Italy Tours

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comprehensive map
of all Italy Tours.

So many amazing experiences

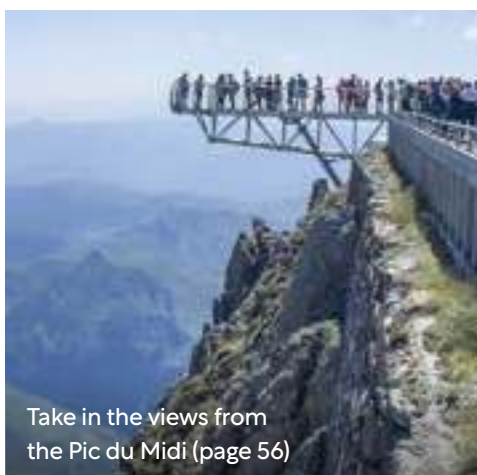
Europe is a tapestry of extraordinary wonders. From the legendary landmarks that define the continent to the hidden gems researched and found by our team, our itineraries are balanced with wonderful inclusions and of course, 'My Time'.



Sleep in a Trulli Cottage (page 22)



Sleep in heritage Rorbuer – historic fisherman's cabins (page 68)



Take in the views from the Pic du Midi (page 56)



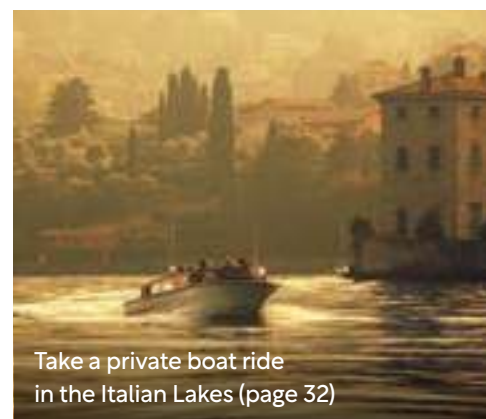
Delight in a Pecorino tasting (page 30)



Ride the Jungfrauoch railway! (page 62)



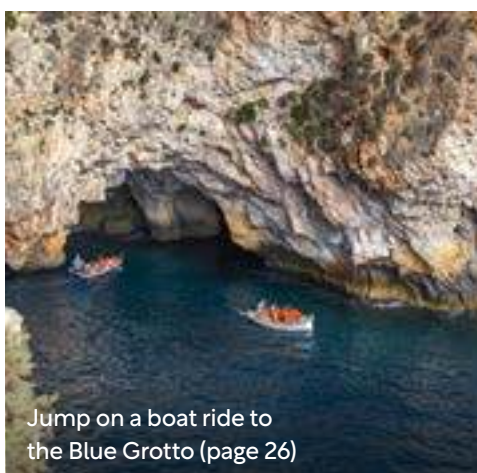
Stay in a grand Castle (page 70)



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Try a 4WD adventure and Shepherd's Lunch (page 24)



Jump on a boat ride to the Blue Grotto (page 26)



Take a guided tour of the Alhambra Palace (page 54)



Your balloon ride at Cappadocia is included (pages 44 and 46)



Visit the Ferrari Museum (page 32)



Taste wine in a French Château (page 38)



Cruise to Our Lady of the Rock (page 60)

Quality inclusions

With Albatross it is always included, never at an extra cost

- ✓ ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described
- ✓ Hand Selected inclusions described in this brochure
- ✓ Experienced Tour Manager and local guides as described on the website
- ✓ All tips to your Tour Manager, Driver and local guides
- ✓ Specially selected, authentic style accommodation in superb locations
- ✓ Internal flights and ferries (where applicable)
- ✓ Hotel portage (where available)
- ✓ Breakfasts daily, often with a local flavour
- ✓ Coffee & Tea with all included dinners
- ✓ Complimentary alcoholic beverage with all included dinners, except Norway - Fjords, Viking Folklore & Flåm
- ✓ ALL transport as described including first class coach travel
- ✓ FREE WiFi at hotels (where available)

Our Promise: No Hidden Costs

We believe your journey should be about enjoyment and discovery.

Total Transparency: If it's in the itinerary, it's included.

Expert Guidance: Your Tour Manager is there solely to enrich your experience – never to sell you "optional extras" or add-ons.

Our guests share the love

There's no better way to understand the magic of our tours than through the eyes of those who've experienced it. From Norway's majestic fjords to the stunning countryside of France and Italy, from Ireland to the French Alps our guests share their unforgettable journeys. Read on to see why they chose Albatross Tours for their European adventure.



"Our tour of Ireland was everything and more than we imagined. Albatross booked five amazing hotels, all in convenient locations to attractions and town centres. The excursions were wonderful with mostly local guides. Our Albatross tour guide was extremely knowledgeable about Irish history, culture and was great with suggestions for our free time. The bus driver was always very professional."

Carol | Ireland Connection

"Albatross takes tourists to the best parts of Europe and structures the tour in the best ways. Touring in Europe has become increasingly difficult, as more and more groups and individuals become involved, but Albatross takes as much as possible of the stress out of this. The fact that most of the group are Australian or New Zealanders gives the tour a head start in gelling together and finding common interests, which leads to a mostly united and friendly group."

Margaret | Italian Lakes & Tuscany

"I loved the choice of itinerary... the places we visited were amazing. I also appreciated the fact that we stayed more than 1 night in all the towns where we had accommodation. The accommodation choices were superb from CastelBrando perched high up on a hill, to a beautiful waterfront hotel in Stresa and the divine white palace on the Amalfi coast... the list goes on. Our tours with local guides and meals were also first class. Albatross Tours will always be my choice."

Martie | Italian Grande

"My Albatross Magnifico Spain & Portugal tour exceeded all my expectations. Our tour guide Darren was very experienced, knowledgeable, extremely helpful, and attentive to all our needs. We were treated to incredible experiences throughout the tour including visiting out of the way places like the Aveleda Vineyard & gardens in Penafiel Portugal, the magnificent gorge at Ronda, and the Douro River cruise and tapas lunch in our own unique Ravello boat. Our accommodation had many unusual settings like the Alhambra Palace hotel, a fortress in Cascais, and even a former monastery in Salamanca. I would thoroughly recommend this tour for anyone travelling solo or with family or friends."

Annie | Magnifico Spain & Portugal

"I was really impressed with the tour guide, Anna, very organised, did not fluster, very vibrant and enthusiastic. I liked the structure of the tour, seeing the main highlights together, but some free time to either relax see more museums or hike. I liked that most evening meals were supplied given the high cost of things in Norway."

Wayne | Norway – Fjords, Viking Folklore & Flåm

"Switzerland, how glorious! We thoroughly enjoyed our Alpine Adventure Tour. Scenery, accommodation, activities, and mountain top adventures were amazing. Such a great group of people to travel with on the tour and Reinhard was a fantastic guide. Thanks Albatross!"

Robyn | An Alpine Adventure

"Amazing tour of a beautiful part of Italy. So authentic with so much to see and experience. You can't imagine each day getting better, but it did! Tour manager amazing, driver very experienced, coach very comfy. Love how everything is so well organised and you are able to sit back and enjoy the sights. Love the longer stays in most locations in the handpicked, quality accommodation. This is a tour for the adventurous travellers."

Robyn | Italy, the Deep South & Sicily

"Great value for money, as hotels were very good quality, Tour manager very knowledgeable and organised, and the tour covered many places. Also, driver was excellent and I felt very safe. Loved the small group size of 24 on our tour and not too many early starts. Would not hesitate to travel again with Albatross. Well done!"

Vicki | La Grande France

"Our trip of a lifetime. Waited 20 years for Italy. Monica was amazing. The group of 28 were like family. The driver was superb. Fantastic food. We could not have planned it better. Maybe a little expensive but worth every penny plus more. Treated like royalty. Amazing places planned perfectly. Thank you, Monica, for being special. You were fantastic. We loved every day. Thank you, team, for the happiness shown by all. Waiting for the next one."

Kimberley | Italian Grande

See more traveller reviews on TrustPilot where we have a rating of 4.5 from over 950 tour reviews!

Travel in smaller groups

Everything is more personal

Albatross Tours is one of the earliest innovators of small group touring. We understood the enormous benefits of travellers being in smaller, personal groups. Our average group size is just 22 guests and we cap our tours at 28. Luxury Tours are limited to just 20 travellers. We choose to run with smaller groups because we know you will have a more enjoyable touring experience. In addition to more personalised service from your Tour Manager, you will find it so much easier to get to know your fellow travelling companions, plus:

- ✓ Your coach will never be crowded, as you get greater personal space. On an average sized group tour, everyone is even guaranteed a window seat!
- ✓ We stay in smaller, traditional hotels that larger groups cannot even consider.
- ✓ We can dine in quaint, cosy local restaurants.
- ✓ It's easier getting on and off the coach, pausing for rest stops and accessing popular attractions.
- ✓ Small group sizes allows us to incorporate train, ferry or boat rides on many tours.
- ✓ Travelling in small groups provides social opportunities, and can create lifelong friendships!



Enjoy longer stays



We guarantee you, 'My Time'



Wander through local markets

Enjoy the difference – 3, 4 and 5 night stays

Let's face it nobody likes unpacking their bags each evening, and then having to re-pack them again early the next morning. That is why we feature longer stays on our touring programmes, with one-night stays being rare. We always make sure you will relax and enjoy a sensible touring pace.

Unpack Less, Explore More: Settle into your comfortable accommodation and eliminate the stress of constant packing and unpacking.

Maximise Each Stay: Spend less time in transit and more time experiencing the wonders of each destination.

Local Immersion: Get to know your location and its culture while venturing out to explore diverse surroundings.

With longer, relaxing stays in terrific locations, you will have more time to savour Europe.

You will have time to relax in the town square over coffee, or seek out the best Gelateria while surrounded by those centuries-old homes and churches. Since you are not constantly changing hotels, or travelling long distances each day, we have time to press pause and linger. And, as a bonus you will usually spend lunchtimes in charming towns and villages – not at uninspiring motorway service stops!

Unique hotels

Superb locations



View our
CastelBrando
video



A beautifully renovated 'Sassi' Cave in ancient Matera

Where you stay is important

At Albatross Tours we believe your European experience should be enhanced with memorable stays in unique, historic hotels steeped in local character. We avoid large impersonal properties, and our small group size means we can instead hand select, smaller, charming hotels. We choose our hotels because they have 'memories'. Each room may have its own individual style and character, and you will always have quality, private facilities.



Stay in the historic Leeds Castle



Auberge du Jeu de Paume in Chantilly



Magnificent CastelBrando, set high in the Prosecco Hills



A historic 'Rorbuer' Fisherman's cabin in the Lofoten Islands

Styles to suit

All our hotels have been hand-picked for their quality, facilities and ambience which adds an enriching experience to your holiday.

There are two tours which offer a unique style of accommodation. The Swiss Grandeur Luxury Tour features exquisite 5-star hotels throughout while Crossroads of Balkan Empires featuring Romania & Transylvania, Serbia and Bulgaria showcases the best available accommodation in each destination.

Hotels are listed on each itinerary so you can research them further at your leisure or begin dreaming of the memorable places that await.

A warm welcome awaits

Many of our selected properties have been family owned for generations. How nice to be personally welcomed by the hotel owners who take pride in what they offer. Perfect for our longer stays.

Solo travellers

Travelling alone? Single rooms in Europe can vary greatly in size and comfort so we ensure your comfort by always offering double rooms for single use.



Time to wander in Domme, France

Relax and explore at your own pace

At Albatross Tours we believe your European experience can be greatly enhanced by ensuring you enjoy 'My Time'. Whilst our specially designed itineraries are always packed with exciting activities, we also make sure you have quality free time for yourself.

Time to immerse yourself in each destination. Time to linger over a coffee, mingle with locals and wander cobblestoned streets or discover your own local restaurant tucked away in the medieval village you are staying in. This free time is essential.

With our longer stays you are guaranteed 'My Time' on every Albatross tour... time to relax and savour Europe as it should be. That is the Albatross difference.



Soak up the atmosphere in a local café

Award-winning touring



Ride on the amazing Glacier Express



Enjoy a window seat and plenty of personal space

Spacious, first class local travel

Albatross Tours use first class, modern touring coaches with 40-45 seats. Even if your tour group is full with 28 travellers, you can be certain there will always be between 12 and 17 spare seats. What does this mean to you? Not only will you always enjoy more personal space and that essential extra 'elbow room' but you can usually expect to get your own private window seat and an empty seat beside you! Trust us, when travelling through Europe you will relish the uninterrupted, magical views you will always get.

Onboard our coaches you will experience high quality reclining seats, spacious leg room, air-conditioning, additional luggage space, great sound insulation and comfortable suspension. Our coaches also feature 2 doors to make it easier to get on and off the coach, and of course on-board toilets for emergencies.

More than a coach tour

Albatross Tours are cleverly designed for today's traveller and so it goes without saying we also include other fantastic transport styles including cable cars and special scenic trains like the Glacier Express. Plus there are river cruises like on the Danube and boat travel to Corfu and so many other enjoyable forms of transport, even a horse and buggy ride!

Our expert Tour Managers

Our professional, highly experienced Tour Managers are passionate about providing the very best touring experience that you can imagine. With a reputation for being some of the finest in the business, they'll attend to your needs, share their knowledge, join in the fun, and take care of every detail to ensure your holiday runs smoothly.

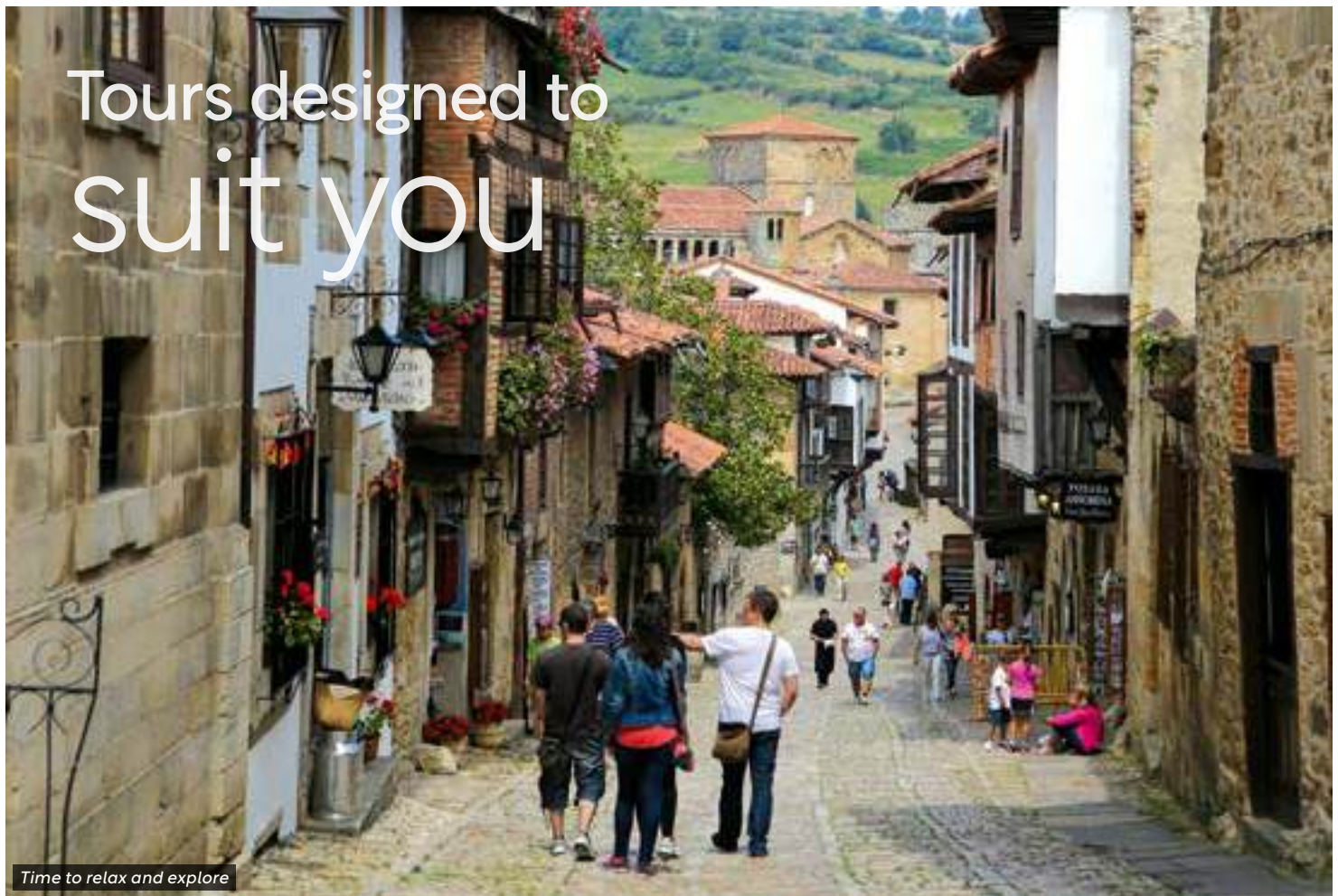
And, because Albatross Tours are so inclusive, your Tour Manager won't be concerned with 'selling' optional extras or taking you to 'special' stores. Their only interest is being friendly, helpful and knowledgeable travelling companions and guides; which is why they receive such overwhelming praise from our guests.



Gilberto Bionda, one of our passionate tour managers



Meet a selection of Tour Managers at
albatrosstours.com/tour-managers
or scan the QR code.



Time to relax and explore



Enjoy personal service and exclusive Albatross experiences



Travel First Class on the Glacier Express, enjoying a two-course lunch amidst stunning scenery

For New Zealand and Australian travellers

Each and every one of our tours has been designed especially for you – New Zealanders and Australians. Like-minded travellers who travel further and seek a more fulfilling experience in Europe. From the choice of dates and seasons we travel in, the choice of hotel or restaurant – each is meticulously researched and tested. Of course our longer stays mean less time on the coach and we can really **experience** the locations we travel so far to see.

Extend your stay, enhance your journey

Many of our guests choose to arrive a day or two early or linger a little longer after the tour concludes. Whether you want to shake off the jet lag or soak up the final moments of your destination, our team is on hand to seamlessly arrange these extensions for you.

Luxury amidst the Alps

With a strictly limited group of just **20 travellers**, enjoy an intimate atmosphere and unparalleled service on an Albatross Luxury Collection tour of Switzerland. The Swiss Grandeur tour features a collection of stays at glorious properties that are world-class destinations in their own right, including:

- **The Tschuggen Grand Hotel, Arosa:** A sanctuary of contemporary design and alpine wellness.
- **The Chedi, Andermatt:** A masterpiece of sleek, Asian-inspired elegance in the heart of the Swiss Alps.

Experience the pinnacle of Switzerland, where your hotels are as spectacular as the scenery. See page 64.

Your loyalty rewarded



Following your first Albatross tour you will receive complimentary membership to Albatross Club with the following benefits:

- \$200 per person saving on any European Summer Tour
- Albatross Club e-newsletter
- Invitation to join Albatross Club exclusive tour departures
- Priority access to Albatross Traveller gatherings



After you have completed three Albatross tours you will receive a complimentary upgrade to Albatross Sapphire Club, with these benefits:

- \$400 per person saving on any European Summer Tour
- Albatross Sapphire Club e-newsletter
- An invitation to join Albatross Club exclusive tour departures
- Exclusive Albatross Sapphire Club gatherings
- Priority access to Albatross Traveller gatherings



COME SHARE OUR LOVE OF ITALY

Ahhh Italy, so many diverse regions and highlights! We had to put the wonderful choices on a map for you and there are seven gorgeous options. There are options for the first time traveller, taking in the famous towns and regions and more remote itineraries that showcase those tucked-away corners. Whichever suits you best, you know with Albatross there will be longer stays and you will feel as though you've really had time to enjoy yourself. And if you just aren't sure, our team of European travel specialists can assist you with your choice.

Andiamo!





Italian Grande



FIRST TIME
TO ITALY
FAVOURITE



Stresa at dusk, courtesy of Albatross Traveller, James Burton

Explore Italy's evocative regions as you travel from Milan to Rome discovering regional delights and stunning scenery along the way. Cruise on Lake Como, stay in a dreamy Italian castle, stroll the romantic canals of Venice and explore the idyllic villages of the Cinque Terre. Indulge in local Tuscan delights, walk beautifully preserved medieval towns and of course, stay on the Amalfi Coast.



2-night stay at Hotel Castel Brando



Take a ferry ride to Capri



Day 1 Milan/Stresa. From Milan, travel to Stresa. Welcome drink and dinner at your delightful hotel beside Lake Maggiore. **4-night stay at La Palma Hotel, Stresa or similar. D**

Day 2 Villa Carlotta and Lake Como cruise. Full day sightseeing included. **B, D**

Day 3 Macugnaga and lakeside Orta San Giulio. Mountain views and lakeside delights, full day exploring by coach. **B**

Day 4 Islands of Maggiore. Private boat cruise and guided tour of Borromeo Palace and Gardens. **B**

Day 5 Lake Garda and CastelBrando. Coach travel to CastelBrando via Lake Garda. **2-night stay at Hotel CastelBrando, Cison di Valmarino or similar. B, D**

Day 6 Venice sightseeing. Private boat cruise to St. Mark's Square, guided walking tour and 'My Time'. **B, D**

Day 7 Montecatini Terme, Tuscany. Travel to Montecatini Terme. Dinner at a local farmhouse estate. **5-night stay at Hotel Ercolini & Savi, Montecatini Terme or similar. B, D**

Day 8 Florence sightseeing and 'My Time'. Travel to Florence and enjoy a morning local guided tour. The afternoon is 'My Time' in Florence. **B, D**

Day 9 Medieval Lucca, Pisa and Olive Oil tasting. Discover the medieval city of Lucca, visit Pisa's Cathedral, Baptistery and Camposanto, sample Tuscan wines and olive oil and enjoy a light dinner at a local farmhouse. **B, D**

Day 10 Cinque Terre sightseeing. Enjoy a coastal boat ride to see the spectacular scenery, visit Porto Venere and Monterosso and travel by train to Levanto. **B, D**

Day 11 'My Time' in Tuscany. Explore more or relax and watch the world go by on your last night in Tuscany. **B**

Day 12 San Gimignano, Siena and Spoleto. Enjoy a lunch at leisure in medieval Siena, before heading to Umbria and ancient Spoleto. **2-night stay at Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto. B, D**

Day 13 Assisi sightseeing & 'My Time' in Spoleto. Spend the morning discovering Assisi with a local guide before returning to Spoleto. **B**

Day 14 Ancient Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast. Explore Pompeii with a local guide, then it's off to the spectacular Amalfi coast. **3-night stay at Reginna Palace Hotel Maiori or similar. B, D**

Day 15 Ferry ride to Isle of Capri. Enjoy a ferry ride to the Isle of Capri, where a local guided bus tour takes you to Anacapri, with 'My Time' to enjoy. **B, D**

Day 16 Amalfi Coast cruise. A morning cruise from Minori along the dramatic coast, 'My Time' in Minori, late afternoon spent discovering Ravello. **B**

Day 17 Villa Adriana and Rome. Visit the imposing Villa Adriana, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and enjoy a farewell dinner in Rome. **1-night stay at Best Western Premier Hotel Royal Santina, Rome. B, D**

Day 18 Rome. Your tour ends after breakfast. **B**



Discover more

Inclusions

29 meals including breakfast daily **B** and 12 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Private boat on Lake Maggiore and Lake Como
- Private boat in Venice to St Mark's Square
- Cruises in Cinque Terre and Capri
- Explore the gardens of Villa Carlotta
- Locally guided tour of Florence
- Visit Pisa
- Amalfi Coast private boat cruise
- Locally guided Assisi tour
- UNESCO site Villa Adriana
- Olive oil tasting in a Tuscan farmhouse

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
Mar 31	NZ\$17,734	NZ\$20,609
Apr 21	NZ\$17,734	NZ\$20,609
May 5	NZ\$18,359	NZ\$21,859
May 12	NZ\$18,984	NZ\$22,484
May 19	NZ\$18,359	NZ\$21,859
May 26	NZ\$17,734	NZ\$20,609
Sep 1	NZ\$18,984	NZ\$23,109
Sep 15	NZ\$18,359	NZ\$21,859
Sep 22	NZ\$18,359	NZ\$21,859
Sep 29	NZ\$18,359	NZ\$21,859
Oct 6	NZ\$17,734	NZ\$20,609

Italy, the Deep South and Sicily

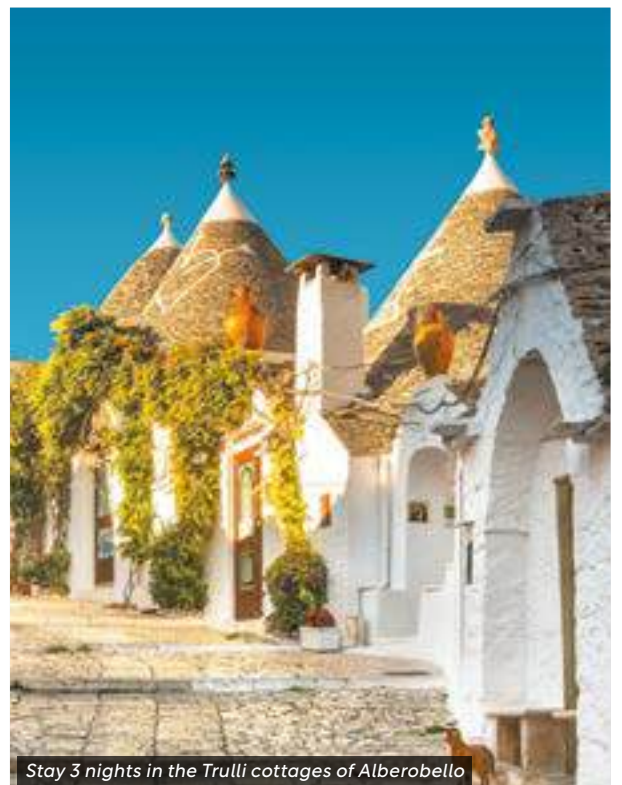


Stay 4 nights in beautiful Taormina, Sicily

Embark on a captivating exploration of the time-honoured villages and towns in Puglia and Matera, before venturing towards the magnificent island of Sicily. Visit beautiful Ortigia Island. Sleep in ancient Sassi caves of Matera and the delightful Trulli cottages of Alberobello. Stand on the highest active volcano in Europe, feast in mafia country and cruise to the Zingaro Marine Reserve... 'va bene'!



2-night stay at Le Grotte della Civita, Sassi caves



Stay 3 nights in the Trulli cottages of Alberobello



Day 1 Rome. Welcome drink and dinner in Rome, the Eternal City. 1-night stay at [Best Western Premier Hotel Royal Santina, Rome](#). **D**

Day 2 Alberobello, Puglia region. Drive across Italy's Apennine Mountains, to the delightful city of Alberobello with its whitewashed 'beehive' houses called 'Trulli'. 3-night stay in [Trulli Cottages, Alberobello](#). **B, D**

Day 3 Experience Alberobello. Walking tour, pasta making demonstration and lunch in a local orchard. 'My Time'. **B, L**

Day 4 Ancient Lecce and Ostuni. Morning walking tour of ancient Lecce. Visit 'La Città Bianca' (the 'white city') of Ostuni. **B**

Day 5 Polignano a Mare and Matera. Visit to Monopoli and beautiful Polignano a Mare, then travel to Matera. 2-night stay at [Le Grotte della Civita, Sassi Caves, Matera](#). **B, D**

Day 6 Matera sightseeing and 'My Time'. Guided tour of Matera. Visit to La Casa Grotta followed by 'My Time'. **B**

Day 7 Cross the Strait of Messina to Sicily. Drive across Calabria, then Ferry across the Mediterranean to Sicily. 4-night stay at [Excelsior Palace Hotel, Taormina](#). **B, D**

Day 8 'My Time' in Taormina. 'My Time' in Taormina to relax or explore. **B**

Day 9 Ancient ruins of Syracuse and Ortigia Island. Visit to Syracuse and Ortigia Island. Guided tour of Greek and Roman ruins and the 'Ear of Dionysius' cavern. **B**

Day 10 Mt Etna adventure and lunch. Drive up Mount Etna to Sapienza Refuge. Cable car and 4WD bus ride to viewing crater area. Lunch in 'Godfather' famous Forza d'Agrò. **B, L**

Day 11 Piazza Armerina and Agrigento. Visit to Piazza Armerina and UNESCO Villa Romana del Casale. Travel onwards to Agrigento. 2-night stay at [The Colleverde Park Hotel, Agrigento](#). **B, D**

Day 12 Valley of the Temples and Mandranova. Guided tour of the UNESCO Valley of the Temples. Olive oil tasting and light lunch at Mandranova. **B, L**

Day 13 Sciacca and lunch at Vittorio's. Visit to Sciacca and lunch at famous Vittorio's restaurant. 3-night stay at [Baglio Oneto Resort near Marsala](#). **B, L, D**

Day 14 Temple ruins at Segesta and Erice. Visit to Temple ruins at Segesta and to Erice. Time to wander through Erice. Evening wine tasting. **B, D**

Day 15 Zingaro marine nature reserve cruise. Morning coffee stop at Castellammare del Golfo. Scenic cruise through the Zingaro marine nature reserve. **B, D**

Day 16 Palermo sightseeing and 'Farewell to Sicily' dinner. Guided tour of Palermo and visit the Palatine Chapel. 'Farewell to Sicily' dinner. 1-night stay at [Hotel Principe di Villafranca, Palermo](#). **B, D**

Day 17 Palermo. Your tour ends after breakfast. **B**

Inclusions

29 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 4 lunches **L**, 9 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Cable car and 4WD bus to Mount Etna
- Cruise the Zingaro marine reserve
- Baglio Oneto wine tasting
- Lunch at Vittorio's famous restaurant
- Lunch & olive oil tasting at Mandranova
- Olive Oil farm
- Valley of the Temples locally guided tour

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 12	NZ\$17,484	NZ\$21,609
Jun 9	NZ\$17,484	NZ\$21,609
Sep 1	NZ\$17,484	NZ\$21,609
Sep 15	NZ\$17,484	NZ\$21,609
Sep 29	NZ\$17,484	NZ\$21,609



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Sardinia & Corsica, the Lands of Myths & Legends



Stay 2 nights in the clifftop town of Bonifacio

Two islands, so different, so intriguing! One Italian, one French, both fiercely independent. Visit 3,500 year old stone 'Nuraghe' Tower villages, cruise to Neptune's Caves, enjoy cliff-top coastal drives, take 4WDs deep into rugged ravines for a Shepherd's Picnic lunch. Visit colourful Bosa, 'bandit' Orgosolo, Catalan Alghero, the cliff top town of Bonifacio, Napoleon's Ajaccio and 3 nights in remarkable Su Gologone.



Take in the sunset in Alghero



Morning scenery of a citadel in Corte, Corsica



Boat ride to Girolata Bay



Your breakfast view at Su Gologone



Try a 4WD adventure and Shepherd's Lunch

● Tour commences ● 3 Nights ● Included excursions

Day 1 Cagliari. Welcome drink and dinner. 2-night stay at Hotel Regina Margherita, Cagliari. D

Day 2 National Archaeological Museum and 'My Time'. Guided tour of the museum, the Cathedral, and Bastione di Saint Remy's stunning bay views, followed by 'My Time'. B

Day 3 Su Nuraxi and wine tasting. Guided tour of UNESCO World Heritage listed Su Nuraxi. Wine tasting, scenic travel to our 'experience hotel'.

3-night stay at Hotel Su Gologone, Oliena. B, L, D

Day 4 Supramonte Mountains and 'My Time'. 4WD the Supramonte mountains, visit a Nuraghe site and enjoy a Shepherd's Picnic. Bellissimo! The rest of the day is free in our 'experience hotel'. B, L

Day 5 Orgosolo. Leisurely start, walk to natural springs of Sorgente Su Gologone. So picturesque! Lunch time at Orgosolo – known as 'City of Murderers'. Wine tasting and bread-making display. B, D

Day 6 Bosa and Alghero. Visit Nuoro before lunch in medieval Bosa. Scenic cliff-top drive to Alghero and traditional Sardinian dinner. 2-night stay at Hotel Catalunya, Alghero. B, D

Day 7 Cruise or Cliff walk and 'My Time'. The choice of a cruise to Neptune's Caves or a cliff walk to descend the 'escala del cabirol' (goat's steps). 'My Time' in Alghero. B

Day 8 Castelsardo and Bonifacio. Leisurely start and picturesque Castelsardo. Travel across the water to Corsica, France. Dinner at a local restaurant. 2-night stay at Hotel Santa Teresa, Bonifacio. B, D

Day 9 'My Time' in Bonifacio. After a walking tour of the clifftop citadel, relax or explore, the choice is yours. B

Day 10 Medieval Sartène, Propriano and a scenic drive. Charming Sartène and lunch at leisure in the coastal town of Propriano. Travel to Ajaccio. 2-night stay at Best Western Plus Hotel Ajaccio Amiraute, Ajaccio. B, D

Day 11 Napoleon's home and 'My Time'. Guided walking tour of Ajaccio, famous birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte, followed by 'My Time'. B

Day 12 Scenic train ride, Corte, and Calvi. Scenic train ride to Corte's historical museum and ramparts. Travel to bayside Calvi. Guided walking tour then wine and produce tasting before 'My Time'. 3-night stay at Hôtel L'Abbaye Calvi. B

Day 13 Scandola Reserve boat trip & 'My Time' in Calvi. Boat ride from Galeria past cliffs and calanques of UNESCO World Heritage listed Scandola Nature Reserve, in the Gulf of Girolata. 'My Time' in Calvi. B, L

Day 14 'My Time' in Calvi and L'île Rousse. Relax and explore Calvi at your own pace this morning, then spend lunchtime at leisure in the French port of L'île Rousse. Farewell dinner in a local restaurant. B, D

Day 15 Calvi to Bastia. Your tour ends today after breakfast. B

Note on departing Corsica: We provide a scheduled group transfer to Bastia airport/ferry or choose to take a short taxi ride to Calvi airport (arrange & pay taxi locally). If you use the group transfer please ensure your flight/ferry departs after 1pm.

Inclusions

24 meals including breakfast daily B, 3 lunches L and 7 evening meals D, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Exploring Su Nuraxi Nuraghe
- 4WD excursion to Supramonte Mountains and Shepherd's Picnic lunch
- Train ride to Corte
- Neptune's Cave cruise
- Scandola Nature Reserve boat trip

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 2	NZ\$14,984	NZ\$18,109
May 23	NZ\$15,359	NZ\$18,484
Aug 29	NZ\$15,859	NZ\$18,984
Sep 19	NZ\$15,359	NZ\$18,484



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Sicily, Malta & Aeolian Islands



Stay 4 nights in Valletta, Malta

Stay on 4 Mediterranean islands – Lipari, Ortigia, Sicily, and Malta. Cruise to Panarea, Vulcano island & Stromboli and witness fiery eruptions. Stroll the baroque Noto, Ragusa Ibla and Scicli. In Malta, stay four nights in beautiful Valletta, visit Gozo, the Blue Grotto and 5,000-year-old temples. Enjoy lazy meals on seaside terraces, in classic restaurants and unusual locations in the Sicilian countryside.



Enjoy 4 nights in Lipari



Spend 3 nights in Modica



Jump on a motorboat to cruise around the rugged cliffs and into the Blue Grotto



Explore the rich volcanic Aeolian Islands, with their colourful buildings



● Tour commences ● 3 Nights ● Included excursions

Day 1 Palermo. Welcome drink and dinner. 1-night stay at Hotel Principe di Villafranca, Palermo. **D**

Day 2 Cefalù, Lipari, Aeolian Islands. Travel to Cefalù and Milazzo for a hydrofoil to Lipari, to our seashore hotel. 4-night stay at Hotel Rocce Azzurre, Lipari. **B, D**

Day 3 Lipari & 'My Time' in Marina Corta. Guided walking tour of Castello di Lipari, visit Cathedral of St Bartholomew, Norman Cloisters. 'My Time' in Marina Corta, seaside terrace dinner. **B, D**

Day 4 Vulcano panoramic tour and 'My Time'. Visit nearby island, Vulcano, coach tour and 'My Time'. Lipari afternoon 'My Time' before seaside terrace dinner. **B, D**

Day 5 Aeolian Islands cruise, Panarea & Stromboli. Leisurely morning, lunch included at our hotel, cruise the Tyrrhenian Sea to Panarea and Stromboli, swim off the boat. San Vincenzo for dinner at leisure. **B, L**

Day 6 Forza d'Agro and Ortigia. Hydrofoil to Milazzo, coastline drive to 'Godfather' famous Forza d'Agro. 'Italian style' lunch. 2-night stay at Algila Ortigia Charme Hotel, Ortigia or similar. **B, L**

Day 7 Syracuse and Ortigia 'My Time'. Guided tour of Syracuse's UNESCO Heritage listed ruins, 'Ear of Dionysius' cavern. Return to Ortigia Island, to Piazza del Duomo, Mercato di Ortigia food markets, 'My Time'. **B**

Day 8 Noto, Torre Marabino and Modica. Explore Noto, gourmet farmhouse restaurant lunch at Torre Marabino, specialising in Sicilian cuisine. Modica for 'My Time'. 3-night stay at Modica Inn Centro, Modica Bassa. **B, L**

Day 9 Modica. Guided walking tour of Modica, Cathedral of San Giorgio. Church of San Pietro, Antica Dolceria Bonajuto, Cioccolato di Modica tasting. 'My Time'. Dinner in a local restaurant. **B, D**

Day 10 Ragusa, 'My Time' and Scicli. Ragusa Ibla morning at the grand Duomo di San Giorgio. Afternoon 'My Time' in Modica, Scicli for dinner at leisure. **B**

Day 11 Valletta, Malta. Drive to Pozzallo then hydrofoil to Valletta, Malta. 4-night stay at Palais Le Brun Hotel, Valletta. **B**

Day 12 Valletta city tour and 'My Time'. Guided walking tour of Valletta. St John's Co-Cathedral, Malta Experience. 'My Time'. Traditional Maltese dinner. **B, D**

Day 13 Gozo, Victoria citadel and Xlendi. Ferry with Maltese guide across to Mgarr on Gozo, with crystal clear swimming, also known as Homer's legendary Island of Calypso. 'Game of Thrones' Citadel. Lunch in harbourside Xlendi. Ferry to Malta, 'My Time' in Valletta. **B**

Day 14 Ancient Haġar Qim, Marsaxlokk and Mdina. Guided tour of Haġar Qim and Mnajdra. Motorboat to the Blue Grotto. Lunch in Marsaxlokk. 'My Time' in Valletta, 'Silent City' of Mdina for farewell dinner. **B, D**

Day 15 Valletta, Malta. Your tour ends this morning after breakfast. **B**

Inclusions

24 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 3 lunches **L** and 7 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Personal audio systems in Sicily only. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- An Aeolian Islands cruise
- Vulcano island
- Gourmet farmhouse restaurant lunch
- St John's Co-Cathedral and Malta Experience
- Gozo, the Haġar Qim and Mnajdra stone temples
- Blue Grotto boat ride

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 21	NZ\$13,359	NZ\$16,984
Jun 18	NZ\$13,359	NZ\$16,984
Aug 27	NZ\$13,359	NZ\$16,984
Sep 10	NZ\$13,359	NZ\$16,984



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Tuscany & Umbria – Echoes of the Etruscans



Drive through idyllic Tuscan landscapes to the town of Pienza

Discover what is hidden in the remarkable regions of Tuscany and Umbria. Step into a land where history is etched into the landscape. From the ancient echoes of Etruscan tombs and catacomb labyrinths to the dramatic heights of cities perched atop sheer cliffs, this is a journey through some of Italy's best-kept secrets. Discover the whimsy of a park filled with stone monsters, the thunder of a colossal man-made waterfall, and the refined elegance of the Val d'Orcia – where the undulating hills once inspired the masters of the Renaissance. Unspoiled, unexpected, and utterly delightful!



Explore the hilltop town of Civita di Bagnoregio



Relax with 'My Time' in the hilltop town of Cortona



Day 1 Rome. Welcome drink and dinner. 1-night stay at the Best Western Premier Hotel Royal Santina, Rome. **D**

Day 2 Lands of the Etruscans. We journey north to Tarquinia for a locally guided tour of the Etruscan Necropolis and National Etruscan Museum. These make excellent introductions to the history of the region. We travel on to Villa Lante Gardens before our arrival in Orvieto. Our dinner tonight is a truly special experience. 3-night stay at the Hotel Palazzo Piccolomini, Orvieto. **B, D**

Day 3 Walking tour & 'My Time' in Orvieto. A leisurely start before a walking tour of Orvieto and visit to the Cathedral. The rest of the day is 'My Time' in Orvieto. **B**

Day 4 Park of Monsters and a lazy lunch! We stop at the Sacro Bosco in Bomarzo (Parco dei Mostri). Lunch is a long, lazy affair in the Lazio countryside. The rest of your day and evening is free in Orvieto. **B, L**

Day 5 Civita di Bagnoregio, Pitigliano and the 'Via Cava'. The outside of the perched town of Civita di Bagnoregio is truly extraordinary, matched by the interior with picture-perfect stone buildings, views, squares and cafés! Then to the town of Pitigliano and the mysterious Via Cava trails! 4-night stay at Grand Hotel Excelsior, Chianciano Terme. **B, D**

Day 6 Perugia, the Rocca and Collegio del Cambio. A local guide takes us by escalator up into the dramatic 'Rocca'. We visit the Collegio del Cambio and Cathedral before a relaxed evening in Chianciano Terme. **B**

Day 7 Cortona and dinner with an extraordinary view! We have 'My Time' in hilltop Cortona featured in 'Under the Tuscan Sun' with a free afternoon back at Chianciano Terme. Wine and cheese tasting is followed by dinner in a farmhouse in Val d'Orcia. **B, D**

Day 8 Stunning Montepulciano and Pienza in the Val d'Orcia. We start in Montepulciano, then spend lunchtime in Pienza. Later we follow the ancient pilgrimage route Via Francigena to the unique town of Bagno Vignoni. **B, D**

Day 9 Medieval Todi & Marmore Waterfalls. We head into Umbria and Todi, overlooking the River Tiber. Visit the world's highest man-made waterfalls – created by the Romans and 165m tall! Our farewell dinner, complete with wine tasting, is in the 600-year-old cellars of a local vineyard. 1-night stay at Park Hotel Villa Potenziani, Rieti. **B, D**

Day 10 To Rome. After breakfast journey to central Rome and Fiumicino airport. Please book flights departing after 2pm. **B**



Inclusions

16 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 1 lunch on a tree shaded terrace overlooking the Lazio countryside **L** and 6 evening meals including one in a labyrinth of ancient Etruscan caves, one in a Val d'Orcia farmhouse and private farewell dinner in a vineyard **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Underground Etruscan tombs
- Villa Lante cascading gardens
- The Sacro Bosco / Parco dei Mostri
- Civita di Bagnoregio experience
- Etruscan Via Cava walk
- Val d'Orcia wine tasting
- Pecorino cheese tasting
- Marmore Falls

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 29	NZ\$8,984	NZ\$10,109
Sep 18	NZ\$8,984	NZ\$10,109



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Italy, Off The Beaten Track



Stay 2 nights in Spoleto

Explore the 'alternative' Italy, the eastern side of the Apennine Mountains. Your journey begins in Mira, the perfect spot to enjoy Venice, the famed floating city. From here, travel to what is arguably the gastronomic capital and enjoy a three-night stay in Bologna, a city also famed for its UNESCO-recognised medieval porticos.

Marvel at the glittering, extraordinary mosaics of Ravenna before ascending by cable car to the heights of the Republic of San Marino. Journey into the heart of the Renaissance in Urbino, a UNESCO World Heritage gem defined by its monumental Ducal Palace. Retreat for another three nights to a charming 16th-century palazzo in Ascoli Piceno, tucked away in the untouched beauty of Le Marche. We traverse the cinematic Gran Sasso plateau to find serenity amidst the cascading fountains and sumptuous gardens of Villa d'Este in Tivoli!



Stay 3 nights in Bologna, the gourmet heart of Italy



Ride on a cable car to San Marino



Day 1 Mira. Venetian Villa welcome drink and dinner. 2-night stay at Hotel Villa Franceschi, Mira. **D**

Day 2 Beautiful Vicenza, Palladian Villas and 'My Time' in Venice. A leisurely start with a drive to Vicenza and your locally guided tour includes Palladio's masterpieces. After free time we return to our Villa before an early evening boat into Venice and 'My Time'. **B**

Day 3 Padua's magnificent Giotto frescoes and Bologna. A locally guided tour of Padua and journey south to Bologna. Tonight enjoy dinner in Italy's gourmet capital. 3-night stay at Savhotel Aemilia, Bologna. **B, D**

Day 4 Guided walking tour of Bologna and 'My Time'. A locally guided tour of Bologna including visit to the Anatomical Theatre before 'My Time' to enjoy the city. **B**

Day 5 Ferrara with lunch at Emilia Romagna. A locally guided tour of Ferrara followed by a relaxed lunch. 'My Time' back in Bologna this evening. **B, L**

Day 6 Ravenna and Pesaro on the Adriatic Coast. A locally guided tour of Ravenna with free time before we head south, and reach the coast, arriving in Pesaro. 3-night stay at Charlie Hotel, Pesaro. **B, D**

Day 7 San Marino, 'My Time' and Mondaino Pecorino. A local guide takes us by cable car to San Marino, among the smallest countries in the world. The afternoon is a visit to Mondaino for Pecorino cheese tasting. Dinner tonight is in a local village trattoria. **B, D**

Day 8 Mussolini's Bar Furlo and Raphael's Urbino. We start at Mussolini's favourite café, Bar Furlo before heading to Raffaello's home town of Urbino for a guided tour. Afternoon and evening is 'My Time' in Pesaro. **B**

Day 9 'Le Marche', Jesi and Macerata. A beautiful drive through Le Marche region with an afternoon stop at Macerata before arriving in Ascoli Piceno. 3-night stay at Hotel Palazzo Guiderocchi, Ascoli Piceno. **B, D**

Day 10 Ascoli Piceno and 'My Time'. A locally guided tour of Ascoli Piceno including the glorious Duomo before 'My Time'. **B**

Day 11 Lovely Offida and the Adriatic coast. We visit the 'lace town' of Offida and the catacombs before a visit to Grottammare. **B, D**

Day 12 Santo Stefano and Spoleto. Drive into the Apennines to the hilltop town of Santo Stefano di Sessanio with 'My Time' before arriving in Spoleto. 2-night stay at Dei Duchi Hotel, Spoleto. **B, D**

Day 13 Explore Assisi and 'My Time' in Spoleto. Locally guided walking tour of Assisi with time to visit the Basilica of St Francis with its magnificent frescoes. Return to Spoleto for an afternoon at leisure. **B**

Day 14 Tivoli and Villa d'Este. Locally guided tour of Tivoli including the gardens of Villa d'Este. Our farewell dinner in Frascati promises to be memorable! 1-night stay at Villa Tuscolana Park, Frascati. **B, D**

Day 15 To Rome. After breakfast we transfer to the centre of Rome and to Fiumicino airport. We recommend you book flights that depart after 1pm. **B**

Inclusions

23 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 1 lunch in a local trattoria **L** and 8 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Walking tour of Vicenza
- Locally guided tours of Bologna, Padua, Ravenna, Assisi, Tivoli's Villa d'Este.
- Cable car up to the tiny country of San Marino with a local guide
- Pecorino cheese tasting
- Scenic drive through 'Le Marche' region
- Ducal Palace & Mussolini's Bar Furlo
- Offida with entrances to the catacombs, museum and Opera theatre

2027 Departures and Prices

May 19
Sep 1

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 19	NZ\$14,109	NZ\$16,984
Sep 1	NZ\$14,109	NZ\$16,984



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Italian Lakes & Tuscany



Stay 3 nights in Bardolino

Soak up the atmosphere of Italy's famous lakes plus the highlights of Cinque Terre & Lucca!

Stresa is our gateway to Lake Maggiore's Borromean Islands and opulent botanical gardens. In Genoa, explore the winding medieval alleys and grand palaces. Take to the sea and cruise the dramatic coastline to seductive Portofino and the hidden Abbey of San Fruttuoso, a secluded treasure accessible only by boat. We experience the vibrant, cliff-clinging villages of the Cinque Terre overlooking the turquoise Ligurian Sea. Move inland for a four-night stay in Tuscany. Continue to Lake Garda for a three-night stay in Bardolino. Finally, enjoy a two-night stay in Vicenza, immersing yourself in the sophisticated Palladian architecture and refined culture of the Veneto region.



Visit Orta San Giulio



Visit Romeo and Juliet's Verona



Day 1 Meet in Milan at 2pm to transfer to Stresa.

This evening enjoy a welcome drink and dinner.

4-night stay at the Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa. D

Day 2 Scenic train & Ascona. We drive to Domodossola where we board the famous Centovalli Express train which runs through the 'Hundred Valleys' to Locarno. Enjoy time in Ascona before the return scenic drive. **B, D**

Day 3 Island of Isola Bella and lakeside Orta San Giulio. A private boat to Isola Bella and guided tour of Borromeo Villa & Gardens. An afternoon visit to the village of Orta San Giulio on Lake Orta. **B**

Day 4 Private boat cruise on Lake Como to Bellagio. Evening at leisure in Stresa. **B**

Day 5 Genoa. Arriving in Genoa we enjoy a guided 'street food' walking tour. **2-night stay at Grand Hotel Savoia, Genoa. B, D**

Day 6 Santa Margherita Ligure, Portofino and the Abbey of San Fruttuoso. We board a boat in Rapallo, pause in Santa Margherita Ligure and continue along the Liguria coastline to Portofino, and later by boat to the Abbey of San Fruttuoso. **B**

Day 7 Cruise the coast of Cinque Terre. We visit the villages of Vernazza and Portovenere. We journey on to Tuscany. Tonight enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. **4-night stay at Hotel Ilaria, Lucca or Hotel Montecatini Palace, Montecatini Terme. B, D**

Day 8 Pisa and 'My Time'. Visit Pisa's Cathedral, Baptistery and Camposanto before 'My Time'. An evening olive oil and wine tasting with dinner at a farmhouse estate. **B, D**

Day 9 Florence sightseeing and 'My Time'! A locally guided tour of this truly beautiful city including a guided visit to the Accademia Gallery, home to Michelangelo's 'David'. 'My Time' allows you to explore at your own pace. **B**

Day 10 Lucca. Relax before a tasting lunch and 'My Time' in Lucca. **B, L**

Day 11 Parmesan Cheese lunch and visit the Ferrari Museum.

Visit a local cheese producer before a fantastic visit to the Ferrari Museum at Maranello. We continue on to Bardolino, on Lake Garda. **3-night stay at Hotel Caesius Thermae & Spa Resort, Lake Garda. B, L, D**

Day 12 Salò & Wine Tasting. A morning visit to Salò. Wander the promenade at your own pace. Wine tasting at Redaelli de Zinis with lunch before 'My Time' back at our hotel. **B, L**

Day 13 'My Time' at Lake Garda. A day entirely at your leisure in this wonderful location. **B, D**

Day 14 Verona. A locally guided tour including a visit to the Roman Amphitheatre, a spectacular open-air theatre. **2-night stay at Villa Michelangelo, Vicenza. B, D**

Day 15 Vicenza. A locally guided walking tour followed by 'My Time'. This afternoon we visit a local vineyard for wine tasting. Farewell dinner at our hotel. **B, D**

Day 16 To Venice. After breakfast we transfer to Venice Marco Polo airport and Venice Mestre train station. We recommend you book flights and trains that depart after 1pm. **B**



Inclusions

27 meals including breakfast daily **B**, lunch in Lucca, Parmesan cheese tasting with a light lunch, wine tasting and lunch at Redaelli de Zinis **L** plus 9 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Panoramic Centovalli Express train
- Borromeo Villa & Gardens on the island of Isola Bella
- Private boat cruise on Lake Como to Bellagio
- Boat cruise to Santa Margherita Ligure and Portofino
- Boat cruise along the Cinque Terre to visit Vernazza and Portovenere
- Olive Oil tasting & dinner in the Tuscan countryside
- Guided walking tours in Florence, Verona & Vicenza
- Accademia Gallery in Florence
- Parmesan Cheese tasting
- Guided tour of the Ferrari Museum at Maranello
- Wine tasting & lunch at Redaelli de Zinis wine estate

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 10	NZ\$16,234	NZ\$19,359
Jun 7	NZ\$16,234	NZ\$19,359
Sep 13	NZ\$16,234	NZ\$19,359
Oct 18	NZ\$16,234	NZ\$19,359



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COME SHARE OUR LOVE OF FRANCE

France – a country of endless elegance and natural beauty! To help you navigate its wonderful diversity, we've added three new exquisite itineraries. Of course we visit Corsica too, which is paired beautifully with Sardinia (see page 24).

Whichever path you choose, the hallmark of your Albatross experience remains: leisurely paced itineraries with longer stays of three and four nights, ensuring you truly settle in and savour the local lifestyle. If you find yourself spoilt for choice, our dedicated team of European travel specialists is always on hand to help you...



La Grande France



Itinerary updated
for 2027!

Wander the picturesque passageways of Carcassonne

Embark on a captivating journey through five alluring regions of France, the graceful châteaux of the Loire Valley, the Dordogne, the land of the Cathars in Languedoc Roussillon, Provence and the dramatic Calanques along the Côte d’Azur. Wonderful experiences including the extraordinary Carrières de Lumières, the caves of Gouffre de Padirac, wine tastings in the Loire Valley, Bordeaux and Châteauneuf-du-Pape and a Roquefort cheese tasting.



Discover Chateau de Chenonceau



Visit the picturesque town of Rocamadour



Day 1 Paris. Welcome drink and dinner. 1-night stay at Crowne Plaza Paris-Republique, Paris. **D**

Day 2 Paris to Loire Valley. Château de Chambord guided tour. 3-night stay at Château d'Artigny, Montbazou or similar. **B, D**

Day 3 Azay-le-Rideau, Château de Villandry and Tours. Visit the château, vineyard picnic lunch and wine tasting, the gardens of Château de Villandry, Old town of Tours. **B, L**

Day 4 Château de Chenonceau, Amboise. Visit Château de Chenonceau, and da Vinci's residence Château du Clos Lucé in Amboise. **B, D**

Day 5 Loire Valley to Bordeaux. 'My Time' in La Rochelle. 3-night stay at Hotel Burdigala, Bordeaux. **B, D**

Day 6 Bordeaux. Guided walking tour and 'My Time'. **B**

Day 7 Saint-Émilion. Guided tour and sparkling wine tasting. Vineyard lunch and wine tasting. **B, L**

Day 8 Périgueux and Lascaux. 'My Time' in Périgueux. Visit Lascaux IV museum, Sarlat-la-Canéda, in the Dordogne Valley. 3-night stay at Hotel Plaza Madeleine À Sarlat or similar. **B, D**

Day 9 Sarlat, River Dordogne Cruise and picturesque Domme. Locally guided day. Sarlat, known for its gastronomy. La Roque-Gageac barge ride down the Dordogne River. Domme 'My Time'. **B**

Day 10 Rocamadour & Gouffre de Padirac Caves. 'Pilgrimage town' of Rocamadour. Caves of the 'Gouffre de Padirac', 25 kilometres of galleries and chambers. Beautifully lit, experience a 500-metre boat ride into the 'Grand Dome'. 'My Time' in Sarlat. **B**

Day 11 Old town of Carcassonne and Pézenas. Guided tour of Carcassonne. 3-night stay at Garrigae Distillerie de Pézenas – Hôtellerie et Spa, Pézenas. **B, D**

Day 12 Pézenas. Guided walking tour followed by 'My Time'. **B**

Day 13 La Couvertoirade, Roquefort and the Millau Viaduct. Causse du Larzac region. Medieval La Couvertoirade. Visit Millau Viaduct and Museum. Roquefort guided cave tour and cheese tasting. **B**

Day 14 Aigues-Mortes and Nîmes. Camargue region and 'My Time' in Aigues-Mortes. Guided walking tour of Nîmes. 3-night stay at Hôtel La Magnaneraie, Villeneuve-lès-Avignon. **B, D**

Day 15 Avignon. Guided walking tour, 'My Time', dinner in a local wine estate in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. **B, D**

Day 16 Pont du Gard, Les Baux. Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct. Les Baux castle ruins and the Carrières de Lumières audio-visual underground show. **B**

Day 17 Cassis on the Côte d'Azur and Nice. Cruise along the Calanques and 'My Time' for lunch in Cassis. Journey to Nice, the 'Queen of the Riviera'. 3-night stay at Best Western Plus Massena, Nice. **B, D**

Day 18 'My Time' in Nice, Villa Ephrussi and Monaco. Nice 'My Time'. Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat to visit Rothschild's Villa Ephrussi, 'Le Petit train' ride to Monte Carlo, 'My Time' in Monaco's old town. **B**

Day 19 St Paul de Vence and Cannes. St Paul de Vence in the Provençal countryside. Cannes, old port town and promenade. Farewell dinner in a local Nice restaurant. **B, D**

Day 20 Nice on the Cote d'Azur. Your tour ends today after breakfast. **B**

Inclusions

31 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 2 lunches **L** and 10 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. 19 nights specially selected hotel accommodation. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Loire Valley & Bordeaux wine tastings
- Château de Villandry gardens
- Dordogne barge cruise
- Discover charming Pézenas
- Roquefort cheese tasting
- Avignon, City of the Popes
- Dine in a Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyard
- Calanques cruise

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 16	NZ\$21,234	NZ\$28,359
Sep 5	NZ\$21,234	NZ\$28,359
Sep 19	NZ\$21,234	NZ\$28,359



Discover more

Leisurely France

Bordeaux, Dordogne, La Rochelle & Loire Valley

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FOR 2027



Explore the medieval time capsule village of Sarlat-la-Canéda

Join us on a journey that celebrates grand châteaux, ancient cave art, vibrant cities and timeless villages. Utterly unique, with indulgent three and four night stays, this itinerary blends France's iconic highlights with extraordinary hidden gems.

Begin in UNESCO listed Bordeaux, step inside a colossal World War II submarine base to experience a breathtaking sound and light spectacular before heading to the Atlantic Coast to admire sweeping views and relax in elegant Arcachon. Visit Saint-Émilion and the unforgettable cave art of Lascaux IV before reaching the Dordogne for four magical nights in beautiful Sarlat-la-Canéda.

Discover sleepy villages, dramatic cliff dwellings at La Roque Saint Christophe, the prehistory of Les Eyzies, and the pilgrimage town of Rocamadour. Explore the graceful Château des Milandes, drift down the Dordogne River past medieval castles, and wander the panoramic hilltop village of Domme. Experience an underground boat ride through the astonishing Gouffre de Padirac.

Savour Cognac cellar tastings and XO ice cream, soak up the maritime charm of La Rochelle and the Île de Ré, then round it off in grand Loire Valley style with a three night stay in a 5-star Château. We include unforgettable visits to Chenonceau, Villandry, Azay le Rideau and Chambord – before a final Parisian farewell. Extraordinaire et Merveilleux!



Château du Clos Lucé



Day 1 Bordeaux. Welcome drink and dinner. **4-night stay at Hotel Burdigala, Bordeaux. D**

Day 2 Bordeaux, Château Smith Haut Lafitte. Walking tour Bordeaux. Leisurely lunch and wine tasting at the château. Evening at leisure in Bordeaux. **B, L**

Day 3 Arcachon & Grande Dune du Pilat. Bay of Biscay, visit the tallest sand dune in Europe. Views of Cap Ferrat. 'My Time' to try the oysters in Arcachon. **B**

Day 4 The extraordinary Bassins des Lumières, Cité du Vin, Bordeaux 'My Time' Incredible audio-visual show in WWII Nazi submarine base. Interactive wine museum visit and tasting. 'My Time' in Bordeaux. **B**

Day 5 Saint-Émilion, Lascaux IV Museum and Sarlat-la-Canéda. Enjoy a guided walking tour of Saint-Émilion including visits to the Cloisters of the Monastery and the hand carved Monolithic Church. Continue to visit the Lascaux IV Museum. Drive through the Dordogne Valley. **4-night stay at Plaza Madeleine Hotel & Spa, Sarlat-la-Canéda. B, D**

Day 6 Sarlat-la-Canéda Walking tour, Dordogne River Cruise, picturesque Domme. Guided morning walking tour of Sarlat. Afternoon wooden barge (Gabarres) cruise on the River Dordogne in La Roque-Gageac, and visit the village of Domme. Evening at leisure in Sarlat-la-Canéda. **B**

Day 7 Château des Milandes. La Roque Saint-Christophe & Les Eyzies. Visit Château des Milandes. Drive to Roque Saint-Christophe to visit the fabulous Cave dwelling, and continue on to the pretty village of Les Eyzies, to visit the Museum of Prehistory. Evening at leisure in Sarlat-la-Canéda. **B**

Day 8 Gouffre de Padirac, relaxing lunch and Rocamadour. Visit the astounding caves of Gouffre de Padirac. Enjoy a delightful restaurant lunch before visiting the 'pilgrimage town' of Rocamadour. **B, L**

Day 9 Royal Château de Cognac & tastings and Cognac ice cream. Spend time in the old town of Cognac, enjoy a guided tour of 500-year-old Royal Château de Cognac. Visit the cellars for tastings and enjoy a cone of XO Cognac ice cream at the Hennessy Cognac Visitor Centre! Afternoon continue to picturesque La Rochelle. **2-night stay at Maisons du Monde, La Rochelle. B**

Day 10 Île de Ré & La Rochelle. Morning drive to visit the tiny island of Île de Ré. Lunchtime is at leisure in the quintessential French seaside village of Saint-Martin-de-Ré with its UNESCO listed 17th-century star-shaped ramparts and fortifications. 'My Time' back in La Rochelle. **B**

Day 11 Chinon in the Loire Valley. Journey inland to reach the famous Loire Valley to enjoy a leisurely lunch stop in the historic town of Chinon before arriving at our superb 5-star château hotel. **3-night stay at Château d'Artigny, Montbazou. B, D**

Day 12 Azay-le-Rideau, Château de l'Aulée vineyard picnic, Château de Villandry Gardens. Visit the spectacular Château Azay-le-Rideau. At Château de l'Aulée we enjoy a delightful picnic lunch and wine tasting. Later we explore the gardens of Château de Villandry. This evening is at leisure for dinner in Tours. **B, L**

Day 13 Château Chenonceau, Amboise and da Vinci. Visit magnificent Châteaux Chenonceau. Afterwards explore the charming riverside town of Amboise. Included visit to da Vinci's residence – Château du Clos Lucé. **B, D**

Day 14 Magnificent Chambord and Paris farewell. Enjoy a guided tour through the magnificent Château de Chambord. As a finalé, we reach Paris for a farewell dinner. **1-night at Crowne Plaza Paris – République, Paris. B, D**

Day 15 Paris. Tour ends after breakfast. **B**

Inclusions

22 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 3 lunches **L** and 5 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Private picnic lunch at a Loire Valley château vineyard
- Bassins des Lumières digital art show
- Prehistoric cliff dwellings of La Roque Saint-Christophe
- Cognac tasting in the cellars of Château de Cognac
- Wine tastings in Bordeaux
- Leonardo da Vinci's home of Château du Clos Lucé
- Underground boat ride through Gouffre de Padirac
- Dordogne Barge Cruise

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 27	NZ\$18,359	NZ\$23,984
Sep 2	NZ\$18,359	NZ\$23,984
Sep 16	NZ\$18,359	NZ\$23,984



Discover more

Northern France

Normandy, Brittany, Loire Valley & Chantilly

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FOR 2027



Climb the majestic Mont-Saint-Michel

In the Loire Valley, a region famed for its Renaissance palaces, manicured gardens and rich royal heritage, you will stay in a 5-star Château. Wander through masterpieces like Chambord, Chenonceau and Villandry, enjoy a vineyard picnic.

To Brittany's rugged far west coast with cliff clinging castles and timeless villages to evocative châteaux and Normandy's beaches, cheeses and calvados. Discover ancient standing stones that pre-date the pyramids, medieval walled towns, island fortresses, cliff top sculptures and take a scenic cruise around a glittering bay, dotted with rugged islands. Josselin and Locronan will astound you, and from Quimper to Concarneau, Saint-Malo to Mont-Saint-Michel, each day will blend cultural gems with local flavours and relaxed 'My Time' moments. In Normandy, the moving D-Day sites bring to life stories of courage that shaped modern Europe. Our tour concludes amidst artistry and elegance – from Monet's blooming gardens at Giverny to the opulence of Chantilly's château, museum and legendary stables. With hand picked inclusions, a leisurely pace and multiple three-night stays in extraordinary châteaux and specially selected hotels, this is Northwest France at its most beautiful.



Time to discover Saint-Malo



Visit Château de Chantilly



2-night stay in the Auberge du Jeu de Paume, Chantilly



Day 1 Paris. Welcome drink and dinner. 1-night stay at **Crowne Plaza Paris-Republique, Paris. D**

Day 2 Paris to Loire Valley and Chambord Château. 3-night stay at **Château d'Artigny, Montbazou. B, D**

Day 3 Azay-le-Rideau and Château de Villandry. Vineyard picnic lunch and wine tasting at Château de l'Aulee. Explore the gardens of Château de Villandry. Evening at leisure in Tours. **B, L**

Day 4 Château Chenonceau, Amboise and da Vinci. Visit magnificent Châteaux Chenonceau. Time to stroll the gardens. Afterwards explore the charming riverside town of Amboise. Included visit to da Vinci's residence – Château du Clos Lucé. **B, D**

Day 5 Journey to Nantes and on to Brittany. 3-night stay at **Domaine de la Bretesche Golf & Spa, Missillac. B, D**

Day 6 Parc Naturel Régional de la Brière and 'Calèches' ride. Horse and cart ride through Briéron marshes, see thatched cottages. Scenic drive through the salt pans, evening at leisure in the walled city of Guérande. **B**

Day 7 Carnac's prehistoric stones, Vannes and Gulf of Morbihan Cruise. We dine at our fabulous Domaine Hotel. **B, D**

Day 8 La Gacilly, the Village & Castle of Josselin. Journey to Quimper. 2-night stay at **Best Western Plus Hôtel Kregenn, Quimper or similar. B, D**

Day 9 The island fortress of Concarneau and the beautiful village of Locronan. A leisurely evening in nearby Quimper. **B**

Day 10 Fort La Latte, Dinan and Saint-Malo. Visit Brittany's most famous castle and medieval Dinan. Your evening is at leisure in Saint-Malo. 3-night stay at **Hotel and Spa Oceania, Saint-Malo. B**

Day 11 'My Time' in Saint-Malo. Cancale for oysters and Rothéneuf to see the Les Rochers Sculptés (cliff carved sculptures) suspended above the sea. Dinner above the cliffs. **B, D**

Day 12 Mont-Saint-Michel. Visit the majestic Monastery and explore the town below. Enjoy an evening at leisure in Saint-Malo. **B**

Day 13 Normandy. D-Day Landing Museum at Arromanches-les-Bains and Pegasus Bridge & Memorial Museum. Journey through Calvados region to Deauville. 3-night stay at **Hôtel Barrière Le Normandy, Deauville. B, D**

Day 14 Deauville and Honfleur. Explore the Deauville Food Markets and visit Honfleur Harbour followed by an evening at leisure in Deauville. **B**

Day 15 Saint-Germain-de-Livet Castle. Visit the Basilica of Sainte-Thérèse of Lisieux and a guided tour of Château du Breuil and Calvados brandy tasting. **B**

Day 16 Rouen and Giverny. Guided visit of Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen. Visit Monet's House & Gardens and journey to Chantilly. 2-night stay at **Auberge du Jeu de Paume, Chantilly. B, D**

Day 17 Château de Chantilly. Visit the Museum, Gardens and Great Stables, including entrance to the Dome of the Great Stables for an equestrian demonstration. Our farewell dinner is in our hotel's historic restaurant. **B, D**

Day 18 Paris. After breakfast, transfer to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG), and later Gare du Nord station. Please book flights departing Paris CDG after 1pm and trains departing central Paris after midday. **B**



Visit Château de Villandry

Inclusions

28 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 1 lunch **L** and 10 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Private picnic lunch at a Loire Valley Château vineyard
- A traditional horse-and-cart ride through the Brière marshes
- The prehistoric Carnac standing stones
- Scenic cruise of the island-studded Gulf of Morbihan
- Visit Château de Chantilly
- Calvados brandy tasting at Château du Breuil
- A grand equestrian demonstration at the Great Stables of Chantilly
- Entrance to the Monastery complex at Mont-Saint-Michel
- Musée du Débarquement (D-Day Museum) & Pegasus Memorial Museum, Normandy

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 25	NZ\$21,109	NZ\$28,234
Aug 31	NZ\$21,109	NZ\$28,234
Sep 14	NZ\$21,109	NZ\$28,234



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French Epicurean Trail

Champagne, Alsace, Burgundy & Provence



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Spend 2 nights in the spectacular Gorges du Verdon

Explore grand royal châteaux, wander medieval villages lined with half-timbered houses seemingly untouched by time, savour world class wines in ancient vineyards, and stand in places where history changed the course of nations. From Champagne country to the poignant battlefields of Verdun, from the colourful canals of Colmar to the dramatic cliffs of the Verdon Gorge, and finally to the shimmering Mediterranean shores of Nice – each day offers a new experience, paints a new story, and adds a new memory to treasure.



Stay 3 nights in Colmar and visit local vineyards



Enjoy a wine tasting and dinner in Châteauneuf-du-Pape



Day 1 Paris! Welcome drink and dinner. **1-night stay at Crowne Plaza Paris-Republique, Paris. D**

Day 2 Château de Compiègne, Pierrefonds Castle & Reims in Champagne. Lunch at leisure in Pierrefonds' old town. Visit Reims Cathedral. **2-night stay at Best Western Premier Hotel de la Paix, Reims. B, D**

Day 3 Épernay, the Avenue de Champagne and 'My Time' in Reims. We visit a famous Champagne House for a cellar tour and tasting. Your afternoon and evening are at leisure in Reims. **B**

Day 4 The Tragedy of Verdun, the Douaumont Ossuary and guided VR walk through the Underground Citadel. Strasbourg & included dinner in a local restaurant. **2-night stay at Hotel Régent Petite France, Strasbourg. B, D**

Day 5 Strasbourg. Walking tour, stunning Gothic Cathedral, Canal Boat cruise, and wonderful 'My Time' in Strasbourg. **B**

Day 6 Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg and Kintzheim Castle Falconry show. Dine in a local restaurant in 'Little Venice'. **3-night stay at Le Colombier Hotel, Colmar. B, D**

Day 7 Ribeauvillé & Riquewihr and Alsace Wine Tasting in Zellenberg. Follow the Alsace Wine Road to visit the two glorious towns of Ribeauvillé and Riquewihr. Stop in Zellenberg, in the heart of the Alsatian 'Grand Crus' vineyards for a wine tasting in House Jean Becker. Free evening in Colmar. **B**

Day 8 Colmar. Open Air Museum in Ungersheim and Eguisheim before 'My Time' in Colmar. **B**

Day 9 Mulhouse. Cars Cars Cars! The Lion of Belfort and Beaune. **3-night stay at Hotel de la Poste, Beaune. B**

Day 10 Hôtel-Dieu (Hospices de Beaune). 'My Time' in Dijon, Côte de Nuits wine tasting and vineyard dinner. **B, D**

Day 11 Ligne des Hirondelles (The Swallow Railway Line) through the Jura and the medieval gem of Pérouges. Arrive in Lyon, see the Notre-Dame Basilica on Fourvière Hill, nearby our characterful hotel – a converted 19th-century convent. **1-night stay at Hotel Fourvière, Lyon. B, L, D**

Day 12 'My Time' in Lyon. Follow the Rhône to Provence. 3-night stay at Avignon Grand Hotel, Avignon. **B, D**

Day 13 Avignon. Sightseeing and 'My Time' followed by Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine tasting and dinner. **B, D**

Day 14 Carrières des Lumières audio-visual art show, Les Baux and the Pont du Gard. Evening at leisure in Avignon. **B**

Day 15 Gordes in the Luberon, and the stunning Gorges du Verdon. 2-night stay at Hotel & Spa des Gorges du Verdon, La Palud-sur-Verdon. **B, D**

Day 16 Pont du Galetas. Choice of Aups village or Gorge Kayaking. Visit the village of Moustiers-Sainte-Marie. **B, D**

Day 17 Spectacular Gorge Drive, Point Sublime, Gourdon & journey on to Nice. Dinner in a local restaurant. **3-night stay at Best Western Plus Hotel Brice Garden, Nice. B, D**

Day 18 Villa Ephrussi and Monaco. Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat to visit Rothschild's Villa Ephrussi, 'Le Petit train' ride to Monte Carlo, and 'My Time' in Nice. **B**

Day 19 Saint Paul de Vence and Cannes. Farewell dinner in a local Provençal restaurant. **B, D**

Day 20 Nice. Your tour ends today after breakfast. **B**

Inclusions

32 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 1 lunch **L** and 12 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Château de Compiègne – the largest neo-classical palace in France
- A prestigious Champagne tasting in Épernay
- Virtual Reality tour at Verdun
- Ungersheim open-air museum – discover the Alsace of yesteryear
- Falconry display at Kintzheim Castle
- The world's largest car collection in Mulhouse
- Scenic rail journey through the Jura Mountains
- Châteauneuf-du-Pape Estate wine-tasting
- Kayak or e-boat at Gorges du Verdon

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
Jun 13	NZ\$21,609	NZ\$28,109
Sep 5	NZ\$21,609	NZ\$28,109
Sep 19	NZ\$21,609	NZ\$28,109



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Cradles of Civilisation

featuring Gallipoli, Cappadocia & *those* Greek Isles



Spend 3 nights in Heraklion

Astonishing Istanbul, astride Europe and Asia. Discover the culinary traditions of Türkiye. In Cappadocia soar high in a hot air balloon, sleep in a rock cave hotel, immerse yourself in Albatross' special 'Gallipoli Experience' starting with a private cruise into Anzac Cove. Visit ancient Troy, Pergamon and Ephesus. Spend 10 nights on 4 iconic Greek Islands – Rhodes, Crete, Santorini and Mykonos, before your finale in Athens. Visit magical Lindos. Come with us on a 4WD Cretan Mountain excursion, walk with us through the whitewashed alleys on Mykonos, bathe in the golden glow of the famous Santorini sunset. Come join us!



2-night stay in the spectacular 'Cave hotel'



Explore ancient Ephesus



Day 1 Istanbul. Welcome drink and dinner in your hotel, perfectly located in the Sultanahmet area. **4-night stay at Hotel Innova Sultanahmet, Istanbul. D**

Day 2 Istanbul sightseeing. Visit St. Sophia, Underground Cisterns, Blue Mosque, Byzantine Hippodrome, enjoy Turkish Tea at the Caferağa Medresesi, lunch in a local restaurant. **B, L**

Day 3 Istanbul sightseeing. Visit Topkapi Palace. Boat tour of the Istanbul Strait, 'My Time' Grand Bazaar and Spice Markets. **B**

Day 4 Istanbul sightseeing. Foodies walking tour, 'My Time' and dinner in a rooftop restaurant. **B, D**

Day 5 Flight to Cappadocia. Bronze Age 'Pottery Village' of Avanos. Göreme Open Air Museum. **2-night stay in the spectacular 'Cave hotel' Hotel Dere Suites, Cappadocia. B, D**

Day 6 Cappadocia Hot Air Balloon, Rock Castle & Kaymakli. Soar over the Fairy Chimneys of Cappadocia, see Uchisar Rock Castle, visit the 'underground city' of Kaymakli. **B**

Day 7 Flight to Istanbul. Drive to Çanakkale. **3-night stay at Truva Hotel, Çanakkale. B, D**

Day 8 Full day Gallipoli Peninsula & boat cruise to ANZAC Cove. Visits to Ari Burnu, Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair, the Turkish memorial. Cape Helles, the British and French memorials. Private wreath laying ceremonies. **B, L**

Day 9 Ancient Troy. Afternoon 'My Time' Çanakkale. **B**

Day 10 The Acropolis of Pergamon. **2-night stay at Ontur Hotel, İzmir. B, D**

Day 11 Ephesus and the House of the Virgin Mary. 'My Time' in the wine village of Şirince. **B, D**

Day 12 To Marmaris. 'My Time', Ferry Marmaris to Rhodes. **3-night stay at Hotel Rhodes Plaza, Rhodes. B, D**

Day 13 Rhodes sightseeing. Visit Palace of Knights of St John. 'My Time'. **B, D**

Day 14 Visit Lindos. The Acropolis, 'My Time' Rhodes. **B, D**

Day 15 Flight to Crete. **3-night stay at Hotel Megaron, Heraklion. B, D**

Day 16 Knossos, Agios Nikolaos, 'My Time' Heraklion. Guided tour of Knossos, explore Agios Nikolaos, 'My Time' Heraklion. **B**

Day 17 4WD Safari to inland Crete. Mountain village lunch, the Cave of Zeus, Shepherd's Farm, sunken village of Sfendili, Embassa Gorge. **B, L**

Day 18 Ferry to Santorini. Visit Akrotiri, wine tasting and lunch. **2-night stay at Santorini Palace, Santorini. B, L**

Day 19 Walking tour Oia, 'My Time' Santorini. Santorini sunset! **B**

Day 20 Ferry to Mykonos. Guided walking tour. **2-night stay at Hotel Petasos Beach, Mykonos. B, D**

Day 21 Mykonos. Olive oil farm tour, tasting & light lunch. **B, L**

Day 22 To Athens. High speed ferry to Athens. Evening at leisure. **2-night stay at Hotel Royal Olympic, Athens or similar. B**

Day 23 Athens guided city tour & 'My Time'. Acropolis, Olympic Stadium, walking tour Plaka area. 'My Time' Athens and farewell dinner. **B, D**

Day 24 Athens. Your tour ends after breakfast. **B**

Inclusions

40 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 5 lunches **L** and 12 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Economy class flights Istanbul to Cappadocia (return) & Rhodes to Crete.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- A Hot Air Balloon ride in Cappadocia – subject to weather conditions
- Bosphorus Cruise
- Special Gallipoli immersion
- Crete 4WD mountain expedition and lunch
- Wine tasting lunch in Santorini
- Olive Oil Farm visit and lunch in Mykonos
- Foodies walking tour in Istanbul

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 4	NZ\$32,359	NZ\$41,484
Sep 7	NZ\$32,359	NZ\$41,484



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Türkiye

Cappadocia, Gallipoli & Ancient Troy

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Fly to awe-inspiring Cappadocia

Astonishing Istanbul, astride Europe and Asia. Discover the culinary traditions of Türkiye. In Cappadocia soar high in a hot air balloon, sleep in a rock cave hotel, immerse yourself in Albatross' special 'Gallipoli Experience' starting with a private cruise into Anzac Cove. Visit ancient Troy, Pergamon and Ephesus.

For guests wishing to combine Türkiye with Greece to visit four iconic Greek Islands & Athens, see page 44 for the 24 day Cradles of Civilisation tour.



Time to unwind in Izmir



Visit the Helles Memorial



Day 1 Istanbul. Welcome drink and dinner in your hotel, perfectly located in the Sultanahmet area. **4-night stay at Hotel Innova Sultanahmet, Istanbul. D**

Day 2 Istanbul sightseeing. Visit all the main historical sites including St. Sophia, Underground Cisterns, Blue Mosque, Byzantine Hippodrome, enjoy Turkish Tea in the courtyard of the historic 16th century Caferağa Medresesi, a former Islamic school and a traditional lunch in a local restaurant. **B, L**

Day 3 Istanbul sightseeing. Visit Topkapi Palace – home to the Ottoman sultans. Relax on a boat cruise along the Bosphorus. ‘My Time’ to explore the Grand Bazaar, arguably the most famous ‘covered market’ in the world, and the vibrant Spice Market. **B**

Day 4 Istanbul sightseeing. Foodies walking tour to discover culinary traditions in the historic neighbourhood & streets of the Beyoğlu (Pera) district, home to a hive of traditional eateries, local food shops, patisseries & bakeries. ‘My Time’ and dinner in a rooftop restaurant with exceptional views. **B, D**

Day 5 Flight to Cappadocia. A remarkable place known for its ‘Fairy chimneys’, cones and strange rock formations. Visit the Bronze Age ‘Pottery Village’ of Avanos. Visit Göreme Open Air Museum. **2-night stay in the spectacular ‘Cave hotel’ Hotel Dere Suites, Cappadocia. B, D**

Day 6 Cappadocia Hot Air Balloon, Rock Castle & Kaymakli. Soar over the Fairy Chimneys of Cappadocia. Tour the unique Göreme Valley to see Uchisar Rock Castle and visit the ‘underground city’ of Kaymakli. **B**

Day 7 Flight to Istanbul. Cross the Straits of the Dardanelles on our drive to Çanakkale. **3-night stay at Truva Hotel, Çanakkale. B, D**

Day 8 Full day Gallipoli Peninsula & boat cruise to ANZAC Cove. Visits to Ari Burnu, Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair, Shrapnel Valley and Beach Cemetery, the Turkish ‘Çanakkale Martyrs’ Memorial. Cape Helles for the Helles Memorial – the British Commonwealth’s main monument to the whole Gallipoli campaign. Visit Kabatepe Museum. Be part of private wreath laying ceremonies. **B, L**

Day 9 Ancient Troy. Site of the mythological battle Homer immortalized in The Iliad. Stop at Kephez Point to take in the splendid views of the Dardanelles to Çanakkale and beyond. Afternoon ‘My Time’ Çanakkale. **B**

Day 10 The Acropolis of Pergamon. Famous for its wealth of archaeological ruins including the Temple of Trajan. **2-night stay at Ontur Hotel, Izmir. B, D**

Day 11 The wonder of Ephesus and the House of the Virgin Mary. ‘My Time’ in the heritage wine village of Şirince. Farewell dinner. **B, D**

Day 12 Izmir. Your tour ends after breakfast in your hotel in Izmir. **B**

Inclusions

19 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 2 lunches **L** and 6 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours’ quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Return Economy class flights Istanbul to Cappadocia.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Istanbul ‘Foodies’ walking tour
- Bosphorus Cruise
- Stay in a cave hotel in Cappadocia
- Hot Air Balloon ride in Cappadocia – subject to weather conditions
- Immersive visit to the Gallipoli Peninsula.
- ANZAC Cove boat cruise
- Visit ancient Troy, Pergamon and Ephesus

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 4	NZ\$13,734	NZ\$16,734
Sep 7	NZ\$13,734	NZ\$16,734



Discover more

Leisurely Greek Islands

Rhodes, Crete, Santorini & Mykonos

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Stay 2 nights in iconic Mykonos

Explore the iconic Greek Islands. Spend 10 nights on 4 iconic Greek Islands – Rhodes, Crete, Santorini and Mykonos, before your finale in Athens. Come with us on a 4WD Cretan Mountain excursion, dine in a Crete Mountain village, enjoy a wine pairing lunch on a cool Santorini winery terrace, and a picnic lunch at an olive oil farm on Mykonos. Visit magical Lindos and Agios Nikolaos, walk with us through the whitewashed alleys on Mykonos, bathe in the golden glow of the famous Santorini sunset.

For guests wishing to add a fabulous tour of Türkiye see the 24 day tour on page 44.



Explore Agios Nikolaos



Time to explore magical Mykonos



Day 1 Rhodes. Join your Tour Manager and fellow passengers for a welcome drink and dinner in your hotel. **3-night stay at Hotel Rhodes Plaza, Rhodes. D**

Day 2 Rhodes sightseeing. Guided walking tour of the old town and visit the Palace of the Knights of St John. 'My Time' to explore this UNESCO world heritage listed city with its Byzantine and Ottoman-era neighbourhoods. **B, D**

Day 3 Visit the picturesque village of Lindos. Guided visit to the striking, clifftop Acropolis towering above the village. 'My Time' in Rhodes town. **B, D**

Day 4 Flight to Crete. The largest of the Greek Islands and a crossroads of many civilisations. Our hotel is ideally located in the centre, overlooking the old Venetian harbour. **3-night stay at Hotel Megaron, Heraklion. B, D**

Day 5 Knossos, Agios Nikolaos, 'My Time' Heraklion. Visit the Minoan city and Palace of Knossos, explore Agios Nikolaos, 'My Time' in Heraklion's medieval old town. **B**

Day 6 4WD Safari to inland Crete. Shepherd's Farm visit and tasting, visit the sunken village of Sfendili. Drive over the wild mountains and enjoy lunch in a taverna in a Greek mountain village. **B, L**

Day 7 Ferry from Heraklion to Santorini. Visit the archaeological site of Akrotiri to see the remarkably preserved Bronze Age Minoan ruins. Enjoy a wine tasting with lunch in a local vineyard. **2-night stay at Santorini Palace, Santorini. B, L**

Day 8 Walking tour of the cliff top town of Oia. 'My Time' in a truly spectacular location. Bathe in the golden glow of the famous Santorini sunset! **B**

Day 9 Ferry from Santorini to Mykonos. Guided walking tour through the whitewashed streets and past the 16th-century windmills in Mykonos town. **2-night stay at Hotel Petasos Beach, Mykonos. B, D**

Day 10 Mykonos. Olive oil farm visit for a tasting & light lunch. 'My Time' to relax and savour iconic Mykonos - Queen of the Cyclades Islands. **B, L**

Day 11 High speed ferry from Mykonos to Athens, capital of Greece. Evening at leisure. **2-night stay at Hotel Royal Olympic, Athens or similar. B**

Day 12 Athens guided city tour & 'My Time'. Visit the incredible Acropolis, perched high above the city on the rocky hill, Panathenaic Stadium – historic, stadium that hosted the first modern Olympic Games in 1896, walking tour of the narrow cobblestone streets of the Plaka area (Athens Old Town). 'My Time' before a farewell dinner. **B, D**

Day 13 Athens. Your tour ends after breakfast. **B**



Take a guided walking tour of Rhodes

Inclusions

21 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 3 lunches **L** and 6 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Drivers, Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Economy class flight Rhodes to Crete. Inter-island ferries between Crete, Santorini, Mykonos and Athens.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Discover the Palace of the Knights of St John in Rhodes Old Town
- Visit the picturesque village of Lindos
- Crete 4WD mountain expedition and lunch
- Wine tasting lunch in Santorini
- Olive Oil Farm visit and lunch in Mykonos
- Explore Athens with a local guide

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 15	NZ\$21,859	NZ\$28,109
Sept 18	NZ\$21,859	NZ\$28,109



Discover more

Crossroads of Balkan Empires

featuring Romania & Transylvania, Serbia & Bulgaria



Enjoy a guided tour of Corvin Castle, Sibiu

An amazing adventure from Serbia's capital Belgrade, through to delightful Sofia in Bulgaria. Visit romantic Romania, alluring Transylvania, the Carpathian Mountains and Wallachia. Explore lands rich in history, culture and colour... where you will still be able to see horse and carts pulling piles of hay, where bears thrive in the deep forests, and where you'll visit UNESCO listed, perfectly preserved Saxon villages. Explore ancient castles like Golubac, cruise through the Danube's Iron Gates, savour wine tastings, and enjoy a private dinner at 'Dracula's Castle' and in a Transylvanian Forest igloo structure. Come join us!



Wander the delightful streets of Sighișoara



Cruise the Danube and see the Decebal Head, at the Iron Gates



Day 1 Belgrade. Welcome drink and dinner. 2-night stay at Marriott Courtyard Hotel, Belgrade. **D**

Day 2 Morning guided orientation walk, Kalemegdan parks and gardens, The Fortress. 'My Time' in Belgrade. **B**

Day 3 Golubac Fortress, UNESCO-listed Djerdap National Park, ancient Lepenski Vir. 2-night stay at Hotel Lepenski Vir, Donji Milanovac. **B, L, D**

Day 4 Danube 'Iron Gate' Cruise, Negotin Wine Village lunch. Enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Danube, close up views of Decebalus, UNESCO-nominated wine cellar villages, historic Rogljevačke Pivnice and lunch in an old wine house. **B, L**

Day 5 Timișoara. 'My Time' at leisure to discover the rich culture of the city. 1-night stay at Atlas Hotel, Timișoara. **B**

Day 6 Guided tour of Corvin Castle. 'My Time' to explore the citadel of Alba Iulia. Enjoy a typical Romanian meal in a old vaulted cellar tonight. 3-night stay at Hotel Imparatul Romanilor, Sibiu. **B, D**

Day 7 Guided tour of UNESCO Sibiu. 'My Time' in this stunning city. **B**

Day 8 Travel Transfăgărașan Road*, over the Carpathian Mountains. Perhaps spot mountain bears. **B, L**

Day 9 Discover UNESCO Sighișoara and Saxon Viscri. Visit the ski resort of Poiana Brașov. Dinner in an giant igloo-style structure savouring Transylvanian fare. 3-night stay at Aurelius Imparatul Romanilor, Poiana Brașov. **B, D**

Day 10 Libearty Bear Sanctuary guided tour. Visit UNESCO-listed Prejmer Church and 'My Time' in Brașov. **B**

Day 11 'My Time' – most of the day is free. Private tour and dinner in Queen Maria's Tea House at Bran Castle (Dracula's Castle). **B, D**

Day 12 Sinaia Monastery, Peleş Castle. Dinner tonight at famous Caru Cu Bere. 2-night stay at Hotel InterContinental Athénée Palace, Bucharest. **B, D**

Day 13 Guided tour including Palace of Parliament. 'My Time' in Bucharest. **B**

Day 14 Historic Arbanasi, Veliko Tarnovo and 'My Time'. Witness the Sound and Light Show. 2-night stay at Yantra Grand Hotel, Veliko Tarnovo. **B, D**

Day 15 Explore Veliko Tarnovo Fortress and Ethnological Museum. Enjoy 'My Time'. Evening wine tasting. **B**

Day 16 Shipka Monastery. UNESCO-listed Thracian Tombs and Rose Distillery lunch. 2-night stay at Vizualiza Residence Hotel, Plovdiv. **B, L, D**

Day 17 Plovdiv. Guided tour Roman Amphitheatre. 3-D show and Roman hippodrome. 'My Time'. **B**

Day 18 Sofia Walking tour. 'My Time'. Farewell dinner. 1-night stay at Grand Hotel Sofia, Sofia. **B, D**

Day 19 Sofia. Your tour ends after breakfast. **B**

*Day 8 on early season departures, due to the road being closed, will drive to the famous wine producing vineyards of Jidvei to taste the local wines and enjoy lunch at Bethlen-Haller Castle.



Visit Veliko Tarnovo Fortress

Inclusions

31 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 4 lunches **L** and 9 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Golubac Fortress
- Lepenski Vir archaeological site
- Danube Cruise through the 'Iron Gates'
- Transfăgărașan Road
- Prejmer Fortified Church
- Libearty Bear Sanctuary
- Private tour of Dracula's Castle and dinner
- Veliko Tarnovo Sound and Light Show
- Kazanlak Thracian Royal Tomb

Hotels

Due to the regions this tour visits, hotel standards and facilities are lower than on other Albatross Tours. Please call our team for any specific guidance.

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 24	NZ\$14,609	NZ\$17,734
Aug 23	NZ\$14,609	NZ\$17,734
Sep 13	NZ\$14,609	NZ\$17,734



Discover more

Mountains, Myths & Ancient Empires

featuring North Macedonia, Greece, Corfu & Meteora



Spend 3 nights in UNESCO-listed Corfu

Explore the Balkan Peninsula, relaxing in North Macedonia, touching Albania and really getting beneath the tourist veneer in Greece. Visit the exquisite Rila Monastery, relax in Alexander the Great's Skopje and spend three nights in Lake Ohrid and at an award winning Mountain Resort. On the island of Corfu, take a 4WD tour deep into the mountains, to enjoy a remote village lunch. Explore the UNESCO-listed Zagori, Kalabaka, and visit Meteora's perched monasteries. Spend a night in the Cape Sounion area and more.



Our sunset farewell is at Cape Sounion



The magnificent monasteries at Meteora



Day 1 Sofia. Welcome drink and dinner. **2-night stay at Grand Hotel Sofia, Sofia. D**

Day 2 Stunning UNESCO-listed Rila Monastery. Bulgarian riverside lunch. Time at leisure. **B, L**

Day 3 Panoramic views from Mount Vodno. The Millennium Cross and Skopje guided walking tour. Unique overnight stay on Vardar River. **2-night stay at Hotel Senigallia, Skopje. B, D**

Day 4 'My Time'. Enjoy the sites, see Alexander the Great's statue, visit the Old Bazaar and more. **B**

Day 5 Cruise Matka Canyon, visit Vrelo Caves and Tsar Samuel's Fortress. Stop in Gostivar for riverside lunch. **3-night stay at Inex Olgica Hotel & Spa, Lake Ohrid. B, L, D**

Day 6 'My Time' beside Lake Ohrid. Perhaps take the coastal walk to Kaneo and visit the Church of Sveti Jovan. **B**

Day 7 Cruise Lake Ohrid. Wander the UNESCO-listed 'Bay of Bones' Museum. Lakeside lunch at delightful Trpejca. Visit the North Macedonian Orthodox Monastery of Zaum. **B, L**

Day 8 Korçe, Kastoria and Aristi. Lunch lakeside in Kastoria. Head into the Pindos Mountains to UNESCO-listed Zagori. Stay at the award-winning Eco Lodge. **3-night stay at Aristi Mountain Resort & Villas, Aristi or similar. B, D**

Day 9 Amazing Vikos Gorge and Canyon. This is the 'deepest canyon in the world' according to the Guinness Book of Records. Visit Monodendri, 'My Time' for lunch and to see the Monastery of Agia Paraskevi set on the cliffs. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the lodge or village and savour the views of the 'Snake Road'. **B**

Day 10 Enjoy time in Vikos. Afternoon at leisure. Drive the 'Snake Road' to Megalo Papingo for dinner with stunning mountain views. **B, D**

Day 11 Ferry across the Ionian Sea to Kerkira – Corfu. Drive to the coast to Igoumenitsa to take the ferry to idyllic UNESCO-listed Corfu. **3-night stay at Divani Corfu Palace Hotel, Corfu or similar. B, D**

Day 12 Corfu Guided Walking Tour, Corfiot products and 'My Time'. Sample local products and enjoy 'My Time' in the splendid historical town. **B**

Day 13 Full day 4WD 'Wild Corfu' tour, mountain village lunch. Driving in convoy enjoy on-road and off-road adventures. Visit Vistonas village for olive oil tasting. Stroll Sokraki village and witness rural Corfu life, visit Pantokrator Monastery and Old Perithia village for lunch. **B, L**

Day 14 Mainland Greece to Meteora Panoramic Drive. Take the ferry back to mainland Greece. Orientation drive of Kalabaka, photo stops for Meteora Monasteries. **2-night stay at Divani Meteora Hotel, Kalabaka or similar. B, D**

Day 15 UNESCO-listed Meteora Monasteries. Three different monastery visits, astounding views! **B**

Day 16 Thermopylae and ancient Delphi. Visit the museum, discover famous Delphi archaeological ruins. Dinner at a cliff top Greek restaurant. **1-night stay at Amalia Hotel, Delphi or similar. B, D**

Day 17 Cape Sounion, 'My Time' and famous Temple of Poseidon sunset. Drive to Anavyssos for stunning views of Saronic Gulf. 'My Time' for a dip in the Aegean Sea. See the Temple of Poseidon bathed in the world famous sunset. Farewell dinner at your 5-star hotel. **1-night stay at Plaza Resort Hotel, Anavyssos Beach or similar. B, D**

Day 18 Transfer to Athens. We recommend you book onward travel after 2pm. **B**

Inclusions

30 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 4 lunches **L** and 9 evening **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Rila Monastery
- Matka Canyon Cruise & Vrelo Cave
- Lake Ohrid Cruise
- 'Bay of Bones'
- Aristi Mountain Resort / Vikos Canyon
- Snake Road for Dinner in Aristi
- Corfu 'Corfiot' products tastings
- Corfu Mountains 4WD
- Delphi Dinner
- Temple of Poseidon Sunset

Hotels

Due to the regions this tour visits, hotel standards and facilities are lower than on other Albatross Tours. Please call our team for any specific guidance.

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
Jun 11	NZ\$20,234	NZ\$25,484
Sep 10	NZ\$20,234	NZ\$25,484



Discover more

‘Magnifico’ Spain & Portugal



The charm and beauty of Spain and Portugal will leave you wanting more. See Segovia's dramatic Alcázar, relax beside a stone aqueduct. From the seductive gardens of Granada's Alhambra Palace, the heart stopping chasm at Ronda, your private cruise on the Alto Douro, waking up in a renovated 16th century citadel in a delightful Portuguese fishing village, Flamenco and castanets... just Magnifico!





Visit Palace de Pena in Sintra



Visit San Lorenzo de El Escorial



Visit the Alhambra Palace



Day 1 Madrid. Welcome drink and dinner. **1-night stay at Meliá Madrid Princesa, Madrid. D**

Day 2 Córdoba's Mesquita and Granada.

Train to Córdoba, guided tour, coach to Granada.

2-night stay at Hotel Alhambra Palace, Granada. B, D

Day 3 Alhambra Palace and 'My Time' in Granada.

Guided tour of Alhambra and Generalife Gardens. 'My Time'. **B**

Day 4 Stunning Ronda and Seville.

Drive to Ronda, Andalusian lunch and wines, Seville. **3-night stay at NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville. B, L**

Day 5 Seville sightseeing and 'My Time'. Home of Carmen, Don Juan, Figaro. Guided tour including the cathedral. 'My Time' & Flamenco show & dinner. **B, D**

Day 6 Atlantic port of Cadiz, Seville and Flamenco lesson.

Leisurely start, Cadiz. Flamenco Dancing School lesson, 'My Time' Seville. **B**

Day 7 Évora sightseeing and delightful Cascais.

Drive to Portugal, Évora guided walking tour. Cascais, on the Lisbon coastline. **3-night stay at Pestana Cidadela Cascais. B, D**

Day 8 Lisbon sightseeing and 'My Time'. Guided tour of Lisbon, Jeronimos Monastery. Try a Portuguese Pastel de Nata! 'My Time' in Lisbon, then in Cascais. **B**

Day 9 Palace de Pena, Sintra, Cabo da Roca and 'My Time' in Cascais.

Visit Palace de Pena, wander old town Sintra. Cascais via Cabo da Roca; westernmost point in Europe. 'My Time'. **B**

Day 10 Óbidos, Nazaré and Porto.

Porto, via Óbidos, and the fishing village Nazaré. Funicular ride to Sitio. **3-night stay at Pestana Porto Vintage, Porto. B, D**

Day 11 Porto sightseeing, port tasting and 'My Time'.

Guided city tour and port wine tasting. 'My Time' in Porto. Portuguese Fado show and dinner. **B, D**

Day 12 Bom Jesus Sanctuary, Guimarães and Wine Tasting.

Full day to Braga, funicular train to Bom Jesus Sanctuary. Medieval Guimarães. Vinho Verde tasting. Evening at leisure in Porto. **B**

Day 13 Lunch cruise on River Douro.

Private tapas lunch cruise, port aperitif and wine on the Alto Douro River. Spain and Salamanca. **2-night stay at Hospes Palacio de San Esteban, Salamanca. B, L, D**

Day 14 Salamanca sightseeing and 'My Time'.

Guided walking tour of Salamanca, 'My Time'. **B**

Day 15 El Escorial and El Valle de los Caídos.

San Lorenzo de El Escorial. El Valle de los Caídos, underground Basílica de la Santa Cruz. **2-night stay at Hotel Real, Segovia. B, D**

Day 16 Segovia sightseeing and 'My Time'.

Guided walking tour, 'My Time'. **B**

Day 17 Toledo sightseeing and 'My Time'.

Guided walking tour of Toledo, Cathedral Primada Santa María de Toledo. 'My Time', farewell dinner. **1-night stay at Parador de Toledo, Toledo. B, D**

Day 18 Madrid.

Transfer to Madrid where your tour ends. We recommend you book onward travel after 2pm. **B**

Inclusions

28 meals including breakfast daily **B**, Andalusian lunch Ronda, Tapas lunch cruise on the River Douro **L**, 9 evening meals including Flamenco Dinner show and Fado Dinner show **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- AVE train Madrid to Córdoba
- Flamenco dance class in Seville
- Port warehouse visit and tasting
- River Douro lunch cruise
- Granada, the incredible Alhambra

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
Apr 6, 27	NZ\$18,109	NZ\$23,109
May 18	NZ\$18,109	NZ\$23,109
Aug 31	NZ\$17,859	NZ\$22,859
Sep 21	NZ\$18,109	NZ\$23,109



Discover more

Northern Spain & the Pyrenees



Explore the famous Rioja region

Sip bubbly where it was first invented, stay 3 nights in Spain's culinary capital of San Sebastián. From the rich, rolling vineyards of the Rioja region, follow Spain's Costa Verde to elegant San Sebastián. Explore the mighty French Pyrenees and stay in the walled city of Carcassonne. Ride high in mountain cable cars and sip wine and dine as the lucky locals do!



Stay 3 nights in Carcassonne



Visit Laguardia



Beautiful Slovenia & Croatia's Istrian Jewels



Spend 3 nights in Lake Bled

Vienna's fabulous Schönbrunn Palace, Graz's hilltop castle, stunning views on Pyramidenkogel Tower & Bled Castle, relaxing horse drawn carriage ride and Lake Bled Pletna boat, and an exhilarating cable car ride above beautiful Lake Bohinj. Explore Ljubljana, Zagreb and surprising Trieste, experience both lower and upper Plitvice Falls, relax in Opatija, stay 3 nights on Croatia's spectacular Istrian Peninsula, ride deep into the Postojna Caves & high inside rock clinging Predjama Castle. What an adventure!



Take in Lake Bohinj



Explore Plitvice's Upper and Lower falls



Day 1 Vienna. Welcome drink and dinner. **2-night stay at Hilton Vienna Park, Vienna. D**

Day 2 Vienna sightseeing and Schönbrunn Palace.

Enjoy a panoramic city drive. Guided tour of the State Apartments of Schönbrunn Palace. Afternoon and evening is free to enjoy this enchanting city. **B**

Day 3 Graz guided walking tour & Graz Castle.

Guided walking tour of Graz. Take a funicular ride to the castle on top of Schlossberg Hill. **1-night stay at Schlossberghotel-Das Kunsthof, Graz. B**

Day 4 Pyramidenkogel Tower & Bled Castle. Scenic drive through mountains and meadows of Corinthia. Included entrance to Pyramidenkogel, a fascinating experience. Continue to Lake Bled for a visit to Bled Castle. Dinner tonight at your hotel. **3-night stay at Park Hotel, Bled. B, D**

Day 5 Horse and Carriage, Pletna boat, Bled Cake.

Relax on a horse and carriage ride on Lake Bled. Take a traditional boat to the Church of the Assumption. Enjoy coffee and cake – delicious. Then 'My Time' to savour the beauty of Lake Bled. **B**

Day 6 Lake Bohinj, Vogel cable car & wine tasting dinner.

A day in the mountains. Take a cable car up Vogel Mountain. Enjoy the views before returning to Bled. Wine tasting before dinner of regional specialties in a local restaurant. **B, D**

Day 7 Ljubljana sightseeing.

A local guide introduces you to Ljubljana. 'My Time' to explore before continuing to Zagreb. Dinner in a local restaurant. **2-night stay at Amadria Park Hotel Capital, Zagreb. B, D**

Day 8 Zagreb sightseeing, Sljeme Cable Car & 'My Time'.

A local guide takes you on a walking tour through this vibrant city. Cable car ticket included to visit Sljeme, the highest peak of the Medvednica mountain. Afternoon 'My Time' to explore. **B**

Day 9 Rastoke, Plitvice Falls & Boat cruise. Morning stop in the picturesque village of Rastoke, then arrive in Plitvice famous for its pretty cascades. At Lake Kozjak board a boat to cruise the entire length of the lake. **2-night stay at Hotel Jezero, Plitvice. B, D**

Day 10 'My Time', Plitvice Upper Falls. Your hotel is barely 300 metres from the lake's edge. Use your included National Park ticket to take a short boat crossing to explore the Upper Falls. A wonderfully relaxing day. **B, D**

Day 11 'Belle Époque' Opatija and the Istrian Peninsula.

Crossing to the Adriatic coast we arrive in Opatija. Later, we cross the Istrian Peninsula to the beautiful seaside jewel that is Poreč. **3-night stay at Hotel BO Palazzo Hotel, Poreč. B, D**

Day 12 Pula Amphitheatre, Rovinj old town.

Enjoy a guided visit to the Roman Amphitheatre, with free time in the old town. Rovinj is delightful and enjoy a spectacular terrace view aperitif. Evening at leisure in Poreč. **B**

Day 13 Poreč 'My Time', Grožnjan mountain village, Veralda wine tasting.

Morning at leisure in Poreč. Afternoon venture inland to the Istrian hills stopping in Grožnjan, a true heritage timepiece. Visit a local winery for a cellar tour in nearby Brtonigla. **B**

Day 14 Postojna Caves, Predjama Castle, Trieste.

Enjoy a mesmerising train ride into the labyrinth of Postojna caves before a guided walking tour through the caves. Visit the dramatic Predjama Castle dating back 800 years. Then travel on to the coastal city of Trieste. **2-night stay at Savoia Excelsior Palace, Trieste. B**

Day 15 Guided walking tour, Miramare Castle and Gardens, 'My Time', Farewell Dinner.

Trieste walking tour and visit delightful Castello di Miramare. 'My Time' in Trieste and a farewell dinner. **B, D.**

Day 16 To Venice. Your tour ends this morning, with stops at Venice Marco Polo airport and Mestre railway stations. We recommend you book onward travel after 2pm. **B**

Inclusions

23 meals including breakfast daily **B**, and 8 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Schönbrunn Palace
- Graz walking tour
- Lake Bled horse-drawn carriage ride & Pletna boat
- Lake Bohinj and Vogel cable car
- Plitvice Falls
- Postojna Caves
- Rock-clinging Predjama Castle
- Wine tastings

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp		Solo	
May 15	NZ\$17,109		NZ\$21,734	
Jun 12	NZ\$17,109		NZ\$21,734	
Aug 28	NZ\$17,109		NZ\$21,734	



Discover more

Croatia & the Adriatic



Relax over 3 nights on the island of Hvar

Explore the rich history along the azure coastline of Croatia, visit Krka's dramatic waterfalls, explore Bosnia-Herzegovina. Escape to the 'lavender island' of Hvar, sip wine in Jelsa and discover the lovingly rebuilt city of Mostar and historic Sarajevo. Cruise the Adriatic, wine and dine on oysters in Mali Ston, ride on a cable car up Mount Srđ to soak up the panoramic views of Dubrovnik!



4-night stay at Rixos Premium, Dubrovnik



Take a guided tour of Split



Day 1 Trogir. Welcome drink and dinner. **3-night stay at boutique luxury Brown Beach House Hotel, Trogir. D**

Day 2 Trogir and Split sightseeing. Orientation tour of Trogir. Local guided tour into the hills behind Split of the castle Klis. Walking tour of the Port of Split, Diocletian Palace complex, the Cathedral, town centre. 'My Time' in the beautiful old town. Local restaurant dinner before returning to Trogir. **B, D**

Day 3 Krka National Park and Šibenik. Krka National Park, Skradinski Buk falls. Boat ride to Skradin. Visit Šibenik on the Adriatic. Guided tour of Cathedral of St James. 'My Time' in Trogir. **B**

Day 4 Travel to the island of Hvar. Leisurely start. Split ferry to Hvar's Starigrad port, our hotel has a private beach and multi-level pool. **3-night stay at Amfora Hvar Grand Beach Resort, Hvar. B, D**

Day 5 'My Time' on Hvar Island. 'My Time' to relax or explore at leisure. **B**

Day 6 Hvar sightseeing. Port of Jelsa. Local vineyard wine tasting, scenic 'lavender road' drive. Bay of Milna, lunch in a charming restaurant with a terrace over the shoreline. 'My Time' in Hvar. **B, L**

Day 7 Mostar in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Leisurely start, Port of Sucuraj ferry to Drvenik. Guided walking tour of Mostar. Local restaurant dinner. **2-night stay at Mepas Hotel, Mostar. B, D**

Day 8 Sarajevo sightseeing. Guided tour of Sarajevo, Memorial Museum of Srebrenica. 'My Time' Mostar. **B**

Day 9 Dalmatian Coast Touring. Dalmatian Coast visiting twin towns of Ston and Mali Ston, reputed to have the finest oysters in the world. Boat ride to oyster beds for fresh oysters, and a glass of wine. Back ashore, a leisurely lunch right beside the old harbour. Enjoy a welcome drink on arrival at your hotel. **4-night stay at Rixos Premium, Dubrovnik. B, L**

Day 10 Dubrovnik sightseeing and 'My Time'. Guided tour of Dubrovnik walled city, Franciscan Monastery and Apothecary. Countryside lunch of 'Peka', signature dish of Croatia's Dalmatia region. 'My Time' Dubrovnik. **B, L**

Day 11 Montenegro excursion. Guided orientation tour of Kotor. Explore at leisure the beautifully preserved walled city, then on to the dramatic fjord like Bay of Kotor, village of Perast. Boat ride around the islands of St. George and Gospa od Škrpjela. 'My Time' Dubrovnik. **B**

Day 12 Dubrovnik 'My Time'. Relax or explore at leisure, then board a traditional Dalmatian boat to cruise south along the coast to the picturesque port of Cavtat where we enjoy our farewell dinner in the excellent family owned 'Restaurant Leut'. We return to our hotel by coach. **B, D**

Day 13 Dubrovnik. Your tour ends today after breakfast. **B**

Inclusions

20 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 3 lunches **L** and 5 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Wine tasting in Hvar
- Mount Srd cable car
- Cruises in Krka, Perast and Cavtat
- Mali Ston Oyster cruise
- Full day Montenegro tour
- Split and Trogir walking tour
- Our Lady of the Rock cruise

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 16	NZ\$13,984	NZ\$18,359
Jun 13	NZ\$15,234	NZ\$20,859
Sep 12	NZ\$15,234	NZ\$20,859



Discover more

An Alpine Adventure



Spend 3 nights in picturesque Grindelwald

Experience the awe-inspiring landscapes of the majestic French and Swiss Alps, from the remarkable Aiguille du Midi to the meadows of the Bernese Oberland, climb high into the mountains to the Jungfrauoch, witness beautiful Zermatt and the mighty Matterhorn, ride across the breathtaking Alps on the Glacier Express and explore delightful Lake Garda.



3-night stay at Sunstar Hotel, Grindelwald



Visit beautiful Montreux



Day 1 Zürich. Welcome drink and dinner. **1-night stay at Central Plaza Hotel, Zürich or similar. D**

Day 2 Geneva and Chamonix. Explore Geneva at leisure, Switzerland's second largest city, viewing the famous Jet d'Eau in Lake Geneva, before travelling through the Haute-Savoie to Chamonix. **3-night stay at Chalet Hotel Le Prieuré, Chamonix. B, D**

Day 3 Chamonix. Experience incredible mountain rides by cable car to the Aiguille du Midi in spectacular view of Mont Blanc, and on the 'little red train' funicular to the 'Sea of Ice'. **B**

Day 4 Megève and Annecy. Visit the chic ski cobbled resort of Megève and the pretty lakeside town of Annecy with its picturesque canals. **B**

Day 5 Montreux and Gruyères. Guided tour through the historic Château de Chillon, spend time on the lakeside promenade of Montreux, and visit the fortified village of Gruyères, then through the Bernese Oberland to Grindelwald surrounded by snow-covered peaks. **3-night stay at Sunstar Hotel, Grindelwald. B, D**

Day 6 Jungfrau Mountain and Grindelwald. Climb the north side of the Eiger on a train ride to the highest rail station in Europe, the Jungfrau Mountain, to enjoy the Ice Palace, or the Lindt Swiss Chocolate Heaven display and enjoy 'My Time' in Grindelwald. **B**

Day 7 Luzern and Bern. Explore the lakeside city of Luzern at leisure and visit the UNESCO World Heritage Listed medieval city of Bern. **B**

Day 8 Lake Brienz and Zermatt. Enjoy a cruise along Lake Brienz, marvelling at the view of the Giessbach waterfall, and travel to Zermatt, riding up a cog railway train to 1620 metres. **2-night stay at Hotel National, Zermatt. B, D**

Day 9 'My Time' in Zermatt. Explore the town at your leisure, surrounded by peaks and the mighty Matterhorn. Relax, Dine, Spa, Ski! **B**

Day 10 Scenic Glacier Express. Ride the famous Glacier Express train through Switzerland's finest scenery to Chur. **2-night stay at Seven Alpina Hotel, Klosters. B, D**

Day 11 'My Time' in Klosters. Relax and explore at your leisure. **B**

Day 12 Bolzano and Bardolino. Visit the centuries-old town of Bolzano and the lakeside town of Bardolino. **4-night stay at Hotel Caesius Thermae & Spa Resort, Lake Garda. B, D**

Day 13 'My Time' in Lake Garda. Relax and explore at your leisure. **B**

Day 14 Verona and Garda. Guided tour of Romeo and Juliet's Verona, lakeside town of Garda. **B, D**

Day 15 Salò and Redaelli de Zinis. Visit the lakeside town of Salò and enjoy wine tasting and farewell lunch at Redaelli de Zinis. **B, L**

Day 16 Milan. Travel to the stylish city of Milan where your tour ends. We recommend you book flights that depart after 3pm. **B**

Inclusions

23 meals including breakfast daily **B**, Lake Garda wine estate lunch **L** and 7 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Lake Garda wine tasting
- Aiguille du Midi cable car
- Jungfrau Railway
- Glacier Express
- Little Red Train Funicular
- Chamonix, heart of the French alps
- Bern UNESCO landmark

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 23	NZ\$17,734	NZ\$21,484
Aug 15	NZ\$18,359	NZ\$22,109
Sep 5	NZ\$17,734	NZ\$21,484



Discover more

Swiss Grandeur featuring the Glacier Express



Soaring mountain peaks, lakeside retreats and cable car adventures interspersed by arguably the finest Swiss rail journeys and hospitality! From the Art Nouveau style of Château Monfort in the heart of Milan, we journey north, to the shores of Lake Lugano. Nestled within a private, subtropical park, two nights at Grand Hotel Villa Castagnola provides the perfect retreat to explore. Our rail journeys are first class and the Bernina Express takes us into Saint Moritz where we reside at the 5-star Hotel Grace la Margna. A 3-night stay at Tschuggen Grand Hotel allows us to explore the Arosa region by cable car before the famed Glacier Express whisks us to The Chedi, Andermatt, altitude 1,444m! Our journey continues with a relaxed 3-night stay at Lakeside Luzern before a final night in the heart of Zürich.

The Chedi, Andermatt



Luxury Collection

Travel First Class on the Glacier Express, enjoying a two-course lunch amidst stunning scenery

Enjoy 3 nights in beautiful Luzern

3-night stay at Tschuggen Grand Hotel, Arosa



Day 1 Milan. Welcome drink and dinner. **1-night stay** at Chateau Monfort, Milan. **D**

Day 2 Lake Como and Bellagio. Lake Como, Villa Carlotta and private boat to world-famous Bellagio to explore, lunchtime at leisure. **2-night stay** at Grand Hotel Villa Castagnola, Lugano. **B, D**

Day 3 Lugano. Morning at leisure. Before lunch enjoy a 2 hour locally guided foodies and wine walking tour around Lugano, including tastings. 'My Time' Lugano. **B**

Day 4 Bernina Express to Tirano. Ride in Panoramic carriages on the stunning Bernina Express to St Moritz. **2-night stay** at Hotel Grace la Margna, St Moritz or similar. **B, D**

Day 5 St Moritz. Morning orientation tour and 'My Time' St Moritz. Relaxing horse and carriage ride around the lake and into the forest in the afternoon. Superb scenery. **B**

Day 6 Chur and Arosa. Spectacular train ride to medieval Chur, lunchtime at leisure in the old town, cliff clinging train up to the beautiful mountain village of Arosa. **3-night stay** at Tschuggen Grand Hotel, Arosa. **B, D**

Day 7 Hörnlihütte Cable car. Mountain ride by cable car to the Hörnlihütte – spectacular views and Swiss rösti mountain lunch then Swiss mountain 'My Time'. **B, L**

Day 8 Weisshorn cable car, Bear Sanctuary, Prätschli and Squirrel trail. Cable car to the Weisshorn peak, then visit the Bear Sanctuary. 'My Time' Prätschli, and walk through the pine forest squirrel trail. **B**

Day 9 Glacier Express to Andermatt. Stunning train ride in panoramic carriages on the spectacular Glacier Express, including 2 course lunch onboard. **2-night stay** at The Chedi, Andermatt. **B, L, D**

Day 10 Cable car ride to Gütsch and 'My Time' in Andermatt. **B**

Day 11 Luzern. Train to beautiful lakeside Luzern. Walking tour of the old town. **3-night stay** at Renaissance Lucerne Hotel, Luzern. **B, D**

Day 12 Mt Titlis sightseeing. Full day adventure to enjoy a Swiss lunch on the peak of snow bound Mt Titlis. Amazing activities included, Skywalk, Glacier tunnels, huge views. **B, L**

Day 13 Mt Pilatus, Luzern 'My Time'. 'Golden Round Trip' by boat, cog railway and cable car to Mt Pilatus for spectacular views. 'My Time' in Luzern. Farewell dinner in a private villa restaurant overlooking Lake Luzern. **B, D**

Day 14 Zürich Sightseeing. Train to Zürich, Old Town sightseeing, 'My Time' Zürich, Farewell drink. **1-night stay** at Park Hyatt, Zürich. **B**

Day 15 Zürich. Your tour ends after breakfast. **B**

Inclusions

24 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 3 lunches **L** and 7 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Private boat cruise Lake Como
- Foodies walking tour Lugano
- Horse and Carriage ride St Moritz
- Arosa and Mt Titlis Mountain sightseeing
- Mt Pilatus Golden Round Trip excursion
- Glacier Express and Bernina Express rides in 1st class panoramic carriages

Maximum 20 Travellers

2027 Departure and Price

Aug 23

	Twin share pp	Solo
	NZ\$27,109	NZ\$37,109



Discover more

Leisurely Switzerland – the Glacier Express and Cable Car Adventures



Spend 2 nights in Zermatt

What a huge adventure! Four astonishing train rides, including the Glacier and Bernina Express and the rock face clinging train ride up to the mountain resort of Arosa. Mountain peak lunches, bear sanctuary and a pine forest red squirrel trail around Alpine lakes, 'My Time', relaxing meadow walks. Cable car and boat rides, and the extraordinary Matterhorn Glacier Paradise, the highest mountain station in Europe!



Ride on the amazing Glacier Express



Spend 2 nights in delightful Lugano



Day 1 Milan. Welcome drink and dinner. **1-night stay** *Starhotels Ritz, Milan.* **D**

Day 2 Lake Como and Bellagio. Lake Como, Villa Carlotta and private boat to world-famous Bellagio to explore, lunchtime at leisure. **2-night stay** *Hotel Bellevue au Lac, Lugano.* **B, D**

Day 3 Lugano. Morning at leisure. Before lunch enjoy a 2 hour locally guided foodies and wine walking tour around Lugano, including tastings. 'My Time' Lugano. **B**

Day 4 Bernina Express to Tirano. Ride in Panoramic carriages on the stunning Bernina Express to St Moritz. **2-night stay** *Hotel Steffani, St Moritz.* **B, D**

Day 5 St Moritz. Morning orientation tour and 'My Time' St Moritz. Relaxing horse and carriage ride around the lake and into the forest in the afternoon. Superb scenery. **B**

Day 6 Chur and Arosa. Spectacular train ride to medieval Chur, lunchtime at leisure in the old town, cliff clinging train up to the beautiful mountain village of Arosa. **3-night stay** *Faern Hotel, Arosa.* **B, D**

Day 7 Hörnlihütte Cable car. Mountain ride by cable car to the Hörnlihütte – spectacular views and Swiss Rösti mountain lunch then Swiss mountain 'My Time'. **B, L, D**

Day 8 Weissshorn cable car, Bear Sanctuary, Prätschli and Squirrel trail. Cable car to the Weissshorn peak, then visit the Bear Sanctuary. 'My Time' Prätschli, and walk through the pine forest squirrel trail. **B, D**

Day 9 Glacier Express to Zermatt. Stunning train ride in panoramic carriages on the spectacular Glacier Express to exclusive Zermatt. **2-night stay** *Hotel National, Zermatt.* **B, D**

Day 10 The Matterhorn Glacier Paradise. A huge adventure! Take cable cars up to the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise, an incredible 3,883 m above sea level and the highest mountain station in Europe! **B**

Day 11 Bern and Luzern. Travel by train via medieval Bern to beautiful lakeside Luzern. Walking tour of the old town. Swiss folklore show and dinner. **3-night stay** *Hotel Astoria, Luzern.* **B, D**

Day 12 Mt Titlis sightseeing. Full day adventure to enjoy a Swiss lunch on the peak of snow bound Mt Titlis. Amazing activities included, Skywalk, Glacier tunnels, huge views. **B, L**

Day 13 Luzern 'My Time' and lake cruise. 'My Time' Luzern then enjoy a lake cruise, and funicular train up to the super exclusive resort of Bürgenstock. The views across the lake are spectacular. **B**

Day 14 Zürich Sightseeing. Train to Zürich, Old Town sightseeing, 'My Time' Zürich and farewell dinner. **1-night stay** *Hotel Glockenhof, Zürich or similar.* **B, D**

Day 15 Zürich. Your tour ends after breakfast. **B**

Inclusions

25 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 2 mountain lunches **L** and 9 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Private boat cruise on Lake Como
- Foodies walking tour Lugano
- Horse and Carriage ride
- Arosa and Mt Titlis Mountain sightseeing
- Stunning Matterhorn Glacier Paradise
- Lake Luzern cruise
- Glacier Express and Bernina Express rides in panoramic carriages

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
Jun 28	NZ\$18,734	NZ\$24,984
Aug 30	NZ\$18,734	NZ\$24,984
Sep 20	NZ\$18,734	NZ\$24,984



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Norway – Fjords, Viking Folklore & Flåm



Cruise the UNESCO Geiranger Fjord, passing the Seven Sisters waterfalls

See the classic Norwegian sights of Bergen, the Flåm Railway, and Geiranger Skywalk. Iconic Pulpit Rock, lovely Stavanger, the incredible Atlantic Road, and the glorious Lofoten Islands. Sleep in historic 'Rorbuer' fisherman's cabins over the Reine Fjord, visit an enormous Viking Longhouse, follow the Troll's Road and take a RIB boat out to see Jules Verne's 'Maelstrom'. This is the real Norway!



Enjoy a guided walking tour of Bryggen in Bergen



Sleep in heritage Rorbuer – historic fisherman's cabins



Day 1 Oslo. Welcome drink and dinner. **2-night stay** at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Oslo. **D**

Day 2 Norsk Folkemuseum & Museum of Cultural History. Frogner Park, Bygdøy peninsula, Norsk Folkemuseum, Museum of Cultural History. 'My Time' Oslo. **B**

Day 3 Stavanger and 3 massive Viking Swords. Fly to Stavanger, Viking monument. 'My Time' Stavanger. **2-night stay** at Radisson Blu Atlantic Hotel, Stavanger or similar. **B, D**

Day 4 Lysefjord cruise and Pulpit Rock. Lysefjord cruise, Vagabond's Caves, Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock). Optional hike, 'My Time' Stavanger. **B**

Day 5 Scenic drive to Bergen. **2-night stay** at Bergen Børs Hotel, Bergen. **B, D**

Day 6 Bergen's Bryggen, funicular up Fløyen mountain. Guided walking tour Bergen, Bryggen, Vågen Harbour. Fløibanen funicular. 'My Time' Bergen. **B**

Day 7 Flåm Railway, 'Taste of the Fjord' lunch, Hopperstad Stave church. Train to Myrdal, Scenic Flåm Railway. Sample locally made cheeses, cured meats and seasonal specialties, Vik's Hopperstad Stave church, Sognefjord ferry to Balestrand. **2-night stay** at Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand. **B, L, D**

Day 8 Swiss villas, Viking mounds and 'My Time'. Leisurely start. Escorted walking tour of Balestrand and Viking mounds. 'My Time' Balestrand. **B, D**

Day 9 Bøyabreen Glacier and Geiranger Fjord cruise. Fjordland Glacier Museum, Bøyabreen Glacier. Cruise Geiranger Fjord, Seven Sisters waterfalls, Geiranger. **2-night stay** at Hotel Union Geiranger. **B, D**

Day 10 'My Time', waterfalls, Dalsnibba Skywalk. Dalsnibba Pass, Geiranger Skywalk. 'My Time' Geiranger. **B, D**

Day 11 The Eagle's Road, Trollstigen, Atlantic Ocean Road, German bunkers. Eagle's Road, Ørnesvingen waterfall. Gudbrandsjuvet gorge, Trollstigen, 'Trolls Road', Bud, WWII German bunkers. The Atlantic Ocean Road, 'the most beautiful coastal drive in the world', Kristiansund. **1-night stay** at Quality Hotel Grand, Kristiansund. **B, D**

Day 12 'My Time' & Trondheim. 'My Time' Kristiansund, Trondheim. **2-night stay** at Radisson Blu Royal Garden Hotel, Trondheim. **B, D**

Day 13 Trondheim and Nidaros Cathedral. Leisurely start, Trondheim. Guided visit to Nidaros Cathedral, Archbishops Palace. 'My Time' Trondheim. **B**

Day 14 Bodø and the fabulous Lofoten Islands. Fly to Bodø, then fly to Lofoten. Leknes to Reine's fisherman's cabins. **3-night stay** at Reine Rorbuer, Reine. **B, D**

Day 15 A RIB boat ride to the 'maelstrom'. RIB boat ride, Lofoten archipelago, sea eagles, Moskstraumen whirlpool. 'My Time' Reine. **B, D**

Day 16 Å, Flakstad Fisherman's Church, Viking Longhouse. Harbour town 'Å', Flakstad Church, Lofotr museum, guided tour of a Viking Longhouse. **B**

Day 17 To Oslo. Fly from Leknes to Oslo. Farewell dinner in Oslo. **1-night stay** at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Oslo. **B, D**

Day 18 Oslo. Your tour ends today after breakfast. **B**

Inclusions

30 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 1 lunch **L** and 12 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Economy class internal flights as described.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Lofoten RIB boat ride
- Drive the Atlantic Ocean Road
- Viking Longhouse
- Pulpit Rock cruise

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 24	NZ\$25,109	NZ\$30,734
Aug 9	NZ\$26,234	NZ\$31,859

Midnight Sun Departure – May 24



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Best of British

Itinerary updated
for 2027



Take in the scenery at Grasmere

Experience the essence of Britain. From Stonehenge to the 'Bravehearts' of Scotland and Tintern's romantic Abbey. Tour the stunning Lake District and cruise on Lake Windermere. Discover the Kingmakers of Warwick and Australia's own heritage in Captain Cook's Whitby. See Shakespeare's history in Stratford-upon-Avon and indulge in traditional British fare. Finally, be treated like royalty with a stay in magnificent Leeds Castle!

Join us on our August departure to experience the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.



After day visitors leave, we have an overnight
stay at Leeds Castle, remarkable!



Wander through Tintern Abbey

Join our August departure for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.



Enjoy an included Classic Beatles tour in Liverpool



Visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage in Stratford-upon-Avon



Explore Edinburgh during your 3-night stay

● Tour commences ● 3 Nights ● Included excursions

Day 1 Stonehenge and Bath. Depart London and visit Salisbury, Stonehenge and Sutton Verney's St John the Evangelist church. Continue to Bath. **3-night stay at Francis Hotel, Bath. D**

Day 2 Bath Abbey, the Roman Pump Rooms. Guided walking tour of Bath attractions and 'My Time'. **B**

Day 3 Wells, Gothic Cathedral, Glastonbury ruins. Visit Wells Gothic Cathedral and Cloisters. Traditional pub lunch at Swan Hotel. Visit the Glastonbury ruins. **B, L**

Day 4 Tintern's Cistercian Abbey and Wedgwood World. My Time over lunch in Ross-on-Wye. **2-night stay at Hotel Indigo, Liverpool. B, D**

Day 5 Liverpool sightseeing. Black Cab taxi tour, visit The Beatles Story Museum and 'My Time'. **B**

Day 6 Chester and Lake District. Ferry across the Mersey. Visit Chester. Drive to Lake District. **2-night stay at Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa, Windermere. B, D**

Day 7 Lake District sightseeing. Visit Ambleside and Grasmere, Wordsworth Museum and Dove Cottage, Lake Windermere cruise. **B**

Day 8 New Lanark and Edinburgh. Gretna Green, New Lanark World Heritage Site. **3-night stay at DoubleTree by Hilton Edinburgh City Centre or similar. B, D**

Day 9 Edinburgh Castle and Royal Yacht Britannia. Edinburgh Castle and Royal Yacht Britannia, then 'My Time' Edinburgh. Traditional Scottish dinner, song and dance. **B, D**

Day 10 Ancient Stirling, Falkirk Wheel and Whisky tasting. Guided tour of 'Braveheart' Stirling Castle, visit the Falkirk Wheel, Rosebank Distillery 'Discover the World's Best Whisky' tour and tasting. **B**

Day 11 Alnwick Castle & Durham. Northumbria for guided tour of Alnwick Castle of Harry Potter fame. Continue to Durham, then York. **3-night stay at Hotel Indigo, York or similar. B, D**

Day 12 York sightseeing and afternoon tea. Orientation of York, 'My Time', decadent afternoon tea. **B**

Day 13 Whitby Abbey & Captain Cook Museum. Whitby, fish and chip lunch. Benedictine Abbey, Captain Cook Memorial Museum. **B, L**

Day 14 Chatsworth House and Stratford-upon-Avon. Derbyshire, Chatsworth House. **3-night stay at Crowne Plaza, Stratford-upon-Avon. B, D**

Day 15 Warwick Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon. Guided castle tour, Anne Hathaway's cottage, Shakespeare's Birthplace, 'My Time' in Stratford-upon-Avon. **B**

Day 16 Oxford and the Cotswolds. Guided city tour of Oxford. Afternoon drive through the Cotswolds, dinner cruise on the River Avon. **B, D**

Day 17 Magnificent Leeds Castle, Kent. Visit Windsor, then an exclusive private tour and farewell dinner in Leeds Castle. **1-night stay at Leeds Castle, Kent. B, D**

Day 18 To London. Your tour ends today after breakfast, transfer to central London. We recommend you book flights that depart London after 4pm. **B**

Inclusions

28 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 2 lunches **L** and 9 evening meals including a dinner cruise and dinner in Leeds Castle **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Private cruise on Lake Windermere
- Captain Cook's Whitby
- Decadent afternoon tea
- Exclusive Leeds Castle dinner and stay
- Alnwick Castle
- Stonehenge
- Beatles tour in Liverpool by Black Cab

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 16	NZ\$21,109	NZ\$26,609
Aug 1	NZ\$21,484	NZ\$26,984
Sep 5	NZ\$21,109	NZ\$26,609



Discover more

Irish Connections



Embark on an unforgettable journey with wonderful sightseeing. From Temple Bar in Dublin, Killarney and the Wild Atlantic Way, to the Aran Islands, Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre – site of the ancient megalithic tombs and the Titanic Experience in Belfast, plus the fascinating story of the mass emigration and deportation of the Irish to Australia. Kiss the Blarney Stone, enjoy a lake cruise, an Aran Islands boat ride, a relaxing horse-drawn "jaunting car" ride, tastings of Guinness, Irish Coffee, and Whiskey, and so much more!





Day 1 Dublin. Welcome drink and dinner. **3-night stay at Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin. D**

Day 2 Dublin sightseeing and 'My Time'. Half day city tour of Dublin, visit to the Jeanie Johnston Famine Ship and the Guinness Storehouse. 'My Time' Dublin. **B**

Day 3 Powerscourt Gardens, Wicklow Mountains & Glendalough. Leisurely start. Visit to Powerscourt Gardens, Wicklow Mountains National Park, and Glendalough Monastic Settlement. Dinner in a renovated church. **B, D**

Day 4 Kilkenny, Irish Pub lunch, Clonoulty and Rock of Cashel. Medieval Kilkenny, Irish Pub lunch at Malzard's Pub, visit to Clonoulty and the Rock of Cashel. Travel to Cork. **2-night stay at The Metropole Hotel, Cork. B, L, D**

Day 5 Blarney Castle and Cobh 'My Time'. Visit to Blarney Castle and Cobh. Kiss the Blarney Stone and visit the Cobh Heritage Centre. 'My Time' in Cobh. **B**

Day 6 Lake cruise and Jaunting Cars in Killarney. Travel to Killarney via Macroom and Gougane Barra. Tour through Killarney National Parklands by Jaunting Cars followed by Lake cruise on Lough Léin. **3-night stay at Cahernane House Hotel, Killarney or similar. B, D**

Day 7 Picturesque Dingle Peninsula. Scenic drive around Dingle Peninsula, visit to the Blasket Heritage Centre at Dún Chaoin. Afternoon stop in Dingle village. **B, D**

Day 8 Ring of Kerry, Derrynane House and Killarney 'My Time'. Drive along the Ring of Kerry and visit to Derrynane House. 'My Time' in Killarney. **B**

Day 9 Foynes, Cliffs of Moher and Galway. Flying Boat Museum in Foynes and the 'Boy at the Workhouse Door' famine memorial. Visit to the Cliffs of Moher and drive through 'The Burren'. Continue to Galway. **3-night stay at The House Hotel, Galway. B, D**

Day 10 Connemara National Park, Galway. Today we explore the Connemara National Park and visit Kylemore Abbey. Evening show*. **B**

**Mar 10 departure does not include an evening show.*

Day 11 Aran Islands. Visit to Aran Islands and private tour of Inis Mór. Visit to Dún Aonghasa fort and lunch in Kilronan town. 'My Time'. **B, L**

Day 12 Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre and Belfast. Visit to Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre and Monasterboice. Travel to Belfast. **3-night stay at the Titanic Hotel, Belfast. B, D**

Day 13 Giant's Causeway, Glenarm Castle 'Farm to Fork' Lunch. 'My Time' in Belfast. **B, L**

Day 14 Explore Belfast. Guided panoramic city tour, visit to Titanic Experience, Whiskey distillery tour and tasting, farewell dinner. **B, D**

Day 15 To Dublin. Your tour ends after breakfast. Transfer to Dublin. We recommend you book flights that depart Dublin after 2pm. **B**

Inclusions

25 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 3 lunches **L**, 8 evening meals including a special dinner with 'Titanic theme' **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Lake Cruise
- Aran Islands boat ride
- Killarney Jaunting Cars
- Blarney Stone
- Folklore show
- Rock of Cashel
- Guinness Storehouse tasting
- Irish coffee tasting
- Whiskey tour & tasting

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
Mar 10	NZ\$13,359	NZ\$17,359
May 25	NZ\$14,609	NZ\$18,609
Aug 24	NZ\$14,609	NZ\$18,609



Discover more

André Rieu, Rhine Castles & Moselle Vineyards

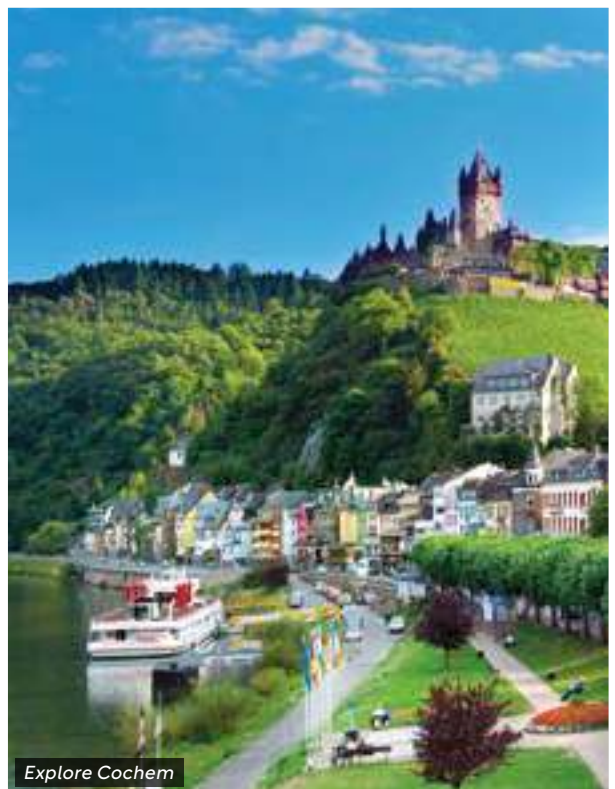


Visit Eltz Castle

Join the 'King of Waltz' and experience the spectacular concert of world-famous violinist André Rieu, in his home town, Maastricht. Explore the spectacular castles, hill clinging vineyards and delightful riverside towns of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. Stay in Germany's ancient town of Trier, visit Cologne, Luxembourg, Koblenz and Aachen, cruise down the Rhine, relax in Rüdesheim, dine on vine covered terraces and stand on a massive 'treehouse platform' with sweeping views down over the River Saar. We have three, 3-night stays including at the Bellevue Rheinhof - wonderful!



3-night stay at Bellevue Rheinhof, Boppard



Explore Cochem



Day 1 Frankfurt. Welcome drink and dinner. **1-night stay at Maritim Hotel, Frankfurt. D**

Day 2 Aachen & Maastricht. Discover Aachen's UNESCO cathedral and the Old Town. Travel to the charming town of Maastricht. **3-night stay at Van der Valk Maastricht Maas Hotel, Maastricht. B, D**

Day 3 Cologne Cathedral & Augustusburg Palace Brühl. Discover Cologne on a guided walking tour including a visit to Cologne Cathedral. Enjoy 'My Time' to stroll the Rheingarten. In the afternoon visit the UNESCO heritage listed Augustusburg Palace in the nearby town of Brühl. **B, D**

Day 4 Maastricht, Caves visit, 'My Time' and the King of Waltz. Enjoy a guided tour of St Pietersberg Hill caves. 'My Time' to explore the ancient city of Maastricht. Then witness the André Rieu Concert in the medieval city square. Your tickets are included! **B, D**

Day 5 'My Time' in Maastricht & Trier. A leisurely start today. Drive through Eifel National Park before arrival in the UNESCO listed city Trier. **3-night stay at Park Plaza, Trier. B, D**

Day 6 Trier, and Moselle Wine Tasting. Guided walking tour of Trier considered the oldest city in Germany. 'My Time' to enjoy. Afternoon take in the massive views of the Moselle River from Castle Burg Landshut. Then enjoy a wine tasting and 'My Time' in Bernkastel-Kues before returning to Trier. **B**

Day 7 Luxembourg & Saarburg. Guided tour of Luxembourg and time to explore. Returning via the Saar Loop lookout and waterfall town of Saarburg. **B**

Day 8 Cochem, Burg Eltz & the Rhine Valley. Enjoy an included visit to the Bundesbank Bunker Museum. Guided tour of Burg Eltz Castle. Travel the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Tonight dine in an old wine cellar cave. **3-night stay at the Bellevue Rheinhof, Boppard. B, D**

Day 9 Bacharach, Rüdesheim and Rhine Cruise. Drive down the Rhine, stop in the beautiful Bacharach village. Ride on a cable car to the Niederwald monument. Enjoy a leisurely lunch before 'My Time' in Rüdesheim. Complete the day with a Rhine cruise aboard a paddle steamer. **B, L**

Day 10 Koblenz & Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. Spend the morning in the ancient city of Koblenz. Take a cable car to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress for a guided tour. Enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking the Rhine. **B, D**

Day 11 Frankfurt. Tour ends after breakfast with a transfer to Frankfurt. We recommend you book flights and trains that depart Frankfurt after 1pm. **B**



Inclusions

18 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 1 lunch **L** and 7 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Ticket to André Rieu concert in Maastricht
- Guided tour Cologne Cathedral treasury
- Moselle Wine Tasting
- Brühl's incredible palaces of Augustusburg and Falkenlust
- Saarschleife scenic lookout
- Cochem Bundesbank Bunker & Burg Eltz
- Cable cars at Rüdesheim and Ehrenbreitstein Fortress

2027 Departure and Price

	Twin share pp	Solo
Jul 1	NZ\$12,484	NZ\$14,172



Discover more

Brussels to Berlin – Chocolate, Canals & Culture



Stay in beautiful Ghent for 3 nights

Embark on a captivating exploration of the lesser-known gems in Belgium, The Netherlands and Germany's vibrant north, where palaces, medieval towns and charming cobblestoned villages await your discovery. Be absorbed by Brussels, visit Waterloo, relax in Ghent's beautiful town squares. Wander the ornate gabled merchant houses of Bruges and visit the sobering WWI battlefields of Flanders and Ypres.

Cruise through Rotterdam's port, drive along the massive Delta dykes, stay in the heart of charming Utrecht, cruise along Amsterdam's canals and explore the astonishing De Haar Castle.

Now complete the picture with six further nights in Germany's vibrant North. In Papenburg, witness some of the world's biggest passenger cruise liners being built, visit the UNESCO Heritage listed Bremen Town Hall and cruise along the river Weser. Explore the Hanseatic city of Hamburg, visit the stunning, UNESCO listed Schwerin Castle and to cap it all off, see Berlin's Checkpoint Charlie, visit the famous Reichstag and Potsdam's Palaces.

The April departure includes tickets to visit the world famous Keukenhof Tulip Flower Festival!



Enjoy 3 nights in vibrant Berlin



3-night stay at Ghent Pillows Grand Boutique Hotel Reylof



Day 1 Brussels. Welcome drink and dinner. **2-night stay at Pillows City Hotel Brussels Centre, Brussels. D**

Day 2 Brussels Grand Palace and Galeries Royales. Walking tour through the old city including the Grand Place, Mary's Chocolate shop at Galeries Royales. 'My Time' in Brussels. **B**

Day 3 Waterloo and a boat ride through Ghent. Spend the morning on the site of the Battle of Waterloo, entrance is included to three attractions. Early afternoon enjoy a guided walking tour through Ghent followed by 'My Time'. Evening canal cruise and included dinner. **3-night stay at Pillows Grand Boutique Hotel Reylof, Ghent. B, D**

Day 4 'My Time' in Ghent, Flanders Fields & Menin Gate. Enjoy beautiful Ghent with 'My Time' this morning. Afternoon visit Passchendaele Memorial Museum and 5th Division Memorial, Polygon Wood, Ypres, Flanders Fields and Menin Gate. **B**

Day 5 Delightful Bruges. A leisurely start before a walking tour in Bruges and 'My Time' to relax and enjoy the glorious old market square. **B**

Day 6 The Delta Project and Rotterdam port cruise. Journey into The Netherlands, across enormous dykes that form the Delta Project. On arrival in Rotterdam board a cruise to follow the river and see the gigantic port. Travel on to delightful Utrecht and enjoy dinner tonight. **4-night stay at Grand Hotel Karel V, Utrecht. B, D**

Day 7 Cheese and windmills. Explore the historical museum of Zaanse Schans complete with cheese and windmills. Stroll through the fishing port of Volendam and have 'My Time' in Utrecht. Note in April we visit Keukenhof Gardens instead of Volendam. **B**

Day 8 'My Time' in Utrecht, De Haar Castle & the village of Haarzuilens. The entire morning is free in beautiful Utrecht. In the afternoon visit the moated De Haar Castle and the quaint Dutch village of Haarzuilens, with its traditional window shutters. **B**

Day 9 Amsterdam canal cruise & 'My Time'. We board a canal boat for a cruise through this amazing city. A local guide takes us by coach and foot around the major city landmarks. 'My Time' this afternoon to explore the shops and museums. Dinner tonight in a local Utrecht restaurant. **B, D**

Day 10 Picturesque Groningen and Papenburg shipyards. Explore Groningen's historic city centre and central Grote Markt square. Enjoy a private guided tour through the Meyer Werft shipbuilding yards in Papenburg. Continue on to Bremen. **2-night stay at Atlantic Grand Hotel, Bremen. B, D**

Day 11 Bremen, river cruise and 'My Time'. Highlights today will be a guided walking tour of Bremen including entrance to the Town Hall. Afternoon enjoy a relaxing cruise on the river Weser and 'My Time'. **B**

Day 12 Hamburg & 'My Time'. A leisurely start before your drive to Hamburg. On arrival 'My Time' to stroll the city. **1-night stay at the Renaissance Hotel, Hamburg. B**

Day 13 Schwerin Castle and travel to Berlin. Visit inside and outside of the delightful UNESCO Heritage listed Schwerin Castle. Entrance tickets with an audio guide included. **3-night stay at The Westin Grand Hotel, Berlin. B, D**

Day 14 Berlin's Reichstag and 'My Time'. An expert local guide takes you on a panoramic tour to see all the major sights of Berlin and to visit the Reichstag. Afternoon 'My Time' to visit the shops, and museums. **B**

Day 15 Potsdam's Palaces and Gardens. Photo stop at Glienicke Bridge (Bridge of Spies) before visiting Neues Palais and Sanssouci Summer Palace in Potsdam. Farewell dinner. **B, D**

Day 16 Berlin. Your tour ends after breakfast. **B**

Inclusions

22 meals including breakfast daily **B** and 7 evening meals **D**. All tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Special boat rides in Ghent, Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Bremen
- The Waterloo Battlefield and Museum
- Special Flanders Fields tour
- Zaanse Schans historical windmill village
- Drive along the Delta Project Dykes
- Papenburg's Meyer Werft shipbuilding site
- Bremen's UNESCO listed Town Hall
- Schwerin Castle
- A day in Potsdam with multiple palace visits

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
Apr 24	NZ\$17,484	NZ\$22,234
Jun 12	NZ\$17,484	NZ\$22,234



Discover more

Glorious Germany & the Czech Republic



Explore Prague during your 3-night stay

See the very best of Berlin including Checkpoint Charlie, plus Potsdam's Palaces and the 'Bridge of Spies'. Wander Prague's medieval Hradčany district and visit Prague Castle. Explore the infamous Colditz Castle.

Relax in the magnificent Saxon Switzerland National Park where you can stand on the Bastei Bridge. The impressive Königstein Fortress provides wonderful views of the Elbe. Float on a punt through the idyllic waterways of the 'Spree Forest', cruise along the River Elbe to Dresden's Royal Palace and glide down the Vltava in Český Krumlov!



Glide down the river in UNESCO listed Český Krumlov



Relax in Mozart's Salzburg



Day 1 Berlin. Welcome drink and dinner. **2-night stay at the Maritim proArte Hotel, Berlin. D**

Day 2 Berlin sightseeing. Panoramic tour followed by 'My Time' in Berlin. **B**

Day 3 Potsdam Palaces and Gardens. Photo stop at Glienicke Bridge – the 'Bridge of Spies'. Guided visits of Neues Palais and Sanssouci Palace & Gardens before our journey on to Lübbenau. **2-night stay at the Hotel Schloss Lübbenau, Spreewald. B, D**

Day 4 Spreewald. Punt ride through the UNESCO biosphere reserve of the Spreewald forest followed by 'My Time' in Lübbenau. **B**

Day 5 Meissen, Colditz Castle and Dresden. Journey south to the medieval town of Meissen then enjoy a locally guided tour of Colditz Castle before arriving in Dresden. **3-night stay at Bilderberg Bellevue Hotel, Dresden. B, D**

Day 6 Dresden sightseeing and 'My Time'. Morning walking tour of Dresden including museums at the Dresden Royal Palace followed by 'My Time' to enjoy this delightful city. **B**

Day 7 Saxon Switzerland National Park and River Elbe cruise. First stop at the dramatic Bastei Bridge for panoramic views. Visit the Königstein Fortress before a cruise on the River Elbe. Tonight relax and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. **B, D**

Day 8 Prague. Journey into Czechia and to Prague for a locally guided tour including Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral. **3-night stay at Art Nouveau Palace Hotel, Prague. B, D**

Day 9 Prague. 'My Time' to relax and explore the laneways, churches and bridges of this UNESCO Heritage listed city at your own pace. **B**

Day 10 Kutná Hora sightseeing. Visit the UNESCO listed town of Kutná Hora. We include visits to the Sedlec Ossuary (Church of Bones), the Cathedral of Saint Barbara and a torch lit guided tour through the 500-year-old silver mine. **B**

Day 11 Třeboň and Český Krumlov. We head south to the spa town of Třeboň for a lunchtime stop before continuing on to Český Krumlov, a UNESCO listed town. On arrival we board large wooden rafts to enjoy a leisurely float down the River Vltava before dinner. **2-night stay at Hotel Růže, Český Krumlov. B, D**

Day 12 Český Krumlov tour and 'My Time'. A guided tour of Český Krumlov including entrance to the castle then 'My Time' to enjoy the cobblestoned streets, shops and ancient winding alleys. **B**

Day 13 Salzburg sightseeing and 'My Time'. We head into Austria and to Salzburg, synonymous with Mozart. A guided walking tour before free time. Farewell dinner at St Peter Stiftskeller – Europe's oldest restaurant dating back to 803. **1-night stay at Imlauer Hotel Pitter, Salzburg. B, D**

Day 14 To Munich. After breakfast, we drive to Munich and arrive mid-morning. Please book flights or trains departing after 2pm. **B**

Inclusions

20 meals including breakfast daily **B**, and 7 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Guided tour of Colditz Castle
- Guided tours of Berlin, Dresden, Prague & Český Krumlov
- Spreewald punt ride
- River Elbe cruise
- Vltava raft ride
- Kutná Hora silver mine visit
- Saxon Switzerland National Park
- Guided walking tour of Salzburg

2027 Departure and Price

Aug 20

	Twin share pp	Solo
	NZ\$13,359	NZ\$15,859



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Black Forest, the Bavarian Alps and Austria



Spend time in gorgeous Hallstatt

Explore the Black Forest, Bavaria's castles, and the authentic essence of Austria, where the hills truly do come alive! Wander down cobblestoned streets in stunning medieval villages. Explore Ludwig's fairytale castles and taste wine on the 'Route des Vins d'Alsace'. Follow the scenic Lakes District Road and relax over lunch in picturesque, lakeside Wolfgangsee. Tour the palatial Gardens of Mainau, take in the spectacular mountain views from the 'Eagles Nest' and soak up the atmosphere of beautiful, baroque Salzburg... ahhh!



Visit the pretty town of Triberg



Stay 4 nights at Imlauer Hotel Pitter, Salzburg



Day 1 Frankfurt. Welcome drink and dinner. **1-night stay at the Maritim Hotel, Frankfurt. D**

Day 2 Heidelberg, Gengenbach and Black Forest. Journey to Heidelberg and take a funicular ride to visit the Castle and the German Apothecary Museum. Later we drive deep into the Black Forest and enjoy a stop in Gengenbach. **4-night stay at the Hotel Zum Ochsen, Schönwald. B, D**

Day 3 Strasbourg cruise and Triberg. Morning in Strasbourg with a boat cruise, before an afternoon at leisure in Triberg, home of Germany's highest waterfall, famous cake and world's largest cuckoo clock. **B**

Day 4 Colmar and the Alsace Wine Road. A morning in beautiful Colmar, including an orientation tour by 'Petit Train'. Our afternoon includes wine tasting on the Alsace Wine Road. **B, D**

Day 5 Gothic Freiburg and Lake Titisee. A visit to the region's capital, Freiburg with included lunch on the shores of Lake Titisee. An afternoon cruise on the Lake with time to explore Titisee. An evening at leisure in Schönwald. **B, L**

Day 6 Flower Island of Mainau to Bavaria. Locally guided tour of the 'Flower Island' of Mainau. Ferry across Lake Constance, afternoon stop in Lindau. Our day ends in Füssen, with the backdrop of the Bavarian Alps. **3-night stay at Hotel Hirsch, Füssen. B, D**

Day 7 Neuschwanstein Castle and Tegernsee. A guided tour of Neuschwanstein Castle – the fairytale castle of 'mad' King Ludwig, and a cable car ride to Tegernsee for panoramic views. **B**

Day 8 Linderhof Palace, Oberammergau and Wieskirche. A day in the mountains, featuring a guided tour of Linderhof Palace and visit Oberammergau – famous for the Passion Play performance each decade. A guided tour of the Passion Play Theatre and Museum is included. In the afternoon drive through Bavarian farmlands to see the World Heritage listed Wieskirche Church. **B, D**

Day 9 Innsbruck and Rattenberg. We explore Innsbruck's old town, home to the renowned Golden Roof. An afternoon stop in Rattenberg on our way to Salzburg. **4-night stay at Imlauer Hotel Pitter, Salzburg. B, D**

Day 10 Salzburg and 'My Time'. A walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage City of Salzburg, followed by 'My Time'. **B**

Day 11 Berchtesgaden, Eagle's Nest and Salt Mines. We visit Berchtesgaden and The Kehlsteinhaus (Eagle's Nest) then explore the Salt Mines by small train and barge, deep underground. **B, D**

Day 12 Hallstatt and Lake Wolfgangsee. Spend the day in the Austrian Lakes District. Explore the picturesque lakeside town of Hallstatt, before time for lunch in St Wolfgang and the evening free, in Salzburg. **B**

Day 13 Extravagant Herrenchiemsee Palace and Munich. Entering Germany, we stop in the town of Prien to take a boat ride to the island of Herrenchiemsee. We continue our journey to Munich for a final evening together and celebration at a farewell dinner. **1-night stay at Maritim Hotel, Munich. B, D**

Day 14 Munich. Our tour ends after breakfast in Munich. **B**

Inclusions

22 meals including breakfast daily **B**, 1 lunch on the shores of Lake Titisee **L**, and 8 evening meals **D**, all tips for your Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides. Plus Albatross Tours' quality inclusions detailed on page 7.

Hand Selected Inclusions

- Alsace Wine Tasting
- River cruise in Strasbourg
- Lunch and cruise on Lake Titisee
- Guided tour of the 'Flower Island' at Mainau
- Guided tour of the Oberammergau Passion Play Theatre and Museum
- Cable Car ride up Tegernsee mountain
- Berchtesgaden Salt Mines visit
- Boat ride across Lake Chiemsee and visit to Herrenchiemsee Palace

2027 Departures and Prices

	Twin share pp	Solo
May 11	NZ\$15,234	NZ\$18,609
Sep 7	NZ\$15,234	NZ\$18,609



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Before you book

How much money do I need to budget for optional meals and excursions?

Nothing! Unlike most other tour companies we simply don't sell extra 'optional' tours once you arrive. All the excursions, activities and meals we outline are already included. Many dinners, even special regional restaurant dining is already included. To help matters we also include a glass of wine, beer or soft drink with dinner and later, tea or coffee.

Note: Drinks are not included with dinner on the Norway – Fjords, Viking Folklore & Flåm tour.

Do prices shown on the website and in the brochure include airfares?

All pricing shown is for the land only tour price and airfares are not included, except where we include internal flights whilst on tour.

Are Albatross' tours escorted from New Zealand?

All of our group tours meet with the Albatross Tours Manager at the hotel on Day 1 of the tour.

If I am a solo person travelling, do I need to pay the Single Supplement?

Yes, and the good news is that in most hotels you will be offered a double room for single use. This means when travelling on an Albatross tour you will mostly have a hotel room to yourself with either a double bed or two twin beds.

Is my tour guaranteed to depart?

Guaranteed departures are shown on our website with a green tick. You will be happy to know that we undertake to run any tour even on as little as 10-12 travellers. Plus we are very happy to tell you how many guests we have booked on any tour, giving you peace of mind when you book.

Are your tours English speaking only?

Yes. Our tours are designed for New Zealanders and Australians, with English speaking, expert Tour Managers.

Booking with Albatross

How can I book an Albatross tour?

Book your Albatross Tour directly with us or through your Travel Advisor.

If you wish to book with us there are three ways you can get in touch:

From New Zealand call 0800 446 232

From Australia call 1300 135 015

Online Book online at www.albatrosstours.com

Email Send an email to info@albatrosstours.com.au

What's the next step once I have made a booking?

Once you are confirmed on a tour, an invoice and a Traveller Information Form will be sent to you. A non-refundable deposit is required within 7 days to secure your booking. The deposit amount is a minimum of 10% of the total tour cost, however, the deposit may vary for special tours or departures. The deposit amount will be shown on your booking invoice. We also ask that you complete and submit your Traveller Information Form within 7 days of your booking.

How do I complete my Traveller Information form?

After your booking has been made you will receive an email which contains details to complete your Traveller Information form.

When is final payment due on my booking?

Full payment is required 90 days prior to travel, unless advised otherwise.

What payment options are available?

- New Zealand bookings can make payment using direct deposit

- Australian bookings can make payment using; cash, cheque, direct deposit, BPAY, VISA, MasterCard or Amex, please note if paying with credit card the respective merchant fee may apply, where permitted by law.

All payment details are provided on the bottom of your booking confirmation and invoice.

Can Albatross assist with travel insurance, flights, transfers or pre & post tour accommodation?

Albatross Tours can provide you with quotes for Travel Insurance or Pre/Post Accommodation for your selected tour departure. Please contact our reservations team via phone or email and we would be happy to provide you with a quote.

For flights, airport transfers and other additional itinerary planning, will need to be sourced independently or through your travel advisor.

Whilst on tour

What is the food like?

Just like you, we like good food! The daily breakfast is usually an extensive buffet selection. We specially select the included dinners, not just those in your hotel but also special ones in authentic local taverns, restaurants, bistros and beautiful wine estates. Sometimes leisurely, feature lunches are also included. We purposefully leave a few evenings free for you to discover your own local restaurant or bistro.

Can you cater for special dietary needs?

Yes, of course. Please provide your dietary needs on your Traveller Information form at the time of booking. Once you arrive and begin your tour please reconfirm your dietary needs with your Tour Manager. Please note, whilst every effort is made to ensure your dietary needs are properly catered for, we cannot guarantee absolute satisfaction every time.

What time do I need to get up each morning?

Later! It is rare we start a day before 8:30am. Our longer stays mean you are not constantly checking in and out of hotels all the time and packing and unpacking your bags is not a repetitive chore. The pace is so much more relaxed and most mornings you have time for that second cup of coffee over a relaxing breakfast.

What standard and size of coaches do you use?

We use first-class, full-size touring coaches with 40 – 45 seats. This means where the average group size is 22 travellers, everyone gets a window seat and a spare seat! WiFi is available on most coaches and there is an on-board toilet for emergencies. Note: Occasionally we may also use day charter coaches for sightseeing and in rare cases when touring groups numbers are below 15 we may use a smaller coach, without a toilet.

How much walking is involved on your tours?

Our tours require a moderate level of fitness due to the unique places we visit and stay. On some occasions coach drop off points are 10 minutes or so walk away from an old town centre. If you are joining us on one of our walking tours we recommend comfortable shoes and that you are able to walk at a moderate pace.

Booking Terms & Conditions

These Booking Conditions set out the terms on which you contract with us for the arrangement and delivery of travel arrangements for your trip. By making a booking with us, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions. We reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you making a booking request. "You" and "Your" means all persons named in a booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date). "We", "us", "our" and "Albatross Tours" means Albatross Travel Group Pty Ltd.

Bookings

A booking request is accepted when we issue a written booking confirmation and you have paid your deposit. It is at this point that a contract between us and you comes into existence subject to these Booking Conditions.

We reserve the right to decline any booking at our discretion. No employee of ours other than a director has the authority to vary or omit any of these Booking Conditions or to promise any discount, refund or credit.

Services

We commence providing services to you as soon as we accept your booking. This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements. You also receive the benefit of work we undertake in anticipation of bookings. The services we provide to you are limited to (a) the arrangement and coordination of your travel arrangements; and (b) the delivery of travel arrangements which we directly control.

Prices and Exclusions

Prices stated are in NZ\$D (or \$AUD if you are based in Australia and accessed our albatrosstours.com.au or albatrosstours.com websites) and are current at the time of publication. The most up to date pricing is available on our website. The price includes accommodation, transportation and other inclusions as per the published itinerary.

Prices shown are our standard prices. Where permitted by law, a surcharge may apply for certain payment methods and will not exceed our cost of acceptance. Payment options and any applicable terms will be confirmed prior to payment.

International and domestic airfares and airport/hotel transfers are not included unless specifically stated. Costs associated with passports, visas, vaccinations, insurance, meals (other than those stipulated), emergency evacuation costs, gratuities, and all items of a personal nature are not included.

Price Surcharges

We reserve the right to vary the cost of your travel arrangements prior to commencement for circumstances beyond our control such as the imposition of fuel surcharges or new or amended Government charges.

We also reserve the right to vary the cost of your travel arrangements due to currency fluctuations. However, we will not vary the cost for currency fluctuations once full payment has been received by us and we will absorb the first 2% of any negative currency fluctuation.

Deposit

A 10% non-refundable deposit per person is required within 7 days (unless otherwise stated) of us accepting your booking. A 10% deposit also applies to pre and post accommodation if selected.

The deposit represents a fee payable to us for services associated with the processing and confirmation of your booking and any consultations on travel arrangements that we may provide to you. Because these services are provided as soon as we confirm your booking, the deposit is non-refundable other than where we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure (see below).

Please note that we may not hold any services for you until we receive payment of your deposit, meaning that services may become unavailable, or prices may increase, in which case you will be responsible for paying the increased price, and we will not be responsible if services become unavailable.

Final Payment

Payment in full must be received by no less than 90 days before commencement of your trip. Note: some trips may require payment (including full payment) earlier or in additional instalments and this will be advised with the booking confirmation.

For late bookings (bookings within 90 days of departure), full payment is required at the time of request. You acknowledge that we may not be able to confirm services, in which case we will provide you with a refund.

If you fail to make payment by the due date, we will remind you to make payment. In addition

to the payment, you will also be responsible for any costs imposed on us by suppliers resulting from late payment. If we do not receive payment within 7 days after the reminder, you will be deemed to have cancelled your booking.

Cancellations by You

We require written notice and will make refunds to you less the cancellation fees in accordance with the table below, calculated from the date which we receive written notice:

- Over 90 days before commencement: 10% Deposit
- 90 days to 60 days before commencement: 50% of the booking value
- Within 59 days or no show: 100% of the booking value less any amounts designated as payable to third parties specifically to deliver your travel arrangements which the third party agrees are no longer payable*

*As we will be subject to third party terms and conditions, we make no guarantee that any third party will agree that amounts are no longer payable

You agree that the deductions and cancellation charges specified above are reasonable, represent a genuine pre-estimate of our loss and are required to protect our legitimate business interests. For group departures, a transfer of a confirmed booking to another departure date at your request is deemed to be cancellation of the original booking.

Illness or Vaccination Status Preventing Travel

If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests or vaccination requirements: an airline or other common carrier refuses you carriage; a hotel or vessel refuses to accommodate you; or

- we or our suppliers (acting reasonably) exclude you from the trip and you are consequently prevented from commencing or continuing your trip, then;
- if you have already commenced your trip, we will provide you with reasonable assistance to arrange alternative travel arrangements or to continue the trip. This will be at your cost.
- if you have not commenced your trip then we regret we will not be in a position to provide such assistance.

We will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) because we would have already paid (or committed to pay) suppliers and we would have already performed significant work preparing for the delivery of your trip and servicing your booking. We will not be responsible for any other loss or loss you incur in connection with your booking (for example, airfares and visa expenses) if you are prevented from commencing or continuing your trip in these circumstances.

We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance that adequately responds to cancellations and curtailments associated with illness and other unforeseen events as soon as you have paid your deposit.

Other Cancellations

In these Booking Conditions, the term Force Majeure means an event or events beyond our control and which we could not have reasonably prevented, and includes but is not limited to: (a) natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide, volcanic eruption), adverse weather conditions (including hurricane or cyclone), high or low water levels; (b) war, armed conflict, industrial dispute, civil strife, terrorist activity or the threat of such acts; (c) epidemic, pandemic; (d) any new or changed law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (the events in (d) being 'Government Restrictions').

Force Majeure – Prior to travel

If:

- in our reasonable opinion we (either directly or through our employees, contractors, suppliers or agents) determine that your travel arrangements cannot safely, lawfully or reasonably proceed due to a Force Majeure event; or
- you give us notice no more than 14 days prior to commencement of your booked travel arrangements that you cannot reasonably make use of them due to Government Restrictions.

then we may:

- reschedule your travel arrangements, but only if you are agreeable to the rescheduled arrangements; or
- cancel your travel arrangements, in which case our contract with you will terminate.

If we cancel your travel arrangements, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other for the cancelled arrangements. However, we will either:

- issue you with a credit equal to payments received by us for the cancelled travel arrangements, redeemable within 12 months of issue against any travel services offered by us; or
- refund payments attributable to the cancelled travel arrangements less: (a) unrecoverable third party costs and other expenses incurred or payable by us for the cancelled travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of the cancelled travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to the cancelled travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

Please note that our ability to issue you with a credit may be dependent on our suppliers issuing corresponding credits to us. We cannot guarantee that our suppliers will issue corresponding credits and so in such circumstances we may opt to pay you a limited cash refund as outlined.

Force Majeure – During travel

If due to Force Majeure we cancel travel arrangements after your trip has commenced, we will provide you with a refund of recoverable third party costs for cancelled travel arrangements only.

Force Majeure – General

Where a limited cash refund is to be paid by us, we will use reasonable endeavours to recover payments from third parties attributable to your booking, but we make no guarantee that we will be able to recover these payments either partially or at all. If after we have paid you a limited cash refund (or after we determine that no cash refund is currently payable) we recover payments from third parties attributable to your booking, then we will pass on this payment to you.

We will not be responsible for any other loss or costs you incur in connection with your booking (for example, airfares, insurance and visa expenses) if your trip or particular travel arrangements are cancelled due to an event of Force Majeure.

If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel arrangements are cancelled or rescheduled due to Force Majeure, then you agree the amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and assistance.

You acknowledge that the terms in this section are reasonably necessary to protect our legitimate business interests. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance that adequately responds to cancellation and rescheduling risks associated with Force Majeure events as soon as you have paid your deposit.

Other Cancellations

If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure or a failure to satisfy minimum numbers (see below), you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid, or the offer of a trip of substantially equal quality if appropriate.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from our cancellation.

Minimum Numbers

Our group tours are based on a minimum number of passengers travelling. If a tour fails to satisfy minimum numbers, the tour may be cancelled or re-costed. We will give you notice no later than 60 days prior to the tour's commencement. If the tour is re-costed, you will have the option to either accept the new cost or to cancel your booking. You must make this election within 14 days of receiving notice from us. If the tour is cancelled or if you cancel your booking in these circumstances, we will at your election refund all payments made or credit payments towards alternative arrangements.

We will not be responsible for any other travel arrangements affected by, or any additional costs incurred, as a result of cancellation in these circumstances.

Amendments by You

We will endeavour to accommodate amendments and additional requests. You acknowledge that these may not be possible to fulfil, and for group departures a transfer of a booking to a different departure is deemed a cancellation. An **amendment fee of \$250** will be levied to cover communication and administration costs for any changes to bookings. You will also be required to pay any additional costs charged by suppliers.

Amendments by Us Prior to travel

Due to the dynamic nature of the travel industry, we may occasionally need to make amendments or modifications to the itinerary and its inclusions and you acknowledge our right to do this. Most changes will not be significant. If we become

aware of any significant changes to your itinerary or its inclusions that materially detract from the overall characteristics or value of the tour (where we determine it can still proceed), then we will notify you within a reasonable time and you may elect to:

- proceed with the tour, in which case we will refund you an amount attributable to the reduction in value determined by us acting reasonably; or
- cancel your tour, in which case we will refund you all payments received by us at that time.

If you do not make an election in writing within 7 days of us notifying you of the significant change, then you will be deemed to have elected to proceed with the tour.

During travel

You acknowledge that the itinerary, modes of transport, accommodation and/or the trip's inclusions may need to change during your trip due to local circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including road conditions, poor weather, changes in transport schedules, and/or vehicle breakdowns. You agree that we have the right to pass on any costs we incur for alternative arrangements we put in place for your benefit in these circumstances.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the trip of your choice.

To the fullest extent permitted by law: (a) we will not be responsible for any omissions or modifications to the itinerary or the inclusions due to Force Majeure or other circumstances beyond our control happening after we have accepted your booking. This includes any loss of enjoyment or distress caused by omissions or modifications; (b) if you are entitled to any compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept; and (c) we will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

Unused and Denied Services

No refunds will be made for any travel arrangements included in your tour not utilised, whether by choice or because of late arrival or early departure other than due to our negligence. This includes the failure of transport to operate according to schedule, which we disclaim responsibility for.

We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses you incur (including loss of enjoyment or the costs of alternative arrangements) if you are denied services by a supplier. No overseas supplier or associate is authorised to promise a refund on behalf of Albatross Tours for unused or denied services.

Exclusion from Tour

We reserve the right, acting reasonably, to exclude you from the tour at our discretion if: (a) you fail to comply with our (or any of our supplier's) reasonable instructions (which may include personal hygiene directions consistent with generally issued medical guidance to reduce the incidence of infectious diseases such as COVID 19, influenza or severe colds); (b) if you threaten the safety of yourself, our or our suppliers' personnel or other tour guests; (c) if we (or our supplier) acting reasonably consider that you are materially interfering with the other travellers' enjoyment of the tour; or (d) if you require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide due to an existing medical condition or disability not previously disclosed to us. If we exclude you from the tour, then you will not be entitled to any refund for any remaining portion of the tour and you will be responsible for all costs associated with your onward travel.

Client Names – Exactly as per Passport

For security reasons, airlines and our overseas suppliers require names to be given exactly as stated in your passport. If you do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then you will be responsible for any fees charged (such as airline cancellation charges or re-issue fees) in addition to our own reasonable administration fees.

Travel Insurance

It is a condition of your booking that you are adequately insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. The choice of insurer is yours. Please check the details within your product disclosure statement and ensure you are aware of its conditions and omissions. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time. If you have any questions please contact our European Tour Specialists.

Transportation

When group sizes are considered too small to use a full-sized touring coach, we reserve the right to use a smaller coach. Smaller coaches and any vehicles used for local transfers and occasional day excursions may not have toilet facilities on board. Wi-Fi on coaches is usually available but cannot always be guaranteed. Individual country and EEC laws regarding coach transportation and safety, including the wearing of safety belts where applicable, will be abided by at all times. Failure to abide by local laws may result in you being excluded from the tour.

Where a vehicle is equipped with seatbelts, you must always wear your seatbelt when onboard. To the fullest extent permitted by law, our liability to you for any personal injury, death or other damages or claims arising from an accident or incident involving a vehicle you are travelling on as part of the tour will be limited or excluded to the extent your failure to wear a supplied seatbelt contributed to or caused your injury or death.

Accommodation

Due to the dynamic nature of the travel industry, we may need to substitute hotels, vessels and other forms of accommodation with properties or vessels of a substantially comparable or higher standard. We will endeavour to minimise substitutions. You acknowledge that these substitutions will not be considered a significant change.

Solo Travellers

We contract double rooms for sole use for guests paying the solo traveller price. Whilst we contract the same standard of room for all guests, it is at the discretion of the hotel as to the allocation of rooms. Due to the unique nature of our contracted hotels, allocated rooms may vary between guests and Solo Travellers may receive a smaller sized double room or in some cases a twin-bedded room.

The Solo Traveller price reflects fees and charges passed on to us by our suppliers.

Child Travellers

The minimum age for a child travelling with Albatross Tours is 5 years of age and they must be accompanied with their parent and/or guardian on the same Albatross tour.

Children under the age of 12 years are not encouraged (with the exception of our European Christmas Markets, Christmas Tours, Christmas Holidays and New Year Tour programmes) and are accepted or rejected at OUR sole discretion. If you have any questions please contact our European Tour Specialists.

Twin and Triple Share Rooms

Throughout much of central Europe traditional hotels sometimes offer 'French or Continental Twin' sleeping arrangements whereby two separate single beds and mattresses are attached together, often sharing a single headboard. Many modern hotels now have glass-walled bathrooms, with or without privacy curtains. Please consider this when booking a twin share room.

Triple rooms may be available on festive tour departures only. If available, triple rooms may consist of one double, or two single beds and the third bed may be a 'rollaway' or sofa bed, which is not suitable for an adult. Therefore, triple share rooms are only suitable, when the third person is 15 years or younger at the time of travel. In most cases, the addition of a third bed will result in the space in the bedroom being limited.

We will not be held responsible for any distress or loss of enjoyment as a result of such arrangements or failure to recognise the possibility of such arrangements prior to booking.

Porterage

Unless otherwise stated, hotel porterage for one suitcase per person is included at each stay during your tour. Porterage is not included on the first or last days of your tour when arriving or departing your hotel independently.

Passports and Visas

It is a requirement that you hold a valid passport and any required visas for your trip. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the necessary documentation to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries to be visited.

Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to obtain the necessary vaccinations and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of your trip. Whilst compulsory vaccination is not required to join an Albatross group tour, we do highly recommend you keep your vaccination status as updated as possible. Naturally you will have to comply with the requirements of the countries we will be visiting, and restrictions may apply.

Please note, it is your responsibility to check the updated rules and regulations of the countries you will be visiting to ensure you are allowed entry and are able to be on tour.

Health and Fitness

Minimum Mobility Requirements

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the trip of your choice.

Albatross offers a range of tours to a variety of destinations. A number of tours include visits to hilltop towns, which may have some steep, uneven cobblestoned streets or castles, and attractions with steep staircases and no lifts. Additionally, some larger cities only provide coach passenger drop off points beyond the city-wall limits of old town centres. A reasonable amount of walking will be involved on all tours and therefore a certain level of fitness and mobility is required. If you have walking difficulties or mobility limitations our tours may not be suitable, and we reserve the right not to accept your booking. For more information on mobility requirement specific to your tour please refer to the Albatross Tours website here: <https://www.albatrosstours.com.au/suitability>.

If you have any concerns or wish further information or clarification on minimum mobility requirements, please call our office, or write to us via email via info@albatrosstours.com.au.

Existing Medical Conditions

If you have a medical condition which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention, or which may materially affect the usual conduct of the trip, then you must advise us prior to or at the time you make your booking request.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you are not fit to travel or will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide, then we may cancel your booking. Provided you notified us of your medical condition prior to or at the time you made your booking request, we will provide you with a full refund of funds received [less an administrative fee of \$250].

If you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time, then this will be considered a cancellation by you and cancellation fees and charges will apply (See 'Cancellation By You' section above).

New Medical Conditions

You must advise us of any new or changed medical conditions which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention, special assistance, or which may materially affect the usual conduct of the trip.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide or if you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time, then this will be considered a cancellation by you and cancellation fees and charges will apply (See 'Cancellation By You' section above).

Non-Disclosed Medical Conditions

If any non-disclosed medical conditions mean that you will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide, then we, acting reasonably may exclude you from the trip. This will be considered a cancellation by you and cancellation fees and charges will apply (See 'Cancellation By You' section above).

Dietary Requirements

Special dietary requests are required to be notified to us within 7 days after we confirm your booking. We will endeavour to communicate your requirements to relevant suppliers. However, we cannot guarantee requests will be met by suppliers. It is your responsibility to check that meals and beverages do not contain any allergens. We expressly disclaim any liability for meals or beverages that contain allergens other than in circumstances where we have been negligent.

Image Release

When on tour, we may take photographs or make recordings of you and your activities that identify you. We reserve the right to use any images and/or recordings for promotional and marketing purposes. You consent to this use and acknowledge you will not be entitled to any payment or other compensation. If you do not consent to the use of your image or likeness, please advise us at least 21 days prior to the commencement of your tour.

Independent Additional Services

We are not responsible for any additional activities or excursions which are not included in the booked itinerary or which we sell as agent for the principal operator. Any advice or recommendation made by a guide or local representative is made in good-faith, based on known information, and does not make us responsible for the acts or omissions of the principal operator of the excursion or activity.

Accuracy

Albatross Tours makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of information in our brochures and on our website, in many cases we rely on third parties to provide us with information and descriptions and we cannot reasonably verify all information and to the fullest extent by law will not be liable if the description or information is inaccurate.

White Christmas Tours – Snow

A large part of Central Europe is normally covered by snow over Christmas time. Please note that weather conditions vary from year to year and snowfalls cannot be guaranteed.

Northern Lights Tours – Aurora Borealis

The Aurora Borealis ('Northern Lights') are a natural phenomenon and reliant on nature and clear skies. We will be staying in the North of Scandinavia and Iceland at some of the very best Aurora spotting locations. The chances of catching a wonderful display are very high however, this cannot be guaranteed.

Acceptance of Risk

You acknowledge that travel involves personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be as a result of the adventurous nature of your trip or the visiting of destinations which present geographical, political or cultural risks and dangers.

You should consult guidance issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) applicable to the destinations within your itinerary for Australian customers, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) for New Zealand customers. You acknowledge that your choice to travel is made having had the benefit of DFAT or MFAT guidance, and you accept any additional personal risks associated with your travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we disclaim any liability for these risks.

Responsibility

Services supplied by independent suppliers

Where a third party over whom we have no direct control (Independent Supplier) is the supplier of travel arrangements that form part of your trip, you acknowledge that our obligations to you are limited to taking reasonable care to select a reputable Independent Supplier and arranging for them to provide those travel arrangements to you. Independent Suppliers over whom we have no direct control could include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators, hoteliers, independent transport companies (i.e., vehicles not operated by us), attraction and venue operators, restaurants and common carriers.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any loss, damage, personal injury or delay attributable to the actions or omissions of an Independent Supplier and not caused by our negligence. Any claims you have in this regard must be made against the Independent Supplier. You acknowledge that the Independent Supplier's liability to you may be limited by their own terms and conditions.

Services we directly supply

To the extent only that we are the principal supplier to you of travel arrangements or other services which we control, then we will provide those travel arrangements and services with reasonable skill and care.

We will only be responsible for our employees in the course of their employment, and for our agents and contractors (where we have direct control over them) if they were carrying out the work we had asked them to do.

We will not be responsible for any loss, damage, claim or expense caused by the acts or omissions of yourself, of any other third party not connected with the provision of the travel arrangements or services, or due to an event of Force Majeure.

While we endeavour to meet scheduled arrival and departure times, we cannot guarantee this. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/services attributable to delays.

Recreational services

If we supply any recreational services to you, then to the maximum extent permitted by law we exclude any liability for death, physical injury or mental injury or any other liability referred to in section 139A(3) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) resulting from our failure to comply with a guarantee that applies under Subdivision B of Division 1 of Part 3-2 of the *Australian Consumer Law*.

This exclusion does not apply to significant personal injury caused by our reckless conduct.

Recreational services means services that consist of participation in the activities referred to in Section 139A of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), being participation in:

- a sporting activity or similar leisure time pursuit; or
- any other activity that:
 - involves a significant degree of physical exertion or physical risk; and
 - is undertaken for the purposes of recreation, enjoyment or leisure.

General liability limitation

We do not guarantee our schedule. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/services attributable to delays outside of our control.

You acknowledge that travel arrangements or services which comply with local laws and regulations will be deemed to have been properly performed, even if this would not be considered the case in Australia.

Australian Consumer Law and corresponding legislation in State jurisdictions in certain circumstances imply mandatory guarantees into consumer contracts ("Consumer Guarantees"). These Booking Conditions do not exclude or limit the application of the Consumer Guarantees other than to the extent they can be excluded or limited, in which case we limit or exclude the Consumer Guarantees to the fullest extent possible. Other than the Consumer Guarantees, we disclaim all warranties and guarantees.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, our maximum liability to you under these Booking Conditions, in tort (including negligence) or at law is limited to arranging for the travel arrangements to be resupplied or payment of the cost of having them resupplied.

Complaints

In the event of a problem with any aspect of your travel arrangements you must tell us or make our representative or our local supplier aware of such problems as soon as possible. This is so we or our suppliers have had the opportunity to put things right on the ground.

If you notify us of a problem during travel and we haven't resolved it to your satisfaction, please follow this up in writing within 30 days from the end of your travel arrangements. This is so we have the opportunity to pursue the claim with our own suppliers (if relevant). Making a complaint does not guarantee any outcome.

If you fail to follow this procedure, this may limit your rights to make a claim.

Deemed Acceptance

If you place a booking on behalf of another party, you represent and warrant to us that you are duly authorised to provide the agreement and consent of the other party to be bound by these Booking Conditions. You agree that you will be responsible for any loss or damage we incur if this is not the case.

General

The contract between Albatross Travel Group Pty Ltd trading as Albatross Tours and you is governed by the laws of the State of Queensland. Any disputes shall be dealt with by a court with the appropriate jurisdiction in Queensland. If any provision of these Booking Conditions is found to be unenforceable, then to the extent possible it will be severed without affecting the remaining provisions.

Any personal information you provide to us will be collected, stored, used, protected, and shared in accordance with Australian Privacy Principles, and our Privacy Policy, which is published here www.albatrosstours.com/privacy-policy.

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2027 Tour Calendar

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18	'Magnifico' Spain & Portugal	6 Apr	23 Apr	Madrid	Madrid	54
18	Italian Grande	21 Apr	8 May	Milan	Rome	20
16	Brussels to Berlin – Chocolate, Canals & Culture	24 Apr	9 May	Brussels	Berlin	76
18	'Magnifico' Spain & Portugal	27 Apr	14 May	Madrid	Madrid	54
15	Sardinia & Corsica, the Lands of Myths and Legends	2 May	16 May	Cagliari	Bastia	24
24	Cradles of Civilisation, featuring Gallipoli, Cappadocia & <i>those</i> Greek Isles	4 May	27 May	Istanbul	Athens	44
12	Türkiye – Cappadocia, Gallipoli & Ancient Troy	4 May	15 May	Istanbul	Izmir	46
18	Italian Grande	5 May	22 May	Milan	Rome	20
16	Italian Lakes & Tuscany	10 May	25 May	Milan	Venice	32
14	Black Forest, the Bavarian Alps and Austria	11 May	24 May	Frankfurt	Munich	80
17	Italy, the Deep South & Sicily	12 May	28 May	Rome	Palermo	22
18	Italian Grande	12 May	29 May	Milan	Rome	20
16	Beautiful Slovenia and Croatia's Istrian Jewels	15 May	30 May	Vienna	Venice	58
13	Leisurely Greek Islands – Rhodes, Crete, Santorini & Mykonos	15 May	27 May	Rhodes	Athens	48
13	Croatia & the Adriatic	16 May	28 May	Trogir	Dubrovnik	60
18	Best of British	16 May	2 Jun	London	London	70
20	La Grande France	16 May	4 Jun	Paris	Nice	36
18	'Magnifico' Spain & Portugal	18 May	4 Jun	Madrid	Madrid	54
15	Italy, Off the Beaten Track	19 May	2 Jun	Mira	Rome	30
18	Italian Grande	19 May	5 Jun	Milan	Rome	20
17	Northern Spain & the Pyrenees	21 May	6 Jun	Madrid	Barcelona	56
15	Sicily, Malta & Aeolian Islands	21 May	4 Jun	Palermo	Valletta	26
16	An Alpine Adventure	23 May	7 Jun	Zürich	Milan	62
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19	Crossroads of Balkan Empires featuring Romania & Transylvania, Serbia & Bulgaria	24 May	11 Jun	Belgrade	Sofia	50
18	Norway – Fjords, Viking Folklore & Flåm	24 May	10 Jun	Oslo	Oslo	68
18	Northern France – Normandy, Brittany, Loire Valley & Chantilly	25 May	11 Jun	Paris	Paris	40
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20	French Epicurean Trail – Champagne, Alsace, Burgundy & Provence	13 Jun	2 Jul	Paris	Nice	42
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15	Leisurely Switzerland – the Glacier Express and Cable Car Adventures	28 Jun	12 Jul	Milan	Zürich	66
11	André Rieu, Rhine Castles & Moselle Vineyards	1 Jul	11 Jul	Frankfurt	Frankfurt	74
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